

Reading Mathematical Expressions & Arithmetic Operations

Expression	Reads	Note
$x \in A$	x belongs to A , x is in A	
$A \subset B$	A is a subset of B	
\emptyset	The empty set	
$A \cup B$	A union B	
$A \cap B$	A intersection B	
A'	The complement of A	
$a + b = c$	a plus b is c	Addition; c is the sum
$a - b = c$	a minus b equals c	Subtraction; c is the difference
$a \cdot b = c$	a times b is equal to c	Multiplication; c is the product
$a \div b = c$	a divided by b equals c	Division; c is the quotient
$\frac{a}{b}$, $\frac{a}{b}$	a over b	Fraction a : numerator b : denominator
$\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{3}$, $\frac{1}{4}$	one half, one third, one fourth	(Reciprocals of 2, 3 and 4)
$\frac{5}{2}$, $\frac{2}{3}$, $\frac{7}{10}$	five halves, two thirds , seven tenths	
a^b	a to the b , a to the b^{th} power	a : base, b : exponent
a^2, a^3, a^{-1}	a squared, a cubed, a inverse	
$\sqrt[n]{a}$	n^{th} root of a	n^{th} radical, a - radicand,
$\sqrt{a}, \sqrt[3]{a}$	Square root of a , cube root of a	n - index
$a < b$	a is less than b	Inequalities
$a \leq b$	a is less than or equal to b	
$a > b$	a is greater than b	
$a \geq b$	a is greater than or equal to b	

Question 1: Given: $x = \frac{1}{9}$, $y = -5$ and $w = -\frac{5}{7}$. Find:

$\frac{x}{y} = -\frac{1}{45}$	$2x^2 = \frac{2}{81}$	$(2x)^2 = \frac{4}{81}$
$x - y = \frac{46}{9}$	$x + y = -\frac{44}{9}$	$\frac{y}{x} = -45$
$y + \frac{x}{w} = -\frac{232}{45}$	$w - x \cdot y = -\frac{10}{63}$	$\frac{2x - 2}{2w} = \frac{56}{45}$
$\frac{2x - 3y}{2w} = -\frac{959}{90}$	$2w - 3(y - 2x) = \frac{299}{21}$	$7\frac{1}{5} - 4\frac{1}{8} \div 1\frac{1}{4} = \frac{39}{10}$

Question 2: Find:

(a): $1.32 + 0.132 = 1.452$	(e): $26.06 \div 25 = 1.0424$
(b): $1.05 - 100.3 = -99.25$	(f): $1.5 \div 0.15 = 10$
(c): $(0.2)^2 - (0.07)^2 = 0.0351$	(g): $12 \div 1.44 = \frac{25}{3}$
(d): $3 - (0.12)^2 = 2.9856$	(e): $\frac{1.2 \times 1.04}{0.06} = 20.8$

Question 3: Answer the following:

1. Which is larger π or $\frac{22}{7}$? Why? ($\pi \approx 3.14159$)

Answer: $\frac{22}{7}$ because $\frac{22}{7} = 3.\overline{142857}$

2. Which is smaller $\frac{8}{11}$ or $\frac{7}{9}$? Why?

Answer: $\frac{8}{11}$ because $\frac{8}{11} = \frac{8(9)}{11(9)} = \frac{72}{99}$ and $\frac{7}{9} = \frac{7(11)}{9(11)} = \frac{77}{99}$

3. Calculate and give the remainder of $2606 \div 25$.

Answer: $2606 \div 25 = 104.24$ remainder: 0

4. Express $\frac{115}{40}$ and $\frac{147}{28}$ as a decimal numbers.

Answer: $\frac{115}{40} = 2.875$ and $\frac{147}{28} = 5.25$

5. Express 0.62 as a fraction in its lowest terms.

Answer: $0.62 = \frac{31}{50}$ because $0.62 = \frac{0.62}{1} = \frac{62}{100} = \frac{2(31)}{2(50)} = \frac{31}{50}$

6. Find reciprocal of the mixed number $-2\frac{3}{5}$

Answer: $-\frac{5}{13}$ because $-2\frac{3}{5} = -\left(2\frac{3}{5}\right) = -\left(2 + \frac{3}{5}\right) = -\frac{13}{5}$

7. Find **(a):** $\sqrt{1521}$ **(b):** $\sqrt{30.25}$ **(c):** $\sqrt{0.25 - 0.16}$

Answer: **(a):** 39 **(b):** 5.5 **(c):** 0.3