A+ Junior High Calculator

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UIL JH Calculator Applications Contest

The calculator applications contest is designed to stimulate the development of mathematical and calculator skills for students in grades 6,7 and 8. Goals are both intellectual and practical: developing mathematical reasoning and knowledge and requiring the application of problem-solving skills toward realistic problems.

Students will take a test containing 80 problems in 30 minutes. The contest consists of problems which, may include calculations involving addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, roots, and powers. It also includes straightforward calculation problems (number crunchers), and simple geometric and stated problems similar to those found in recently adopted textbooks. Students may use any silent, hand-held calculator that does not require auxiliary electric power. The calculator data and program memory should be cleared prior to the contest.

Students may not use pre-recorded programs during the contest.

Students may also use additional paper (provide by the contest director) besides writing on the contest paper itself.

Only answers should be written in the answer blank and once an answer has been written in the answer blank that answer blank should be graded as an attempted answer. Answers may be written in standard numerical format or in scientific notation format as described on the cover sheet.

It is expected that the student will become very familiar with the characteristics of the tool (calculator) that they are using in the problem solving process. They should be familiar with all the conversions that are available to them via their calculator.

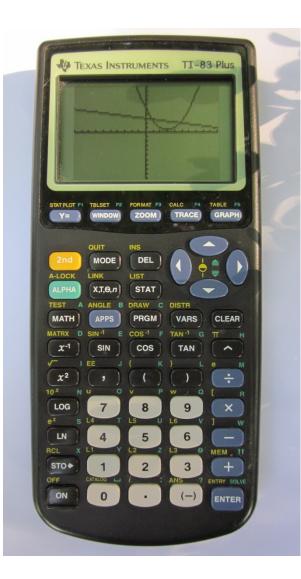
Some conversions the students should know and may not be on their calculator (memorize if need be) are:

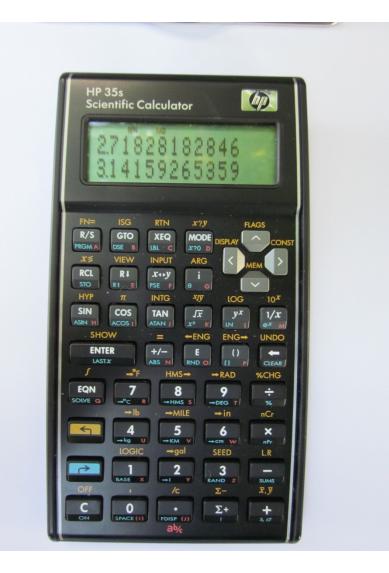
- (1) US monetary conversions
- (2) English system linear measurement conversion
- (3) Standard time unit conversions
- (4) Standard English area and volume conversions
- (5) Number of days in months
- (6) Metric unit conversions
- (7) Temperature conversions
- (8) Certain Metric to English conversions

Conversion factors can currently be found on page 94 of the "UIL Calculator Applications Contest Manual""

Any other required conversions will be given in the problem.

Examples of Typical Calculators





The format of the middle school calculator contest is **NOT** the same as the high school calculator contest.

Problems 1 – 10	(number crunchers)	P.1
Problems 11 – 13	(stated problems)	P.1
Problems 14 – 23	(number crunchers)	P.2
Problems 24 – 26	(stated problems)	P.2
Problems 27 – 34	(number crunchers)	P.3
Problems 35 – 36	(stated problems)	P.3
Problems 37 – 38	(geometry problems)	P.3
Problems 39 – 46	(number crunchers)	P.4
Problems 47 – 48	(stated problems)	P.4

Problems 49 – 50
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(geometry problems)	P.4
(number crunchers)	P.5
(stated problems)	P.5
(geometry problems)	P.6
(number crunchers)	P.6
(stated problems)	P.6
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(number crunchers)	P.7

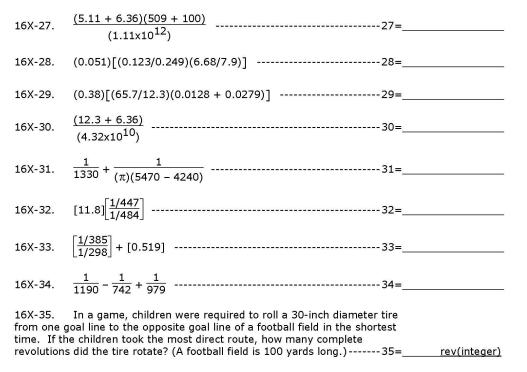
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Page 16X-1		
16X-1.	8010 + 7000 1=	
16X-2.	24 - 28 - 11 2=	
16X-3.	7.8 + 12.2 + 16.1 3=	
16X-4.	14 - 20 - π + 13 4=	
16X-5.	342 - 307 - 830 + 694 5=	
16X-6.	19 - 114 - 152 - 51.2 + 28.5 6=	
16X-7.	0.718 + π - 1.04 + 0.968 + 0.237 7=	
16X-8.	π + 4.46 + 4.37 + 4.48 + 3.77 8=	
16X-9.	72.1 x 604 x 53.3 9=	
16X-10.	346 x 583 x 254 x 90.310=	
16X-11.	If pi is added to $\sqrt{\pi}$ what is the result?11=	
16X-12. Wednesda for those	It rained at my house 3.25 inches on Monday, 2.10 inches on ay and 4.75 inches on Saturday. What was the average rainfall three days?12=in	
16X-13. average.	The fuel tank on my car has 28.8 gallons of fuel. If, on my car gets 15.2 miles per gallon (mpg), what is the maximum	
distance r	my car can travel on the fuel in its tank?13= <u>mi</u>	

