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1. $-2x(x+3)-(x+1)(x-2)=$

- a. $-x^2 - 7x - 2.$
- b. $-x^2 + 5x + 2.$
- c. $-3x^2 - 7x + 2.$
- d. $-3x^2 - 5x + 2.$
- e. $-3x^2 + 5x - 2.$

2. $\frac{x}{x+2} - \frac{7}{x-2} =$

- a. $\frac{x-7}{x+2}.$
- b. $\frac{x+7}{x+2}.$
- c. $\frac{x^2 - 9x - 14}{x^2 - 4}.$
- d. $\frac{x^2 - 9x + 14}{x^2 - 4}.$
- e. $\frac{x-7}{4}.$

3. $\sqrt[3]{x^2} =$

- a. $x^{\frac{2}{3}}.$
- b. $x^{-3}.$
- c. $x^{\frac{3}{2}}.$
- d. $x^{-6}.$
- e. $x^6.$

4. $\frac{5^{-2}x^{-1}}{x^4y^2} =$

- a. $\frac{1}{25x^3y^2}.$
- b. $\frac{1}{10x^5y^2}.$
- c. $\frac{25x^5}{y^2}.$
- d. $\frac{10}{x^3y^2}.$
- e. $\frac{1}{25x^5y^2}.$

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5. $(64)^{\frac{1}{2}} =$

- a. 8. b. -4. c. $-\frac{1}{8}$. d. $\frac{1}{8}$. e. $\frac{1}{4}$.

6. If $\sqrt[3]{x+a} = b$, then $x =$

- a. $(b-a)^3$.
b. $(a-b)^3$.
c. $b^3 - a^3$.
d. $a^3 - b^3$.
e. $\sqrt[3]{b-a}$.

7. $\frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y}}{y^2 - x^2} =$

- a. $xy(x+y)$.
b. $\frac{1}{xy(x+y)}$.
c. $\frac{1}{-(x^3 + y^3)}$.
d. $y-x$.
e. $\frac{1}{x+y}$.

8. $|2x+7| \leq 1$ is equivalent to which of the following?

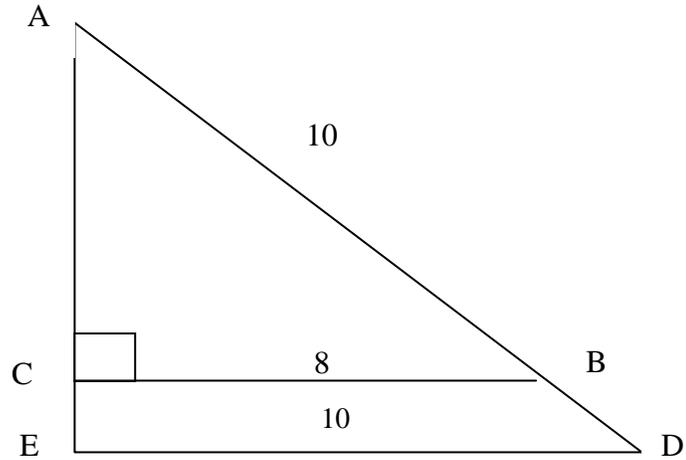
- a. $x \leq -3$
b. $x \leq 3$
c. $3 \leq x \leq 4$
d. $-4 \leq x \leq -3$
e. $0 \leq x \leq 3$

9. $a^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot a^{\frac{1}{4}} =$

- a. $a^{\frac{1}{6}}$. b. $a^{\frac{2}{7}}$. c. $a^{\frac{11}{12}}$. d. $a^{\frac{1}{4}}$. e. $a^{\frac{3}{7}}$.

