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ID: e312081b

$(x + 5) + (2x - 3)$

Which of the following is equivalent to the given expression?

- A.  $3x - 2$
- B.  $3x + 2$
- C.  $3x - 8$
- D.  $3x + 8$

ID: e312081b Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. Using the associative and commutative properties of addition, the given expression  $(x + 5) + (2x - 3)$  can be rewritten as  $(x + 2x) + (5 - 3)$ . Adding these like terms results in  $3x + 2$ .

Choice A is incorrect and may result from adding  $(x - 5) + (2x + 3)$ . Choice C is incorrect and may result from adding  $(x - 5) + (2x - 3)$ . Choice D is incorrect and may result from adding  $(x + 5) + (2x + 3)$ .

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ID: 1d3fee25

Which of the following is equivalent to  $3(x+5)-6$  ?

- A.  $3x-3$
- B.  $3x-1$
- C.  $3x+9$
- D.  $15x-6$

ID: 1d3fee25 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. Using the distributive property to multiply 3 and  $(x+5)$  gives  $3x+15-6$ , which can be rewritten as  $3x+9$ .

Choice A is incorrect and may result from rewriting the given expression as  $3(x+5-6)$ . Choice B is incorrect and may result from incorrectly rewriting the expression as  $(3x+5)-6$ . Choice D is incorrect and may result from incorrectly rewriting the expression as  $3(5x)-6$ .

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ID: 60fdb4d4

Which expression is equivalent to  $(2x^2 - 4) - (-3x^2 + 2x - 7)$ ?

- A.  $5x^2 - 2x + 3$
- B.  $5x^2 + 2x - 3$
- C.  $-x^2 - 2x - 11$
- D.  $-x^2 + 2x - 11$

ID: 60fdb4d4 Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. The given expression  $(2x^2 - 4) - (-3x^2 + 2x - 7)$  can be rewritten as  $2x^2 - 4 + 3x^2 - 2x + 7$ . Combining like terms yields  $5x^2 - 2x + 3$ .

Choices B, C, and D are incorrect and may be the result of errors when applying the distributive property.

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ID: 49efde89

The expression  $2x^2 + ax$  is equivalent to  $x(2x + 7)$  for some constant  $a$ . What is the value of  $a$  ?

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 7

ID: 49efde89 Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. It's given that  $2x^2 + ax$  is equivalent to  $x(2x + 7)$  for some constant  $a$ . Distributing the  $x$  over each term in the parentheses gives  $2x^2 + 7x$ , which is in the same form as the first given expression,  $2x^2 + ax$ . The coefficient of the second term in  $2x^2 + 7x$  is 7. Therefore, the value of  $a$  is 7.

Choice A is incorrect. If the value of  $a$  were 2, then  $2x^2 + ax$  would be equivalent to  $2x^2 + 2x$ , which isn't equivalent to  $x(2x + 7)$ . Choice B is incorrect. If the value of  $a$  were 3, then  $2x^2 + ax$  would be equivalent to  $2x^2 + 3x$ , which isn't equivalent to  $x(2x + 7)$ . Choice C is incorrect. If the value of  $a$  were 4, then  $2x^2 + ax$  would be equivalent to  $2x^2 + 4x$ , which isn't equivalent to  $x(2x + 7)$ .

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ID: 9ed9f54d

Which of the following is equivalent to  $2(x^2 - x) + 3(x^2 - x)$ ?

A.  $5x^2 - 5x$

B.  $5x^2 + 5x$

C.  $5x$

D.  $5x^2$

ID: 9ed9f54d Answer

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. Since  $(x^2 - x)$  is a common term in the original expression, like terms can be added:  $2(x^2 - x) + 3(x^2 - x) = 5(x^2 - x)$ . Distributing the constant term 5 yields  $5x^2 - 5x$ .

Choice B is incorrect and may result from not distributing the negative signs in the expressions within the parentheses. Choice C is incorrect and may result from not distributing the negative signs in the expressions within the parentheses and from incorrectly eliminating the  $x^2$ -term. Choice D is incorrect and may result from incorrectly eliminating the x-term.

