

7 Minnesota MCA Grade 3 Math Practice Tests

Comprehensive Test Prep with Detailed Answers

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3-Phase Training Plan

Phase 1: Warm-Up (Tests 1–2)

Take these without a timer. Get comfortable with the format. Review answers carefully. Identify your strong and weak topics.

Phase 2: Build Speed (Tests 3–5)

Start using a timer. Focus on the topics that tripped you up in Phase 1. Practice showing your work neatly. Compare scores to earlier tests!

Phase 3: Game Day (Tests 6–7)

Simulate full test conditions: quiet room, timed, no help. These are your final dress rehearsals. You've trained for this!

Multiple Choice

Choose the **best answer** from A, B, C, or D.

Champion strategy: Solve it first without looking at the choices. Then find your answer in the list. This prevents tricky wrong answers from confusing you!

Short Answer

Show your work and write a clear answer.

Champion strategy: Write out every step, then re-read the question to make sure you answered what it actually asked — not what you thought it asked!

“ The Champion’s Review ”



After every test: **(1)** Check your answers. **(2)** Read every explanation. **(3)** Write down topics to review. **(4)** Study those topics. **(5)** Take the next test. This cycle is what separates good scores from great ones!

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💡 Champion Strategies 💡

Pro-level tips to help you perform your best!

🚩 Your Pre-Test Routine

Champions do the same routine before every game. Here's yours:

1. **Clear your desk.** Only pencils, eraser, scratch paper, and this book.
2. **Take 5 deep breaths.** Slow and steady. Feel your body relax.
3. **Set your goal.** Write it down: "Today I will..." (show my work, stay calm, check every answer).
4. **Start the timer** and go!

🔄 The 3-Pass Method

This is how the best test-takers work through a test:

- Pass 1: The Quick Sweep.** Go through every question. Answer the ones you know right away. Put a small dot next to the ones that need more thought.
- Pass 2: The Deep Dive.** Go back to the dotted questions. Read them again carefully. Use scratch paper. Try different strategies.
- Pass 3: The Final Check.** Review all your answers. Did you fill in every blank? Do any answers look weird? Double-check your math.

🧩 Crack Word Problems

1. Read the problem. Read it again.
2. Circle the **numbers**.
3. Underline the **question**.
4. Decide: add, subtract, multiply, or divide?
5. Solve. Check: does the answer make sense?

⚠️ Top 5 Mistakes

1. Answering too fast without reading
2. Using the wrong operation (+ instead of $\times$)
3. Forgetting to regroup (carry/borrow)
4. Misreading a number (36 vs. 63)
5. Leaving questions blank



“ With 7 tests, you can actually see your strategy improving! Pay attention to how you take each test, not just your score. Are you reading more carefully? Showing more work? Staying calmer? Those are champion moves! ”

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X¹ Math Reference Sheet X¹

You may use this page during your practice tests!

Symbol	Name	What It Means	
+	Plus (Add)	Put numbers together.	$3 + 5 = 8$
-	Minus (Subtract)	Take away from a number.	$9 - 4 = 5$
×	Times (Multiply)	Add equal groups.	$4 \times 3 = 12$
÷	Divide	Split into equal groups.	$12 \div 3 = 4$
=	Equals	Both sides are the same.	$2 + 3 = 5$
>	Greater Than	The left number is bigger.	$7 > 3$
<	Less Than	The left number is smaller.	$2 < 9$
$\frac{1}{2}$	Fraction Bar	Part of a whole. $\frac{1}{2}$ means 1 out of 2 equal parts	

Key Math Words

- **Sum** — the answer when you add
- **Difference** — the answer when you subtract
- **Product** — the answer when you multiply
- **Quotient** — the answer when you divide
- **Factor** — a number you multiply
- **Array** — objects in rows and columns
- **Fraction** — a part of a whole
- **Numerator** — the top number in a fraction
- **Denominator** — the bottom number
- **Equation** — a math sentence with =
- **Estimate** — a smart guess, close to the real answer
- **Perimeter** — the distance around a shape
- **Area** — the space inside a shape
- **Rounding** — making a number simpler by going to the nearest ten or hundred

 Word Problem Clue Words

- **Add** (+): *in all, total, altogether, combined, sum, both, more*
- **Subtract** (−): *how many more, how many left, fewer, difference, remain*
- **Multiply** (×): *each, every, groups of, times, rows of, per*
- **Divide** (÷): *share equally, split, each group, how many groups, per*



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PRACTICE TEST

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Practice Test 1

 30 Questions

Before You Start

- ✓ *Read each question carefully before choosing your answer.*
- ✓ *Show your work on scratch paper when you need to.*
- ✓ *Skip hard questions and come back to them later.*
- ✓ *Check your answers when you're done.*
- ✓ *Take your time — there's no rush!*

★ *You've Got This!* ★

Do your best and show what you know!



