

# PSSA, Grade 7 Math

*Dominic Does Homework*

Handscoring  
Anchor Set



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**Assessment Anchor this item will be reported under:**

**M07.A-N.1** Apply and extend previous understandings of operations to add, subtract, multiply, and divide rational numbers.

**Specific Anchor Descriptor addressed by this item:**

**M07.A-N.1.1** Solve real-world and mathematical problems involving the four operations with rational numbers.

**Scoring Guide:**

Score	In this item, the student –
4	Demonstrates a thorough understanding of performing the four operations with rational numbers by correctly solving problems and clearly explaining procedures.
3	Demonstrates a general understanding of performing the four operations with rational numbers by correctly solving problems and clearly explaining procedures with only minor errors or omissions.
2	Demonstrates a partial understanding of performing the four operations with rational numbers by correctly performing a significant portion of the required task.
1	Demonstrates minimal understanding of performing the four operations with rational numbers.
0	The response has no correct answer and insufficient evidence to demonstrate any understanding of the mathematical concepts and procedures as required by the task. Response may show only information copied from the question.
Non-scorables	B – Blank, entirely erased or written refusal to respond F – Foreign Language K – Off-task U – Unreadable

**Top Scoring Student Response And Training Notes:**

Score	Description
4	Student earns 4 points.
3	Student earns 3.0 – 3.5 points.
2	Student earns 2.0 – 2.5 points.
1	Student earns 0.5 - 1.5 points. OR Student demonstrates minimal understanding of performing the four operations with rational numbers.
0	Response is incorrect or contains some correct work that is irrelevant to the skill or concept being measured.

A.

What?	Why?
$0.\overline{16}$ <b>OR</b> $0.166\dots$  <b>OR</b> <b>EQUIVALENT</b>	<b>Sample Work:</b> $\begin{array}{r} 0.1666 \\ 6 \overline{) 1.0000} \\ \underline{-6} \phantom{00} \downarrow \\ 40 \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{00} \downarrow \\ 40 \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{00} \downarrow \\ 40 \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{00} \downarrow \\ 4 \end{array}$ <b>OR</b> <b>Sample Explanation:</b> When dividing 1 by 6, I have to keep dividing 40 by 6, which leaves a remainder of 4. Then, when I bring down the next 0, I have to divide 40 by 6 again. I can see that I would have to keep dividing 40 by 6 forever.  <b>OR EQUIVALENT</b>

(2 score points)

1 point for correct answer

1 point for complete support

OR ½ point for correct but incomplete support

B.

What?	Why?
	<b>Sample Explanations:</b> The answer must have a denominator that is a multiple of 6 and 8. <b>OR</b> $\frac{2}{14} < \frac{1}{6}$ and $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} > \frac{1}{6}$ since $\frac{1}{8}$ is a positive number. However, $\frac{2}{14}$ cannot be both less than and greater than $\frac{1}{6}$ , so it cannot be the correct answer. <b>OR EQUIVALENT</b>

(1 score point)

1 point for complete explanation

OR ½ point for correct but incomplete explanation

C.

What?	Why?
$\frac{7}{24}$	

(1 score point)

1 point for correct answer

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

The decimal representation is  $0.1\overline{6}$ .  
To get the decimal representation I divided the numerator by the denominator.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 \overline{)1000} \\
 6 \overline{)1000} \\
 \underline{-6} \phantom{00} \downarrow \\
 40 \phantom{0} \downarrow \\
 \underline{-36} \phantom{0} \downarrow \\
 40 \phantom{0} \downarrow \\
 \underline{-36} \\
 4
 \end{array}$$

4

- A. 2 points – correct answer and complete support (shows long division).  
B. 1 point – complete explanation.  
C. 1 point – correct answer.

