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## Question: 1

"I did receive your message yesterday. and I will send you a reply by tomorrow What kind of sentence is this?

- A. Simple
- B. Complex
- C. Compound
- D. Compound-complex

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

This is a compound sentence, i.e. it has two independent clauses joined by a coordinating conjunction ("and"). (They could also be joined by a semicolon instead of a conjunction.) Either one of these clauses by itself (and without "and") would be a simple sentence (a). A complex (b) sentence has at least one independent clause and at least one dependent clause. A compound-complex sentence (d) has at least two independent clauses and at least one dependent clause.

## Question: 2

saw him last week when we both attended the meeting. but we did not speak. Which of the following identifies the structure of this sentence?

- A. It is a compound complex sentence.
- B. It is a compound sentence.
- C. It's a complex sentence.
- D. It is a simple sentence.

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

This is a compound-complex sentence. The two independent clauses are "I saw him last week" and "we did not speak" The dependent clause is "when we both attended the meeting." The coordinating conjunction connecting the two independent clauses is "but." It is not a compound sentence (b) because it has a dependent clause. It is not a complex (c) sentence because it has two independent clauses rather than one.

## Question: 3

Go look upstairs in the laundry hamper inside the cabinet under the shelf in the larger of the two bathrooms for those pants and that shirt: What structure does this sentence

have?

- A. Compound-complex
- B. Compound
- C. Complex
- D. Simple

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

Simple sentences are not necessarily short/few in words; this is an example. The subject is called "you understood" (i.e. the sentence is addressing "you" as the subject without actually naming "you," but this is understood by the reader). The verb is "Go look," a serial verb. All modifiers are prepositional phrases, not clauses. The sentence has no dependent clause to make it complex (c) and only one independent clause, not two as in compound (b) sentences. Compound-complex (a) sentences have two or more independent clauses and one or more dependent clauses.

### Question: 4

I saw them at the beach. They were playing volleyball." Which choice converts these two sentences into one compound sentence?

- A. I saw them At the beach playing volleyball.
- B. I saw them at the beach: they were playing volleyball.
- C. I saw them at the beach, while they were play mg volleyball.
- D. I saw them at the beach, where they were playing volleyball.

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

A compound sentence has two independent clauses joined by a semicolon, as they are here, or a coordinating conjunction. Choice (a) is not a compound sentence but a simple sentence; the gerund phrase (verb phrase) "playing volleyball" modifies the object pronoun "them." Choice (c) is a complex sentence: "while they were playing volleyball" is a dependent/subordinate clause. Choice (d) is also a complex sentence, with the dependent clause "where they were playing volleyball."

### Question: 5

I want to go to the movie \_\_\_\_\_. What choice will complete this to have compound- complex sentence structure?

- A. but my mother wants me tc finish my homework first.
- B. but my mother will not let me until I my homework.
- C. which would be a lot more fun than doing the homework.
- D. instead of staying here and having to do all this homework.

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

Adding (a) to the independent clause in the question creates a compound sentence, i.e. one with two independent clauses but no dependent clause. A compound-complex structure is created by (b), which adds not only another independent clause (but my mother will not let me) but also a dependent clause (until I finish my homework). A complex sentence is produced by (c), which adds a dependent clause without another independent clause. Adding (d) makes it a simple sentence, with "to go" modified by a prepositional phrase with two verb phrases.

### Question: 6

**Elena counted the number of birds that came to her bird bath one afternoon. While she watched, 20 sparrows, 16 finches, 4 wrens, and 10 jays came to the bird bath. Which ratio, in simplest form, compares the number of finches that Elena counted to the number of sparrows?**

- a. 4 : 5
- b. 4 : 9
- c. 16 : 20
- d. 20 : 36

**Answer: A**

Explanation:

The ratio asked for is the number of finches compared to the number of sparrows. This compares 16 to 20, but the ratio can be written in simpler form by dividing both numbers in the ratio by 4, to get the ratio of 4 to 5. It is important to notice the order of the ratio. Since the number of finches is written before the number of sparrows, the ratio must be 16 to 20 and not 20 to 16. Also, note that the number of wrens or jays does not matter here.

### Question: 7

One cold afternoon at a small café, 20 people drank hot tea, 45 drank coffee, and 15 drank hot chocolate. Which ratio compares the number of people who drank coffee to the number who drank tea?

