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Session 1, Short-Answer Questions



11 Liam is playing a game with a deck of colored cards. The chart below shows the number of cards of each color in the deck.

Color of Cards	Number of Cards
Blue	2
Green	3
Red	5
Yellow	1
Orange	1

Liam's Cards

If Liam draws one card without looking, what is the probability he will draw a green card?

Reporting Category for Item 11: Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability

12 The approximate costs of running an automobile in 1994 are shown in the chart below.

Item	Amount
Gas and Oil	\$750
Other	\$2,250
Total Cost	\$3,000

Automobile Costs in 1994

What fraction would represent the ratio of the cost of gas and oil to the total cost of running a car in 1994? Write your fraction in simplest form.

Reporting Category for Item 12: Number Sense and Operations



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Session 1, Multiple-Choice Questions 🚺

14 Maria charges \$5.00 to mow a lawn, plus \$6.00 per hour. Maria uses the equation C = 5 + 6h to determine C, the amount of money she charges for mowing lawns. If h represents the number of hours it takes to mow a lawn, how much money will Maria charge if she mows a lawn for 3 hours?

- A. \$11.00
- B. \$14.00
- C. \$21.00
- D. \$23.00

Reporting Category for Item 14: Patterns, Relations, and Algebra





Based on the graph, what will be the approximate speed of the dropped object after 5 seconds?

- A. 5 meters per second
- B. 25 meters per second
- C. 50 meters per second
- D. 75 meters per second

Reporting Category for Item 15: Patterns, Relations, and Algebra

Mathematics, Grade 6 16 The table shows the temperature on four winter mornings in the Berkshire Mountains. Winter Temperatures in the Berkshire Mountains **Temperature at** Date 6:00 A.M. -9°C Thursday Friday −10°C Saturday −18°C Sunday −12°C Which day had the warmest morning? A. Thursday B. Friday

- C. Saturday
- D. Sunday

Reporting Category for Item 16: Number Sense and Operations

Session 1, Open-Response Question (



17 A group of students measured their heights for a class project. The results are shown in the table below.

Student	Height in Centimeters
Victor	132
Tim	142
Jackie	147
Jani	141
Bill	153
Ellen	147
Maureen	135

Students' Heights

- a. What is the mode of the students' heights?
- b. Copy the stem-and-leaf plot below into your Student Answer Booklet. Correctly complete the stem-and-leaf plot by entering the remaining heights. Victor's height is already shown.

Heights	(in	centimeters)
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15	
14	
13	2

- c. What is the median height of the students? Show or explain your work.
- d. Later, two more students joined the group; their heights were added to the table. This did **not** change the median height of all nine students. What must have been correct about the heights of these two students? Show or explain your work.

Reporting Category for Item 17: Data Analysis, Statistics, and Probability

Session 2, Multiple-Choice Questions



18 Lily designed the kite below for an experiment.



Which of the following correctly describes the shape of Lily's kite?

- A. triangle
- B. rectangle
- C. parallelogram
- D. quadrilateral

Reporting Category for Item 18: Geometry

Use the table below to answer question 19.

x	у
5	25
10	50
12	?
17	85

(19) According to the pattern shown, what is the value of y when x is 12?

- A. 55
- B. 60
- C. 75
- D. 100

Reporting Category for Item 19: Patterns, Relations, and Algebra















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Session 2, Open-Response Question (



31 A booth at the State Fair is offering pony rides for children. The table below shows the relationship between the number of rides a child takes and the cost of the rides.

Number	Cost
1	\$2.00
2	\$2.50
3	\$3.00
4	\$3.50
5	?
10	?

Pony Rides

- a. If the pattern continues in the same way, what is the cost for 5 rides and the cost for 10 rides?
- b. Francie had \$5.50 to spend. What is the **greatest** number of rides she could take? Explain how you found your answer.
- c. Write an expression using n to show the cost of n rides.

Reporting Category for Item 31: Patterns, Relations, and Algebra

Session 2, Multiple-Choice Questions



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The chart below lists the times it took four students to run the 50-yard dash.

Student	Time
Pete	14.4 seconds
Sam	14.05 seconds
John	14.37 seconds
Carlos	13.9 seconds

Which shows the students in order from fastest to slowest?

- A. Pete, Sam, Carlos, John
- B. Carlos, John, Sam, Pete
- C. Pete, Carlos, Sam, John
- D. Carlos, Sam, John, Pete

Reporting Category for Item 32: Number Sense and Operations





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