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### QUESTION 1

Select the word that is most nearly the same in meaning as the word in capital letters. RELUCTANT

- A. aimless
- B. envious
- C. unwilling
- D. tearful

Correct Answer: C

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### QUESTION 2

Which story best fits the equation  $48/12 = 4$ ?

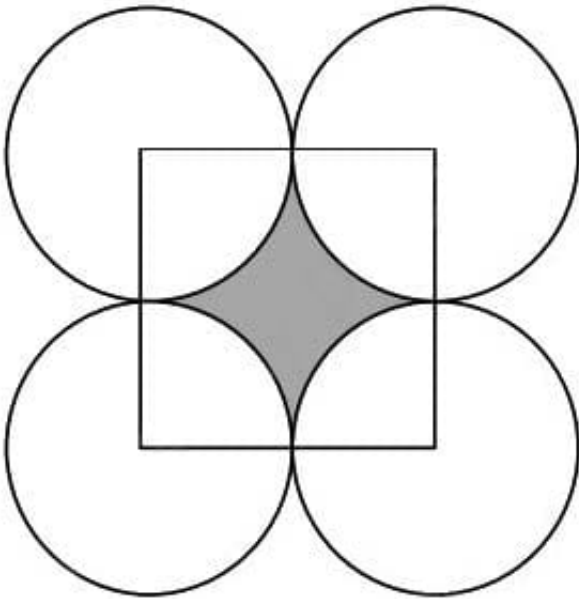
- A. I have 12 books and 48 fit in each box. How many boxes do I need?
- B. I have 60 boxes and 48 books. How many books will go in each box?
- C. I have 48 books and 12 fit in each box. How many boxes do I need?
- D. I have 48 books and my friend has 12 books. How many more books do I have?

Correct Answer: C

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### QUESTION 3

In the figure below, the centers of four identical circles form the corners of a square. The radius of each circle is 2 cm.



What is the area of the shaded region? (area of a circle =  $\pi r^2$ )

- A.  $4 - 4\pi \text{ cm}^2$
- B.  $4 \text{ cm}^2$
- C.  $16 - 4\pi \text{ cm}^2$
- D.  $16\pi - 4 \text{ cm}^2$

- A. Option A
- B. Option B
- C. Option C
- D. Option D

Correct Answer: C

#### QUESTION 4

What is the value of the expression  $3,100 - 255$ ?

- A. 3,845
- B. 2,945
- C. 2,845
- D. 2,745

Correct Answer: C



## QUESTION 5

Which sentence best describes the main point of the second paragraph?

- 1 Since prehistoric times, people have  
2 grown cotton to make clothing; archaeologists  
3 have found pieces of cotton fabric in Mexico  
4 and Pakistan dating from as far back as 5000  
5 BC. Not only is cotton one of our most ancient  
6 clothing materials, it is also the most  
7 commonly used fiber in clothing today.  
8 Although many people wear it daily, they may  
9 not be aware of the role cotton has played in  
10 history.
- 11 In the United States, most cotton was  
12 produced in the fertile South. Until the end of  
13 the 18th century, the US cotton industry was  
14 small, yielding only about 900,000 kilograms  
15 of cotton in 1791. The industry began to grow  
16 tremendously in 1793, when the American Eli  
17 Whitney invented the cotton gin. Before the  
18 cotton gin, a bale of cotton required over 600  
19 hours of labor to produce. With Whitney's  
20 invention, the process took only about 12  
21 hours. With this increase in efficiency, cotton  
22 soon became the dominant industry in the  
23 South, and by 1801 the United States was  
24 producing more than 22 million kilograms of  
25 cotton every year.
- 26 By 1860, one year before the start of the  
27 American Civil War, the Southern States  
28 supplied the majority of the world's cotton.  
29 The cotton industry brought in huge profits for  
30 the plantation owners. However, these profits  
31 were accompanied by a substantial growth in  
32 the slave industry, since slaves comprised the  
33 majority of the workforce on cotton  
34 plantations. By 1860, slaves constituted more  
35 than 50% of the population of the cotton-  
36 producing states of Alabama, Mississippi, and  
37 Louisiana. The growth of the slave-based  
38 cotton industry contributed in turn to the  
39 American Civil War, since the North opposed  
40 the use of slave labor, and the South was  
41 emboldened by the power of the cotton  
42 industry.
- 43 During the Civil War, the Southern States  
44 attempted a policy called "cotton diplomacy."  
45 Most of the cotton produced in the American  
46 South was exported to Europe, which was  
47 dependent on American raw cotton for its  
48 textile industry. The Southern States  
49 attempted to use their economic influence to  
50 persuade Great Britain to side with them in the  
51 Civil War by drastically reducing the amount of  
52 cotton they supplied. So strong was their belief  
53 that Great Britain would accede to their  
54 request that the plantation owners dubbed  
55 their crop "King Cotton." Unfortunately for  
56 them, the warehouses of Great Britain had  
57 already imported and stockpiled a huge  
58 surplus of cotton. Cotton diplomacy failed, and  
59 neither Great Britain nor any other European  
60 power intervened during the Civil War.
- 61 The history of cotton is woven together  
62 with agricultural slavery, industrial advances,  
63 civil war, and foreign diplomacy. It has not  
64 only been a fiber of choice in our clothing for  
65 thousands of years, but also a significant  
66 strand in the fabric of history.

- A. The South was the most fertile region of the United States.
- B. Eli Whitney was partially responsible for the Civil War.
- C. Cotton fields were mostly worked by slave labor.



D. New technology transformed cotton production from a minor industry to a major one.

Correct Answer: D

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