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Part 1: Multiple Choice Questions

Choose the correct answer for each question.

1. What is the solution to the equation 2x = 12?
   - a) x = 6
   - b) x = 5
   - c) x = 4
   - d) x = 3
2. What is the solution to the equation x/3 = 9?
   - a) x = 27
   - b) x = 26
   - c) x = 25
   - d) x = 24
3. What is the solution to the equation 4x = 28?
   - a) x = 7
   - b) x = 6
   - c) x = 5
   - d) x = 4

Part 2: Short Answer Questions

Show all work and explain your reasoning.

1. Solve the equation x/2 = 6.

2. Solve the equation 3x = 24.

3. Solve the equation x/4 = 8.

Part 3: Word Problems

Read each problem carefully and solve the equation.

1. Tom has 12 boxes of pencils to pack into cartons. Each carton can hold 4 boxes of pencils. How many cartons can Tom fill?

2. A bookshelf has 5 shelves, and each shelf can hold 3 rows of books. If the bookshelf is currently empty, how many rows of books can be placed on it in total?

3. A bakery sells 250 loaves of bread per day. If they pack 5 loaves of bread per box, how many boxes do they need to pack all the bread?

Part 4: Challenge Questions

Solve each equation and explain your reasoning.

1. Solve the equation 2x + 5 = 11.

2. Solve the equation x/2 - 3 = 4.

3. Solve the equation 4x - 2 = 22.

Part 5: Real-World Applications

Read each scenario and solve the equation.

1. A car travels 250 miles in 5 hours. How many miles does it travel per hour?

2. A group of friends want to share some candy equally. If they have 48 pieces of candy and there are 8 friends, how many pieces of candy will each friend get?

3. A water tank can hold 1200 liters of water. If 300 liters of water are already in the tank, how many more liters can be added?

Advanced Concepts

As we delve deeper into the world of linear equations, we encounter more complex scenarios that require a deeper understanding of the underlying principles. In this section, we will explore advanced concepts such as solving systems of linear equations, graphing linear equations, and applying linear equations to real-world problems.

Case Study: Solving Systems of Linear Equations

A company produces two types of products, A and B. The production cost of product A is $10 per unit, and the production cost of product B is $15 per unit. The company has a budget of $1000 for production costs. If the company produces x units of product A and y units of product B, and the total production cost is $1000, we can set up the following system of linear equations:

- 10x + 15y = 1000
- x + y = 50

To solve this system, we can use the method of substitution or elimination. Let's use the substitution method. We can solve the second equation for x: x = 50 - y. Substituting this expression for x into the first equation, we get: 10(50 - y) + 15y = 1000.

Activity: Solving Systems of Linear Equations

Solve the following system of linear equations using the method of substitution or elimination:

- 2x + 3y = 12
- x - 2y = -3

Graphing Linear Equations

Graphing linear equations is a powerful tool for visualizing and analyzing linear relationships. In this section, we will explore the basics of graphing linear equations, including the x- and y-intercepts, slope, and equation of a line.

Example: Graphing a Linear Equation

Graph the linear equation 2x + 3y = 12.

To graph this equation, we can first find the x- and y-intercepts. The x-intercept is the point where the line crosses the x-axis, and the y-intercept is the point where the line crosses the y-axis.

Activity: Graphing Linear Equations

Graph the following linear equations:

- x - 2y = 4
- 3x + 2y = 12

Real-World Applications

Linear equations have numerous real-world applications in fields such as physics, engineering, economics, and computer science. In this section, we will explore some of the ways in which linear equations are used to model and analyze real-world phenomena.

Case Study: Linear Equations in Physics

A car is traveling at a constant speed of 60 km/h. If the car travels for 2 hours, how far will it have traveled?

We can model this situation using the linear equation d = rt, where d is the distance traveled, r is the rate of travel (speed), and t is the time traveled.

Activity: Real-World Applications

Solve the following real-world problems using linear equations:

- A company is producing a new product, and the production cost is $10 per unit. If the company produces 1000 units, what is the total production cost?
- A person is saving money for a down payment on a house. If they save $500 per month, how much will they have saved after 6 months?

Conclusion

In this document, we have explored the world of linear equations, from the basics of solving simple equations to the more advanced concepts of graphing and real-world applications. We have seen how linear equations can be used to model and analyze a wide range of phenomena, from simple problems to complex systems.

Reflection

Take a few minutes to reflect on what you have learned in this document. What were some of the key concepts that you learned? How can you apply these concepts to your everyday life or future studies?

Assessment

Now that you have completed this document, it's time to assess your understanding of linear equations. Please complete the following assessment questions to the best of your ability.

Assessment Questions

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- 2x + 5 = 11
- x - 3 = 7
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Extension

If you're looking for a challenge, try completing the following extension questions. These questions will test your understanding of linear equations and your ability to apply them to complex problems.

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