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QUESTION 1

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.

QUESTION 2

What percent of 38 is 16?

- A. 16%
- B. 40%
- C. 35%
- D. 38%
- E. 42%

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: Divide 16 by 38 and multiply by 100.

QUESTION 3

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 4

$$12x - 4x + 8 =$$

- A. $16x$
- B. $10x$
- C. x
- D. $8x + 8$
- E. $20x$

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Remember that unlike terms cannot be combined.

QUESTION 5

$$4 \frac{2}{3} - 2 \frac{1}{2} =$$

- A. $1 \frac{1}{6}$
- B. $1 \frac{1}{2}$
- C. $2 \frac{2}{3}$
- D. $2 \frac{1}{6}$
- E. $2 \frac{1}{4}$

Correct Answer: D

Explanation: Convert both fractions so that they have a common denominator of 6.

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