

Middlesex County College  
Final Exam Review  
Algebra 1, MAT 013

1. Evaluate  $\frac{2m-7n}{m+n}$  when  $m = 7$  and  $n = -1$ .  
a.  $-1$       b.  $\frac{7}{6}$       c.  $9$       d.  $\frac{7}{2}$
2. Evaluate for  $x = -1$ :  $x^2 - 2x + 5$   
a.  $2$       b.  $4$       c.  $8$       d.  $6$
3. Simplify:  $3y - 14(5y - 4)$   
a.  $4 - 67y$       b.  $56 - 67y$       c.  $63y$       d.  $56 - 28y$
4. Solve the equation:  $\frac{2}{3}x = -\frac{1}{5}$   
a.  $x = \frac{13}{15}$       b.  $x = -\frac{2}{15}$       c.  $x = -\frac{3}{10}$       d.  $x = \frac{3}{10}$
5. Solve the equation:  $\frac{5}{2}y + 11 = -1$   
a.  $y = -\frac{24}{5}$       b.  $y = 4$       c.  $y = -30$       d.  $y = \frac{12}{5}$
6. Solve the equation:  $4x = 6x + 30$   
a.  $x = 3$       b.  $x = -15$       c.  $x = 15$       d.  $x = -17$
7. Solve the equation:  $3(2x + 10) - 32 = 6 + 2(3x - 4)$   
a.  $x = 2$       b.  $x = 0$       c. no solution      d. all real numbers
8. Marcus made \$21 more than three times Joel's weekly salary. If  $x$  represents Joel's weekly salary, write an expression for Marcus' weekly salary.  
a.  $21x + 3$       b.  $3x + 21$       c.  $(3x + 21)$       d.  $21(3 + x)$

9. The plans for a rectangular deck call for the width to be 6 feet less than the length. Sam wants the deck to have an overall perimeter of 44 feet. What should the length of the deck be?

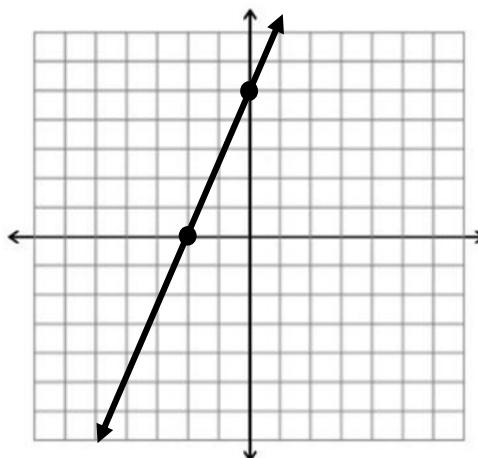
- a. 6 feet      b. 8 feet      c. 20 feet      d. 14 feet

10. Find the  $x$ - and  $y$ - intercepts:  $3x - 2y = 12$

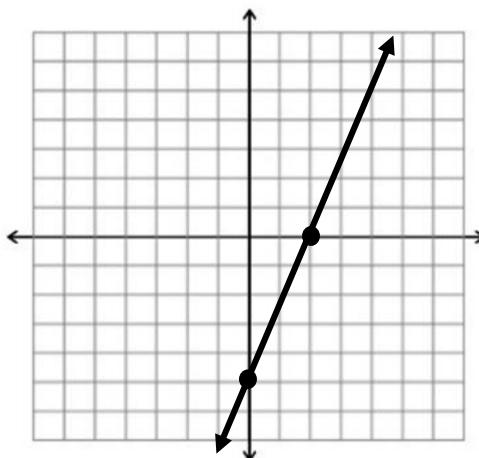
- a.  $x$ -int:  $(4, 0)$   
 $y$ -int:  $(0, -6)$       b.  $x$ -int:  $(-4, 0)$   
 $y$ -int:  $(0, 6)$       c.  $x$ -int:  $(6, 0)$   
 $y$ -int:  $(0, -4)$       d.  $x$ -int:  $(6, 0)$   
 $y$ -int:  $(0, 4)$

