

Evaluating Expressions

Use PEMDAS to simplify in the correct order.

Task 1: Simplify each expression. Show your work.

a) $\frac{(-12)(-3)+3}{-7-(-2)}$

$\frac{36+3}{-5} = \frac{39}{-5}$

c) $\frac{(-8)(-11)-4}{-9-(-4)}$

$\frac{88-4}{-5} = \frac{84}{-5}$

b) $\frac{2(-3)^2-20}{-5+4}$

$\frac{2(9)-20}{-1} = \frac{18-20}{-1} = \frac{-2}{-1} = 2$

d) $\frac{3(-2)^3-9}{-6+3}$

$\frac{3(-8)-9}{-3} = \frac{-24-9}{-3} = \frac{-33}{-3} = 11$

Evaluating an Expression

- Plug in the values provided to the correct variable.
- Then simplify the expression until you have one number/value.

Task 2: If $x = -2$ and $y = -4$, evaluate each expression.

a) $5x - y$

$5(-2) - (-4)$
 $-10 + 4$
 -6

b) $x^4 - y^2$

$(-2)^4 - (-4)^2$
 $16 - 16$
 0

c) $\frac{3x}{2y}$

$\frac{3(-2)}{2(-4)}$
 $\frac{-6}{-8} = \frac{3}{4}$

Solving Applications That Involve Multiplying or Dividing Numbers

Task 4: Calculating a Total Golf Score

- a) A professional golfer finished seven strokes under par (-7) for each of the three days of a tournament. What was her total score for the tournament?

$3(-7) = -21$

- b) A card player had a score of -13 for each of four games. Find the total score.

$4(-13) = -52$

Task 3: If $x = -5$ and $y = -2$, evaluate each expression.

a) $7y - x$

$7(-2) - (-5)$
 $-14 + 5$
 -9

b) $x^2 - y^3$

$(-5)^2 - (-2)^3$
 $25 - (-8)$
 $25 + 8$
 33

c) $\frac{2x}{3y}$

$\frac{2(-5)}{3(-2)}$
 $\frac{-10}{-6} = \frac{5}{3}$

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