The following packet contains topics and definitions that you will be required to know in order to succeed in Algebra 1 this coming school year. You are advised to be familiar with each of the concepts and to complete the included problems by the start of the school year. All of these topics were discussed in your grade 8 mathematics course and will be used frequently throughout the year.
Section 1 – Order of Operations

The order of operations in mathematics is a set of rules to follow to determine which operation to do first when there are different operations within a single problem. The order to perform combined operations is called the PEMDAS rule. A common mnemonic for PEMDAS is Please Excuse My Dear Aunt Sally.

- Always work on the calculations within *parenthesis* first (if any)
- Next, calculate the *exponents*
- Then, carry out *multiplication or division*, working from *left to right*
- Lastly, do *addition and subtraction*, working from *left to right*

**Example 1**

Evaluate $16 - 8 ÷ 2^2 + 14$.

\[
16 - 8 ÷ 2^2 + 14 = 16 - 8 ÷ 4 + 14\\
= 16 - 2 + 14\\
= 14 + 14\\
= 28
\]

**Example 2**

Evaluate each expression.

a. $4 ÷ 2 + 5(10 - 6)$

\[
4 ÷ 2 + 5(10 - 6) = 4 ÷ 2 + 5(4)\\
= 2 + 5(4)\\
= 2 + 20\\
= 22
\]

b. $6[32 - (2 + 3)^2]$  

\[
6[32 - (2 + 3)^2] = 6[32 - (5)^2]\\
= 6[32 - 25]\\
= 6[7]\\
= 42
\]
## Section 1 – Exercises

Evaluate and simplify each expression.

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<td>2. $10 + 8^3 + 16$</td>
<td>3. $(12 - 6) \cdot 5^2$</td>
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<td>$3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3$</td>
<td>$10 + 8 \cdot 8 - 8 \div 16$</td>
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<td>$9 \cdot 9 \cdot 1$</td>
<td>$10 + 512 \div 16$</td>
<td>$6 \cdot 25$</td>
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<td>$10 + 32$</td>
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<td>4. $18 + 9 + 2 \cdot 6$</td>
<td>5. $3[10 - (27 + 9)]$</td>
<td>6. $4[(6^3 - 9) + 23]$</td>
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<td>$2 + 2 \cdot 6$</td>
<td>$3[10 - 3]$</td>
<td>$4\left[\frac{216 - 9}{23}\right]$</td>
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<td>$2 + 12$</td>
<td>$3[7]$</td>
<td>$4\left[\frac{207}{23}\right]$</td>
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<td>8. $3\left[4 - 8 + 4^2(2 + 5)\right]$</td>
<td>9. $25 + \left[\frac{(16 - 3 \cdot 5) + 12 + 3}{5}\right]$</td>
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<td>$\frac{8 + 27}{12 - 7}$</td>
<td>$3\left[4 - 8 + 16(2 + 5)\right]$</td>
<td>$25 + \left[\frac{(16 - 15) + 12 + 3}{5}\right]$</td>
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<td>$3\left[4 - 8 + 112\right]$</td>
<td>$25 + \left[1 + 3\right]$</td>
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To multiply fractions, multiply the numerators and multiply the denominators. If the numerators and denominators have common factors, you can simplify before you multiply by cross canceling.

**Example 2**

Find each product.

a. \( \frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \)

\[
\frac{2}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2 \cdot 1}{5 \cdot 3} = \frac{2}{15}
\]

b. \( \frac{3}{5} \cdot 1\frac{1}{2} \)

\[
\frac{3}{5} \cdot 1\frac{1}{2} = \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{3}{2} = \frac{3 \cdot 3}{5 \cdot 2} = \frac{9}{10}
\]

c. \( \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{9} \)

\[
\frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{9} = \frac{1 \cdot 2}{4 \cdot 9} = \frac{1}{2 \cdot 9} = \frac{1}{18}
\]

**Section 2 – Exercises**

Find each product. Write your answer in simplest form. (Leave as an improper fraction.)

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<td>13. ( \frac{3}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{6} ) &amp; 14. ( \frac{11}{3} \cdot \frac{9}{44} ) &amp; 15. ( \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} )</td>
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<td>( = \frac{1}{2} ) &amp; ( = \frac{3}{4} ) &amp; ( = \frac{21}{4} )</td>
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<td>16. ( -\frac{2}{7} \cdot \frac{4}{3} ) &amp; 17. ( -\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{7}{2} ) &amp; 18. ( \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{3}{6} )</td>
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To divide one fraction by another, you multiply the first fraction by the reciprocal of the second fraction.

