

## PERCENT

- 2005B 6. **(B)** To earn an A on at least 80% of her quizzes, Lisa needs to receive an A on at least  $(0.8)(50) = 40$  quizzes. Thus she must earn an A on at least  $40 - 22 = 18$  of the remaining 20. So she can earn a grade lower than an A on at most 2 of the remaining quizzes.

- 2007A 6. **Answer (A):** Between 2002 and 2003, the increase was

$$\frac{6}{60} = \frac{1}{10} = 10\%.$$

Between the other four pairs of consecutive years, the increases were

$$\frac{4}{66} < \frac{4}{40} = \frac{1}{10}, \quad \frac{6}{70} < \frac{6}{60} = \frac{1}{10}, \quad \frac{2}{76} < \frac{2}{20} = \frac{1}{10}, \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{7}{78} < \frac{7}{70} = \frac{1}{10}.$$

Therefore the largest percentage increase occurred between 2002 and 2003.

- 2018A 6. **Answer (B):** Let  $N$  be the number of votes cast. Then  $0.65N$  of them were like votes, and  $0.35N$  of them were dislike votes. The current score for Sangho's video is then  $0.65N - 0.35N = 0.3N = 90$ . Thus  $N = 90 \div (0.3) = 300$ .
- 2007A 7. **Answer (D):** After paying the federal taxes, Mr. Public had 80% of his inheritance money left. He paid 10% of that, or 8% of his inheritance, in state taxes. Hence his total tax bill was 28% of his inheritance, and his inheritance was  $\$10,500/0.28 = \$37,500$ .
- 2009A 7. **Answer (C):** Suppose whole milk is  $x\%$  fat. Then 60% of  $x$  is equal to 2. Thus
- $$x = \frac{2}{0.6} = \frac{20}{6} = \frac{10}{3}.$$
- 2014B 7. **Answer (A):** The fraction by which  $A$  is greater than  $B$  is simply the positive difference  $A - B$  divided by  $B$ . The percent difference is 100 times this, or  $100 \left( \frac{A-B}{B} \right)$ .
- 2009A 8. **Answer (B):** Grandfather Wen's ticket costs \$6, which is  $\frac{3}{4}$  of the full price, so each ticket at full price costs  $\frac{4}{3} \cdot 6 = 8$  dollars, and each child's ticket costs  $\frac{1}{2} \cdot 8 = 4$  dollars. The cost of all the tickets is  $2(\$6 + \$8 + \$4) = \$36$ .

2009B

8. **Answer (B):** Let  $p$  denote the price at the beginning of January. The price at the end of March was  $(1.2)(0.8)(1.25)p = 1.2p$ . Because the price at the end of April was  $p$ , the price decreased by  $0.2p$  during April, and the percent decrease was

$$x = 100 \cdot \frac{0.2p}{1.2p} = \frac{100}{6} \approx 16.7.$$

To the nearest integer,  $x$  is 17.

2011A

8. **Answer (C):** Because 75% of the birds were not swans and 30% of the birds were geese, it follows that  $\frac{30}{75} \cdot 100\% = 40\%$  of the birds that were not swans were geese.

2001

9. **(B)** If Kristin's annual income is  $x \geq 28,000$  dollars, then

$$\frac{p}{100} \cdot 28,000 + \frac{p+2}{100} \cdot (x - 28,000) = \frac{p+0.25}{100} \cdot x.$$

Multiplying by 100 and expanding yields

$$28,000p + px + 2x - 28,000p - 56,000 = px + 0.25x.$$

So,  $1.75x = \frac{7}{4}x = 56,000$  and  $x = 32,000$ .

2013A

9. **Answer (B):** If Shenille attempted  $x$  three-point shots and  $30 - x$  two-point shots, then she scored a total of  $\frac{20}{100} \cdot 3 \cdot x + \frac{30}{100} \cdot 2 \cdot (30 - x) = 18$  points.

**Remark:** The given information does not allow the value of  $x$  to be determined.

- 2013A 10. **Answer (E):** Because six tenths of the flowers are pink and two thirds of the pink flowers are carnations,  $\frac{6}{10} \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{5}$  of the flowers are pink carnations. Because four tenths of the flowers are red and three fourths of the red flowers are carnations,  $\frac{4}{10} \cdot \frac{3}{4} = \frac{3}{10}$  of the flowers are red carnations. Therefore  $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{3}{10} = \frac{7}{10} = 70\%$  of the flowers are carnations.
- 2013B 10. **Answer (C):** Let  $x$  denote the number of three-point shots attempted. Then the number of three-point shots made was  $0.4x$ , resulting in  $3(0.4x) = 1.2x$  points. The number of two-point shots attempted was  $1.5x$ , and they were successful on  $0.5(1.5x) = 0.75x$  of them resulting in  $2(0.75x) = 1.5x$  points. The number of points scored was  $1.2x + 1.5x = 54$ , so  $x = 20$ .