

WONDERLIC BASIC SKILLS TEST

Free Example Questions with Detailed Answers for Practice



Basic Skills Test Sample

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Verbal Questions:

1. Choose the verb that best completes the sentence:
When we came home in the evening, we found that Lisa _____ from the couch all day long.
A) Moving
B) Hadn't moved
C) Wasn't moving
D) Move
2. Choose the word that best explains the meaning of the indicated word.
Vicariously means
A) A thick liquid
B) Loudly and emotionally
C) Lived through another
D) Wickedly
3. Select the sentence that is written correctly.
A) Anyone who takes the bus should make sure to watch over their belongings.
B) Belongings should be watched over while being transported on the bus.
C) Please watch over any belongings travelling on the bus.
D) When taking the bus, make sure to always keep your belongings in sight.

4. Which word completes the sentence?
The waitress cleared our plates away and asked us if we were _____ with our meal.
- A) Satisfied
 - B) Satiated
 - C) Excited
 - D) Full
5. Which group of words forms a complete sentence?
- A) Where he picked you up yesterday.
 - B) Singing in the shower.
 - C) She left feeling slightly disappointed.
 - D) Can't keep listening to this music.

Quantitative Questions:

6. It takes Annie 2 tablespoons of oil to make a dozen cookies. If Annie wants to make 48 cookies, how much oil does she need?
- A) 3 tablespoons
 - B) 6 teaspoons
 - C) 9 teaspoons
 - D) $\frac{1}{2}$ cup
7. Peanut butter is on sale this week, and Jacob wants to stock up. If Jerry's peanut butter usually costs \$4.00, but is on sale for 15% off. What is the sale price?

- A) \$3.40
- B) \$4.60
- C) \$3.50
- D) \$3.60

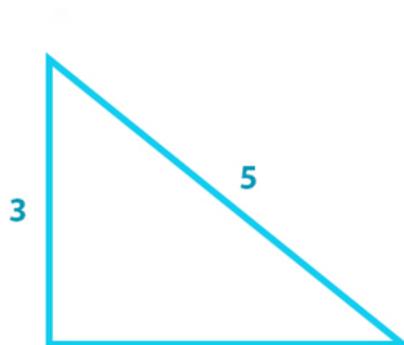
8. Which fraction is largest?

- A) $\frac{6}{7}$
- B) $\frac{7}{8}$
- C) $\frac{3}{4}$
- D) $\frac{2}{3}$

9. $\frac{2}{3} + \frac{1}{5} =$

- A) $\frac{3}{15}$
- B) $\frac{3}{5}$
- C) $\frac{13}{15}$
- D) 1

10.



Assuming the above figure is a right triangle, how long is the third side of the triangle? (Figure not drawn to scale)

- A) 6
- B) 3
- C) 7
- D) 4

Explained Answers:

1. B
Hadn't moved is correct in this case because we want to express the past of the past. Whoever is speaking is talking about how he/she returned some time in the past. We know that Lisa had been sitting on the couch since before they arrived. We use the pluperfect to represent Lisa's actions in this sequence of events.
2. C
Vicariously is an adverb used to describe how someone can experience something through someone else. For example, a parent might live vicariously through his child, or your friend might experience Rome vicariously through you in listening to your stories of your trip.
3. D
A is incorrect here because "anyone" is a singular pronoun and cannot be paired with "their." Instead, this first sentence should read "...should make sure to watch over his or her belongings." B is written in the passive voice. Lastly, C has a dangling modifier and seems to imply that the belongings are travelling on the bus all on their own.
4. A
Satisfied means happy and pleased. The waiter wanted to ask if the customers had enjoyed their meal. These other choices won't work idiomatically. Excited is too strong of a word, and neither satiated nor full would be followed by "with."
5. C
Answer C has both a noun and a verb and is therefore a full sentence. A is a prepositional phrase, B is a participial phrase, and D lacks a subject. None of the other answers express a complete thought.

6. D
48 cookies is four times one dozen, so she needs four times as much oil.
8 tablespoons is equivalent to $\frac{1}{2}$ cup.
7. A
Multiply 4.00 by $1 - 0.15$, or 0.85. Otherwise, you can find 10%, 0.40, and divide that in half to get 5%, 0.20. If you subtract both of those values from 4.00, you'll end up with the sale price.
8. B
To answer this question you should instead look at what fraction of the whole is missing. $\frac{7}{8}$ is $\frac{1}{8}$ away from 1. $\frac{6}{7}$, the other large fraction in this group of answers, is $\frac{1}{7}$ away from a whole. $\frac{1}{8}$ is smaller than $\frac{1}{7}$ —each “piece of the pie” has to be smaller in order to split the whole into 8 separate pieces.
9. C
In order to add these two fractions together, you'll need to find a common denominator. In this case, the smallest common denominator is 15. If you convert both of these fractions, you'll get $\frac{10}{15}$ and $\frac{3}{15}$, which, when added together, are $\frac{13}{15}$. Since $\frac{13}{15}$ can't be reduced any further, it is the final answer.
10. D
You can use Pythagorean theorem ($a^2 + b^2 = c^2$) to find the length of the third side of a right triangle.
- $$3^2 + b^2 = 5^2$$
- $$9 + b^2 = 25$$
- $$b^2 = 16$$
- $$b = 4$$