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- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

I can tell Dominic is incorrect because 14 is not a common multiple of 6 and 8.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{7}{24}$$

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- A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.1666\ldots \\ 6 \overline{) 10} \\ \underline{6} \phantom{00} \\ 40 \\ \underline{36} \phantom{00} \\ 40 \\ \underline{36} \phantom{00} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

The decimal continues when you do the division

The decimal form of  $\frac{1}{6}$  is  $0.166666\ldots$

4

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 B. 1 point – complete explanation.  
 C. 1 point – correct answer.

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B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Dominic added across instead of finding LCD and doing it correctly

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{2}{14}$$

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

LCD  $\frac{4}{24}$

6 12 18 24  
8 16 24

$\frac{4}{24}$   
 $1 \times 4 = 4$   
 $6 \times 4 = 24$

$\frac{3}{24} = \frac{1}{8}$   
 $8 \times 3 = 24$   
 $1 \times 3 = 3$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

You can tell that the decimal will repeat because after adding a 0 to the 1 to be able to divide by 6, the closest you can come to 40, the result of  $10 - 6$ , is 36. Then, this will just continue to repeat.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.1\overline{6} \\ 6 \overline{) 10} \\ \underline{-6} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \\ \underline{-36} \\ 40 \end{array}$$

3

- A. 2 points – correct answer and complete support.  
 B. 0.5 point – correct but incomplete explanation (24 is not the *greatest* common denominator, but the concept is correct).  
 C. 1 point – correct answer.

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B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

The greatest common denominator of 8 and 6 is 24, not 14. Therefore his denominator makes his fraction incorrect.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1 \cdot 4}{6 \cdot 4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{8 \cdot 3} = \frac{4}{24} + \frac{3}{24}$$

$$\frac{4}{24} + \frac{3}{24} = \frac{7}{24}$$

The solution is  $\frac{7}{24}$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

The handwritten work shows the long division of 1.0000 by 6. The quotient is written as 0.1666. The division steps are as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.1666 \\
 6 \overline{) 1.0000} \\
 \underline{6} \phantom{0000} \\
 40 \phantom{000} \\
 \underline{36} \phantom{00} \\
 40 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{36} \phantom{00} \\
 40 \phantom{00}
 \end{array}$$

Arrows point from the remainders 40, 40, and 40 to a handwritten note: "The leftover number is always constantly repeating, therefore creating continuous repeating 6's in the answer."

3

- A. 1 point – no credit for answer (missing notation for repeating decimal); complete support.  
 B. 1 point – complete explanation.  
 C. 1 point – correct answer.

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- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

He had skipped the step of converting both fractions' denominators into common denominators, and had just added across the numerator and denominator.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1 \times 4}{6 \times 4} = \frac{4}{24} \\ + \frac{1 \times 3}{8 \times 3} = \frac{3}{24} \\ \hline \frac{7}{24} \end{array}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.1\overline{666} \\
 6 \overline{) 1.0} \\
 \underline{- 6} \phantom{0} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{- 36} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{- 36} \\
 40
 \end{array}$$

You divide 1 by 6  
to get a decimal  
answer of  $0.1\overline{6}$

2

- A. 1 point – no credit for answer (0.167); complete support.  
 B. 0.5 point – correct but incomplete explanation (LCM is not 48).  
 C. 1 point – correct answer.

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B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Dominic would first have to find a LCM which is lowest common denominator. Otherwise, your answer is wrong because you can not add 2 denominators that don't match. The LCM is 48.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

LCM = 48

$$\frac{1 \times 8}{6 \times 8} + \frac{1 \times 6}{8 \times 6} = \frac{8}{48} + \frac{6}{48} = \frac{14}{48} = \frac{7}{24}$$

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- A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{6} = 0.\overline{1666}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \overline{) 1.0000} \\ \underline{6} \phantom{000} \\ 40 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{0} \end{array}$$

- 2 A. 1 point – no credit for answer (notation for repeating decimal is incorrect); complete support.  
 B. 0 points – incorrect explanation.  
 C. 1 point – correct answer.

