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Section 2: Short Answer Questions

Show your work and explain your answers.

1. Simplify the expression 2x + 3 - x - 2.

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3. Graph the equation y = 2x - 1 on a coordinate plane.

4. Write an equation to represent the statement "5 more than 3 times a number is 20".

Section 3: Essay Question

Choose one of the following essay prompts and write a clear and concise response.

1. Explain the difference between a variable and a constant in an algebraic expression. Provide examples to support your answer.
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Additional Activities

Choose one or more of the following activities to complete.

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Essay Question

(see rubric for grading criteria)

Rubric for Essay Question

Use the following rubric to evaluate your essay response.

Content (4 points)

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Organization and Coherence (1 point)

- Introduction, body, and conclusion are well-organized and logical
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- Writing is free of grammatical and spelling errors
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Differentiation Options

Use the following options to differentiate instruction for students.

For students with learning difficulties

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For English language learners

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For gifted and talented students

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Conclusion

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Advanced Concepts

In this section, we will explore advanced concepts in algebra, including systems of equations, quadratic equations, and functions. These concepts are crucial for students to understand as they progress in their mathematical journey.

Example: Systems of Equations

Solve the system of equations: $2x + 3y = 7$ and $x - 2y = -3$. Use the method of substitution or elimination to find the values of x and y.

Case Study: Quadratic Equations

A ball is thrown upwards from the ground with an initial velocity of 20 m/s. The height of the ball above the ground is given by the equation $h(t) = -4.9t^2 + 20t$, where t is the time in seconds. Find the maximum height reached by the ball and the time it takes to reach the ground.

Functions

Functions are relations between a set of inputs, called the domain, and a set of possible outputs, called the range. In this section, we will explore different types of functions, including linear, quadratic, and exponential functions.

Example: Linear Functions

Find the equation of the line that passes through the points (2,3) and (4,5). Use the slope-intercept form of a linear equation, $y = mx + b$, where m is the slope and b is the y-intercept.

Group Activity: Function Graphing

Graph the following functions on the same coordinate plane: $f(x) = x^2$, $g(x) = 2x$, and $h(x) = x - 1$. Identify the x- and y-intercepts, and the vertex of each function.

Data Analysis

Data analysis is an essential skill in mathematics, as it allows us to interpret and make sense of data. In this section, we will explore different types of data, including numerical and categorical data, and learn how to analyze and interpret data using statistical methods.

Example: Numerical Data

A survey of 20 students found that the average height was 165 cm with a standard deviation of 5 cm. Find the z-scores for a student who is 170 cm tall and another who is 160 cm tall. Interpret the results.

Case Study: Categorical Data

A company produces two types of products, A and B. The production costs for each product are as follows: Product A costs $10 to produce and sells for $15, while Product B costs $8 to produce and sells for $12. Determine which product is more profitable and why.

Mathematical Modeling

Mathematical modeling is the process of using mathematical concepts and techniques to analyze and solve real-world problems. In this section, we will explore different types of mathematical models, including linear and nonlinear models, and learn how to apply them to solve problems in physics, engineering, and economics.

Example: Linear Modeling

A car rental company charges a base fee of $20 plus an additional $0.25 per mile driven. If a customer drives 100 miles, how much will they be charged in total? Use a linear model to find the solution.

Group Activity: Nonlinear Modeling

A population of bacteria grows according to the equation P(t) = 2000 / (1 + 1999e^(-0.5t)), where P is the population size and t is time in hours. Find the population size after 2 hours and the time it takes for the population to reach 1000 bacteria.

Review and Assessment

In this final section, we will review the key concepts and techniques learned throughout the course. Students will have the opportunity to assess their understanding and apply their knowledge to solve problems and complete projects.

Example: Review Questions

Solve the following review questions: 1) Find the equation of the line that passes through the points (1,2) and (3,4). 2) Graph the function f(x) = x^2 - 2x - 3. 3) Find the z-score for a student who scores 80 on a test with a mean of 70 and a standard deviation of 10.

Case Study: Final Project

Choose a real-world problem or scenario and apply mathematical concepts and techniques to analyze and solve it. Write a report detailing your approach, methods, and results. Present your findings to the class.

Conclusion

Congratulations on completing the algebra course! You have learned a wide range of mathematical concepts and techniques, from basic operations and equations to advanced topics like functions and data analysis. Remember to practice and apply your knowledge to real-world problems to become a proficient mathematician.

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