

EXAMINATION FOR QUALIFYING CERTIFICATES

ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA

Monday, September 9, 1912—9.15 a. m. to 12.15 p. m., only

Answer the first four questions and four of the others. Credit will not be granted unless all operations (except mental ones) necessary to find results are given; simply indicating the operations is not sufficient. Each answer should be reduced to its simplest form. Each complete answer will receive $12\frac{1}{2}$ credits. Papers entitled to less than 75 credits will not be accepted.

1 Solve $4(x-6) - 2\{3x - (x-8)\} = 5(13-3x)$ [Credit will not be granted unless all work is correct.]

2 Solve $\frac{3}{x-5} + \frac{2x}{x-3} = 5$

3 Answer both *a* and *b*:

a How much must be added to *m* to make 10?

b A man buys *c* pounds of tea at *d* cents a pound and gives in payment a *y* dollar bill; how much change should he receive?

4 If the numerator and denominator of a fraction are each increased by 3 the fraction equals $\frac{1}{2}$; if 1 is subtracted from each term of the fraction the value of the fraction becomes $\frac{3}{10}$. Find the fraction.

5 Factor each numerator and denominator in the following expression, perform the operations indicated and reduce the result to its lowest terms:

$$\frac{8a^2 - 28a + 12}{2a^3 - 11a^2 + 12a} \times \frac{a^2 - 8a + 16}{4a^2 + 6a - 4} \div \frac{27a^3 - 12a}{6a^2 - 5a - 6}$$

6 Simplify $8\sqrt{\frac{3}{4}} - \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{12} + 4\sqrt{27} - 2\sqrt{\frac{3}{16}}$; $\frac{\sqrt{48}}{\sqrt{12}}$; $\frac{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b}}$;
 $\frac{1}{3}\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$

7 A is $\frac{1}{2}$ as old as B; 4 years ago he was $\frac{2}{3}$ as old as B. Find the present age of each.

8 The diagonal of a rectangle is to the length of the rectangle as 5 is to 4; the area of the figure is 96 sq. ft. Find the sides of the rectangle.

9 If a train had traveled 10 miles an hour faster it would have required 2 hours less to travel 120 miles; find the rate of the train per hour.

10 Solve $\begin{cases} 2x^2 - 3xy + 2y^2 = 8 \\ x - y = 1 \end{cases}$