

2016 Mathematics Standards of Learning
Algebra Readiness Formative Assessment

8.14a

1. What is the value of $\frac{1}{2}(x+8) - xy + z$ when $x = 4$, $y = -12$, and $z = -20$?

2. James evaluated the following algebraic expression.

$$\frac{|2x - y|}{\sqrt{5x + 2y}} \text{ when } x = 5 \text{ and } y = -2$$

His work is shown here.

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{|2x - y|}{\sqrt{5x + 2y}} \\ & \frac{|2(5) - (-2)|}{\sqrt{5(5) + 2(-2)}} \\ & \frac{|2(5) - 2|}{\sqrt{5(5) + 2(-2)}} \\ & \frac{|10 - 2|}{\sqrt{5(5) + 2(-2)}} \\ & \frac{|8|}{\sqrt{5(5) + 2(-2)}} \\ & \frac{8}{\sqrt{5(5) + 2(-2)}} \\ & \frac{8}{\sqrt{25 + 2(-2)}} \\ & \frac{8}{5 + 2(-2)} \\ & \frac{8}{5 + (-4)} \\ & \frac{8}{1} = 8 \end{aligned}$$

James made a mistake while evaluating this expression. Identify his mistake and rework the problem to obtain the correct answer.

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3. What is the value of $4n(n \div 2)^3$ when $n = -8$?
- A. -2048
 - B. -384
 - C. 384
 - D. 2048
4. What is the value of $p\sqrt{q-r}$ when $p = 3$, $q = 17$, and $r = 8$?
- A. 3
 - B. 9
 - C. 15
 - D. 27
5. What is the value of $\frac{(k+4)^2-1}{k+7}$ when $k = -2$?
- A. -7
 - B. $\frac{1}{3}$
 - C. $\frac{3}{5}$
 - D. 7