

# NINTH GRADE ELEMENTARY ALGEBRA—JUNE 1956 (1)

## Instructions

It is wise to divide your time so that you may complete the entire examination in *three hours*. Part I probably can be done within a period of one and one-half hours and parts II and III within the time remaining. Excess time may be used in reviewing your paper for errors.

## Part I

*Directions (1-25):* Answer all questions in this part. Write the answer to each question in the space provided at the right. No work need be shown for this part. In questions 1, 2 and 3 each correct answer will receive 1 credit. In questions 4 through 25 each correct answer will receive 2 credits. [50]

- Multiply 5.03 by 2.38
  - Subtract  $\frac{1}{3}$  from  $\frac{2}{3}$ .
- Divide 54.72 by 1.6
  - What is  $3\frac{1}{2} \div \frac{5}{8}$ ?
- What per cent of 80 is 60?
  - Change  $12\frac{1}{2}\%$  to an equivalent fraction.
- Find the square root of 113 to the *nearest tenth*.
- From  $2x^2 - 3x - 1$  subtract  $x^2 + 6x - 2$ .
- Factor completely:  $4ab^2 + 20ab$ .
- Factor:  $x^2 + 3x - 28$ .
- Solve for  $a$ :  $\frac{2a + 3}{3} - \frac{a - 3}{5} = 3$ .
- Multiply  $4a - 1$  by  $2a + 3$ .
- If  $p$  pounds of oranges can be bought for  $c$  cents, how many pounds can be bought for 98 cents?
- Using the formula  $C = \frac{5}{9}(F - 32^\circ)$ ; find  $C$  when  $F = 68^\circ$ .
- The sides of a triangle are represented by  $x + 2$ ,  $x - 3$  and  $2x + 1$ . Express the perimeter of this triangle in terms of  $x$ .
- Solve for  $y$ :  $7y - 2 = 8y - 13$ .
- Solve the following pair of equations for  $x$ :
 
$$\begin{aligned} 3x - 4y &= 8 \\ x + 2y &= 1 \end{aligned}$$
- Find the value of  $m$  in the proportion  $\frac{27}{m} = \frac{3}{4}$ .

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16. Combine  $\sqrt{50} + \sqrt{2}$ . [Leave answer in simplest radical form.]
17. The area of a rectangle is  $2a^2 + a$ . If the length is  $2a + 1$ , what is the width?
18. If  $\tan A = .6320$ , find angle  $A$  to the *nearest degree*.
19. If a boy can mow an entire lawn in  $h$  hours, what fractional part can he mow in 2 hours?
20. Combine in a single fraction:  $\frac{5a}{4} - \frac{a}{3}$ .
21. A basketball player in three games scored  $r$ ,  $s$  and  $t$  points. Represent this player's average score for these games.
22. Solve for  $x$ :  $3x - (5 - x) = 5$ .
23. Solve for  $m$ :  $6m + b = 3$ .
24. A man drove a car for 3 hours at the rate of  $x$  miles per hour. For the next 2 hours his rate of speed was 5 miles per hour slower. Express in terms of  $x$  the total distance he traveled.
25. Write a linear equation expressing the relationship between  $x$  and  $y$  as shown in the following table:

$x$	0	1	2	3
$y$	-1	2	5	8

### Part II

*Answer three questions from this part. A purely arithmetical solution in this part will not be accepted. Show all work.*

26. Find three consecutive odd numbers such that the sum of the first and third is 37 more than the second. Check. [6, 3, 1]
27. The denominator of a fraction is 1 more than twice the numerator. If 2 is added to both the numerator and the denominator, the value of the fraction is  $\frac{3}{8}$ . Find the original fraction. Check. [6, 3, 1]
28. The area of a square exceeds the area of a rectangle by 4 square inches. The width of the rectangle is 3 inches less and its length is 4 inches more than the length of a side of the square. Find a side of the square. Check. [6, 3, 1]
29. A man invests \$6500, part at 4% interest and the remainder at 5%. How much does he invest at *each* rate if his annual income from the two investments is \$300? [6, 4]

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30. Write the equations that would be used to solve the following problems. In *each* case state what the letter or letters represent. [Solution of the equations is *not* required.]

- a. A boy has \$3.75 in nickels and dimes. If he has 6 more dimes than nickels, how many dimes has he? [4]
- b. City *A* is 36 miles from city *B*. A boy riding a bicycle started from *A* toward *B* at the same time that a second boy started from *B* toward *A*. The first boy, while traveling, averaged 9 miles per hour but stopped one hour to rest on the way. The second boy traveled steadily at an average rate of 6 miles per hour. How far from city *A* were the boys when they met? [6]

Part III

*Answer two questions from this part. Show all work.*

31. Solve graphically and check: [6, 2, 2]

$$x + y = 3$$

$$2x - y = 9$$

32. a. A boy flying a kite lets out 250 feet of string that makes an angle of  $54^\circ$  with level ground. Assuming that the string is straight, find, to the *nearest foot*, how high the kite is above the ground. [7]

- b. Find the hypotenuse of a right triangle whose sides are 7 feet and 24 feet. [3]

33. a. A salesman receives a commission of 5% on his total sales. If he wishes to make \$80 in commissions each week, how large must his total weekly sales be? [6]

- b. Multiply  $\frac{3a^2b}{2}$  by  $\frac{8}{ab^2}$  [2]

- c. Simplify:  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{3}}$  [2]

- \*34. Show by substitution in the equation  $x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$  whether or not  $2 + \sqrt{3}$  is a root. [10]

\* This question is based on one of the optional topics in the syllabus, and may be substituted for any other question in part III.

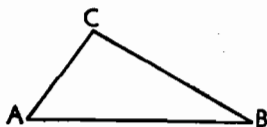
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*Note to teacher: These questions may be used in conjunction with the examination in elementary algebra by those pupils who have followed the outline in the ninth year syllabus. A copy of this sheet should be distributed to each pupil qualified, together with a copy of the regular examination paper in elementary algebra.*

Part I

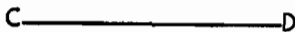
*Directions:* Substitute the following questions for *both* question 24 and question 25 on part I of the algebra examination.

24. Construct a triangle congruent to triangle  $ABC$ .



25. Through point  $P$  construct a line parallel to line segment  $CD$ .

$P$



Part III

*Directions:* Substitute *one* of the following questions for *any one* of the questions on part III of the examination in elementary algebra.

35. a. Construct a rectangle 2 inches long and  $1\frac{1}{2}$  inches wide. [6]  
b. Draw a diagonal. [2]  
c. Construct the perpendicular bisector of the diagonal. [2]

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36. A boy usually spends his day of 24 hours as represented in the circle graph below. Using this graph, answer the following questions:

a. How many hours does he spend each day

(1) in sleep? [2]

(2) at school? [2]

(3) at work? [2]

b. At what activity does he spend three times the number of hours that he spends at meals? [2]

c. How many degrees on the circle represent the amount of time spent in sleeping? [2]

