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Session 1
1. Jeremy determines that \( \sqrt{9} = 9^{\frac{1}{2}} \). Part of his work is shown.

\[
\sqrt{9} = 3 = 3^1 = 3^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \boxed{9^{\frac{1}{2}}}
\]

Which expression or equation should be placed in the blank to correctly complete Jeremy’s work?

A. \((3^2)^1\)
B. \(3^\frac{1}{2} + 3^\frac{1}{2}\)
C. \(3^\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3^\frac{1}{2} = (3 \cdot 3)^{\frac{1}{2}}\)
D. \(3^\frac{1}{2} \cdot 3^\frac{1}{2} = (3 \cdot 3)^{\frac{1}{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\)

2. A bird drops a stick from the top of Miami Tower. The height of the stick after \(x\) seconds is given by \(f(x) = 625 - 16x^2\).

Select all the correct interpretations of the coordinates of the point at the maximum of the function \(f(x)\).

A. the time it takes the stick to hit the ground
B. the time when the stick is at its highest point
C. the height of the stick when it is dropped from Miami Tower
D. the time when the stick is dropped from the top of Miami Tower
E. the distance of the stick from Miami Tower when it hits the ground
Some of the steps in Raya’s solution to $2.5(6.25x + 0.5) = 11$ are shown.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Statement</th>
<th>Reason</th>
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<tr>
<td>1. $2.5(6.25x + 0.5) = 11$</td>
<td>1. Given</td>
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<td>2.</td>
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<td>3.</td>
<td>3. Subtraction property of equality</td>
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<tr>
<td>4. $x = 0.624$</td>
<td>4. ?</td>
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Select the correct reason for line 4 of Raya’s solution.

A  Closure property
B  Distributive property
C  Addition property of equality
D  Division property of equality
E  Symmetric property of equality
4. Cora is using successive approximations to estimate a positive solution to 
\( f(x) = g(x) \), where \( f(x) = x^2 + 13 \) and \( g(x) = 3x + 14 \). The table shows 
her results for different input values of \( x \).

\[
\begin{array}{|c|c|c|}
\hline
x & f(x) & g(x) \\
\hline
0 & 13 & 14 \\
1 & 14 & 17 \\
2 & 17 & 20 \\
3 & 22 & 23 \\
4 & 29 & 26 \\
3.5 & 25.25 & 24.5 \\
\hline
\end{array}
\]

Use Cora’s process to find the positive solution, to the nearest tenth, of 
\( f(x) = g(x) \).
5. The system $\begin{align*} Px + Qy &= R \\ Fx + Gy &= H \end{align*}$ has the solution $(3, -1)$, where $F, G, H, P, Q,$ and $R$ are nonzero real numbers.

Select all the systems that are also guaranteed to have the solution $(3, -1)$.

- $(P + F)x + (Q + G)y = R + H \\
  Fx + Gy = H$
- $(P + F)x + Qy = R + H \\
  Fx + (G + Q)y = H$
- $Px + Qy = R \\
  (3P + F)x + (3Q + G)y = 3H + R$
- $(F - 2P)x + (G - 2Q)y = H - 2R$
- $Px + Qy = R \\
  5Fx + 5Gy = 5H$
6. The production cost, \( C \), in thousands of dollars, for a toy company to manufacture a ball is given by the model \( C(x) = 75 + 21x - 0.72x^2 \), where \( x \) is the number of balls produced in one day, in thousands. The company wants to keep its production cost at or below $125,000. The graph shown models the situation.

What is a reasonable constraint for the model?

- A \(-3.2 \leq x \leq 32.38\)
- B \(2.62 \leq x \leq 26.55\)
- C \(-3.2 \leq x \leq 2.62 \) and \(26.55 \leq x \leq 32.38\)
- D \(0 \leq x \leq 2.62 \) and \(26.55 \leq x \leq 32.38\)
7. A system of equations is shown.

\[ 5x + 2y = 24 \]
\[ 5y = x + 6 \]

What is the solution to the system?
This is the end of Session 1.
Session 2
8. Sue removes the plug from a trough to drain the water inside. The volume, in gallons, in the trough after it has been unplugged can be modeled by $4t^2 - 32t + 63$, where $t$ is time, in minutes.