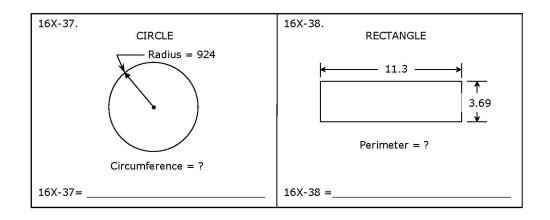
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16X-14.	(514/450)[158 - 403]14	l=
16X-15.	49 - [79/76 + 7.4]15	5=
16X-16.	$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{141}{122} \end{bmatrix} [(102/194) + 0.23]16$	5=
16X-17.	$\{165/267\}\left[\frac{88}{79+215}\right]$ 17	/=
16X-18.	$\left[\frac{(0.074 + 0.0985)}{239/31}\right] \left[\frac{0.67}{0.284}\right] - \dots - 18$	3=
16X-19.	<u>(55/109) + (47/64)</u> (0.0591 - 0.0863)19)=
16X-20.	<u>(1090)(3.24)</u> 1.31 (1.2 - 3.49)20)=
16X-21.	(0.00692)[337/228 x 344/242] - 0.0028321	=
16X-22.	<u>(3700 x 8650)/4360</u> (7600 x 0.179) + 1350	2=
16X-23.	$\begin{bmatrix} \frac{1510 + 710}{1490 - 159} \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \frac{602}{752} \end{bmatrix}23$	3=
16X-24. "backhoe" 4' by 7' by	A machine used for digging is sometimes referred to as a . If this machine digs a rectangular shaped "hole" that measure: 9', how much dirt is removed?24	s L=cu.yds.
Houston to	A train that uses magnetism for levitating the train body has ded at traveling 375 miles per hour (mph). If the distance from Dallas is 239.0 miles, how long would it take this train to trave ce?	
5 hours, 5	A software applications listed the distance from Austin to e as 351 miles. The application also stated that it would take minutes to travel the distance. What average speed did the	
program u	se to get that time?26	5= <u>mph</u>

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16X-36.	A gallon contains 231 cubic inches. If a water hose has an	
inside diar	neter of ¾ inch and the hose is 100 feet long, how much water	
is in this h	ose?36=	gal

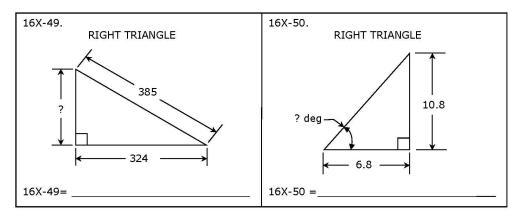


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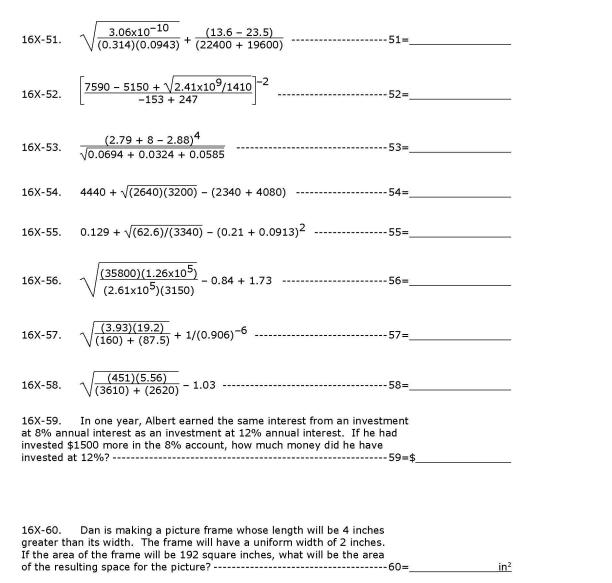
16X-39.	$\frac{(10100 + 12600)^3}{(0.123 - 0.0242)^2} \qquad \qquad$
16X-40.	$\left[\frac{94.4}{79.6}\right]$ (7.14 + 14.5) ³ 40=
16X-41.	$\left[\frac{2350 + (1/(2.32 \times 10^{-4}))}{(5660/1060) - 2.43}\right]^2 - 41 = - 41$
16X-42.	√1460 - 897 + 562 - √131042=
16X-43.	(1/(0.00443))(51300 - 9670) ³ 43=
16X-44.	$(1/\pi)^4 \sqrt{\frac{0.0875 + 0.225}{2.67 - 2.47}}$
16X-45.	$\frac{(594 + 461)^{1/3}}{(6840 - 2820)^{1/3}}45 =45 =45 =45 =45 =45 =45 =45 =$
16X-46.	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{131 + 109 + 59.8}} + \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{9.47}}\right)^246 =46 =46 =46 =$
at a speed	Two bicyclists are travelling toward each other. One is traveling d of 30 kilometers per hour (km/h) and the other is traveling at a 27 km/h . After they pass each other, and assuming they are