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**ID: 294db8ec**

Which of the following is equivalent to  $2x^3 + 4$ ?

- A.  $4(x^3 + 4)$
- B.  $4(x^3 + 2)$
- C.  $2(x^3 + 4)$
- D.  $2(x^3 + 2)$

**ID: 294db8ec Answer**

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. The expression  $2x^3 + 4$  has two terms,  $2x^3$  and 4. The greatest common factor of these two terms is 2. Factoring 2 from each of these terms yields  $2(x^3) + 2(2)$ , or  $2(x^3 + 2)$ .

Choices A and B are incorrect because 4 is not a factor of the term  $2x^3$ . Choice C is incorrect and may result from factoring 2 from  $2x^3$  but not from 4.

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**ID: 6e06a0a7**

Which of the following expressions is equivalent to  $2a^2(a+3)$ ?

- A.  $5a^3$
- B.  $8a^5$
- C.  $2a^3+3$
- D.  $2a^3+6a^2$

**ID: 6e06a0a7 Answer**

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. Expanding the given expression using the distributive property yields  $2a^2(a)+2a^2(3)$ . Combining like terms yields  $2a^2(a^1)+(2\times 3)(a^2)$ , or  $2a^{2+1}+6a^2$ , which is equivalent to  $2a^3+6a^2$ .

Choices A and B are incorrect and may result from incorrectly combining like terms. Choice C is incorrect and may result from distributing  $2a^2$  only to a, and not to 3, in the given expression.

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ID: df0ef054

$$(2x^3 + 3x)(x^3 - 2x)$$

Which of the following is equivalent to the expression above?

- A.  $x^3 + 5x$
- B.  $3x^3 + x$
- C.  $2x^6 - x^4 - 6x^2$
- D.  $3x^6 - x^4 - 6x^2$

ID: df0ef054 Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. Using the distributive property to multiply the terms in the parentheses yields  $(2x^3 \cdot x^3) + (2x^3 \cdot -2x) + (3x \cdot x^3) + (3x \cdot -2x)$ , which is equivalent to  $2x^6 - 4x^4 + 3x^4 - 6x^2$ . Combining like terms results in  $2x^6 - x^4 - 6x^2$ .

Choices A and D are incorrect and may result from conceptual errors when multiplying the terms in the given expression. Choice B is incorrect and may result from adding, instead of multiplying,  $(2x^3 + 3x)$  and  $(x^3 - 2x)$ .

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ID: 127b2759

Which expression is equivalent to  $8 + d^2 + 3$ ?

- A.  $d^2 + 24$
- B.  $d^2 + 11$
- C.  $d^2 + 5$
- D.  $d^2 - 11$

ID: 127b2759 Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. The given expression can be rewritten as  $d^2 + 8 + 3$ . Adding 8 and 3 in this expression yields  $d^2 + 11$ .

Choice A is incorrect. This expression is equivalent to  $d^2 + 8(3)$ .

Choice C is incorrect. This expression is equivalent to  $8 + d^2 - 3$ .

Choice D is incorrect. This expression is equivalent to  $-8 + d^2 - 3$ .

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ID: fb96a5b3

Which of the following expressions is equivalent to  $2(ab - 3) + 2$  ?

- A.  $2ab - 1$
- B.  $2ab - 4$
- C.  $2ab - 5$
- D.  $2ab - 8$

ID: fb96a5b3 Answer

Correct Answer: B

Rationale

Choice B is correct. Applying the distributive property to the given expression yields  $2(ab) + 2(-3) + 2$ , or  $2ab - 6 + 2$ . Adding the like terms  $-6$  and  $2$  results in the expression  $2ab - 4$ .

Choice A is incorrect and may result from multiplying  $ab$  by  $2$  without multiplying  $-3$  by  $2$  when applying the distributive property. Choices C and D are incorrect and may result from computational or conceptual errors.

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ID: e597050f

Which expression is equivalent to  $9x + 6x + 2y + 3y$ ?

