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### QUESTION 1

Randy got the following test scores in science class: 76, 98, 78, 80, and 54. What is the median test score?

- A. 77
- B. 98
- C. 54
- D. 84
- E. 78

Correct Answer: E

Explanation: The median is the piece of data that is in the middle position when the entire set is placed in order from least to greatest.

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### QUESTION 2

Don gets paid \$9 an hour, but if he works more than 30 hours in a week his rate of pay is increased by  $\frac{1}{2}$ . 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:  $30(9) + 8(9 \times 1.5)$

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### QUESTION 3

John will be  $x$  in 7 years. How old was he last year?

- A.  $x + 7$
- B.  $1 - x - 7$
- C.  $x + 8$
- D.  $x - 8$
- E.  $7x$



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Correct Answer: D

Explanation: The target age can be found by subtracting first seven and then one year from x.

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#### QUESTION 4

A T-shirt that was selling for \$24 has had its price reduced by 15%. How much does it cost now?

- A. \$20.75
- B. \$20.40
- C. \$20
- D. \$21
- E. \$21.50

Correct Answer: B

Explanation: Multiply the original price by 0.15, and then subtract this amount from the original price.

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#### QUESTION 5

Written in scientific notation, the number 173,000,000,000 is:

- A.  $17.3 \times 10^{10}$
- B.  $173 \times 10^9$
- C.  $1.73 \times 10^{11}$
- D.  $1.73 \times 10^{10}$
- E.  $172 \times 10^{12}$

Correct Answer: C

Explanation: Place a decimal point at the end of the number and then move it eleven places to the left, until it creates a number between one and ten.

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