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B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Because 24 is not divisible  
by 7

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{24}$$

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

When you divide 6 by the decimal you think is equivalent to  $\frac{1}{6}$  you should get 36 (6\*6).

- 1
- A. 0 points – incorrect answer and incorrect support.
  - B. 0.5 point – correct but incomplete explanation (“*denominators that are the same*” is correct, but if “*numerators*” are also explained, it must be clear that this does not mean “1 + 1”).
  - C. 1 point – correct answer.

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B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Dominic is incorrect  
Because first you must  
find the denominators that are  
the same for each. So that  
when you add you add the numerators  
and the denominators stay  
the same.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{6} \cdot 4 = \frac{4}{24} \\ \frac{1}{8} \cdot 3 = \frac{3}{24} \\ \frac{4}{24} + \frac{3}{24} = \frac{7}{24} \end{array}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{6} \leftarrow \text{divide}$$

$$1 \div 6 = 0.\overline{16}$$

1

- A. 0.5 point – incorrect answer; correct but incomplete support ( $1 \div 6$ ).  
B. 0 points – incorrect explanation.  
C. 0 points – incorrect answer.

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B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Dominic could be wrong because maybe he placed a number wrong or put his decimal in the wrong spot.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{48}$$

Lowest form

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$$1/48$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

well i divide 0.125 by 2 because i didnt know how to turn a fraction into a decimal and i got 0.0625

0

- A. 0 points – incorrect answer and incorrect support.  
B. 0 points – incorrect explanation.  
C. 0 points – incorrect answer.

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B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

$$\frac{1}{6 \times 8} \times \frac{1}{8 \times 6} = \frac{1}{48}$$

because  $8 \times 6 / 6 \times 8$  is 48

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{48}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

The problem will repeat itself because it is dealing with numbers that can't go into each other. Therefore it will repeat itself.

- 0
- A. 0 points – incorrect answer and incorrect support.
  - B. 0 points – incorrect explanation.
  - C. 0 points – incorrect answer.

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- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Dominic is incorrect because the fraction isn't put into lowest terms.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

The sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  &  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{1}{24}$ .

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\begin{array}{r} .1\overline{66} \\ 6 \overline{) 1.0000} \\ \underline{-6} \phantom{000} \\ 40 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{00} \\ 40 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{00} \\ 40 \end{array}$$

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

I could determine that Dominic is wrong because he just added the fractions. What he should have done was make the denominators the same by finding Least Common Multiple for the denominators instead.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

The sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  would be  $\frac{7}{24}$ .

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{6} =$$

Handwritten long division of 1 by 6, showing the repeating decimal 0.166666... The division is written as follows:

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \overline{) 1.000000} \\ \underline{-6} \phantom{000000} \\ 40 \phantom{000000} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{000000} \\ 40 \phantom{000000} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{000000} \\ 40 \phantom{000000} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{000000} \\ 40 \phantom{000000} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{000000} \\ 40 \phantom{000000} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{000000} \\ 40 \phantom{000000} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{000000} \\ 40 \phantom{000000} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{000000} \\ 40 \phantom{000000} \end{array}$$

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B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

You could determine that Dominic is incorrect by looking at the fractions. You can compare the sum with the numbers being added. The fraction  $\frac{2}{14}$  is less than both  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ . The fractions  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  can't make a number less than them when added together because they are both positives.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{6} = \frac{4}{24}$$

$$\frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{24}$$

$$\frac{4}{24} + \frac{3}{24} = \boxed{\frac{7}{24}}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division **without** the aid of a calculator.

The decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$  is  $0.1\overline{6}$ . While doing long division when trying to get the decimal, you're keep getting the same number, which explains "repeating" decimal.

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

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- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

To add fractions correctly they must have the same denominator. You have to find the greatest common factor for the denominators to be the same.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} \\ \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{3}{3} &= \frac{3}{24} \\ \frac{1}{6} \times \frac{4}{4} &= \frac{4}{24} \\ \frac{4}{24} + \frac{3}{24} &= \frac{7}{24}\end{aligned}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\begin{array}{r} 67 \\ 1 \overline{) 60} \\ \underline{-1} \phantom{0} \\ -70 \\ \underline{70} \\ 0 \end{array}$$

answer - 0.67

I did long division for one and six.