11. Which is the graph of  $5x + 2y = 10$ ?

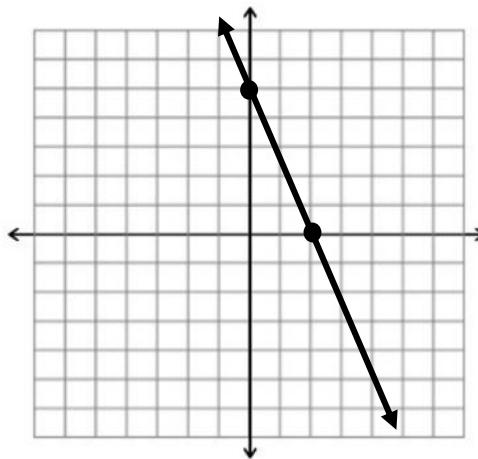
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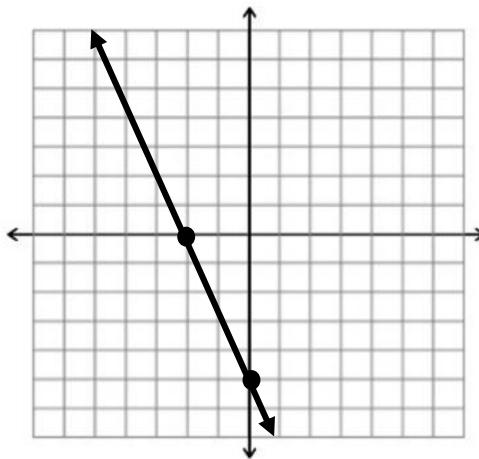
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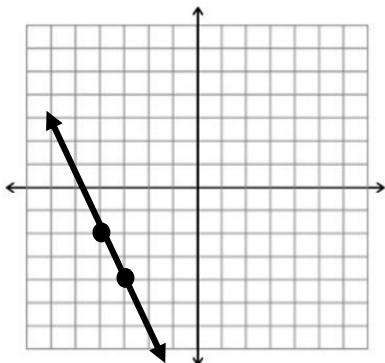
12. Find  $x$  so that  $(x, 6)$  is a solution to  $2x + 3y = 12$

- a.  $x = -6$       b.  $x = 30$       c.  $x = 15$       d.  $x = -3$

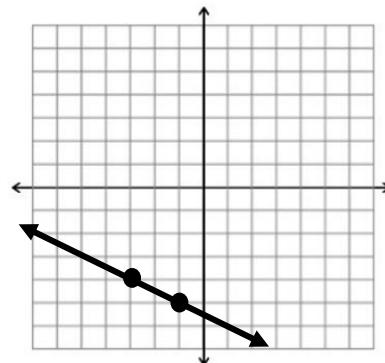
13. Write the equation of a vertical line that goes through the point  $(-36, 27)$ .
- a.  $y = -36$       b.  $y = 27$       c.  $x = -36$       d.  $x = 27$
14. Write the equation of a horizontal line that goes through the point  $(-36, 27)$ .
- a.  $y = -36$       b.  $y = 27$       c.  $x = -36$       d.  $x = 27$
15. Find the slope of the line containing the points  $(0, -7)$  and  $(3, 0)$ .
- a.  $\frac{7}{3}$       b.  $-\frac{3}{7}$       c.  $\frac{3}{7}$       d.  $-\frac{7}{3}$
16. The price, in dollars, of a gallon of gas for the ten-week period after August 1 can be approximated by the equation  $p = 0.03w + 1.13$  where  $w$  is the number of weeks after August 1. Find the  $p$ -intercept, and interpret its meaning in the context of this problem.
- a.  $(0.03, 0)$ ; The price is rising by \$0.03/week.  
 b.  $(0, 1.13)$ ; The price on August 1 was \$1.13.  
 c.  $(-37.67, 0)$ ; It takes 37.67 gallons to fill the gas tank.  
 d.  $(0, -0.03)$ ; The price on August 1 was \$0.03 less than ten weeks later.
17. Write an equation of the line with slope 12 that goes through the point  $(-1, 4)$ .
- a.  $y = 12x + 4$       b.  $y = 12x - 1$       c.  $y = 12x + 16$       d.  $y = -3x + 12$
18. Solve the system of equations:  $\begin{cases} y = -3x + 12 \\ 8x + 3y = 35 \end{cases}$
- a.  $(1, 9)$       b.  $(-1, 15)$       c.  $(9, -15)$       d.  $(8, 3)$
19. Solve the system of equations:  $\begin{cases} -20x - 4y = -20 \\ 5x + y = 6 \end{cases}$
- a. no solution      b. infinitely many solutions      c.  $(1, 0)$       d.  $(0, 6)$
20. Solve the system of equations for  $y$ :  $\begin{cases} 3x + 8y = 15 \\ 3x - y = 15 \end{cases}$
- a.  $y = -15$       b.  $y = 5$       c.  $y = 0$       d.  $y = 3$

