

Foundations for College Algebra
Fall 2017
Quiz #1

SHOW ALL WORK QUIZ!

1. Use the chart below to place a check mark indicating which sets the item on the left is a member of.

	N	W	Z	Q	Q'	R
$\sqrt{25}$	✓	✓	✓	✓	/	✓
-0.0001	/	/	/	✓	/	✓
$\frac{8}{31}$	/	/	/	✓	/	✓
-2	/	/	✓	✓	/	✓

2. Convert the following repeating decimal to a fraction: $-0.\overline{27}$. Show all steps.

Let $x = -0.\overline{27}$ & multiply by 100 to move the decimal two places right.

$$100x = -27.\overline{27}$$

$$x = -0.\overline{27}$$

$$99x = -27$$

$$x = -\frac{27}{99} = \boxed{-\frac{3}{11}}$$

3. Let $n, m, k \in \mathbb{N}$, where $n = mk$, then write the definition of a prime number p in \mathbb{N} .

$$p = p \cdot 1; \text{ because } \frac{p}{1} = p \text{ \& } \frac{1}{p} = 1$$

For #4 and #5 determine if the following statements are true or false and, **support your answer** in your own words.

4. Some whole numbers are irrational.

False, irrational numbers can not be written as a ratio of two integers, where a whole number can be by dividing by the integer "1".

note: \subseteq means subset of
 e.g. $\{1\} \subseteq \{1, 2, 3\}$

5. No rational numbers are natural numbers.

True, because rational numbers are, by definition, the ratio of two integers.* However, a natural number can be made into a rational by using a "1" as the denominator.

So, $\mathbb{Q} \neq \mathbb{N}$, but $\mathbb{N} \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$ if $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is divided by "1".

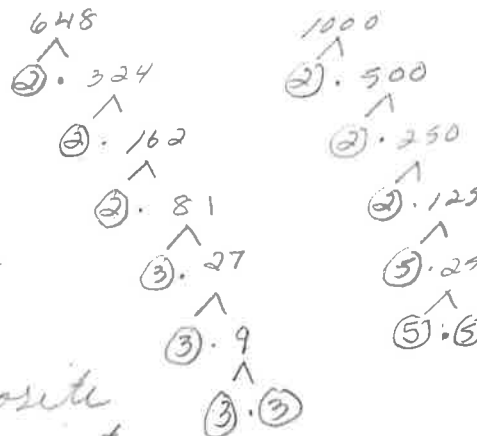
* except division by zero.

6. Give the definition of rational numbers.

$$\mathbb{Q} = \left\{ \frac{m}{n} \mid m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } n \neq 0 \right\}$$

7. Write 7.648 as a ratio of two integers and simplify if possible.

$$\begin{aligned} 7 \frac{648}{1000} &= 7 \frac{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 3}{2 \cdot 2 \cdot 2 \cdot 5 \cdot 5 \cdot 5} \\ &= 7 \frac{81}{125} \\ &= \frac{7 \cdot 125 + 81}{125} = \frac{956}{125} = 7.648 \checkmark \end{aligned}$$



8. What do we mean when we say a number is Composite?

A number is said to be Composite if it can be decomposed into a unique product of prime numbers.

9. Define The Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic.

The theorem says that any natural number has a unique product of prime numbers as its factors.

10. Write 326 as a product of primes.

$$326 = 2 \cdot 163$$