2002-2003 MATHCOUNTS School Handbook

STRETCHES

The Stretches, created to give Mathletes practice with specific subject areas, focus on the following areas:

Proportional Reasoning Rates, Ratios and Fractions

3-D Geometry Topics in Solid Geomtry

Counting Combinatorics Counting Techniques and Problems Involving Combinatorics

As part of the MATHCOUNTS coaching phase, the Stretches can be used to prepare Mathletes for more advanced problem-solving situations. They can be used prior to the Warm-Ups and Workouts to introduce mathematical topics, or they can be used to teach and reinforce concepts after Mathletes have attempted the Warm-Ups and Workouts. Finally, they can be used when preparing for competition to aid Mathletes with troublesome concepts.

Answers to the Stretches include one-letter codes, in parentheses, indicating appropriate problem-solving strategies. However, students should be encouraged to find alternative methods of solving the problems; their methods may be better than the one provided! The following strategies are used: C (Compute), F (Formula), M (Model/Diagram), T (Table/Chart/List), G (Guess & Check), S (Simpler Case), E (Eliminate) and P (Patterns).

MATHCOUNTS Symbols and Notation

Standard abbreviations have been used for units of measure. Complete words or symbols are also acceptable. Square units or cube units may be expressed as units² or units³.

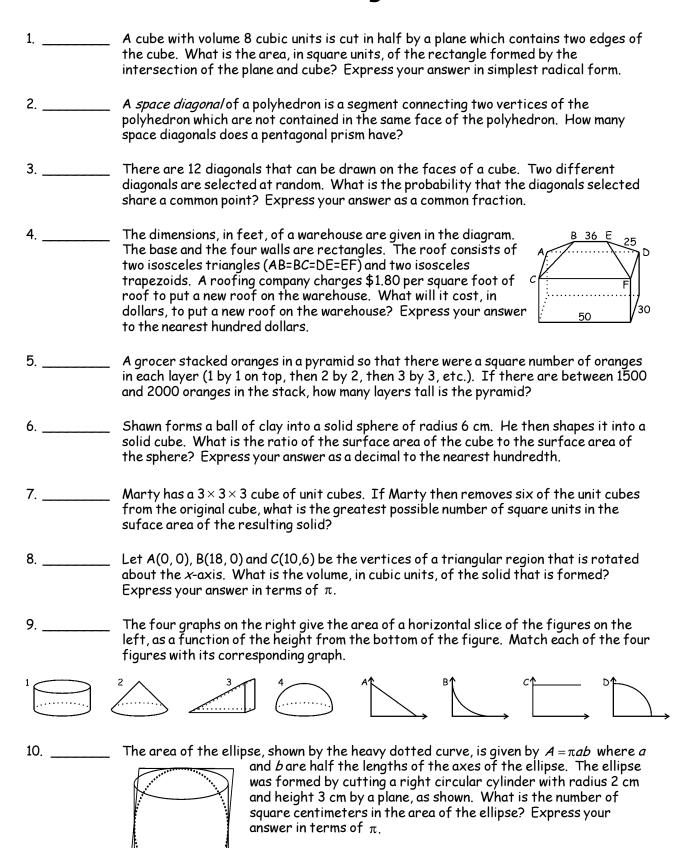
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Proportional Reasoning Stretch

1	A dozen cookies cost \$3.99. At the same cost per cookie, how many dollars should eight cookies cost? Express your answer to the nearest hundredth.
2	Marian traveled at an average rate of 65 miles per hour for 15 hours. Kristen travels at an average rate of 50 miles per hour. How many hours does it take Kristen to travel the same distance Marian traveled? Express your answer as a decimal to the nearest tenth.
3	A recipe requires three cups of flour and two eggs to make eight servings of a cake. How many cups of flour are needed to make 20 servings of the same cake? Express your answer as a decimal to the nearest tenth.
4	To receive an attendance bonus of 20 points in her history class, Phyllis must attend at least 95% of the 180 history classes during the school year. By the end of January, she has missed six classes. What is the maximum number of history classes she can miss the rest of the school year and still get the attendance bonus?
5	Thirty percent of a number is 8.4. What is 37.5% of the number, as a decimal to the nearest tenth?
6	A price is reduced by 10% and then increased by 10%. What percent of the original price is the new price?
7	— How many meters per second faster is 30 meters per second than 100 kilometers per hour? Express your answer as a decimal to the nearest tenth.
8	The ratio length:width:height of a box is 3:1:2. If the height of the box is 10 cm, how many square centimeters is the surface area of the box?
9	It takes four painters working at the same rate 1.25 work-days to finish a job. If only three painters are available, how many work-days will it take them to finish the job, working at the same rate? Express your answer as a mixed number.
10	A surveillance camera photographs a shoplifter in front of a 3.5-foot counter. In the photograph, the shoplifter appears 6 inches tall and the counter appears 4 inches high. How many inches tall is the shoplifter?

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3-D Geometry Stretch



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Counting/Combinatorics Stretch

1	Bob has stencils to paint the digits 2,5 and 8. How many distinct three-digit house numbers can he paint, using only the stencils?
2	At the end of a game, each of the five members of a basketball team shake hands with each of the five members of the other team, and all of the players shake hands with the two referees. How many handshakes occur?
3	Six points are drawn on a circle. How many distinct convex pentagons can be drawn using only these points as vertices?
4	A nursery employee wishes to plant six Golden Delicious apple trees and two Bartlett pear trees in one row. How many distinct arrangements are possible?
5	Each small square has sides of length 1 unit. How many distinct paths of length six units are there from A to B?
6	A state with ten million cars plans to issue license plates which consist of any four letters followed by an n -digit number. If the state wants to have enough distinct license plates for all of the cars, what is the minimum possible value for n ?
7	There are six tags numbered 1, 2, 2, 3, 3 and 4. Using these tags, how many distinct three-digit numbers can be formed such that two of the digits are the same?
8	A teacher has made ten statements for a True-False test. Four statements are true and six are false. How many distinct answer keys could there be for the test?
9	How many perfect square factors does the number 46,656 have?
10	There are eight boys and six girls who are members of the trumpet section in the band. From the members of the trumpet section, a quintet is being formed. If the quintet must consist of three boys and two girls, how many quintets are possible?

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Proportional Reasoning Stretch

Answers

1. 2.66 (C)

5. 10.5 (C)

550 8.

(F, C, M)

2. 19.5 (F, C)

6. 99

2.2

7.

(S, C)

 $1\frac{2}{3}$ 9.

(F, C)

3. 7.5 3

4.

(C) (C)

(C)

63 10.

(C, M)

3-D Geometry Stretch

Answers

 $4\sqrt{2}$ 1.

(M, F, C)

5. 17 (F, G, C, T)

8. 216π (M, F)

2. 10 (M)

6. 1.24 (F)

9. 1-C, 2-B, 3-A, 4-D(E)

<u>5</u> 3.

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4.

(M, P)

(C, F)

7. 78

(M, C, T, S)

10. 5π (F, C, M)

Counting/Combinatorics Stretch

Answers

1. 27 (C, T, F)

5. 20 (F, P, M)

210 8.

(F, C, M)

2. 45 3. 6

(F, C, T, M)

(M, S, P, F, C)

6. 2

18

7.

(C, T, F, G)(T, S, C, E) 9. 16

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10.

(S, C, E, T)(F, C, M)

4. 28

(P, F, C, M)