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## QUESTION 1

(
$5.4 \times 107) \div(2.7 \times 103)=$
A.

## Option A

B.

Option B
C.

Option C
D.

## Option D

A. $-1.5 \times 10^{4}$
B. $-2.0 \times 10^{4}$
C. $-3.5 \times 10^{4}$
D. $-5.0 \times 10^{4}$

## Correct Answer: B

To divide the two numbers in scientific notation, you have:
$-5.4 \times 10^{7} \div 2.7 \times 10^{3}=\frac{-5.4 \times 10^{7}}{2.7 \times 10^{3}}=-\frac{5.4}{2.7} \times \frac{10^{7}}{10^{3}}=-2.0 \times 10^{4}$.

## QUESTION 2

Solve for $x: 4(2 x+20)+3(x 1)=0$
A. 11
B. 7
C. -7
D. 11

## Correct Answer: C

This equation can be solved by simplifying each side of the equation, combining like terms, isolatingxon one side of the equation and then solving forx:

$$
\begin{aligned}
4(2 x+20)+3(x-1) & =0 \\
8 x+80+3 x-3 & =0 \\
11 x+77 & =0 \\
x & =-\frac{77}{11}=-7
\end{aligned}
$$

## QUESTION 3

What is the solution of the inequality $3 x 9>12 x$ ?
A. $x>\frac{1}{2}$
B. $x<\frac{1}{2}$
C. $x>2$
D. $x<2$
A. Option A
B. Option B
C. Option C
D. Option D

Correct Answer: C
To solve the inequality $3 \times 9>12 x$, you need to collect like terms of xon one side of the inequality and all other values to the other side. You first add 9 to both sides of the inequality:
$3 x-9+9>1-2 x+9$

$$
3 x>10-2 x
$$

You then add $2 x$ to both sides of the inequality:

$$
\begin{gathered}
3 x+2 x>10-2 x+2 x \\
5 x>10
\end{gathered}
$$

Dividing both sides by 5 yieldsx>2.

## QUESTION 4

What is the slope of a line that passes through the points $(5,2)$ and $(1,3) ?$
A. $1 / 3$
B. $-1 / 3$
C. 3
D. 5

Correct Answer: A

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

If the first point $(5,2)=(x 1, y 1)$ and the second point $(8,3)=(x 2, y 2)$, then substituting these coordinate values into the definition for the slope yields

$$
m=\frac{3-2}{8-5}=\frac{1}{3}
$$

## QUESTION 5

Solve for $x:(4 x 1) 2=121$
A. -3
B. 4
C. 3
D. 6

Correct Answer: C
This equation can be solved by first taking the square root of both sides of the equation $(4 \times 1) 2=121$ or

$$
\begin{gathered}
\sqrt{(4 x-1)^{2}}=\sqrt{121} \\
4 x-1=11
\end{gathered}
$$

Solving for $x$ yields $x=3$.

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