Direct and Inverse Variation

- 1. Given that a varies inversely as b, if a = 5 when b = 2, what is the value of a when b = 1?
 - **A.** 2
 - **B.** 2.5
 - **C.** 5
 - **D.** 10
 - **E.** 20
- 2. The number of high heels Theresa May buys varies directly with her score on the stress scale (out of 10). On Monday, she scored a 3 on the stress scale and bought 12 pairs of high heels. On Tuesday, if she scores a 6 on the stress scale, how pairs of high heels with she buy?
 - **A.** 3
 - **B.** 6
 - **C.** 15
 - **D.** 24
 - **E.** 36
- 3. Given that c varies directly as d, if c = 10 when d = 2, what is the value of d when c = 15?
 - **A.** 1
 - **B.** $\frac{4}{3}$
 - **C.** 2
 - **D.** 3
 - **E.** 4
- **4.** The number of Kardashians is inversely proportional to the time it takes to read an essay. It takes 3 Kardasians 7 hours to read an extended essay analyzing the impact their reality show has had on the lifestyles of woman. How long would it take 5 Kardashians to read the same essay?
 - **A.** 2.1 hours
 - **B.** 2.4 hours
 - **C.** 3.5 hours
 - **D.** 4.2 hours
 - **E.** 11.6 hours



- 5. Given that g varies directly as the *square* of h, if g = 27 when h = 3, what is g when h = 5?
 - **A.** 75
 - **B.** 45
 - **C.** 32
 - **D.** 29
 - **E.** 9
- **6.** Lucas purchases a new compass to find "True North". The storekeeper tells him that the price of the compass varies inversely with the level of precision. A compass that is 5° off costs \$4.50. How much will a compass that is 2° off cost, in dollars?
 - **A.** \$1.50
 - **B.** \$2.22
 - C. \$5.55
 - **D.** \$7.50
 - **E.** \$11.25
- 7. Given that p varies inversely as the *cube* of q. If p = 6 when q = 1, what is the value of p when q = 2?
 - **A.** $\frac{3}{4}$
 - **B.** 3
 - **C.** 12
 - **D.** 24
 - **E.** 48
- **8.** A person's *body mass index*, BMI, varies directly as the person's weight in pounds and inversely as the square of the person's height in feet. If *k* represents the constant of variation, which of the following expressions represents the BMI of a person who weighs *w* pounds and is *f* feet tall?
 - A. $\frac{k}{wf^2}$
 - $\mathbf{B.} \ \frac{kw}{f^2}$
 - C. $\frac{kf^2}{w}$
 - $\mathbf{D.} \ \frac{wf^2}{k}$
 - **E.** kwf^2



- **9.** Given that y varies jointly with the *square* of x and the *square root* of z, if y = 54 when x = 3 and z = 4, what is the value of y when x = 2 and z = 25?
 - **A.** 9.6
 - **B.** 30
 - **C.** 60
 - **D.** 225
 - **E.** 303.8
- **10.** Let k be a constant of proportionality and let r, s, t, and u be positive real number variables. In which of the following equations does u vary directly with r, directly with the square root of s, and inversely with the square of t?
 - $\mathbf{A.} \ \ u = \frac{k\sqrt{s}}{rt^2}$
 - **B.** $u = \frac{kr\sqrt{s}}{t^2}$
 - $\mathbf{C.} \ \ u = \frac{kr}{\sqrt{s}t^2}$
 - **D.** $u = \frac{kt^2}{r\sqrt{s}}$
 - **E.** $u = kr\sqrt{s}t^2$