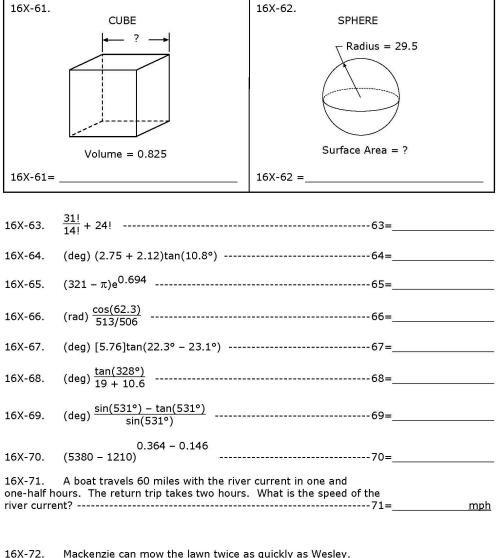
at a speed of 30 kilometers per hour (km/h) and the other is traveling at a speed of 27 km/h. After they pass each other, and assuming they are traveling in straight lines, how long will it take them to be 80 kilometers from each other?-----47=_____47=____

16X-48. One of the benefits of working for a certain store is that I get a 20% discount on all items I buy for myself. If I paid \$64.16 for some items, what was the cost of the items before the discount? ------48=





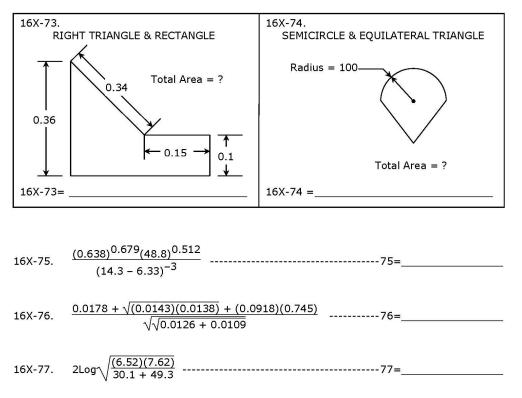




Together they can do the mowing job in 4 hours. How long would it take Wesley to mow the lawn alone?------72=

hrs

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- 16X-79. 1 + 3 + 5 + ... + 279 ------79=____79=____

16X-80. $(0.81) - \frac{(0.81)^2}{2} + \frac{(0.81)^3}{3} - \frac{(0.81)^4}{4} - 80 =$

All number cruncher problems and all geometry problem answers must be written in three significant digit (SD) format.

Example-1

Display reads: 2345.77 Answer should be written as 2350 or 2.35 x 10³

Example-2

Display reads: 0.000803111

Answer should be written as: .000803 or 8.03×10^{-4}

Note you do not have to write the leading zero.

Example-3

Display reads: 99 Answer should be written as: 99.0 or 9.90 x 10¹ All problems that require an integer answer will have the word "Integer" in the answer blank and have to be written as an integer number. <u>No scientific notation can be used</u>. All monetary problems requiring a US-dollar "\$" answers must be written to the cent.

Example-4

Display reads: 456.7072 Answer is: 456.71

Note that problems that require cent, "¢", answers must be written in 3-SD format

There are **fourteen** stated problems. Some stated problems just involve a straightforward calculation. Some stated problems that you might see involve motion with average speed where the problems use the distance = rate x time formula. Another type of motion problem involves motion where acceleration is involved. The formulas for these problems are more complicated, and in most instances, will be given in the problem itself. There may be problems related to probability/odds; some related to the Pythagorean relationship; some involving simple interest; some involving solving ratios; some related to consumer arithmetic; some involving conversions of one quantity to another that are not listed on the conversion table; some problems that involve not only simple percent concepts, but also percent problems involving percent increase/decrease and percent error; some problems where the

formula for some process is described and the student is required to interpret the words to produce the formula in order to solve the problem. Some stated problems that you might see are in an algebra I course and could require the use of the quadratic formula. There may be some stated problems whereby students are required to use a geometric formula.

Example-5

The sum of pi, 12.8 and the positive value of $\sqrt{12}$ is equal to what number? ------ 11=_

 π + 12.8 + $\sqrt{12}$ = 19.40569 ...

19.4 or 1.94 × 10¹

If every Cupro-Nickel dime has a mass of 2.268 grams, at most how many dimes are in a mass of 2.50 kilograms of dimes? ----- 13= <u>dimes(Integer)</u>

1102

$$2.50 \text{kg} \times \left(\frac{1000 \text{g}}{1 \text{kg}}\right) \div \left(\frac{2.268 \text{g}}{1 \text{ dime}}\right) = 1102.2927 \dots \text{ dimes}$$

The speed of a radio wave traveling through space is 3.00×10^5 km/s. How long would it take a radio wave to travel from Jupiter to Earth, an average distance of 6.29 x 10⁸ kilometers?----- 25=_____

 $(6.29 \times 10^8 \text{ km}) \div (3.00 \times 10^5 \text{ km/s}) = 2096.666 \dots$

2100 or 2.10 × 10³

S

What is the volume in a pipe that measures three-quarters of an inch in inner diameter and is one-quarter mile long?------ 47= <u>in³</u>

Volume of a cylinder (pipe) = $\pi r^2 l$; where r = radius and l = length

$$V_{\text{pipe}} = \pi (.75 \text{ in/2})^2 \times \left[0.25 \text{ mi} \times \left(\frac{5280 \text{ ft}}{1 \text{ mi}} \right) \times \left(\frac{12 \text{ in}}{1 \text{ ft}} \right) \right]$$

V_{pipe} = 6997.8976 . . .