21. Graph the line containing  $(-3, -4)$  with slope  $m = 2$ .

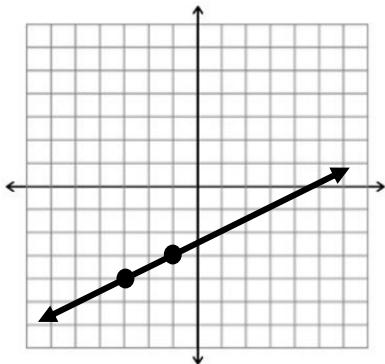
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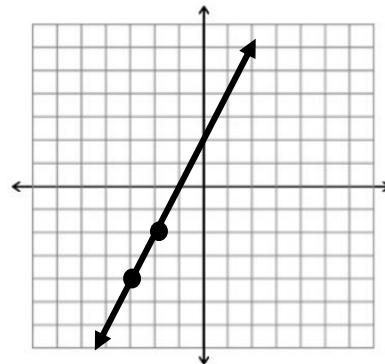
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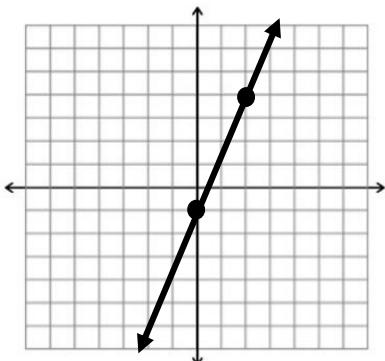


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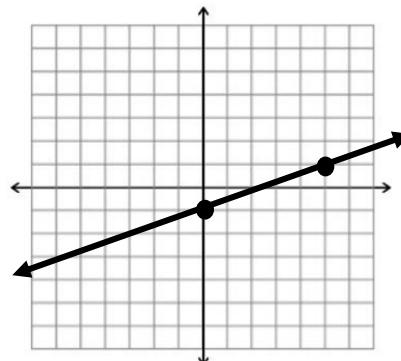


