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- 1 Which expression has the smallest value?
  - 1)  $-\pi$ 2)  $-\sqrt{10}$
  - $\frac{2}{16}$
  - 3)  $-\frac{16}{5}$

- 2 Which number has the greatest value?
  - 1)  $1\frac{2}{3}$ 2)  $\sqrt{2}$ 3)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

- 3 In which list are the numbers in order from least to greatest?
  - 1) 3.2,  $\pi$ ,  $3\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\sqrt{3}$ 2)  $\sqrt{3}$ , 3.2,  $\pi$ ,  $3\frac{1}{3}$ 3)  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\pi$ , 3.2,  $3\frac{1}{3}$ 4) 3.2,  $3\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\pi$
- 4 Which numbers are arranged from smallest to largest?

1) 
$$3.14, \frac{22}{7}, \pi, \sqrt{9.1}$$
  
2)  $\sqrt{9.1}, \pi, 3.14, \frac{22}{7}$   
3)  $\sqrt{9.1}, 3.14, \frac{22}{7}, \pi$   
4)  $\sqrt{9.1}, 3.14, \pi, \frac{22}{7}$ 

- 5 Which list is in order from smallest value to largest value?
  - 1)  $\sqrt{10}, \frac{22}{7}, \pi, 3.1$ 2)  $3.1, \frac{22}{7}, \pi, \sqrt{10}$ 3)  $\pi, \frac{22}{7}, 3.1, \sqrt{10}$ 4)  $3.1, \pi, \frac{22}{7}, \sqrt{10}$

- 6 Which list shows the numbers |-0.12|,  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{82}}$ ,  $\frac{1}{8}$ ,  $\frac{1}{9}$  in order from smallest to largest?
  - 1)  $|-0.12|, \frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{9}, \sqrt{\frac{1}{82}}$ 2)  $\frac{1}{8}, \frac{1}{9}, \sqrt{\frac{1}{82}}, |-0.12|$ 3)  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{82}}, |-0.12|, \frac{1}{9}, \frac{1}{8}$ 4)  $\sqrt{\frac{1}{82}}, \frac{1}{9}, |-0.12|, \frac{1}{8}$
- 7 In which group are the numbers arranged in order from smallest value to largest value?
  - 1)  $\pi$ , 3.14,  $\sqrt{9.86}$ ,  $\frac{22}{7}$ 2)  $\sqrt{9.86}$ ,  $\frac{22}{7}$ , 3.14,  $\pi$ 3)  $\frac{22}{7}$ , 3.14,  $\pi$ ,  $\sqrt{9.86}$ 4) 3.14,  $\sqrt{9.86}$ ,  $\pi$ ,  $\frac{22}{7}$
- 8 Which is the correct arrangement of these terms in order of value, from smallest to greatest?
  - 1)  $3\sqrt{2}, 4\frac{1}{8}, |-4.24|, \sqrt[3]{75}$ 2)  $\sqrt[3]{75}, |-4.24|, 4\frac{1}{8}, 3\sqrt{2}$ 3)  $4\frac{1}{8}, \sqrt[3]{75}, |-4.24|, 3\sqrt{2}$ 4)  $4\frac{1}{8}, |-4.24|, \sqrt[3]{75}, 3\sqrt{2}$
- 9 Which inequality is true if  $x = \frac{3.04}{1.48}$ ,

$$y = 1.99 + 0.33, \text{ and } z = (1.3)^{3}?$$
1)  $y < z < x$ 
2)  $y < x < z$ 
3)  $x < z < y$ 
4)  $x < y < z$ 

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10 Kyoko's mathematics teacher gave her the accompanying cards and asked her to arrange the cards in order from least to greatest. In what order should Kyoko arrange the cards?



- 11 Write the following numbers in order from smallest value to largest value:  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $1\frac{2}{3}$ ,  $\frac{3}{2}$ , 1.75, 1 Justify your answer.
- 12 For what value of *t* is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{t}} < \sqrt{t} < t$  true? 1) 1 2) 0 3) -1 4) 4 13 If  $x^3 < x < \frac{1}{x}$ , then x could be equal to 1) 1 2) 5  $\frac{6}{5}$ 3)  $\frac{1}{5}$ 4) 14 If  $t < \sqrt{t}$ , *t* could be 0 1) 2) 2  $\frac{1}{2}$ 3) 4) 4 15 If  $t^2 < t < \sqrt{t}$ , then *t* could be 1) 2) 0 1 3) 4 4) 4

16 Show that the following can be ordered from smallest to largest for all x > 1. Describe the method you used and state the correct order.

