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## QUESTION 1

$1 / 3 \div 5 / 9=$
A. $\frac{3}{5}$
B. $\frac{5}{3}$
C. $\frac{5}{9}$
D. $\frac{1}{9}$
A. Option A
B. Option B
C. Option C
D. Option D

## Correct Answer: A

The quotient of the two fractions can be found by writing the fractions as:
$\frac{1}{3} \div \frac{5}{9}=\frac{\frac{1}{3}}{\frac{5}{9}}=\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) \cdot\left(\frac{9}{5}\right)=\frac{3}{5}$.

## QUESTION 2

Evaluate the following definite integral:

$$
\int_{2}^{4}\left(x^{4}-6 x\right) d x
$$

A. 123.6
B. 162.4
C. 183.7
D. 250.2

Correct Answer: B
You begin by solving the integral and then evaluating the result between the limits of 2 and 4 .

$$
\begin{aligned}
\int_{2}^{4}\left(x^{4}-6 x\right) d x & =\left(\frac{x^{5}}{5}-\frac{6 x^{2}}{2}\right)=\left.\left(\frac{x^{5}}{5}-3 x^{2}\right)\right|_{2} ^{4}=\left(\frac{(4)^{5}}{5}-3(4)^{2}\right)-\left(\frac{(2)^{5}}{5}-3(2)^{2}\right) \\
& =\left(\frac{1024}{5}-48\right)-\left(\frac{32}{5}-12\right)=\frac{812}{5}=162.4
\end{aligned}
$$

## QUESTION 3

Chemistry students performed nine volume measurements of a solution during a lab and obtained the following results:
$\{2.4 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.2 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.7 \mathrm{~mL}, 3.7 \mathrm{~mL}, 4.5 \mathrm{~mL}, 6.8 \mathrm{~mL}, 7.3 \mathrm{~mL}, 8.1 \mathrm{~mL}, 12.2 \mathrm{~mL}\}$
What is the mode of the data set?
A. 3.7 mL
B. 4.5 mL
C. 5.8 mL
D. 9.8 mL

Correct Answer: A
The mode is the measurement that is the most frequent or common value in the data set. In this example, the mode is 3.7 mL , because it occurs twice, more than any of the other measurements that occur only once.

## QUESTION 4

Evaluate the following derivative:

$$
\frac{d}{d x}\left(25-7 x^{3}\right) \text { at } x=-2
$$

A. 35
B. 84
C. -84
D. 120

Correct Answer: C
You first must calculate the derivative before you can evaluate the derivative at a given point.

$$
\frac{d}{d x}\left(25-7 x^{3}\right)=-21 x^{2}
$$

The derivative can now be evaluated at $x=2$ by plugging in the value of 2 for $x$ in the derivative or

$$
\left.\frac{d}{d x}\left(25-7 x^{3}\right)\right|_{x=-2}=-21 \cdot(-2)^{2}=-21 \cdot 4=-84 .
$$

## QUESTION 5

What is the slope of a line that passes through the points $(0,4)$ and $(4,0)$ ?
A. 4
B. -1
C. 0
D. undefined

Correct Answer: B
The slope of a line that passes through the points $(0,4)$ and $(4,0)$ can be found by:

$$
m=\frac{y_{2}-y_{1}}{x_{2}-x_{1}}=\frac{0-4}{4-0}=-\frac{4}{4}=-1 .
$$

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