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## QUESTION 1

A bag of Skittles $®$ contains 10 red, 9 yellow, 8 orange, 6 green, and 4 blue colored candies. What is the probability of randomly choosing an orange-colored candy from the bag?
A. $8 / 37$
B. $37 / 8$
C. $8 / 27$
D. $3 / 4$

Correct Answer: A
The probability of selecting a single orange-colored candy from a bag of Skittles® requires 8 successful outcomes out of 37 possible outcomes. So the probability of selecting a single orange- colored candy is: $p=8 / 37$

## QUESTION 2

What is the slope of a line that passes through the points $(3,3)$ and $(3,3)$ ?
A. 3
B. -3
C. 0
D. undefined

Correct Answer: C
The slope of a line that passes through the points $(3,3)$ and $(3,3)$ can be found by:

$$
m=\frac{y_{2}-y_{1}}{x_{2}-x_{1}}=\frac{3-3}{3-(-3)}=\frac{0}{6}=0 .
$$

## QUESTION 3

Evaluate the following derivative:
$\frac{d}{d x}\left(6 x^{4}-4 x^{3}\right)$
A. $24 \times 312 \times 2$
B. $24 \times 3+12 \times 2$
C. $24 \times 312 \times 2$
D. $24 \times 3+12 \times 2$

Correct Answer: C

## QUESTION 4

The three most commonly used temperature scales are Fahrenheit ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ ), Celsius ( ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ ), and Kelvin (K). They are based on the freezing point and boiling point of water as shown below.

| Temperature Scale | FreezingPoint of Water | Boiling Point of Water |
| :--- | :---: | :---: |
| Fahrenheit $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}\right)$ | 32 | 212 |
| Celsius $\left({ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}\right)$ | 0 | 100 |
| Kelvin $(\mathrm{K})$ | 273 | 373 |

The formula for temperature conversion between the Fahrenheit and Celsius scales is

$$
T_{F}=\frac{9}{5} T_{C}+32
$$

What is the linear equation relating temperature in Fahrenheit to temperature in Kelvin?
A. $T_{F}=-\frac{9}{5} T_{K}+459.4$
B. $T_{F}=\frac{9}{5} T_{K}+459.4$
C. $T_{F}=\frac{9}{5} T_{K}+459.4$
D. $T_{F}=\frac{9}{5} T_{K}-459.4$
A. Option A
B. Option B
C. Option C
D. Option D

Correct Answer: D

## QUESTION 5

Evaluate the following derivative: $\mathrm{d} / \mathrm{dx}(5 \times 4)$
A. 0
B. $5 \times 4$
C. $20 \times 3$
D. $5 \times 3$

Correct Answer: C