7000 or 7.00 × 10³

One morning a 30-foot flagpole cast a shadow that measured 49 feet, 8.5 inches long. At the same time, how long of a shadow would Dan cast if he is standing 5 foot, 10 inches tall?----- 25=______25=_____25=______25=______25=______25=______25=______25=_____25=_____25=_____25=______25=______25=______25=______25=______25=______25=______25=______25=_____25=______25=_____25=______25=______25=______25=_____25=_____25=_____25=_____25=____25=____25=____25=____25=____25=____25=____25=____25=____25=__25=__2

 $\frac{30 \text{ ft}}{49 \text{ ft} + 8.5 \text{ in}/12} = \frac{5 \text{ ft} + 10 \text{ in}/12}{\text{S}}$

S = 9.66509 . . .

ft

The distance traveled when something is uniformly changing speeds (accelerating) is found by taking the average of the beginning and final speeds and multiplying that average by the time it took to change speeds. So, how far does a car travel during the 5.0 seconds it took to uniformly speed up from 55 miles per hour (mph) to 65 mph?------ 59=_____

Formula \rightarrow dist. = $(s_1 + s_2)/2 \times (t)$; where s = speed and t = time

dist =
$$\begin{pmatrix} 55mph \times (22/15) + 65mph \times (22/15) \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} \times (5.0s)$$

dist = 440 440 or 4.40 × 10²

Twice a certain number, greater than 1, plus its reciprocal is 10. What is that number?-----72=

$$2n + 1/n = 10 \rightarrow 2n^2 + 1 = 10n \rightarrow 2n^2 - 10n + 1 = 0$$

$$n = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} \qquad n = \frac{-(-10) \pm \sqrt{(-10)^2 - 4(2)(1)}}{2(2)}$$

n = 0.204168 . . . or 4.8979 . . . n > 1

4.90 or 4.90 × 10⁰

$$P(G) = \frac{11}{11+12} = 0.47826 \dots$$

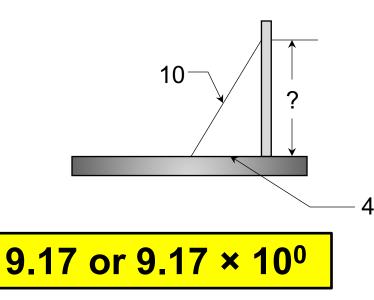
.478 or 4.78 × 10⁻¹

Dan took a 10 ft long ladder and leaned it up against a wall. Safety instructions that came with the ladder indicated that the bottom of the ladder should be no further than 4 feet from the wall. What is the lowest possible height reached up the wall the top of the ladder could reach following safety standards?---- 47=

Pythagorean relationship!

$$h = \sqrt{10^2 - 4^2}$$

= 9.16515 . . .



One day, it was Sarah's turn to only pay the 15% gratuity (tip) for the meal she and her four girl friends had. If the bill, with tax, came to \$48.75, how much did Sarah pay?------35=\$_

 $G = ($48.75) \times (0.15)$

= 7.3125 . . .



C = (\$125/br)x(4 br) + (\$100/br)x(4 br) + (\$12.50/guest)x(75 guests)

= 1837.5

1837.50

In the A+ calculator applications contest there are three types of percent comparison problems to be solved. They are:

- (1) Percent Error
- (2) Percent Increase
- (3) Percent Decrease

These problem types are different than the ones that basically just compare two quantities, i.e., *1.25 grams is what percent of 4 ounces?*

Let's look at each problem type equation and an associated example.

Percent Error

Equation
$$\rightarrow$$
 %Error = 100 x $\left[\frac{\text{approximate}}{\text{exact}} - 1\right]$

Example – 16

What is the percent error in using 22/7 for pi?-----13= <u>%</u>

$$\% \text{Error} = 100 \, \text{x} \left[\frac{22/7}{\pi} - 1 \right]$$

= 0.40249 . . .

.402 or 4.02 × 10⁻¹

What is the percent error in using 365 days/year given that a year is defined as 365.256 days?-----13=__

Percent Error

Equation
$$\rightarrow$$
 %Error = 100 x $\left[\frac{\text{approximate}}{\text{exact}} - 1\right]$

$$\%$$
Error = 100 x $\left[\frac{365}{365.256} - 1\right]$

= -0.070087 . . .

-.0701 or -7.01 × 10⁻²

%

Percent Increase

Equation
$$\rightarrow$$
 %Increase = 100x $\left[\frac{\text{Larger Number}}{\text{Smaller Number}} - 1\right]$

Example – 18

What is the percent increase for \$125 and \$100?---13=_____

$$\%$$
Increase = $100 \times \left[\frac{125}{100} - 1 \right]$

= 25 . . .

25.0 or 2.50 × 10¹

%

Example – 19

What is the percent decrease for \$125 and \$100?--13=_

Percent Decrease

Equation
$$\rightarrow$$
 %Decrease = 100 x $\left[1 - \frac{\text{Smaller Number}}{\text{Larger Number}}\right]$

%Decrease =
$$100 \times \left[1 - \frac{100}{125} \right]$$

= 20 . . .

As you have may have noticed the percent increase and percent decrease equations are set up so that the **answers are always positive**. This is a case where one of those rules in the calculator contest may not be quite the same as those taught in the classroom. There are eight geometry problems of the 2-dimensional and 3-dimensional nature on pages 3, 4, 6 and 7. Typical geometric figures would be circles, squares, triangles (isosceles, equilateral, right, scalene), rectangles, rhombus, parallelograms, trapezoids, cubes, rectangular boxes, spheres, right cylinders, right cones and square-base pyramids.

All the formulas you will need are currently on pages 95 – 100 of the UIL Calculator Applications Contest Manual.