**Example 3**

Find each quotient.

a. \( \frac{1}{3} \div \frac{1}{2} \)
   \[
   \frac{1}{3} \div \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{1} = \frac{2}{3}
   \]

b. \( \frac{3}{8} \div \frac{2}{3} \)
   \[
   \frac{3}{8} \div \frac{2}{3} = \frac{3}{8} \times \frac{3}{2} = \frac{9}{16}
   \]

c. \( \frac{3}{4} \div \frac{2}{5} \)
   \[
   \frac{3}{4} \div \frac{2}{5} = \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{5}{2} = \frac{15}{8}
   \]
   or \( \frac{3}{10} \)

d. \( \frac{1}{5} \div \left( \frac{3}{10} \right) \)
   \[
   \frac{1}{5} \div \left( \frac{3}{10} \right) = -\frac{1}{5} \times \left( -\frac{10}{3} \right) = \frac{10}{15} = \frac{2}{3}
   \]

**Section 2 – Exercises**

Find each quotient. Write your answer in simplest form. (Leave as an improper fraction.)

19. \( \frac{3}{25} + \frac{2}{15} \)
   \[
   \frac{3}{25} \times \frac{15}{2} = \frac{9}{10}
   \]

20. \( \frac{2}{4} + \frac{1}{2} \)
   \[
   \frac{4}{1} \times \frac{2}{1} = \frac{9}{2}
   \]

21. \( -\frac{9}{10} + 3 \rightarrow -\frac{9}{10} + \frac{3}{1} \)
   \[
   -\frac{3}{10} \]
Section 3 – Real Number Comparison

An inequality is a mathematical sentence that compares the value of two expressions using an inequality symbol.

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<td>Less than</td>
<td>4 &lt; 9</td>
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<td>≤</td>
<td>Less than or equal to</td>
<td>−3 ≤ 2</td>
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<td>&gt;</td>
<td>Greater than</td>
<td>−4 &gt; −7</td>
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<td>≥</td>
<td>Greater than or equal to</td>
<td>5 ≥ 5</td>
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<td>≠</td>
<td>Not equal to</td>
<td>7 ≠ 11</td>
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Example 1

Which one is greater, \( \frac{4}{9} \) or \( \frac{5}{12} \)?

Rewrite each fraction using the LCD.

\[
\frac{4}{9} = \frac{16}{36} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{5}{12} = \frac{15}{36}
\]

\[
\frac{16}{36} > \frac{15}{36} \quad \text{So} \quad \frac{4}{9} > \frac{5}{12}
\]

Section 3 – Exercises

Use \(<, =, \text{or } >\) to compare the numbers.

22. \( -12 \) \( \quad \) \( > \) \( -15 \)
23. \( 0.63 \) \( \quad \) \( > \) \( 0.6 \)
24. \( 0.88 \) \( \quad \) \( < \) \( \frac{8}{9} \)
25. \( \frac{2}{3} \) \( \quad \) \( > \) \( \frac{1}{6} \)
26. \( \frac{3}{4} \) \( \quad \) \( \equiv \) \( \frac{12}{16} \)
27. \( -2 \frac{5}{8} \) \( \quad \) \( \equiv \) \( -2 \frac{1}{2} \)
Section 4 – Variables & Verbal Expressions

Translating in mathematics usually involves changing a verbal phrase into a mathematical phrase. The following are common phrases used in mathematics.

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<td>sum, increased, added to, more than, plus, totals, combined, perimeter</td>
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<td>difference, minus, less than, used, remain, subtracted from, decreased by</td>
<td>−</td>
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<td>product, of, times, area, doubles, multiplied by</td>
<td>⋅</td>
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<tr>
<td>quotient, division, average, half, divided by, per</td>
<td>÷</td>
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<td>is, is the same as, equal, was, were, has, costs, becomes</td>
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Section 4 – Exercises

Write an algebraic expression for each phrase.

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<td>28. 7 increased by (x)</td>
<td>29. the difference of 8 and (n)</td>
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<td>(7 + x)</td>
<td>(8 - n)</td>
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<td>30. the product of 2 and (t)</td>
<td>31. 10 decreased by (m)</td>
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<td>(2t)</td>
<td>(10 - m)</td>
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<tr>
<td>32. 32 divided by (d)</td>
<td>33. 12 less than (p)</td>
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<td>(\frac{32}{d})</td>
<td>(\frac{p}{12})</td>
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<td>34. the sum of 7 and (h)</td>
<td>35. 9 plus the quotient of (y) and 15</td>
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<td>(7 + h)</td>
<td>(9 + \frac{y}{15})</td>
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Section 5 – Evaluating Algebraic Expressions

A variable is a letter that represents an unspecified number. To evaluate an algebraic expression, replace the variables with their values. Then find the value of the numerical expression using the order of operations.