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B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Dominic added the top and the bottom therefore he got  $\frac{2}{14}$ . Dominic has to multiple the two. He can check by doing this

$$\frac{1 \times 1}{6 \times 8} = \frac{1}{48}$$

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{6} \times \frac{1}{8} = \frac{1}{48}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{8} = 0.125 = 1 \div 8 = 0.125$$

$$1 \div 6 = 0.1\bar{6} = \frac{1}{6} = 0.1\bar{6}$$

I divided the <sup>(1)</sup>numerator by the <sup>(6)</sup>denominator  
and got my answer,  $(0.1\bar{6})$ .

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- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

You could determine that Dominic is incorrect, by adding  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8}$ .

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = 0.2916666 \times 100 = 29.1\bar{6}$$

I added  $\frac{1}{6}$  or  $\frac{1}{8}$  and got 0.2916666 then I multiplied it by 100 and got  $29.1\bar{6}$

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$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.1666\bar{6} \\
 6 \overline{) 1.000000} \\
 \underline{-0} \phantom{000000} \\
 10 \phantom{00000} \\
 \underline{-6} \phantom{00000} \\
 40 \phantom{0000} \\
 \underline{-36} \phantom{0000} \\
 40 \phantom{000} \\
 \underline{-36} \phantom{000} \\
 40 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{-36} \phantom{00} \\
 40
 \end{array}$$

As you can see after the first time I subtracted  $40 - 36 = 4$  which add 0 = 40 and then you repeat this over and over

$$0.1666\bar{6}$$

Is the decimal form of  $\frac{1}{6}$

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Well when you add decimals you have to find a common denominator and in this case the fractions will change to  $\frac{8}{48} + \frac{6}{48}$  then you add

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1 \times 8}{6 \times 8} + \frac{1 \times 6}{8 \times 6} = \frac{8}{48} + \frac{6}{48} = \frac{14}{48}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 14 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline 28 \end{array}$$

73. Dominic prefers to work with decimals instead of fractions. For one homework problem involving  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ , he decides to turn both fractions into decimals before continuing. He discovers that  $\frac{1}{8} = 0.125$ .

A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

The decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$  is  $0.1\overline{6}$ . I can tell that it repeats because when you try to divide 100 by 6, you get a repeating decimal. But when you divide 100 by 8, you do not get a repeating decimal. Dividing 100 by different numbers is a test of whether or not your fraction will convert into a repeating decimal.

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

I can determine that Dominic is incorrect without computing the sum because 14 is not a common multiple of 6 and 8, so he is not doing the right calculations.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{7}{24}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.1\overline{6666} \\ 6 \overline{) 1.000000} \\ \underline{6} \phantom{000000} \\ 40 \phantom{00000} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{00000} \\ 40 \phantom{00000} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{00000} \\ 40 \phantom{00000} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{00000} \\ 40 \phantom{00000} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{00000} \\ 40 \phantom{00000} \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{6} = 0.1\overline{6}$$

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

I can determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually answering the problem by just looking at it. For Dominic to get an answer of  $\frac{2}{14}$  he would have added the numerators together to get 2 and the denominators together to get 14. When you add fractions together you have to change the denominators so that they are the same. If Dominic had done that he would not have gotten  $\frac{2}{14}$ . That is why Dominic is incorrect.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{6} - \frac{4}{24} \\ + \frac{1}{8} - \frac{3}{24} \\ \hline \frac{7}{24} \end{array}$$

$$\left( \frac{7}{24} \right)$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{6} = .1\overline{6}$$

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

You could determine that Dominic is incorrect because if she did not use a calculator you can see that she just added straight across and that is not how you find the sum of (2) two fractions.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{6} = \frac{7}{24}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\begin{array}{r} .1\overline{6666} \\ 6 \overline{) 1.0000} \\ \underline{6} \phantom{000} \\ 40 \phantom{00} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{00} \\ 40 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \\ \underline{36} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

You could determine this by dividing 1 by 6 because you always divide the numerator by the denominator. You will see that you end up with 40 and 6 goes into 40 6 times but you always get 4 back so it would go on forever.

