

## Spot and correct the error

**Example 1:**  $5n^2 = 45$

**Student's solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{5n^2}{5} &= \frac{45}{5} \\ n^2 &= 9 \\ n &= 3\end{aligned}$$

**Explain the error:**

$n$  can also equal  $-3$  as  $(-3)^2 = 9$   
 $\therefore$  one solution is missing

**Example 1:**  $16n^2 - 25 = 0$

**Student's solution:**

$$\begin{aligned}16n^2 - 25 &= 0 \\ +25 \quad +25\end{aligned}$$

$$16n^2 = 25$$

$$n^2 = \frac{16}{25}$$

$$n = \pm \frac{4}{5}$$

← error

**Explain the error:**

the student has incorrectly divided the equation by 16.

$$n^2 = \frac{25}{16} \quad \text{not} \quad \frac{16}{25}$$

$$\therefore n = \pm \frac{5}{4}$$

# Equations and formulae

## Topic Test

## PART A

- Instructions** This part consists of 12 multiple-choice questions.  
Each question is worth 1 mark.  
Fill in only ONE CIRCLE for each question.  
Calculators are NOT allowed.

Time allowed: 15 minutes

Total marks = 12

				Marks		
1	If $\frac{n}{3} = 7$ , $n$ equals	(A) 7	(B) 11	(C) 17	(D) 21	1
2	If $x - 10 = -2$ , $x$ equals	(A) -12	(B) -8	(C) 8	(D) 12	1
3	If $2x - 5 = 21$ , what is the value of $x$ ?	(A) 6	(B) 8	(C) 13	(D) 26	1
4	If $\frac{m}{3} = 6$ , find the value of $m$ .	(A) 2	(B) 3	(C) 9	(D) 18	1
5	If $2p - 5 = 23$ , then $p$ equals	(A) 8	(B) 9	(C) 14	(D) 28	1
6	If $n + 3 = -4$ then $n$ equals	(A) -7	(B) -1	(C) 1	(D) 7	1
7	Solve for $x$ , $5x + 3 = 2(x + 12)$	(A) 3	(B) 5	(C) 9	(D) 7	1
8	If $2(t + 3) = t - 4$ then $t$ equals	(A) -10	(B) 2	(C) 8	(D) none of these	1
9	If $2(7 - x) = 3$ then $x$ equals	(A) 11	(B) -17	(C) $8\frac{1}{2}$	(D) $5\frac{1}{2}$	1
10	$2(x - 3) = 3(2x + 4)$ then $x$ equals	(A) $1\frac{1}{2}$	(B) $\frac{1}{4}$	(C) $-4\frac{1}{2}$	(D) $-3\frac{3}{4}$	1

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# Equations and formulae

## Topic Test

## PART B

**Instructions** This part consists of 15 questions  
Each question is worth 1 mark  
Write answers in the answers-only column

**Time allowed: 20 minutes**

**Total marks = 15**

Questions	Answers only	Marks
Solve the following equations.		
<b>1</b> $x - 7 = 30$	_____	1
<b>2</b> $\frac{x}{12} = 96$	_____	1
<b>3</b> $3x + 10 = 5x - 2$	_____	1
<b>4</b> $4(p + 7) = 30$	_____	1
<b>5</b> I think of a number, double it, add 8 and the result is 42. By solving the equation, find the number.	_____	1
<b>6</b> $\frac{x}{4} = \frac{2}{3}$	_____	1
<b>7</b> $\frac{5x}{3} + \frac{1}{2} = 4$	_____	1
<b>8</b> $2x - 3 = 5$	_____	1
<b>9</b> $\frac{x-2}{3} = 10$	_____	1
<b>10</b> $3(x + 4) = x + 19$	_____	1
<b>12</b> $4(2x - 5) = 0$	_____	1
<b>13</b> $\frac{x-2}{3} + 5 = 9$	_____	1
<b>14</b> $3(x - 1) = 9$	_____	1
<b>15</b> $4x - 3 = 2x + 9$	_____	1

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## LINEAR EQUATIONS PRACTICE

