

TMT First 20 ACT Prep V5

1. Multiply $(x - 4)^2$ [211]

$$(x-4)(x-4) = x^2 - 4x - 4x + 16$$

$$x^2 - 8x + 16$$

2. Find the slope if given two points, $(-8, 7)$

and $(2, 8)$ [210] $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1} = \frac{8 - 7}{2 - (-8)} = \frac{1}{10}$

3. Solve $|x - 9| = 24$ [84]

$$\begin{array}{r} x - 9 = 24 \\ +9 \quad +9 \\ \hline x = 33 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} x - 9 = -24 \\ +9 \quad +9 \\ \hline x = -15 \end{array}$$

4. Evaluate $f(x) = -2x^2 - x + 2$ if $x = -1$

[110] $-2(-1)^2 - (-1) + 2$
 $-2 \cdot 1 + 1 + 2$
 $-2 + 1 + 2 = 1$

5. Simplify $\frac{2}{15} \cdot \frac{5}{7}$ [42]

$$\frac{2}{15} \cdot \frac{5}{7} = \frac{2}{21}$$

6. Simplify $\frac{-6 \pm 6\sqrt{2}}{4}$ [214]

$$\frac{6(-1 \pm \sqrt{2})}{4} = \frac{3(-1 \pm \sqrt{2})}{2}$$

7. Multiply $(2x - 10)(x + 1)$ [60]

$$2x^2 + 2x - 10x - 10 = 2x^2 - 8x - 10$$

8. Solve. Show 3+ steps of work [89]

$$\begin{array}{r} -5 - (x + 1) = 9x + 5 \\ -5 - x - 1 = 9x + 5 \\ -x - 6 = 9x + 5 \\ +x \quad +x \\ \hline -6 = 10x + 5 \\ -5 \quad -5 \\ \hline -11 = 10x \\ \frac{-11}{10} = \frac{10x}{10} \end{array}$$

9. Simplify $\frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{3}$ [50] $x = \frac{-11}{10} = -\frac{11}{10}$ also

$$\frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{7}{3} = \frac{14}{15}$$

10. Factor out a GCF $2x^2 - 14x + 2ax$ [58]

$$2x(x - 7 + a)$$

11. Simplify $(2a^3b^7)^2 \cdot b^9$ [206]

$$4a^6b^{14} \cdot b^9 = 4a^6b^{23}$$

12. Find the following: $8y = 4x - 8$ [135]

Slope: $\frac{1}{2}$
 Y-Intercept: $(0, -1)$
 $y = \frac{x}{2} - 1$

13. Solve $(5x + 1)(x - 9) = 0$ [85]

$$\begin{array}{r} 5x + 1 = 0 \quad x - 9 = 0 \\ -1 \quad -1 \quad +9 \quad +9 \\ \hline 5x = -1 \quad x = 9 \\ x = -\frac{1}{5} \end{array}$$

14. Solve $-2n - 4 < -7$ [82]

$$\begin{array}{r} -2n - 4 < -7 \\ +4 \quad +4 \\ \hline -2n < -3 \\ \frac{-2n}{-2} < \frac{-3}{-2} \end{array}$$

divided by a negative so switch the sign

$$n > \frac{3}{2} = 1\frac{1}{2} \text{ also}$$

15. Solve $x^2 - 9x - 1 = 1$ [88]

$$x^2 - 9x - 2 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{9 \pm \sqrt{81 - 4(1)(-2)}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

16. Simplify $\frac{(x-5)(x+12)}{x^2-25}$ [209]

$$\frac{(x-5)(x+12)}{(x-5)(x+5)} = \frac{x+12}{x+5}$$

17. Simplify $\frac{2}{11} + \frac{5}{2}$ [39]

$$\frac{2 \cdot 2}{11 \cdot 2} + \frac{5 \cdot 11}{2 \cdot 11} = \frac{4}{22} + \frac{55}{22} = \frac{59}{22} = 2\frac{15}{22} \text{ also}$$

18. Factor $x^2 + 8x - 9$ [53]

$$(x+9)(x-1)$$

19. Simplify (PEMDAS) $5(3 - 2(x + 3))$ [212]

$$5(3 - 2x - 6)$$

$$5(-2x - 3) = -10x - 15$$

or

20. Simplify $\frac{6x^2}{40x^3}$ [74]

$$\frac{2 \cdot 3 \cdot x^2}{2 \cdot 20 \cdot x^2 \cdot x} = \frac{3}{20x}$$