1. What is 4,729 written in expanded form?

(A) $4,000 + 700 + 20 + 9$

(B) $4,000 + 72 + 9$

(C) $4 + 7 + 2 + 9$

(D) $400 + 70 + 29$

2. A farmer has 274 apples. About how many apples does the farmer have, rounded to the nearest 10?

(A) 260

(B) 270

(C) 280

(D) 300

3. Which number is even?

(A) 43

(B) 57

(C) 64

(D) 81

4. Which number comes next in this pattern?

2,000, 4,000, 6,000, 8,000, ?

(A) 8,500

(B) 9,000

(C) 10,000

(D) 12,000

5. What is 100,000 more than 899,999?

(A) 900,000

(B) 999,999

(C) 909,999

(D) 1,000,000



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6. What is $897 - 453$ using the standard algorithm?

(A) 434

(B) 444

(C) 454

(D) 344

7. What is $1,475 + 3,568$?

(A) 4,933

(B) 5,043

(C) 5,033

(D) 4,943

8. Mountain A is 8,034 feet tall. Mountain B is 5,679 feet tall. How much taller is Mountain A?

(A) 2,355

(B) 2,455

(C) 3,355

(D) 2,365

9. $(2 \times 5) \times 3 = ?$

(A) 13

(B) 16

(C) 25

(D) 30

10. In the division sentence $35 \div 5 = 7$, what is the quotient?

(A) 5

(B) 7

(C) 35

(D) 175

11. The digits of every product of 9 have what special property?

(A) They are both even.

(B) They always add up to 9.

(C) They are always the same digit.

(D) The tens digit is always bigger.



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12. The rule is "Add 15." If the output is 23, what was the input?

(A) 8

(B) 12

(C) 15

(D) 38

13. What does the denominator tell you about the number line?

(A) How far to hop

(B) Where to start

(C) How many equal parts the segment from 0 to 1 is split into

(D) The total length of the number line

14. Put these in order from smallest to largest: $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{6}$, $\frac{1}{4}$.

Your Answer:

15. $\frac{3}{4}$ is the same as how many copies of $\frac{1}{4}$?

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 4

16. What whole number does $\frac{9}{3}$ equal?

(A) 1

(B) 3

(C) 6

(D) 9

17. Write $<$, $>$, or $=$: $\frac{1}{4}$ $\underline{\hspace{1cm}}$ $\frac{1}{8}$

Your Answer:



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18. Sam solved $\frac{2}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{3}{10}$. What mistake did Sam make?

- (A) He subtracted instead of adding.
- (B) He added the denominators instead of keeping them the same.
- (C) He forgot to multiply.
- (D) He switched the numerator and denominator.

19. Ben has $\frac{6}{6}$ of a chocolate bar. He gives $\frac{4}{6}$ to his friend. How much does he have left?

Your Answer:

20. A game starts at 1:40 P.M. and ends at 2:25 P.M. How long is the game?

Your Answer:

21. A straw reaches from 0 to just past the 7-inch mark, closer to 7 than to 8. What is its length to the nearest inch?

- (A) 6 inches
- (B) 7 inches
- (C) 8 inches
- (D) $7\frac{1}{2}$ inches

22. David says his cup of soup holds 30 liters. Is this reasonable?

- (A) Yes, soup cups are big
- (B) No, a cup of soup holds less than 1 liter
- (C) Yes, 30 liters is a small amount
- (D) No, a cup of soup holds about 30 grams



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23. How many dimes do you need to make \$1.00?

Your Answer:

24. A pencil costs \$0.75 and an eraser costs \$0.50. How much do they cost together?

- (A) \$0.25 (B) \$1.00
(C) \$1.25 (D) \$1.50

25. What should you ALWAYS check first when reading a picture graph?

- (A) The longest row (B) How many rows there are
(C) The key (D) The colors used

26. A line plot shows straw lengths in inches. There are X marks above 3, $3\frac{1}{2}$, 4, $4\frac{1}{2}$, and 5. What is the difference between the longest and shortest straw?

- (A) 1 inch (B) $1\frac{1}{2}$ inches
(C) 2 inches (D) 5 inches

27. You roll a regular die with sides numbered 1 through 6. What is the probability of rolling a 7?

- (A) Certain (B) Likely
(C) Unlikely (D) Impossible

28. A shape is made of 2 rectangles. One rectangle has 3 rows and 4 columns. The other has 2 rows and 3 columns. What is the total area?

Your Answer:



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29. A rectangle is 8 cm long and 6 cm wide. What is the perimeter?

Your Answer:

30. A rectangle is partitioned into 6 equal parts. If 5 parts are shaded, what fraction is NOT shaded?

Your Answer:



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★ *End of Practice Test 1* ★

Great job finishing the test!

My Score

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*Check your answers in the **Answer Key** at the back of the book.*

 *Review any questions you missed. That's how we learn!*

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