1.  $4x = 4$
2.  $x + 6 = -7$
3.  $x - 4 = 7$
4.  $\frac{x}{3} = -9$
5.  $2x + 4 = 8$
6.  $14 = 3 + 2x$
7.  $8x - 3 = -19$
8.  $6 - x = 9$
9.  $-x = -12$
10.  $3(x - 2) = 6$
11.  $-3(2x - 8) = -12$
12.  $4(6 + 2x) = 0$
13.  $3x + 2x + 6 = -15$
14.  $4 = -2(x + 3)$
15.  $27 = 46 + 2x - x$
16.  $4x + 6 - 7x + 9 = 18$
17.  $4 + 3(x + 2) = 10$
18.  $-3 + 3x = -2(x + 1)$
19.  $9x - 6 = -3x + 30$
20.  $-(x + 2) = 2(3x - 6)$
21.  $2x + 6 = 3x + 9 - 3$
22.  $-5x + 3 = 2x + 10$
23.  $3x - 12x = 24 - 9x$
24.  $2(x + 4) = -3(x + 5)$
25.  $4(2x - 3) + 4 = 8x - 8$
26.  $6x + 11 = -(6x + 5)$
27.  $2(x + 7) = 6x + 9 - 4x$
28.  $-5(3 - 4x) = -6 + 20x - 9$
29.  $4(x - 3) - (x - 5) = 0$
30.  $-2(4 - x) = 6(x + 2) + 3x$
31.  $\frac{4}{7} = \frac{x}{21}$
32.  $\frac{x}{4} = \frac{-20}{16}$
33.  $\frac{9c}{10} = \frac{9}{5}$
34.  $\frac{1}{4} = \frac{z+1}{4}$
35.  $\frac{a}{5} = \frac{a-3}{2}$
36.  $\frac{n}{10} = 9 - \frac{n}{5}$
37.  $\frac{2}{8} + \frac{3}{4} = \frac{w}{5}$
38.  $x - \frac{3}{4} = -2x$
39.  $\frac{x}{4} - \frac{x}{6} = \frac{1}{4}$
40.  $a - \frac{a}{3} + \frac{a}{5} = 26$
41.  $\frac{12}{10} = \frac{z}{25}$
42.  $\frac{-2}{6} = \frac{3c}{9}$
43.  $\frac{x+4}{7} = \frac{3}{7}$
44.  $\frac{4x+5}{6} = \frac{7}{2}$
45.  $6 - \frac{x}{4} = \frac{x}{8}$
46.  $\frac{x}{3} - \frac{3x}{4} = \frac{1}{12}$
47.  $\frac{5}{2} - x = 3x$
48.  $\frac{3-5y}{4} = \frac{2-4y}{3}$
49.  $\frac{2x-1}{3} - \frac{3x}{4} = \frac{5}{6}$
50.  $-\frac{x}{4} = 12$
51.  $-x = -12$
52.  $-2x = -16$
53.  $2x = -14$
54.  $\frac{1}{7}x = -8$
55.  $\frac{1}{7}x = 2$
56.  $-\frac{x}{2} = 4$
57.  $-x = 26$
58.  $3x = 15$
59.  $4x = -32$
60.  $\frac{1}{3}x = 5$
61.  $\frac{1}{9}x = 5$
62.  $-\frac{5}{3}x = -15$
63.  $-\frac{6}{5}x = -30$
64.  $\frac{6}{5}x = 90$
65.  $\frac{1}{3}x = 4$
66.  $\frac{7}{6}x = 168$
67.  $\frac{1}{6}x = 2$
68.  $-\frac{9}{5}x = -45$
69.  $-\frac{4}{9}x = -36$
70.  $4x - 4 = -40$
71.  $9x - 7 = -34$
72.  $\frac{7}{8}y - 6 = 8$
73.  $10 - x = 6$
74.  $-2x - 4x = 1$
75.  $-9x - 9x = -9$
76.  $\frac{x}{3} - \frac{x}{5} = 2$
77.  $\frac{x}{7} - \frac{x}{9} = 2$
78.  $\frac{x}{3} - \frac{x}{9} = 6$
79.  $\frac{x}{6} - \frac{x}{9} = 1$
80.  $\frac{5}{9}y - 4 = 6$
81.  $x + 0.4x = 3.5$
82.  $5(x - 3) = 45$
83.  $-3(x + 7) = 9$
84.  $-4(x - 6) = 12$
85.  $8 = 2(x - 5) + 6x$
86.  $2 = 7(x + 4) + 9x$
87.  $1 = 3(x - 2) + 3 - 2x$
88.  $3 = 4(x - 2) + 5 - 3x$
89.  $3.65 - 7.4x + 1.12 = 21.76$
90.  $-8x + 3 - 2x = -6x + 3 - 4x$
91.  $10x + 3 + 10x = 13x - 3 + 7x$
92.  $6 + 3x = 5(x - 1) - 3(x - 2)$
93.  $10 - 5x = 3(x - 4) - 2(x + 7)$
94.  $9.2y - 4.3 = 50.9$
95.  $0.05z + 0.2 = 0.15z - 10.5$
96.  $0.25(60) + 0.10x = 0.15(60 + x)$
97.  $0.5(3q + 87) = 1.5q + 43.5$
98.  $0.4(y + 10) + 0.6y = 2$
99.  $21.1w + 4.6 = 10.9w + 35.2$
100.  $0.125x = 0.025(5x + 1)$