- A. 4 to 13
- B. 4 to 9
- C. 9 to 4
- D. 3 to 1

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

The ratio compares the number of coffee drinkers to the number of tea drinkers, in that order, so the ratio is 45 to 20. Note that the ratio of 20 to 45 would be incorrect. The ratio of 45 to 20 can then be written in simpler terms by dividing both terms by 5 to get 9 to 4. Notice that the

number of hot chocolate drinkers is not important in this problem.

### Question: 8

A lake near Armando's home is reported to be 80% full of water. Which fraction is equivalent to 80% and in simplest form?

- a.  $\frac{1}{80}$
- b.  $\frac{8}{10}$
- c.  $\frac{4}{5}$
- d.  $\frac{80}{1}$

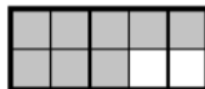
**Answer: C**

Explanation:

.. The 80% means 80 out of 100, which can be written as  $\frac{80}{100}$ . This fraction can be written in lowest terms by dividing both the numerator and denominator by the greatest common factor of 20, to get the fraction,  $\frac{4}{5}$ .

### Question: 9

The rectangle in this drawing is divided into equal-sized parts, with some of them shaded a darker color.



What percent best represents the part of the rectangle that is shaded a darker color?

- a. 8%
- b. 20%
- c. 53%
- d. 80%

**Answer: D**

Explanation:

The number of shaded parts is 8 and the total number of parts is 10. This can be written as the ratio:  $\frac{8}{10}$ . Since percent is always a ratio with a denominator of 100, multiply both terms of the ratio by 10 to get the ratio:  $\frac{80}{100}$ , which can be written as 80%.

### Question: 10

Annette read that out of 20 televisions sold in her state last year, 3 were Brand V. If a furniture store near her home sold 360 televisions last year, about how many should Annette expect to be Brand V?

- A. 18
- B. 54
- C. 1,080
- D. 2,400

**Answer: B**

Explanation:

One method that can be used to answer this question is to write and solve the proportion:  $\frac{3}{20} = \frac{V}{360}$ , where  $V$  stands for the number of Brand V televisions that were sold at the furniture store. To solve the proportion, we can cross multiply: 20 times  $V$  and 3 times 360, which gives the equation:  $20V = 1,080$ . We solve this equation by dividing both sides of the equation by 20 to get  $V = 54$ .

### Question: 11

**Curtis measured the temperature of water in a flask in Science class. The temperature of the water was 35°C. He carefully heated the flask so that the temperature of the water increased about 2°C every 3 minutes. Approximately how much had the temperature of the water increased after 20 minutes?**

- a. 10°C
- b. 13°C
- c. 15°C
- d. 35°C

**Answer:**

Explanation:

The water temperature increased by about 2°C every 3 minutes, or  $\frac{2}{3}$  of a degree every minute. Multiplying the increase in degrees per minute by the total number of minutes yields

$$\frac{2^\circ}{3 \text{ min}} \times 20 \text{ min} = \frac{40}{3}, \text{ or } 13.33^\circ$$

Since the problem asks for the increase in temperature and not the total temperature that results after the increases, 13 is the closest to our answer.

### Question: 12

Carlos helped in the library by putting new books on the shelves. Each shelf held between 21 and 24 books. Each bookcase had 5 shelves and Carlos filled 2 of the bookcases. Which number is nearest to the number of books Carlos put on the shelves?

- A. 100
- B. 195
- C. 215

D. 240

**Answer: C**

Explanation:

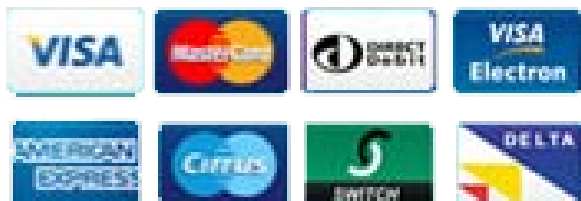
First, since there are 5 shelves on each of the 2 bookcases, we multiply 5 by 2 to get 10 shelves total. Then, we find the minimum and maximum number of books that could have filled the shelves. Since 21 times 10 is 210 and 24 times 10 is 240, The number of books he shelved must be between 210 and 240. Answer D is 240, which would mean that every shelf was filled with the maximum number of books, which is not as likely.

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