

Heart of Algebra

1.

$$x + y = 75$$

The equation above relates the number of minutes, x , Maria spends running each day and the number of minutes, y , she spends biking each day. In the equation, what does the number 75 represent?

- A) The number of minutes spent running each day
- B) The number of minutes spent biking each day
- C) The total number of minutes spent running and biking each day
- D) The number of minutes spent biking for each minute spent running

2.

Ken is working this summer as part of a crew on a farm. He earned \$8 per hour for the first 10 hours he worked this week. Because of his performance, his crew leader raised his salary to \$10 per hour for the rest of the week. Ken saves 90% of his earnings from each week. What is the least number of hours he must work the rest of the week to save at least \$270 for the week?

- A) 38
- B) 33
- C) 22
- D) 16

3.

Marisa needs to hire at least 10 staff members for an upcoming project. The staff members will be made up of junior directors, who will be paid \$640 per week, and senior directors, who will be paid \$880 per week. Her budget for paying the staff members is no more than \$9,700 per week. She must hire at least 3 junior directors and at least 1 senior director. Which of the following systems of inequalities represents the conditions described if x is the number of junior directors and y is the number of senior directors?

- A) $640x + 880y \geq 9,700$
 $x + y \leq 10$
 $x \geq 3$
 $y \geq 1$
- B) $640x + 880y \leq 9,700$
 $x + y \geq 10$
 $x \geq 3$
 $y \geq 1$
- C) $640x + 880y \geq 9,700$
 $x + y \geq 10$
 $x \leq 3$
 $y \leq 1$
- D) $640x + 880y \leq 9,700$
 $x + y \leq 10$
 $x \leq 3$
 $y \leq 1$

4.

A software company is selling a new game in a standard edition and a collector's edition. The box for the standard edition has a volume of 20 cubic inches, and the box for the collector's edition has a volume of 30 cubic inches. The company receives an order for 75 copies of the game, and the total volume of the order to be shipped is 1,870 cubic inches. Which of the following systems of equations can be used to determine the number of standard edition games, s , and collector's edition games, c , that were ordered?

- A) $75 - s = c$
 $20s + 30c = 1,870$
- B) $75 - s = c$
 $30s + 20c = 1,870$
- C) $s - c = 75$
 $25(s + c) = 1,870$
- D) $s - c = 75$
 $30s + 20c = 1,870$

5.

A customer paid \$53.00 for a jacket after a 6 percent sales tax was added. What was the price of the jacket before the sales tax was added?

- A) \$47.60
- B) \$50.00
- C) \$52.60
- D) \$52.84

7.

A cylindrical can containing pieces of fruit is filled to the top with syrup before being sealed. The base of the can has an area of 75 cm^2 , and the height of the can is 10 cm. If 110 cm^3 of syrup is needed to fill the can to the top, which of the following is closest to the total volume of the pieces of fruit in the can?

- A) 7.5 cm^3
- B) 185 cm^3
- C) 640 cm^3
- D) 750 cm^3

6.

$$y = 19.99 + 1.50x$$

The equation above models the total cost y , in dollars, that a company charges a customer to rent a truck for one day and drive the truck x miles. The total cost consists of a flat fee plus a charge per mile driven. When the equation is graphed in the xy -plane, what does the y -intercept of the graph represent in terms of the model?

- A) A flat fee of \$19.99
- B) A charge per mile of \$1.50
- C) A charge per mile of \$19.99
- D) Total daily charges of \$21.49

8.

In 1854, during the California gold rush, each ounce of gold was worth \$20, and the largest known mass of gold found in California was worth \$62,400 in that year. What was the weight, in pounds, of this mass of gold? (16 ounces = 1 pound)