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

You could tell he was incorrect because he just added the denominator you must find a common denominator.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{4}{48} \times \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1 \times 6}{8 \times 6} \frac{6}{48}$$

$$\frac{4}{48} + \frac{6}{48} = \frac{14}{48} \div \frac{2}{2}$$

$$\left( \frac{7}{24} \right)$$

PSSA Math: Dominic Does Homework (Grade 7), Training Set 1

Subject: **Math**

Item: **Dominic Does Homework**

Grade 7

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# PSSA, Grade 7 Math

*Dominic Does Homework*

Handscoring  
Training Set 2



73. Dominic prefers to work with decimals instead of fractions. For one homework problem involving  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ , he decides to turn both fractions into decimals before continuing. He discovers that  $\frac{1}{8} = 0.125$ .

A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

Handwritten long division showing  $1 \div 6$ . The quotient is  $0.1666$  with a repeating 6. The division steps are:  $6 \overline{) 1.0000}$ ,  $6 \overline{) 10}$  gives 1, remainder 4;  $6 \overline{) 40}$  gives 6, remainder 4;  $6 \overline{) 40}$  gives 6, remainder 4;  $6 \overline{) 40}$  gives 6, remainder 4. The final result is  $0.1\overline{6}$ .

73. *Continued:* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

you could determine this because  
you can tell he added the  
numbers without finding a common  
denominator.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1 \cdot 8}{6 \cdot 8} = \frac{8}{48}$$

$$\frac{1 \cdot 6}{8 \cdot 6} = \frac{6}{48}$$

$$\frac{8}{48} + \frac{6}{48} = \frac{14}{48} \div 2 = \frac{7}{24}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{6} \cdot 0.100 \div 0.167$$

To get  $\frac{1}{6}$  as a decimal, first you have to put  $\frac{1}{6}$  down then figure out what symbol to use. I used multiplication. Then you multiply  $\frac{1}{6} \cdot 0.100$  and get 0.167.

73. *Continued:* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{2 \div 2}{14 \div 2} = \frac{1}{7}$$

Dominic's answer is incorrect because  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8}$  does equal to  $\frac{2}{14}$  but he did not simplify. The correct answer is  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{2 \div 2}{14 \div 2} = \frac{1}{7}$ .

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

The sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{1}{7}$  because  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{2}{14}$  then you simplify  $\frac{2}{14}$  by 2 and get  $\frac{1}{7}$ .

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

You can do  $6 \overline{)1}$  and then add a zero to one and place a decimal point above,  $6 \overline{)1.0}$  and now divide. Now we can tell it will go on forever so I write it like this  $.1\bar{6}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6 \overline{)1.66} \\ -6 \\ \hline 40 \\ -36 \\ \hline 40 \\ -36 \\ \hline 4 \end{array}$$

The decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$  is  $.1\bar{6}$

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

You could determine that Dominic is incorrect already because you can't add without finding a least common denominator which is 24 but he got 14 which is wrong.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{6} \left( \frac{4}{24} \right) \\ + \frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{3}{24} \right) \\ \hline \left( \frac{7}{24} \right) \end{array}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{6} = 1 \div 6 = 0.\overline{16}$$

A fraction is a division problem. I did 1 divided by 6 and got 0.16 repeating.