22. Graph  $y = -\frac{5}{2}x - 1$

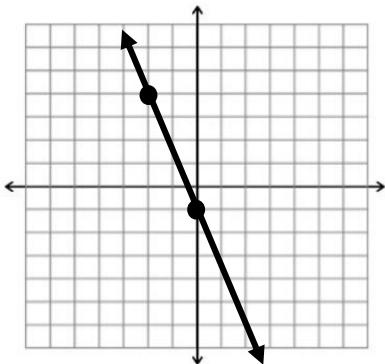
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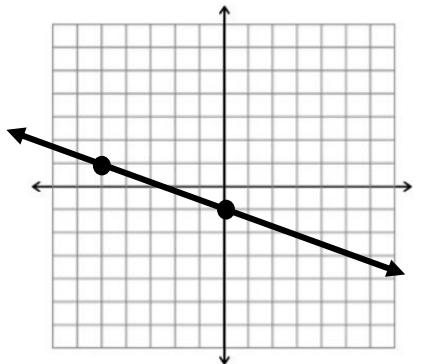
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23. At one store, 5 pairs of jeans and 2 sweatshirts cost \$208, while 3 pairs of jeans and 4 sweatshirts cost \$178. Find the cost of one sweatshirt.
- a. \$19      b. \$34      c. \$16      d. \$36
24. Simplify:  $(-7x^4)(6x^{12})$
- a.  $-42x^{48}$       b.  $-42x^{16}$       c.  $\frac{6x^8}{7}$       d.  $42x^8$
25. Simplify:  $(7y^6)^2(2y^8)^4$
- a.  $784y^{44}$       b.  $14y^{44}$       c.  $784y^{384}$       d.  $14y^{14}$
26. Simplify:  $\left(\frac{2x^8y^8}{x^6y^7}\right)^3$
- a.  $8x^6y^3$       b.  $2x^{18}y^{17}$       c.  $8x^2y$       d.  $2x^6y^3$
27. Evaluate:  $2^{-4}$
- a.  $\frac{1}{16}$       b.  $-8$       c.  $\frac{1}{8}$       d.  $-\frac{1}{16}$
28. Simplify:  $y^{-5}$
- a.  $-5y$       b.  $y - 5$       c.  $\frac{1}{y^5}$       d.  $-\frac{1}{y^5}$
29. Simplify:  $\frac{x^2}{x^7}$
- a.  $x^5$       b.  $\frac{1}{x^5}$       c.  $x^9$       d.  $-x^5$
30. Simplify:  $\left(\frac{14x^3y^8}{7x^7y^3}\right)^2$
- a.  $\frac{2y^2}{x^4}$       b.  $\frac{2y^{10}}{x}$       c.  $\frac{4y^{10}}{x^8}$       d.  $4x^8y^{10}$

31. Perform the indicated operation(s):  $(-4a^2b + 3ab^2 + ab) - (2a^2b - 3ab^2 - 5ab)$

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| a. $-6a^2b - 4ab$        | b. $-6a^2b + 6ab^2 + 6ab$ |
| c. $2a^2b + 6ab^2 - 4ab$ | d. $-6a^4b^2 - 4a^2b^2$   |

32. Multiply:  $3x^2y^3(-5x^2y - 3xy^2 - 2x + 9)$

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| a. $-15x^4y^4 - 3xy^2 - 2x + 9$               | b. $-15x^4y^4 - 9x^2y^6 - 6x^3y^3 + 27x^2y^3$ |
| c. $-15x^4y^4 - 9x^3y^6 - 6x^3y^3 - 27x^2y^3$ | d. $-15x^4y^4 - 9x^3y^5 - 6x^3y^3 + 27x^2y^3$ |

33. Multiply:  $(10x + 5)(x^2 - 2x + 2)$

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| a. $10x^3 - 10x^2 + 2$        | b. $10x^3 - 20x^2 + 20x + 10$ |
| c. $10x^3 - 15x^2 + 10x + 10$ | d. $11x^2 - 20x + 10$         |

34. Multiply:  $(p + 11)^2$

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| a. $p^2 + 121$ | b. $p^2 + 11p + 121$ | c. $p^2 + 22p + 121$ | d. $p^2 + 22$ |
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35. Divide:  $\frac{9x^4 - 21x^3 - 18x^2 + 6x}{3x}$

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| a. $3x^3 - 21x^3 - 18x^2 + 6x$ | b. $3x^3 - 7x^2 - 6x + 2$ |
| c. $9x^4 - 21x^3 - 18x^2 + 2$  | d. $9x^4 - 25x^2 + 6x$    |

36. Factor completely:  $5xy + 10x - 20y - 40$

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| a. $5(x + 4)(y - 2)$ | b. $5(x + 2)(y - 4)$ | c. $5(x - 4)(y + 2)$ | d. $5(x - 2)(y + 4)$ |
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37. Factor completely:  $x^2 - 36$

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| a. $(x - 6)^2$ | b. $(x + 6)^2$ | c. $(x - 9)(x + 4)$ | d. $(x - 6)(x + 6)$ |
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38. Which of the following is a factor of  $y^2 - 16y + 60$ ?