10. In the figure below, if the length of AB is 10, find the length of AD.

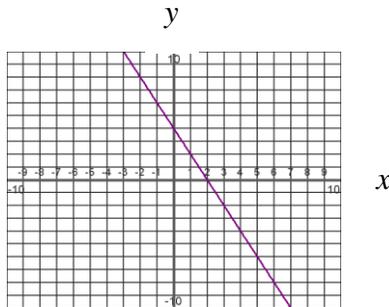
- a. $11\frac{3}{8}$
- b. $11\frac{3}{4}$
- c. 12
- d. $12\frac{1}{4}$
- e. $12\frac{1}{2}$



11. One solution of the equation $x^2 + 7x - 2 = 0$ is

- a. $\frac{7 + \sqrt{41}}{2}$
- b. $\frac{7 - \sqrt{41}}{2}$
- c. $\frac{7 + \sqrt{57}}{2}$
- d. $\frac{-7 + \sqrt{41}}{2}$
- e. $\frac{-7 - \sqrt{57}}{2}$

12. What is the slope of the line shown? You may assume that each tick mark represents one unit.



- a. -2
- b. $-\frac{1}{2}$
- c. 1
- d. 2
- e. $\frac{1}{2}$

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13. If $f(x) = 4x - 2$, then $f(x-1) =$

- a. $4x^2 - 6x + 2$.
- b. $4x^2 + 2x + 2$.
- c. $4x + 2$.
- d. $4x - 6$.
- e. $4x - 1$.

14. The graph of which of the following equations is a line parallel to the graph of $x - 5y = 8$?

- a. $x + 5y = 8$
- b. $5x - y = 8$
- c. $2x + 10y = 8$
- d. $2x - 10y = 8$
- e. $10x - 2y = 8$

15. If $z = \frac{x-8}{2x}$, then $x =$

- a. $\frac{8}{1-2z}$.
- b. $\frac{8}{2z-1}$.
- c. $\frac{z-8}{2}$.
- d. $\frac{z+8}{2}$.
- e. $2z-1$.

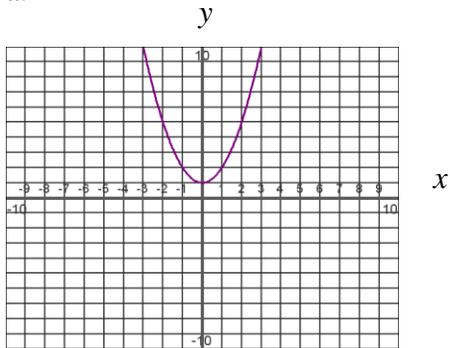
16. If $\sqrt{x+b} = a$, then $x =$

- a. $a - b^2$.
- b. $a - \sqrt{b}$.
- c. $a^2 - b$.
- d. $a^2 + b$.
- e. $a + \sqrt{b}$.

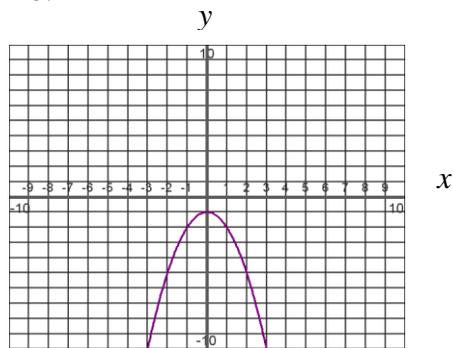
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17. Which of the following could represent the graph of $y = -x^2 - 1$? You may assume that each tick mark represents one unit.

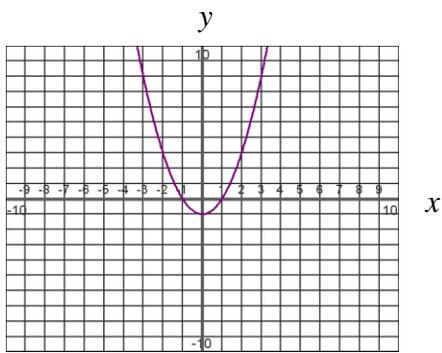
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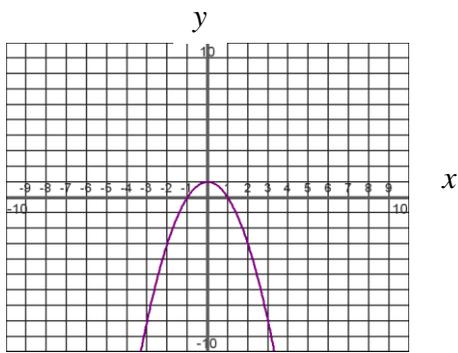
b.



c.



d.



e.