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Dominic just added the numerators and the denominators. To find the sum of the fractions, you cannot add the numerators and the denominators.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{24}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\begin{array}{r} 1 \overline{) 6} \\ \underline{6} \phantom{00} \\ 0 \phantom{00} \\ 0 \phantom{00} \\ 0 \phantom{00} \end{array}$$

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

he is incorrect with  $\frac{2}{14}$   
you had to add both to get the  
some of  $7/14$ .

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$.1\overline{6} + .125 = .28\overline{5}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{6}$$

You would take  $1 \div 6$ , which is  $0.\overline{16}$ .

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.1\overline{666} \\
 6 \overline{) 1.000000} \\
 \underline{6} \phantom{000000} \\
 40 \phantom{000000} \\
 \underline{36} \phantom{000000} \\
 40 \phantom{000000} \\
 \underline{36} \phantom{000000} \\
 40 \phantom{000000} \\
 \underline{36} \phantom{000000} \\
 40 \phantom{000000} \\
 \underline{36} \phantom{000000} \\
 40
 \end{array}$$

You keep getting 4 over and over so you continue to add a zero and it always comes out to 40.

73. **Continued.** Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Dominic added straight across.

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{2}{14}$$

sum-subtraction

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \left( \frac{1}{24} \right)$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

Handwritten long division showing  $1 \div 6$ . The quotient is  $0.166666$  with a bar over the 6s. The steps are:

- $6 \overline{) 1.00000}$
- $6 \overline{) 10}$  (6 goes into 10 once, remainder 4)
- $40 \overline{) 36}$  (6 goes into 40 six times, remainder 4)
- $40 \overline{) 36}$  (6 goes into 40 six times, remainder 4)
- $40 \overline{) 36}$  (6 goes into 40 six times, remainder 4)
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73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

You could determine this because the least common denominator of 6 and 8 is not 14. It is 24.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1 \times 4}{6 \times 4} + \frac{1 \times 3}{8 \times 3} = \frac{4}{24} + \frac{3}{24} = \frac{7}{24}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.1\overline{6} \\ 6 \overline{) 1.0000} \\ \underline{-6} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \\ 40 \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \\ 40 \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \\ 4 \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \phantom{00} \end{array}$$

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

He is incorrect because all he did was add the denominators and then add the numerators.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$\frac{7}{24}$  is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ .

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 10 \overline{) 1.600000} \\
 \underline{10} \phantom{000000} \\
 60 \phantom{00000} \\
 \underline{60} \phantom{00000} \\
 000000 \\
 \underline{000000} \\
 000000 \\
 \underline{000000} \\
 000000
 \end{array}$$

$\frac{1}{6} = 0.\overline{16}$

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

When you add fractions you have to find the least common denominator. Then, you just multiply the numerators by whatever you did to get the denominator. Then you just add the numerators.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1 \cdot 4}{6 \cdot 4} + \frac{1 \cdot 3}{8 \cdot 3} = \frac{4}{24} + \frac{3}{24} = \frac{7}{24}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.1\overline{66666} \\
 6 \overline{) 1.00000} \\
 \underline{-0} \phantom{00000} \\
 10 \phantom{0000} \\
 \underline{-6} \phantom{0000} \\
 40 \phantom{000} \\
 \underline{-36} \phantom{000} \\
 40 \phantom{00} \\
 \underline{-36} \phantom{00} \\
 40 \phantom{0} \\
 \underline{-36} \phantom{0} \\
 40 \\
 \underline{-36} \\
 4
 \end{array}$$

I can tell because 40 is not divisible by 6 so you will never find a whole number that goes into 40, 6 times.

This causes you to keep adding zeros which keeps the # repeating

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

It could be because  $\frac{1}{6}$  is larger than  $\frac{2}{14}$  and by adding  $\frac{1}{8}$  to  $\frac{1}{6}$  it would be even larger than before

$$\frac{2}{14} = \frac{1}{7} = .14, \quad \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6} = .16, \quad \frac{1}{8} = .12$$

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1 \times 4}{6 \times 4} + \frac{1 \times 3}{8 \times 3} = \frac{4}{24} + \frac{3}{24} = \frac{7}{24}$$

PSSA Math: Dominic Does Homework (Grade 7), Training Set 2

Subject: **Math**

Item: **Dominic Does Homework**

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# PSSA, Grade 7 Math

## *Dominic Does Homework*

### Handscoring Practice Set\*

\*Responses in this set do not have true scores. Apply scores based on scoring criteria.



