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## QUESTION 1

Don gets paid $\$ 9$ an hour, but if he works more than 30 hours in a week his rate of pay is increased by $1 / 2$. How much would Don get paid for a 38-hour work week?
A. $\$ 342$
B. $\$ 390$
C. $\$ 367$
D. $\$ 378$
E. \$365

Correct Answer: D
Explanation: The problem can be solved with the following expression: $30(9)+8(9 \times 1.5)$

## QUESTION 2

Solve: $3 / 5-(-2)=$
A. $-12 / 5$
B. $5 / 13$
C. $-13 / 5$
D. $13 / 5$
E. $-5 / 13$

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Subtracting a negative number is the same as adding it.

## QUESTION 3

Reggie has enough flour to last for 40 days. If he increases his use of flour by $25 \%$, however, how many days $\backslash \backslash$ ' worth of flour will he have?
A. 30 days
B. 28 days
C. 32 days
D. 48 days
E. 36 days

Correct Answer: C
Explanation: Reggie will be using flour at $5 / 4$ the normal rate. Since the amount of flour used is inversely proportional to the amount of time it takes to go through the flour, the duration can be found by multiplying 40 by the inverse of $5 / 4$, or $4 / 5$.

## QUESTION 4

George buys 6 T-shirts for $\$ 5$ each and 4 pairs of jeans for $\$ 8.50$ each. He uses the following expression to calculate the total amount of money spent: $6(5)+4(8.5)$. Which of the following expressions could George also have used?
A. $2(5+8.5)+4(8.5)$
B. $4(5+8.5)+2(5)$
C. $(4+2)+(5+8.5)$
D. $8.5(2+4)+5(2+4)$
E. $6(4)+5(8.5)$

Correct Answer: B
Explanation: George bought four items at both $\$ 5$ and $\$ 8.5$, but he also bought two more items at $\$ 5$.

## QUESTION 5

If Isaac scored 16 points in the first half of a basketball game and half as many in the second half, how many did he score in the game in all?
A. 16
B. 20
C. 22
D. 24
E. 28

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Divide 16 by 2 and add 8 to the dividend.