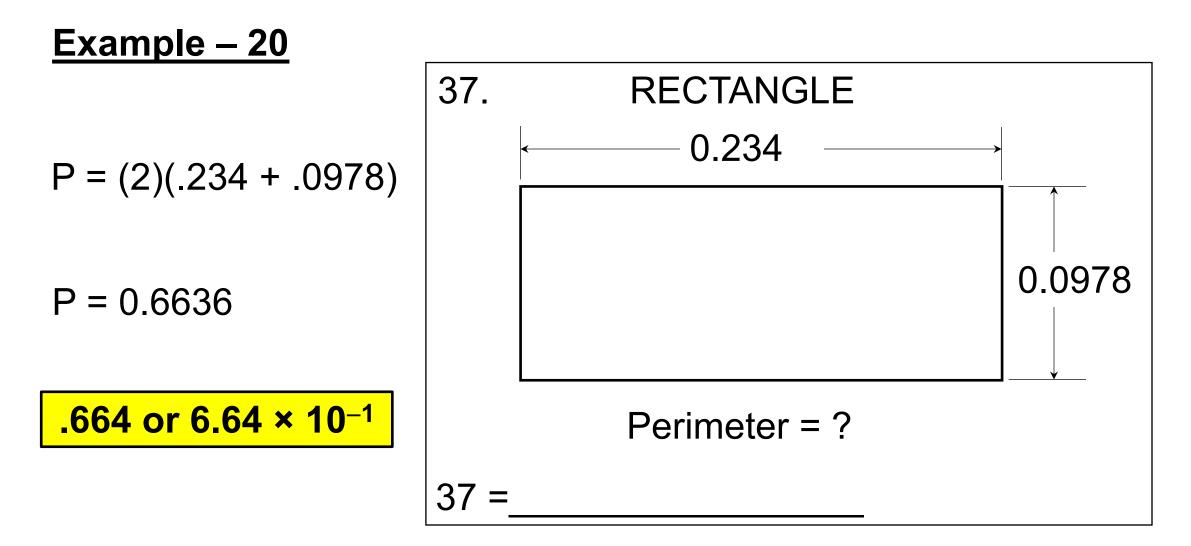
The student should also know the formulas associated with finding angles and sides of right triangles using the sine, cosine and tangent functions.

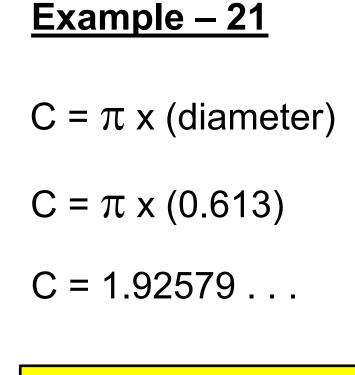
In addition, the student should be able to find areas (total and lateral surface) and volumes for the geometric figures mentioned

earlier.

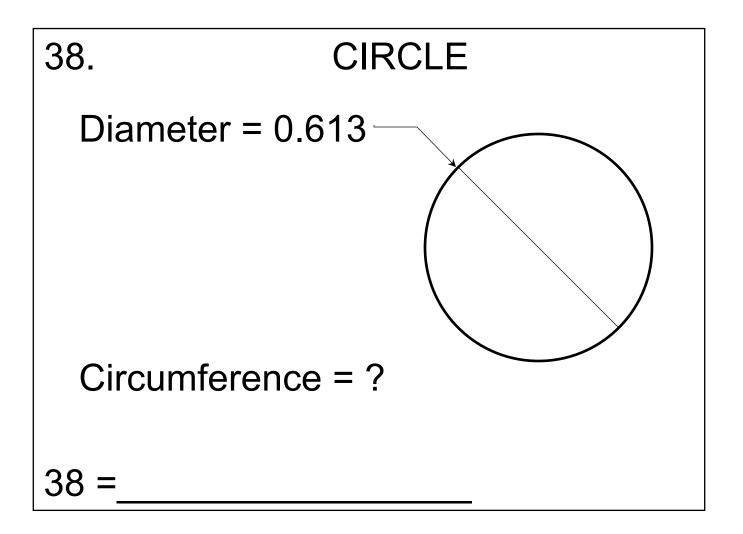
Finally, the student should be able to solve geometry problems involving variations of the geometry figures. The student may see problems with hemispheres, three-quarter-circles, figures where a combination of geometric figures are involved such as cone & hemisphere, square & triangle, cube & hemispherical hole, etc.

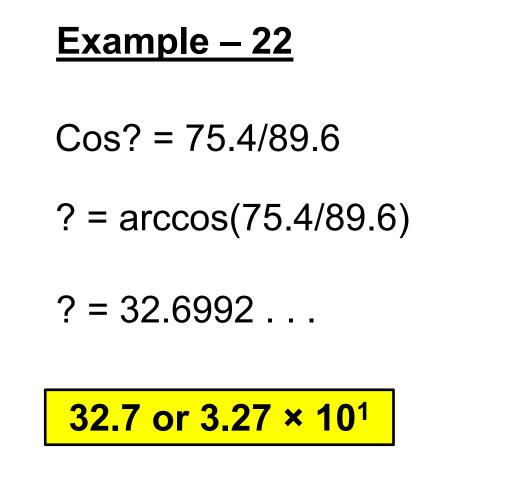
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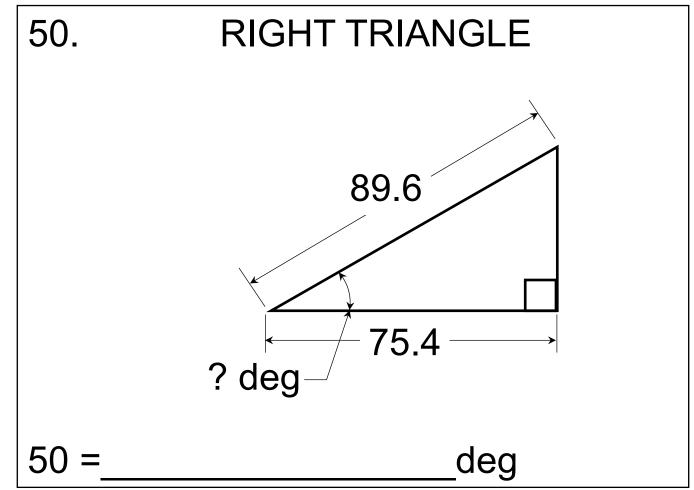