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| a. $(y + 10)$ | b. $(y - 10)$ | c. $(y + 6)$ | d. $(y - 15)$ |
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39. Which of the following is a factor of  $c^2 + 4c - 96$ ?
- a.  $(c - 8)$       b.  $(c - 16)$       c.  $(c - 12)$       d.  $(c + 6)$
40. Factor completely:  $7x^3 - 63x^2 + 98x$
- a.  $7(x^2 - 2)(x - 7)$       b.  $(x^2 - 7)(7x - 2)$   
 c.  $7x(x - 2)(x - 7)$       d.  $x(7x - 2)(x - 7)$
41. Solve the equation:  $4x^2 + 32x = 0$
- a.  $x = -8, 4$       b.  $x = 8, 0$       c.  $x = 8, -4$       d.  $x = -8, 0$
42. Simplify:  $\frac{36x^4}{33x^{11}}$
- a.  $\frac{12}{11x^{15}}$       b.  $\frac{3}{x^7}$       c.  $3x^7$       d.  $\frac{12}{11x^7}$
43. Simplify:  $\frac{y^2+4y-21}{y^2-9}$
- a.  $\frac{4y-21}{9}$       b.  $\frac{y+7}{y-3}$       c.  $\frac{y+7}{y+3}$       d.  $\frac{4y-7}{3}$
44. Multiply:  $\frac{60x^5}{y^2} \cdot \frac{y^5}{15x}$
- a.  $\frac{4x^4}{y^3}$       b.  $4x^4y^3$       c.  $\frac{x^4y^3}{4}$       d.  $\frac{y^3}{4x^4}$
45. Multiply and simplify:  $\frac{x+2}{2x^2+9x+10} \cdot \frac{4x+10}{20}$
- a.  $\frac{2x+11}{5}$       b.  $\frac{1}{10}$       c.  $\frac{4x}{11x+7}$       d.  $\frac{4x+2}{x+5}$