A. Select the correct property that will give Sue the amount of time it takes the trough to drain.

- A minimum
- B maximum
- C $y$-intercept
- D zero

B. Select the expression that will reveal the property.

- A $4(0)^2 - 32(0) + 63$
- B $(2t - 7)(2t - 9)$
- C $4(t - 4)^2 - 1$
- D $4(t - 8)^2 + 47$
9. Florida has 67 counties, and Texas has 254 counties.

- The mean population for the state of Florida by county is 291,834 with a standard deviation of 467,012.03, and the median is 107,056.
- The mean population for the state of Texas by county is 104,127 with a standard deviation of 374,012.2261, and the median is 18,293.

Some of the data for both states are shown.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Florida</th>
<th>Texas</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>County</td>
<td>Population</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>Smallest</td>
<td>8,349</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td>First quartile</td>
<td>27,013</td>
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<tr>
<td>Median</td>
<td>107,056</td>
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<tr>
<td>Third quartile</td>
<td>337,362</td>
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<tr>
<td>Largest</td>
<td>2,617,176</td>
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A business moves its corporate location from Texas to Florida. As a result of the move, 8,193 people move from the largest Texas county to the smallest Florida county, in terms of population.

Select all the population statistics that will be affected by this population change.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Interquartile Range of Florida</th>
<th>Increases</th>
<th>Decreases</th>
<th>Stays the Same</th>
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<tr>
<td>Mean of Texas</td>
<td>D</td>
<td></td>
<td>F</td>
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<tr>
<td>Median of Florida</td>
<td>G</td>
<td>H</td>
<td></td>
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<tr>
<td>Standard Deviation of Texas</td>
<td>J</td>
<td></td>
<td>L</td>
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10. The graph shows the number of acres, in millions, of farmland in the United States from 1975 to 2008.

Which statement describes the average rate of change of the graph?

- The number of acres of farmland in the United States decreases by 0.21 million each year.
- The amount of farmland in the United States decreases by 4.8 million acres each year.
- The time it takes the farmland in the United States to decrease by 160 acres is 33 years.
- Every 5 years, the amount of farmland in the United States decreases by 20 acres.
11. The points on the graph show the population data, in millions, of the state of Florida for each decade from 1900 to 2000. The data are modeled by the function \( P(x) = 506975(1.43)^x \), shown on the graph.

What is the domain of the graph of \( P(x) \) that is shown?

- \( x \geq 0 \)
- \( 1900 \leq x \leq 2000 \)
- all whole numbers
- \( 0 \leq x \leq 10 \)
12. A bird drops a stick from the top of Miami Tower. The height of the stick after \( x \) seconds is given by \( f(x) = 625 - 16x^2 \).

What is the maximum value of \( f(x) \)?
13. A librarian in a large city collects data about his summer reading program. He collects data for two years, 2011 and 2012, on how many books are read each week. His ordered data sets are shown.

<table>
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<tr>
<th>2011</th>
<th>2012</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td>44,126</td>
<td>35,001</td>
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<tr>
<td>44,901</td>
<td>41,534</td>
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<tr>
<td>55,080</td>
<td>68,550</td>
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<tr>
<td>58,546</td>
<td>75,534</td>
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<tr>
<td>79,984</td>
<td>76,617</td>
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<tr>
<td>99,860</td>
<td>84,834</td>
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The librarian writes a summary about his data, as shown.

Choose the correct word or phrase to fill in each blank in the summary. For each blank, fill in the circle before the word or phrase that is correct.

If you compare the means, it appears that in 2011 _________
[ A] approximately 71 fewer [ C] approximately 15,229 fewer
[ B] approximately 71 more [ D] approximately 15,229 more] books were read on average than in 2012. When the medians for the two years are compared, the data show that in 2011 _________[ A] approximately 71 fewer [ D] approximately 15,229 fewer
[ B] approximately 71 more [ C] approximately 15,229 more] books were read than in 2012. As far as the spread of the data, both data sets have the same _________
14. Magda and Nicholas each purchase almonds and cashews for their trail mix recipes as shown.

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
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<th>Almonds (pounds)</th>
<th>Cashews (pounds)</th>
<th>Total Cost (dollars)</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Magda</strong></td>
<td>6</td>
<td>1</td>
<td>$73.60</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Nicholas</strong></td>
<td>4</td>
<td>3</td>
<td>$78.00</td>
</tr>
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What is the cost per pound of almonds and cashews?

**Almonds: $**

**Cashews: $**
This is the end of Session 2.