- A.  $3x + 5y$
- B.  $6x + 8y$
- C.  $12x + 8y$
- D.  $15x + 5y$

ID: e597050f Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. Combining like terms in the given expression yields  $(9x + 6x) + (2y + 3y)$ , or  $15x + 5y$ .

Choice A is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

Choice C is incorrect and may result from conceptual or calculation errors.

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**ID: 1e8d7183**

Which expression is equivalent to  $256w^2 - 676$ ?

- A.  $(16w - 26)(16w - 26)$
- B.  $(8w - 13)(8w + 13)$
- C.  $(8w - 13)(8w - 13)$
- D.  $(16w - 26)(16w + 26)$

**ID: 1e8d7183 Answer**

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. The given expression follows the difference of two squares pattern,  $x^2 - y^2$ , which factors as  $(x - y)(x + y)$ . Therefore, the expression  $256w^2 - 676$  can be written as  $(16w)^2 - 26^2$ , or  $(16w)(16w) - (26)(26)$ , which factors as  $(16w - 26)(16w + 26)$ .

Choice A is incorrect. This expression is equivalent to  $256w^2 - 832w + 676$ .

Choice B is incorrect. This expression is equivalent to  $64w^2 - 169$ .

Choice C is incorrect. This expression is equivalent to  $64w^2 - 208w + 169$ .

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**ID: 0354c7de**

$$5x + 15$$

Which of the following is equivalent to the given expression?

- A.  $5(x + 3)$
- B.  $5(x + 10)$
- C.  $5(x + 15)$
- D.  $5(x + 20)$

**ID: 0354c7de Answer**

Correct Answer: A

Rationale

Choice A is correct. Since 5 is a factor of both terms, **5x** and 15, the given expression can be factored and rewritten as **5(x + 3)**.

Choice B is incorrect and may result from subtracting 5 from the constant when factoring 5 from the given expression. Choice C is incorrect and may result from factoring 5 from only the first term, not both terms, of the given expression. Choice D is incorrect and may result from adding 5 to the constant when factoring 5 from the given expression.

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ID: 974d33dc

Which of the following expressions is equivalent to the sum of  $(r^3 + 5r^2 + 7)$  and  $(r^2 + 8r + 12)$ ?

- A.  $r^5 + 13r^3 + 19$
- B.  $2r^3 + 13r^2 + 19$
- C.  $r^3 + 5r^2 + 7r + 12$
- D.  $r^3 + 6r^2 + 8r + 19$

ID: 974d33dc Answer

Correct Answer: D

Rationale

Choice D is correct. Grouping like terms, the given expressions can be rewritten as  $r^3 + (5r^2 + r^2) + 8r + (7 + 12)$ . This can be rewritten as  $r^3 + 6r^2 + 8r + 19$ .

Choice A is incorrect and may result from adding the two sets of unlike terms,  $r^3$  and  $r^2$  as well as  $5r^2$  and  $8r$ , and then adding the respective exponents. Choice B is incorrect and may result from adding the unlike terms  $r^3$  and  $r^2$  as if they were  $r^3$  and  $r^3$  and adding the unlike terms  $5r^2$  and  $8r$  as if they were  $5r^2$  and  $8r^2$ . Choice C is incorrect and may result from errors when combining like terms.

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ID: d4d513ff

Which expression is equivalent to  $12x + 27$ ?

- A.  $12(9x + 1)$
- B.  $27(12x + 1)$
- C.  $3(4x + 9)$
- D.  $3(9x + 24)$

ID: d4d513ff Answer

Correct Answer: C

Rationale

Choice C is correct. Each term in the given expression,  $12x + 27$ , has a common factor of 3. Therefore, the expression can be rewritten as  $3(4x) + 3(9)$ , or  $3(4x + 9)$ . Thus, the expression  $3(4x + 9)$  is equivalent to the given expression.

Choice A is incorrect. This expression is equivalent to  $108x + 12$ , not  $12x + 27$ .

Choice B is incorrect. This expression is equivalent to  $324x + 27$ , not  $12x + 27$ .

Choice D is incorrect. This expression is equivalent to  $27x + 72$ , not  $12x + 27$ .

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