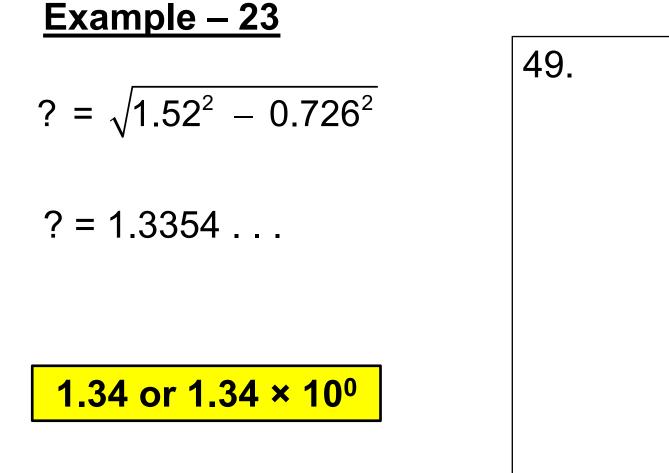


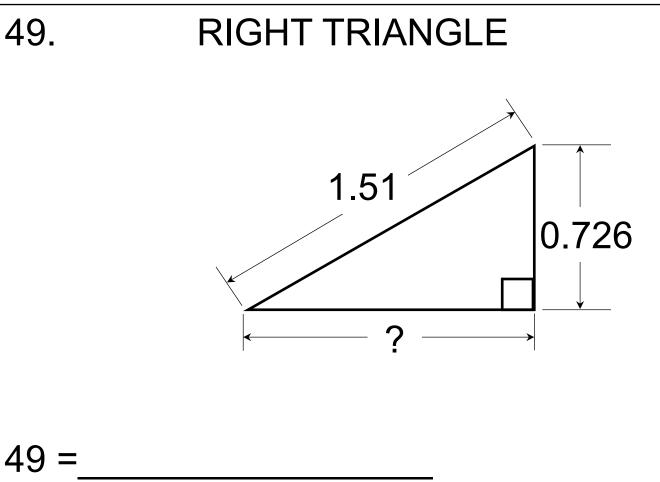
1.93 or 1.93 × 10⁰











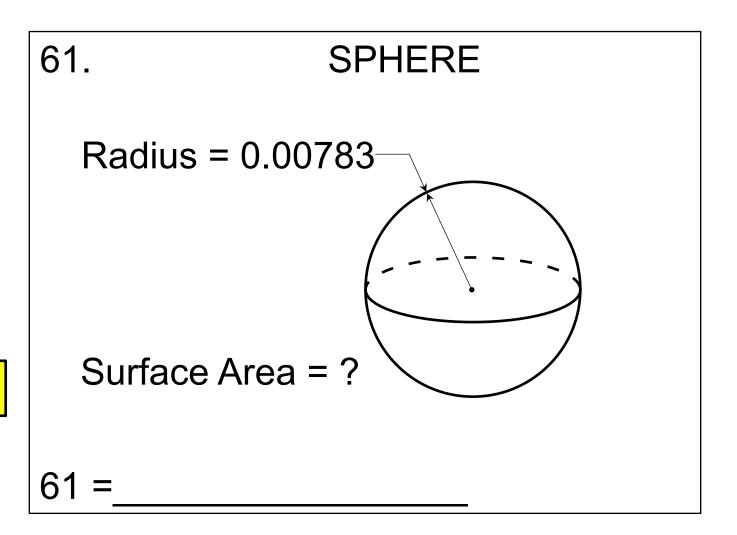


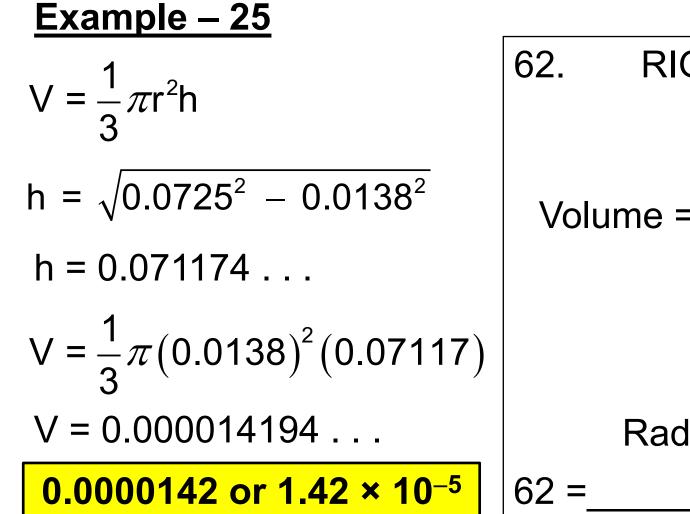
 $SA = 4\pi r^2$

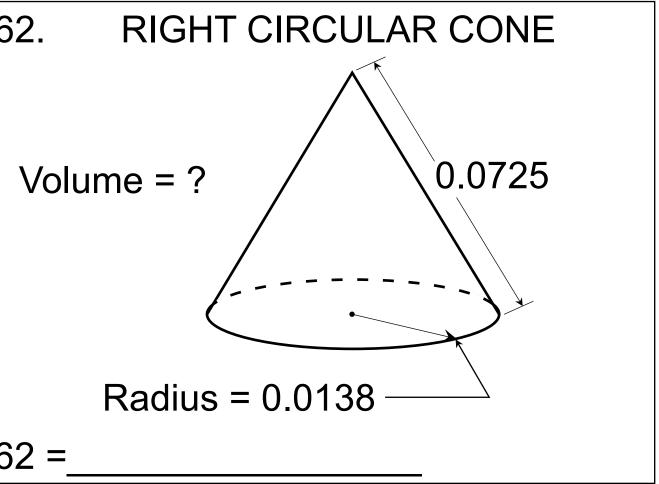
 $SA = 4\pi (0.00783)^2$

SA = 0.00077043 . . .

0.000770 or 7.70 × 10⁻⁴







Example – 26

$$V_{\text{Remain}} = V_{\text{cube}} - V_{\text{cone}}$$

$$V_{R} = ?^{3} - (1/3)[\pi(?/2)^{2}](?)$$

Some Algebra Stuff!