1, 
$$x$$
,  $\sqrt{x}$ ,  $\frac{1}{x}$ , and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$ 

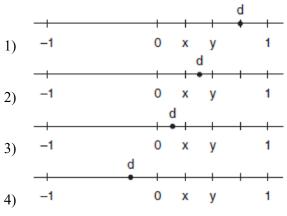
17 If a < b, c < d, and a, b, c, and d are all greater than 0, which expression is always true? 1) a-c+b-d=0

1) 
$$a-c+b-d = 2$$
  
2)  $a+c > b+d$ 

2) 
$$a+c > b$$

$$3) \quad \frac{a}{d} > \frac{b}{c}$$

- 4) ac < bd
- 18 Let *x* and *y* be numbers such that 0 < x < y < 1, and let d = x y. Which graph could represent the location of *d* on the number line?



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1 ANS: 3  

$$-\frac{16}{5} = -3.20 < -\sqrt{10} \approx -3.16 < -\pi \approx -3.14 < -3.02$$
REF: 010526a  
2 ANS: 1  

$$1\frac{2}{3} \approx 1.67 < \frac{\pi}{2} \approx 1.57 < 1.5 = 1.50 < \sqrt{2} \approx 1.41$$
REF: 010002a  
3 ANS: 3  

$$\sqrt{3} \approx 1.7 < \pi \approx 3.1 < 3.2 = 3.2 < 3\frac{1}{3} \approx 3.3$$
REF: 010304a  
4 ANS: 4  

$$\sqrt{9.1} \approx 3.017 < 3.14 = 3.140 < \pi \approx 3.142 < \frac{22}{7} \approx 3.143$$
REF: 080516a  
5 ANS: 4  

$$\pi \approx 3.141 < \frac{22}{7} \approx 3.142 < 3.1 = 3.100 < \sqrt{10} \approx 3.162$$
REF: 060609a  
6 ANS: 4  

$$\sqrt{\frac{1}{82}} \approx .110 < \frac{1}{9} \approx .111 < |-0.12| = .120 < \frac{1}{8} = .125$$
REF: 080621a  
7 ANS: 4

$$3.14 = 3.14000 < \sqrt{9.86} \approx 3.14006 < \pi \approx 3.14159 < \frac{22}{7} \approx 3.14286$$

REF: 010816a 8 ANS: 3  $4\frac{1}{8} = 4.125 < \sqrt[3]{75} \approx 4.217 < |-4.24| = 4.240 < 3\sqrt{2} = 4.243$ 

REF: fall9909b

9 ANS: 3  

$$x = \frac{3.04}{1.48} \approx 2.1. \quad z = (1.3)^3 \approx 2.2. \quad y = 1.99 + 0.33 \approx 2.3$$
REF: 010213a  
10 ANS:  

$$2\frac{4}{5}, \sqrt{8}, 3.\overline{1}, \pi, 2\sqrt{3}. \quad 2\frac{4}{5} = 2.80 < \sqrt{8} \approx 2.83 < 3.\overline{1} \approx 3.11 < \pi \approx 3.14 < 2\sqrt{3} \approx 3.46$$
REF: 060433a  
11 ANS:  

$$1, \frac{3}{2}, 1\frac{2}{3}, \sqrt{3}, 1.75. \quad 1 = 1.00 < \frac{3}{2} = 1.50 < 1\frac{2}{3} = 1.67 < \sqrt{3} = 1.73 < 1.75 = 1.75$$
REF: 060835a  
12 ANS: 4 REF: spring9813a  
13 ANS: 4 REF: spring9813a  
13 ANS: 4 REF: old(3)  
( $\frac{1}{5}$ )<sup>3</sup>  $\leq \frac{1}{5} < \sqrt{\frac{1}{5}}$   
.04 < .20 < .45  
REF: 010512a  
14 ANS: 3  
 $t < \sqrt{t}$   
 $\frac{1}{2} < \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$   
.5 < .7  
REF: 080717a  
15 ANS: 3  
 $(\frac{1}{4})^3 < \frac{1}{4} < \sqrt{\frac{1}{4}}$   
 $\frac{1}{16} < \frac{1}{4} < \frac{1}{2}$   
REF: 069917a  
16 ANS:  
 $\frac{1}{x}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}, 1, \sqrt{x}, x. \quad \text{If } x = 4, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}, 1, \sqrt{4}, 4$   
REF: fall9921b

## 17 ANS: 4

Cross-multiplying, ac < bd

REF: 080006a

18 ANS: 4

Because x < y, x - y must be negative, so d < 0.

REF: 010120a