Example 1

Evaluate \(3x^2 + (2y + z^3)\) if \(x = 4, y = 5, z = 3\).

\[
3x^2 + (2y + z^3) \\
= 3(4)^2 + (2 - 5 + 3^3) \\
= 3(4)^2 + (2 - 5 + 27) \\
= 3(4)^2 + (10 + 27) \\
= 3(4)^2 + (37) \\
= 3(16) + 37 \\
= 48 + 37 \\
= 85
\]

Section 5 – Exercises

Evaluate each expression.

36. \(xy\) for \(x = 3, y = 16\)

\[
\frac{x}{y} \quad \left(\frac{3}{16}\right) = 48
\]

37. \(n + 2\) for \(n = -7\)

\[
\frac{n}{-7} + 2 = -5
\]

38. \(10 - r + 5\) for \(r = 23\)

\[
\begin{align*}
10 - (23) + 5 \\
= 10 - 23 + 5 \\
= -13 + 5 \\
= -8
\end{align*}
\]

39. \(t + u \div 6\) for \(t = 12, u = 18\)

\[
\begin{align*}
t + \frac{u}{6} \\
= 12 + \frac{18}{6} \\
= 12 + 3 \\
= 15
\end{align*}
\]

40. \(4p - 26\) for \(p = 10\)

\[
\begin{align*}
4p - 26 \\
= 4(10) - 26 \\
= 40 - 26 \\
= 14
\end{align*}
\]

41. \(m^2 - 7\) for \(m = 11\)

\[
\begin{align*}
m^2 - 7 \\
= (11)^2 - 7 \\
= 121 - 7 \\
= 114
\end{align*}
\]

42. \(3ab - c\) for \(a = -4, b = 2, c = 5\)

\[
\begin{align*}
3ab - c \\
= 3(-4)(2) - (5) \\
= -24 - 5 \\
= -29
\end{align*}
\]

43. \(\frac{ab}{2} - 4c\) for \(a = 6, b = 5, c = 3\)

\[
\begin{align*}
\frac{ab}{2} - 4c \\
= \frac{6(5)}{2} - 4(3) \\
= \frac{30}{2} - 12 \\
= 15 - 12 = 3
\end{align*}
\]
Section 6 – Solving One-Step Equations

In an equation, the variable represents the number that satisfies the equation. To solve an equation means to find the value of the variable that makes the equation true. You will only need to perform one step in order to solve a one-step equation.

The strategy for getting the variable by itself involves using opposite operations. The most important thing to remember in solving a linear equation is that whatever you do to one side of the equation, you MUST do to the other side.

Example 1

$\begin{align*}
-2 &= k - 14 \\
-2 + 14 &= k - 14 + 14 \\
12 &= k \quad \text{or} \quad k = 12
\end{align*}$

Solve

Since 14 is subtracted from $k$, you must add 14 to each side of the equation

Example 2

$\begin{align*}
\frac{x}{-7} &= 15 \\
(-7)\frac{x}{-7} &= 15(-7) \\
x &= -105
\end{align*}$

Solve

Since $x$ is divided by $-7$, you must multiply both sides by $-7$

Example 3

$\begin{align*}
\frac{3}{4}u &= -24 \\
\left(\frac{4}{3}\right)\frac{3}{4}u &= -24\left(\frac{4}{3}\right) \\
u &= -32
\end{align*}$

Solve

Multiply both sides by the reciprocal of $\frac{3}{4}$ and cancel any common factors

Answer
### Section 6 – Exercises

Solve each equation.

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<td>$37 = x - 72$</td>
<td>$x = 109$</td>
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<td>45.</td>
<td>$5p = 325$</td>
<td>$p = 65$</td>
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<td>46.</td>
<td>$d + 1.5 = 3.7$</td>
<td>$d = 2.2$</td>
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<td>47.</td>
<td>$102 + t = 36$</td>
<td>$t = -66$</td>
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<td>48.</td>
<td>$\frac{2}{3} y = 8$</td>
<td>$y = 12$</td>
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<td>49.</td>
<td>$\frac{h}{7} = -12$</td>
<td>$h = -84$</td>
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<td>50.</td>
<td>$\frac{3}{5} g = -6$</td>
<td>$g = -10$</td>
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<td>51.</td>
<td>$\frac{1}{4} m = \frac{5}{8}$</td>
<td>$m = \frac{5}{2}$</td>
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Section 7 – Measures of Central Tendency

In working with statistical data, it is often useful to determine a single quantity that best describes a set of data. The best quantity to choose is usually one of the most popular measures of central tendency: mean, median, mode, or range.