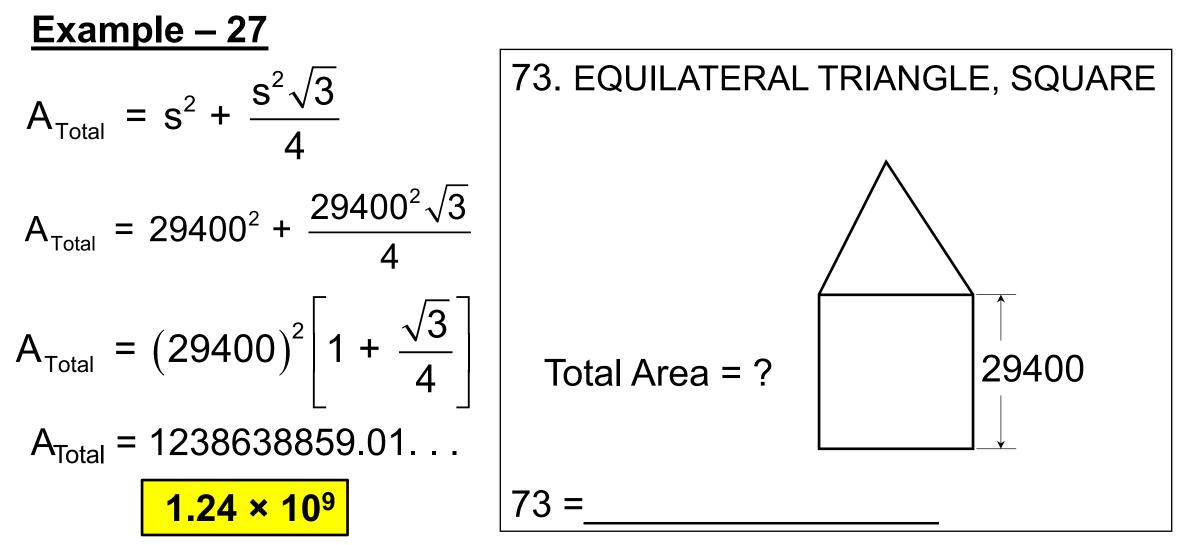
$$100 = (?^3)[1 - \pi/12]$$

5.14 or 5.14 × 10⁰

$$? = \sqrt[3]{\frac{100}{1 - \pi / 12}}$$

? = 5.1358 . . .

74. CUBE, RIGHT CONE CAVITY ? **\ /** Remaining Volume = 100 74 =



(1) A particular cut of meat cost \$3.99 per pound. What is the cost of 1.49 pounds of this meat?-----1=\$_

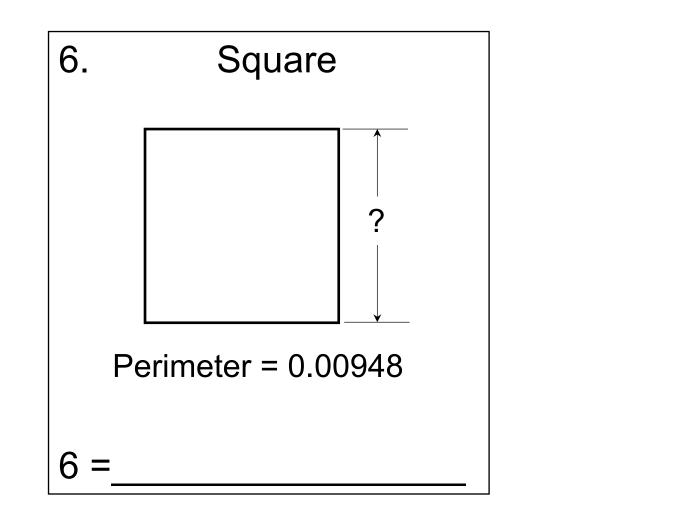
(2) Cd's at a discounts table cost \$2.99 plus 8 ¼ % sales tax. How many CD's can I buy with \$50? ------2=____Integer

