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## QUESTION 1

A number is multiplied by 6 and then has 4 subtracted from it. The answer is 14 . Which of the following equations matches these statements?
A. $14=4-6 x$
B. $4 x-6=14$
C. $6 x-4=14$
D. $6(x-4)=14$
E. $-6 x=-14$

Correct Answer: C
Explanation: In this equation, the order of operations will dictate that the multiplication takes place before the subtraction.

## QUESTION 2

Which of the following numbers has the greatest absolute value: $17,-9,15.5,-20,19$ ?
A. -20
B. 19
C. 15.5
D. -9
E. 12

Correct Answer: A

Explanation: Absolute value is the number of integers away from zero, so the absolute value of -20 is greater than the absolute value of 19 by one unit.

## QUESTION 3

Solve for $\mathrm{x}:(7 \mathrm{x} / 5)+9=23$
A. 10
B. 9
C. 11
D. 7
E. 8

Correct Answer: A
Explanation: In order to find $x$, you must subtract 9 from 23 , then multiply the difference by 5 , and finally divide the product by 7 .

## QUESTION 4

If $5 x+7=8 x-2$, then
A. $x=5$
B. $x=3$
C. $x=4$
D. $x=2$
E. $x=1$

Correct Answer: B
Explanation: Solve the equation for x by subtracting 5 x from both sides, adding 2 to both sides, and then dividing both sides by 3 .

## QUESTION 5

Find the slope: $4 x-5 y=20$
A. $5 / 4$
B. $4 / 5$
C. $-4 / 5$
D. $-5 / 4$
E. - 4

Correct Answer: B
Explanation: The equation form for slope is $\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{mx}+\mathrm{b}$, in which m is slope.
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