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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

[illegible]

$\frac{1}{6} = 0.\overline{16}$   
you can tell that it repeats  
indefinitely because you  
always going to subtract 36 from  
40 and get 4, then bring  
down the 0 and get 40 and  
repeat it all over again.

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

i can tell it is incorrect because neither 6 or 8 is a multiple of 14.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\begin{array}{r} \frac{1}{6} = \frac{4}{24} \\ + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{3}{24} \\ \hline \frac{7}{24} \end{array}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{8} = 0.125$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.166\bar{6} \\ 6 \overline{) 1.0000} \\ \underline{-6} \phantom{00} \\ 40 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{-36} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{6} = 0.166\bar{6}$$

Repeating

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

well Its incorrect because I added it up and got a different answer.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{7}{24}$$

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- A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{6} = .\overline{6} = 6\%$$

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

1.16666  
6 | 1.00000  
6 ↓  
3410  
36  
3410  
86  
03410  
36  
40  
36  
40  
36  
4

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

You can determine that Dominic is incorrect because his number is not simplified.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{7}{24}$$

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- A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

You would do  $1 \div 6$  and you would get  $0.16666667$ .  
The way you can tell if you get the same number,

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- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

The decimals would have had a bigger number.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

It would be  $\frac{7}{24}$ .

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

Handwritten long division showing  $1 \div 6$ . The quotient is  $0.1666$ . The remainder 40 repeats, indicating a repeating decimal.

$$\begin{array}{r} 0.1666 \\ 6 \overline{) 1.0000} \\ \underline{6} \phantom{000} \\ 40 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \phantom{0} \\ \underline{36} \phantom{0} \\ 4 \end{array}$$

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Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

I know he is incorrect because when adding fractions you have to find a like denominator.

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{4}{24} + \frac{3}{24} = \boxed{\frac{7}{24}}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division **without** the aid of a calculator.

$$\frac{1}{6} = \begin{array}{r} 0.1\overline{6} \\ 6 \overline{) 1.060} \\ \underline{-6} \phantom{0} \\ 40 \\ \underline{-36} \\ 40 \\ \underline{-36} \\ 40 \end{array}$$

Repeats

The decimal for  $\frac{1}{6}$  is  $0.1\overline{6}$ .  
If the number keeps showing up like the number 40 then you can stop at the thousandth place and put the line on the top of the number that's on the thousandth place to represent it's a repeating number.

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

Dominic is wrong because if you try to check your work it would be a totally different answer. If you ever going to add or subtract fractions you have to make sure that the denominator is the same as the other one because you can't just add denominators like that. It's not in equal pieces.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{4}{24} + \frac{3}{24} = \frac{7}{24}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.  $0.\overline{16}$

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum. I can tell he is incorrect because

I see he added the fractions instead of multiplying them.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{48}$$

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A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

the decimal is 1.6.

73 *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

- B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

I think the sum is incorrect sum is  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{2}{14}$

- C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

the lowest term is  $\frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} = \frac{2}{14}$

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- A. What is the decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$ ? Show or explain how you could determine that it repeats when doing long division without the aid of a calculator.

The decimal representation for  $\frac{1}{6}$  is  $0.1\bar{6}$ . When doing the division problem, you'll notice that the numbers keep coming up over and over again.

73. *Continued.* Please refer to the previous page for task explanation.

Dominic incorrectly decides that the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$  is  $\frac{2}{14}$ .

B. Explain how you could determine that Dominic is incorrect without actually computing the sum.

The number fourteen is not evenly divisible by six or eight.

