## Three Forms of a Linear Equation Practice



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  - A) 3 B) 28 C) 7 D) 4
- 7. A line has a slope of  $\frac{1}{3}$  and passes through the point (6,1). The equation of the line in the slope-y-intercept form is

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$$x - 3y - 3 = 0$$
  
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8. Write the equation of the line shown above in 3 different forms. Show all work. Explain.

Three Forms of a Linear Equation Practice Solutions



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Solution

There are two possible equations in general form (I and II) and two possible equations in slope-point form (III and IV).

To determine the general form equivalent, clear the fraction and set the equation equal to zero (make sure the value of A, in the form Ax + By + C = 0, is positive)

$$2\left[y = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)x - 4\right]$$

2y = x - 8

0 = x - 2y - 8

Thus, one correct form is x - 2y - 8 = 0 (option I).

To determine the slope-point form, begin with slope= $\frac{rise}{run}$ . Substitute what is known.

$$\frac{1}{2} = \frac{y - (-2)}{x - 4}$$

Multiply both sides of the equal sign by (x - 4).

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(x-4) = y+2$$

The equivalent is

$$y+2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)(x-4)$$

Thus, this is the second correct form (option IV).

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Solution

First determine the slope.

We can either use the graph, or calculate the slope using the two given points.

From the graph, since the line rises to the left, the slope is negative.

Between the points A and B, the vertical distance (rise) is 4 units, and the horizontal distance (run) is 2 units, as determined by counting units on the graph. Dividing the rise by the run results in a value of 2. The slope is -2. From the given choices, options B and D can be eliminated, as each of these show a slope of -3.

Or, using the slope formula with the two given points,  $slope = \frac{rise}{run} = \frac{5-1}{-1-1} = \frac{4}{-2} = -2$ 

Either of the two given points can be used to find the specific form required.

Using Point A (-1,5):Using Point B(1,1)y - 5 = -2(x + 1)y - 1 = -2(x - 1)

Since we narrowed the possible answers to A or C, from the work above using Points A and B, only y - 5 = -2(x + 1) is correct.

## The correct answer is C.

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### Solution

The first two steps are good. In step 3, y was isolated by dividing by -4. The error is in this step because -4 was not divided by every term. The constant term of -8 should have also been divided by -4. The correct form is y = 3x + 2.

The correct answer is B.



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4. When the equation above is stated in the slope-y-intercept form of y = mx + b, the **sum** of *m* and *b* is <u>3</u>.

### Solution

Between any two points on the graph, the rise is the same as the run. When anything is divided by itself, the result is always 1. Since the graph rises to the right, the slope is 1.

The y-intercept is 2.

The equation of the line in this form is y = x + 2. The value of m is 1 and the value of b is 2.

### The sum of m and b is 3.

5. The slope-point equation of a line is y - 1 = m(x + 3). If 1 point on the line is (-1, 9), then the slope is

A) 2 B) -2 C) -4 D) 4

### Solution

If a point is on a line, it means that when the coordinates of that point are substituted for x and y, the equation will be satisfied (i.e. a true statement is made).

$$y - 1 = m(x + 3)$$
  
 $y - 1 = m(x + 3)$   
 $(9) - 1 = m((-1) + 3)$   
 $8 = 2m$   
 $m = 4$ .

#### The correct answer is D.

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Solution

Multiply every term by 4 to clear the fraction.

$$4\left[y = \left(-\frac{3}{4}\right)x - 7\right]$$

4y = -3x - 28

By convention, A > 0 in the final form. Since A is currently -3, we will set the right side of the equal sign equal to zero.

4y + 3x + 28 = -3x + 3x - 28 + 28

3x + 4y + 28 = 0

The value of b is 4.

#### The correct answer is D.

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Solution

Option A is written in general form.

Options C and D are written in slope-y-intercept form.

# The correct answer is B.



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# Solution

Use the y-intercept (0, 2) and the point (-4, 5) to determine the slope. Since the line rises to the left, the slope is negative.



In the slope-y-intercept form, the equation is  $y = -\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)x + 2$ 

For the slope-point form, the basic format is:

$$y - y_1 = m (x - x_1)$$

Use the point (-4, 5) as  $(x_1, y_1)$  and the fact that the slope is  $-\frac{3}{4}$ .

In the slope-point form, the equation is  $y - 5 = -\frac{3}{4}(x + 4)$ 

For the general form, we will take the slope-y-intercept form and first clear the fraction by multiplying each term by 4.

$$4\left[y = -\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)x + 2\right]$$

4y = -3x + 83x + 4y - 8 = 0

The general form is 3x + 4y - 8 = 0.