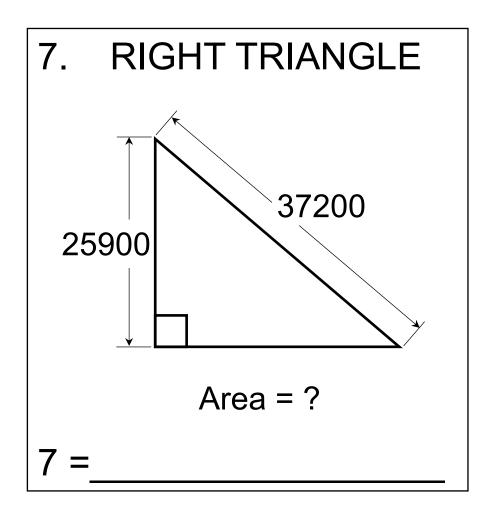
(3) When I turn on my outside faucet, I can fill a 64 fluid ounce can in 5.8 seconds with my garden hose. Using the same hose how long would it take me to fill a 55-gallon barrel?------3=

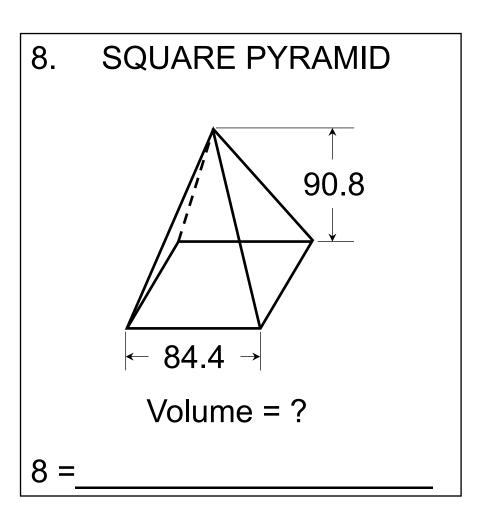
(4) What is the percent increase in the price of natural gas ifit changes from \$4.02 to \$4.11 in 24 hours?------4=____%

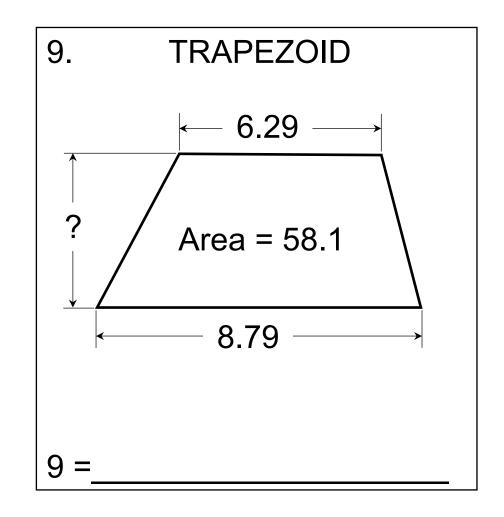
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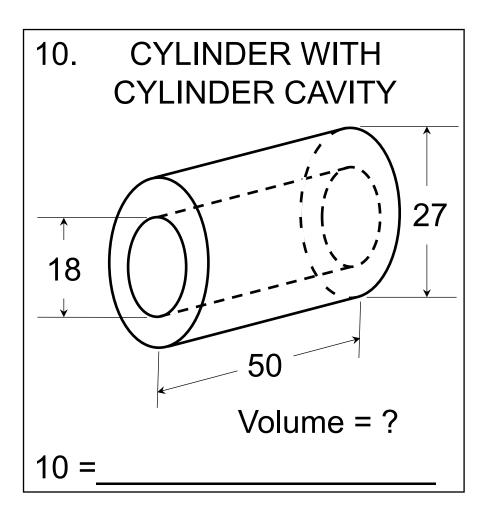
(5) What is the perimeter of an equilateral triangle with an area of 100 square centimeters? -----cm











Practice Problems Answers

- (1) 5.95 (dollar answer)
- (2) 15 (Integer)
- (3) 10.6 or 1.06x10¹
- (4) 2.24 or 2.24×10^{0}
- (5) $45.6 \text{ or } 4.56 \times 10^{1}$
- (6) $0.0379 \text{ or } 3.79 \times 10^{-2}$
- (7) 3.46x10⁸
- (8) 216000 or 2.16x10⁵
- (9) 7.71 or $7.71 \times 10^{\circ}$
- (10) 15900 or 1.59x10⁴

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- Supplies "Conquering RPN Calculators!" a 112-page, step-by-step manual with practice exercises using Hewlett-Packard Calculators.

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Number Sense, Calculator Applications, Mathematics and Science practice tests, DVDS, and workbooks (including UIL, PSIA, and TMSCA Number Sense and UIL, PSIA, and TMSCA Mathematics workbooks) are available. Mr. Ramirez is also available for writing invitational meet tests and conducting workshops.

Texas Math & Science Coaches Association (TMSCA)

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- Web: <u>www.tmsca.org</u>

Membership provides an information forum for coaches of math/science contests; access to purchase Practice Materials and Tournaments Tests for number sense, calculator, mathematics and science for high school, middle school and elementary levels; and access to enter on-line and state meets for all grade levels.

The Virtual Challenge High School & Middle School Meets

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Offers a statewide testing program for the following contests for grades 9 – 12: Number Sense, Calculator, Mathematics, Science, Current Events, Social Studies, Literary Criticism, Spelling, Computer Science, Accounting.

- For grades 5-8: Number Sense, Calculator, Listening, Mathematics, Science I and II, Dictionary Skills, Maps, Graphs & Charts, Social Studies, and Spelling.
- The High School & Middle School Virtual Challenge Meets allow your team to compete in a season of 3 meets to prepare students for their UIL District Meet.
- Your combined elementary/middle school teams will enjoy unlimited entries in 16 different events in all 3 meets with no travel costs and all testing done on a customized schedule, all for one inexpensive combined Entry Fee.

Last year at the HS level, over 350 schools participated posting over 21,000 scores.