C. What is the sum of  $\frac{1}{6}$  and  $\frac{1}{8}$ ? Give your answer in the form of a fraction in lowest terms.

$$\frac{1}{6} \times 4 \frac{4}{24}$$

+

$$\frac{1}{8} \times 3 \frac{3}{24}$$

$$\frac{7}{24}$$

$$\frac{7}{24}$$

## Practice Set\*

Subject: **Math**Item: **Dominic Does Homework**Grade **7**

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number	Score	Consensus	Annotation
P-1			
P-2			
P-3			
P-4			
P-5			
P-6			
P-7			
P-8			
P-9			
P-10			

**\*Responses in this set do not have true scores. Apply scores based on scoring criteria.**



# PSSA, Grade 7 Math

*Dominic Does Homework*

Handscoring  
Training Sets 1 and 2  
True Scores/Annotations



Page	Score	Description
1	4	A. 2 points – correct answer and complete support. B. 1 point – complete explanation. C. 1 point – correct answer.
2	2	A. 1 point – no credit for answer (missing notation for repeating decimal); complete support. B. 0.5 point – correct but incomplete explanation (the concept is correct, but $\frac{2}{14}$ is not less than <i>both</i> $\frac{1}{6}$ and $\frac{1}{8}$ ; just less than $\frac{1}{6}$ ). C. 1 point – correct answer.
3	1	A. 0 points- incorrect answer and insufficient support for any credit. B. 0.5 point – correct but incomplete explanation (“ <i>same denominator</i> ” is correct, but “ <i>greatest common factor</i> ” is incorrect). C. 1 point – correct answer.
4	0	A. 0 points – incorrect answer and support. B. 0 points – incorrect explanation. C. 0 points – incorrect answer.
5	1	A. 1.5 points – correct answer and correct but incomplete support. B. 0 points – incorrect explanation. C. 0 points – incorrect answer (no credit if not a fraction in lowest terms, even if added correctly).
6	3	A. 2 points – correct answer and complete support. B. 1 point – complete explanation. C. 0 points – incorrect answer (not in lowest terms).
7	2	A. 0 points – incorrect answer and insufficient support for any credit. B. 1 point – complete explanation. C. 1 point – correct answer.
8	4	A. 2 points – correct answer and complete support. B. 1 point – complete explanation. C. 1 point – correct answer.
9	1	A. 0 points – incorrect answer and insufficient support for any credit. B. 0 points – insufficient explanation for any credit. C. 1 point – correct answer.
10	3	A. 1 points – no credit for answer; complete support. B. 1 point – complete explanation. C. 1 point –correct answer.

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1	2	A. 0.5 point – incorrect answer; correct but incomplete support (“ $1 \div 6$ ”). B. 1 point – complete explanation. C. 1 point – correct answer.
2	0	Nothing is correct for credit in any part.
3	4	A. 2 points – correct answer and complete support. B. 1 point – complete explanation. C. 1 point – correct answer.
4	1	A. 0.5 point – incorrect answer; correct but incomplete support (“ $1 \div 6$ ”). B. 0 points – insufficient explanation for any credit. C. 1 point – correct answer.
5	1	A. 1 point – correct answer only; incorrect support. B. 0 points – incorrect explanation. C. 0 points – incorrect answer (no credit if not a fraction in lowest terms, even if added correctly).
6	2	A. 2 points – correct answer and complete support. B. 0 points – incorrect explanation. C. 0 points – incorrect answer.
7	4	A. 2 points – correct answer and complete support. B. 1 point – complete explanation. C. 1 point – correct answer.
8	3	A. 2 points – correct answer and complete support. B. 0 points – insufficient explanation for any credit. C. 1 point – correct answer.
9	2	A. 0 points – no credit for answer (repeating bar is in the wrong place); incorrect support. B. 1 point – complete explanation. C. 1 point – correct answer.
10	3	A. 1 point – no credit for the answer; complete support. B. 1 point – complete explanation. C. 1 point – correct answer.