## LINEAR EQUATIONS PRACTICE ANSWERS

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|-------------------------|-------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------|
| 1. $x = 1$              | 26. $x = -\frac{4}{3}$  | 51. $x = 12$           | 77. $x = 63$            |
| 2. $x = -13$            | 27. No Solution         | 52. $x = 8$            | 78. $x = 27$            |
| 3. $x = 11$             | 28. All real numbers    | 53. $x = -7$           | 79. $x = 72$            |
| 4. $x = -27$            | 29. $x = \frac{7}{3}$   | 54. $x = -56$          | 80. $y = 18$            |
| 5. $x = 2$              | 30. $x = -\frac{20}{7}$ | 55. $x = 14$           | 81. $x = 2.5$           |
| 6. $x = \frac{11}{2}$   | 31. $x = 12$            | 56. $x = -8$           | 82. $x = 12$            |
| 7. $x = -2$             | 32. $x = -5$            | 57. $x = -26$          | 83. $x = -10$           |
| 8. $x = -3$             | 33. $c = 2$             | 58. $x = 5$            | 84. $x = 3$             |
| 9. $x = 12$             | 34. $z = 0$             | 59. $x = -8$           | 85. $x = \frac{9}{4}$   |
| 10. $x = 4$             | 35. $a = 5$             | 60. $x = 15$           | 86. $x = -\frac{13}{8}$ |
| 11. $x = 6$             | 36. $n = 30$            | 61. $x = 45$           | 87. $x = 4$             |
| 12. $x = -3$            | 37. $w = 5$             | 62. $x = 9$            | 88. $x = 6$             |
| 13. $x = -\frac{21}{5}$ | 38. $x = \frac{1}{4}$   | 63. $x = 25$           | 89. $x \approx -2.3$    |
| 14. $x = -5$            | 39. $x = 3$             | 64. $x = 75$           | 90. All real numbers    |
| 15. $x = -19$           | 40. $a = 30$            | 65. $x = 12$           | 91. No Solution         |
| 16. $x = -1$            | 41. $z = 30$            | 66. $x = 144$          | 92. $x = -5$            |
| 17. $x = 0$             | 42. $c = -1$            | 67. $x = 12$           | 93. $x = 6$             |
| 18. $x = \frac{1}{5}$   | 43. $x = -1$            | 68. $x = 25$           | 94. $y = 6$             |
| 19. $x = 3$             | 44. $x = 4$             | 69. $x = 81$           | 95. $z = 107$           |
| 20. $x = \frac{10}{7}$  | 45. $x = 16$            | 70. $x = -9$           | 96. $x = 120$           |
| 21. $x = 0$             | 46. $x = -\frac{1}{5}$  | 71. $x = -3$           | 97. All real numbers    |
| 22. $x = -1$            | 47. $x = \frac{5}{8}$   | 72. $y = 16$           | 98. $y = -2$            |
| 23. No Solution         | 48. $y = -1$            | 73. $x = 4$            | 99. $w = 3$             |
| 24. $x = -\frac{23}{5}$ | 49. $x = -14$           | 74. $x = -\frac{1}{6}$ | 100. No Solution        |
| 25. All real numbers    | 50. $x = -48$           | 75. $x = \frac{1}{2}$  |                         |
|                         |                         | 76. $x = 15$           |                         |