46. Divide and simplify:  $\frac{x^2-7x-18}{x^2-12x+27} \div \frac{4x^2+8x}{x^2-9}$

a.  $\frac{x+3}{4x}$

b.  $\frac{-7x-11}{20x+3}$

c.  $\frac{x-2}{x+2}$

d.  $-\frac{16}{7+14x}$

47. Find the LCD of the fractions:  $\frac{5}{12x^2}, \frac{4}{9x^4}$

a.  $36x^4$

b.  $36x^8$

c.  $108x^8$

d.  $3x^2$

48. Add:  $\frac{15x}{9x+16} + \frac{7}{9x+16}$

a.  $\frac{105x}{9x+16}$

b.  $\frac{15x+7}{9x+16}$

c.  $\frac{22x}{9x+16}$

d.  $\frac{105x}{18x+32}$

49. Subtract:  $\frac{x}{x+2} - \frac{9}{x-10}$

a.  $\frac{x^2-19x-18}{x^2-8x-20}$

b.  $\frac{x-9}{x^2-8x-20}$

c.  $\frac{-19x-9}{-8x-10}$

d.  $\frac{x^2-10x}{x^2-8x-20}$

50. Solve the formula for  $y$ :  $ax + by = c$

a.  $y = \frac{c}{b} - ax$

b.  $y = \frac{c}{ax} - b$

c.  $y = \frac{c+b}{ax}$

d.  $y = \frac{c-ax}{b}$

51. Simplify:  $\sqrt{60}$

a.  $2\sqrt{15}$

b.  $4\sqrt{15}$

c.  $2\sqrt{30}$

d.  $15\sqrt{2}$

52. Simplify the expression. Assume the variable represents a positive real number.

a.  $x^2$

b.  $x^7$

$\sqrt{x^{14}}$

c.  $x^{13}$

d.  $x$

53. Simplify the expression. Assume the variable represents a positive real number.

$$\sqrt{90y^{15}}$$

a.  $y^{30}\sqrt{90}$

b.  $9y^7\sqrt{10}$

c.  $3y^7\sqrt{y}$

d.  $3y^7\sqrt{10y}$

54. Simplify the expression. Assume the variable represents a positive real number.

$$\sqrt{175a^{17}b^7}$$

- a.  $7a^{16}b^6\sqrt{5ab}$       b.  $5a^8b^3\sqrt{7ab}$       c.  $5a^{16}b^6\sqrt{7ab}$       d.  $7a^8b^3\sqrt{5ab}$

55. Add:  $7\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{98}$

- a. 28      b. 70      c.  $14\sqrt{2}$       d.  $7\sqrt{2}$

56. Perform the operations and simplify:  $\sqrt{27} - \sqrt{75} + \sqrt{108}$

- a.  $\sqrt{60}$       b.  $4\sqrt{3}$       c.  $3\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{5} + 3\sqrt{6}$       d.  $-8\sqrt{3}$

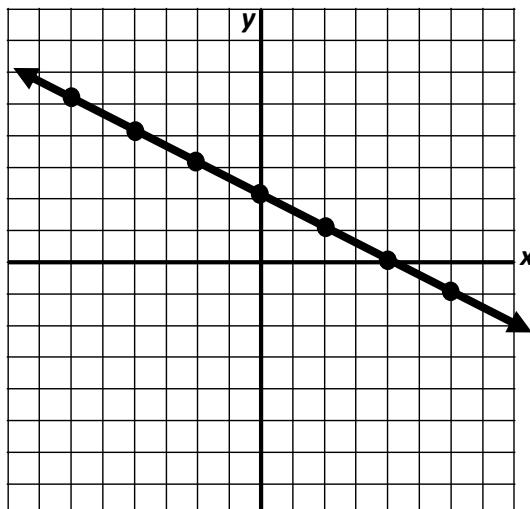
57. You've decided to enroll in a local community college as a part-time student (taking fewer than 12 credit hours). The cost per credit at your college is \$138.50.

- a. What is the cost of a 4-credit-hour math class?
- b. Write an equation to determine the total tuition ( $y$ ) for a given number of credit hours ( $x$ ).
- c. Complete the following table.

Credit Hours ( $x$ )	Tuition Paid ( $y$ )
6	
	\$1246.50
11	

58. Consider the graph of the line below.

- a. State the slope of the line.
- b. State the  $x$ -intercept as an ordered pair.
- c. State the  $y$ -intercept as an ordered pair.
- d. Write the equation of the line in the form  $y = mx + b$ .



Solutions:

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| 1. d  | 34. c                          |
| 2. c  | 35. b                          |
| 3. b  | 36. c                          |
| 4. c  | 37. d                          |
| 5. a  | 38. b                          |
| 6. b  | 39. a                          |
| 7. d  | 40. c                          |
| 8. b  | 41. d                          |
| 9. d  | 42. d                          |
| 10. a | 43. c                          |
| 11. c | 44. b                          |
| 12. d | 45. b                          |
| 13. c | 46. a                          |
| 14. b | 47. a                          |
| 15. a | 48. b                          |
| 16. b | 49. a                          |
| 17. c | 50. d                          |
| 18. a | 51. a                          |
| 19. a | 52. b                          |
| 20. c | 53. d                          |
| 21. d | 54. b                          |
| 22. c | 55. c                          |
| 23. a | 56. b                          |
| 24. b | 57. a. \$554, b. $y = 138.50x$ |

25. a      Credit Hours      Tuition Paid (\$)

26. a	6	\$831
27. a	9	\$1246.50
28. c	11	\$1523.50

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| 29. b | 58. a. $m = -\frac{1}{2}$            |
| 30. c | b. x-intercept: (4, 0)               |
| 31. b | c. y-intercept: (0, 2),              |
| 32. d | d. equation: $y = -\frac{1}{2}x + 2$ |
| 33. c |                                      |