**Mean**

The mean is the sum of the data items in a set divided by the number of data items in the set.

**Median**

The median is the middle value in a set of data when the numbers are arranged in numerical order. If the set has an even number of data items, the median is the mean of the two middle data values.

**Mode**

The mode is the data item that occurs most often in a set of data.

**Range**

The range is the difference between the greatest and least values in a set of data.

**Example 1**

Set of data: 34, 46, 31, 40, 33, 40, 35

In order: 31, 33, 34, 35, 40, 40, 46

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<th>(\frac{31 + 33 + 34 + 35 + 40 + 40 + 46}{7})</th>
<th>Answer: 37</th>
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<td>Median</td>
<td>35 is the middle number when written in numerical order</td>
<td>Answer: 35</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>40 is the only number that occurs more than once</td>
<td>Answer: 40</td>
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<td>Range</td>
<td>46 – 31</td>
<td>Answer: 15</td>
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**Example 2**

Set of data: 41, 28, 37, 56, 34, 61

In order: 28, 34, 37, 41, 56, 61

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<th>(\frac{28 + 34 + 37 + 41 + 56 + 61}{6})</th>
<th>Answer: 42.83</th>
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<td>Median</td>
<td>(\frac{37 + 41}{2}) (There are an even number of numbers in the data set)</td>
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<tr>
<td>Mode</td>
<td>No number repeats more than once</td>
<td>Answer: None</td>
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<tr>
<td>Range</td>
<td>61 – 28</td>
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## Section 7 – Exercises

Find the mean, median, mode, and range of each set of data.

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<td>52</td>
<td>Daily sales from a store: $834, $1099, $775, $900, $970</td>
<td>[\frac{834 + 1099 + 775 + 900 + 970}{5}]</td>
<td>915.6</td>
<td>no mode</td>
<td>1099 - 834 = 265</td>
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<td>53</td>
<td>Goals scored in a soccer game: 3, 2, 0, 11, 7, 6, 4, 10</td>
<td>[\frac{3 + 2 + 0 + 11 + 7 + 6 + 4 + 10}{8}]</td>
<td>5.375</td>
<td>no mode</td>
<td>11 - 0 = 11</td>
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<td>54</td>
<td>Number of days above 50°F in last 5 months: 6, 8, 15, 22, 8</td>
<td>[\frac{6 + 8 + 15 + 22 + 8}{5}]</td>
<td>11.8</td>
<td>12</td>
<td>22 - 6 = 16</td>
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<tr>
<td>55</td>
<td>Height of players on a basketball team: 72, 74, 70, 77, 76, 72</td>
<td>[\frac{72 + 74 + 70 + 77 + 76 + 72}{6}]</td>
<td>73.5</td>
<td>72</td>
<td>76 - 70 = 6</td>
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Mean = 5.375
Median = 6
Mode = no mode
Range = 11

Mean = 11.8
Median = 8
Mode = 8
Range = 16
Section 8 – Plotting on the Coordinate Plane

You can graph points on a coordinate plane. Use an ordered pair \((x, y)\) to record the coordinates. The first number in the pair is the \(x\)-coordinate. The second number is the \(y\)-coordinate. To graph a point, start at the origin \((0, 0)\). Move \textit{horizontally} according to the value of \(x\). Then move \textit{vertically} according to the value of \(y\).

Section 8 – Exercises

List the ordered pair for each letter, then identify the quadrant or axes the point lies in.

| 56. C  | \((-5, 0)\) | no quadrant, \(x\)-axis |
| 57. A  | \((-7, 4)\) | quadrant I |
| 58. M  | \((2, -2)\) | quadrant IV |
| 59. P  | \((-2, 7)\) | quadrant II |
| 60. F  | \((4, 3)\) | quadrant I |
| 61. I  | \((0, 5)\) | no quadrant, \(y\)-axis |
| 62. R  | \((-5, -9)\) | quadrant III |
| 63. E  | \((5, -3)\) | quadrant IV |

Plot & label the following ordered pairs.

| 64. F = | \((-8, 6)\) |
| 65. R = | \((6, -1)\) |
| 66. I = | \((-5, -7)\) |
| 67. E = | \((4, 9)\) |
| 68. N = | \((2, -3)\) |
| 69. D = | \((-4, 0)\) |
| 70. S = | \((0, 7)\) |