

8 Algebra CC – SSC Answer Key

Part I. Multiple Choice. Directions: Place the answers to the questions in the boxes below.

1. 4	2. 4	3. 1	4. 4	5. 3	6. 2	7. 3
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1) Which inequality is equivalent to $\frac{3x}{2} - 6 < 9$?

- (1) $x < 7$ (3) $x < 2$
 (2) $x < 8$ **(4) $x < 10$**

$$\frac{3x}{2} - 6 < 9$$

$$\frac{3x}{2} < 15$$

$$\cancel{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot \frac{3x}{\cancel{2}} < 15 \cdot \frac{2}{3}$$

$$x < 10$$

2) For which value of x is $\frac{1}{x-9}$ undefined?

- (1) -9 (2) 3 (3) 0 **(4) 9**

$$\frac{1}{9-9} = \frac{1}{0}$$

3) Solve for x : $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{3x-1}{5}$

- (1) 2** (3) -2
 (2) 1 (4) -1

$$2(3x - 1) = 5x$$

$$6x - 2 = 5x$$

$$-2 = -x$$

$$2 = x$$

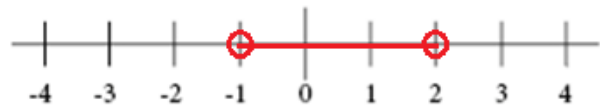
4) The sum of two consecutive integers is 62. Which equation **cannot** be used to solve this problem?

- (1) $x + (x + 1) = 62$ (3) $(x - 1) + x = 62$
 (2) $(x + 5) + (x + 6) = 62$ **(4) $(x - 4) + (x - 2) = 62$**

$x - 4$ and $x - 2$ are consecutive even or odd integers because the pattern is +2

5) Which compound inequality statement represents the solution set graphed below?

- (1) $-1 \leq x \leq 2$ **(3) $-1 < x < 2$**
 (2) $-1 > x > 2$ (4) $-1 < x > 2$



6) Evaluate $\frac{1}{4} km^2$ when $k = -5$ and $m = -6$

- (1) 45 **(2) -45** (3) 225 (4) 56.25

$$\frac{1}{4} (-5)(-6)^2$$

$$\frac{1}{4} (-5)(36)$$

$$9(-5)$$

$$-45$$

Put all negative numbers in ()

7) For which value of M and N is $M + N$ a rational number?

(1) $M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ and $N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$

(3) $M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}$ and $N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{9}}$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

(2) $M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$ and $N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}$

(4) $M = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$ and $N = \frac{1}{\sqrt{25}}$

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6} \leftarrow \text{rational}$$

Part II. Extended Response. Show all necessary work.

8) Solve for x :

a) $ax + 3b = 2f$

$$\frac{ax}{a} = \frac{2f - 3b}{a}$$

$$x = \frac{2f - 3b}{a}$$

b) $y = \frac{1}{2}px^2$

$$2y = \cancel{2} \cdot \frac{1}{\cancel{2}} px^2$$

$$2y = px^2$$

$$\frac{2y}{p} = \frac{px^2}{p}$$

$$\frac{2y}{p} = x^2$$

$$\sqrt{\frac{2y}{p}} = x$$

9) Given $2x + ax - 7 > -12$, determine the largest integer value of a when $x = -1$.

$$2(-1) + a(-1) - 7 > -12$$

$$-2 - a - 7 > -12$$

$$-a - 9 > -12$$

$$\underline{-a} > \underline{-3}$$

$$-1 \quad -1$$

$$a < 3$$

The value of a that will make the inequality true is any number less than 3 so the largest integer value that a could represent is **2**.

Check: 2 as the integer

$$2(-1) + 2(-1) - 7 > -12$$

$$-11 > -12 \quad \text{True}$$

Check: 3 as the integer

$$2(-1) + 3(-1) - 7 > -12$$

$$-12 > -12 \quad \text{False}$$

10) Jack is 27 years older than Susan. In 5 years' time he will be 4 times as old as she is then. Find Jack and Susan's present age.

x : Susan's age now

He (future Jack) will be 4 times as old as her (future Susan)

$x + 27$: Jack's age now

$$x + 32 = 4(x + 5) \rightarrow \text{Future Jack} = 4 (\text{Future Susan})$$

In 5 years...what do Susan and Jack look like?

$$x + 32 = 4x + 20$$

Future Susan: $x + 5$

$$32 = 3x + 20$$

Future Jack: $x + 27 + 5 \rightarrow x + 32$

$$12 = 3x$$

$$4 = x$$

Susan is 4 yrs old and Jack is 31 yrs old.