

# 5 Full-Length Nebraska NSCAS Grade 6 Math Practice Tests

*Extra Practice for Test Day Success*

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EXPLORER'S JOURNEY

# 5 Practice Tests to Map Your Math Skills!



Welcome, Math Explorer! 

This book is your map through **5 full practice tests**, each one a new trail through every Grade 6 topic — from ratios and integers to geometry and statistics.

Discover what you already know!

Explore the topics that need more work!

Chart your path to test-day confidence!

Every explorer needs a plan. Let's start mapping yours!



“ Five tests means five chances to discover something new about your math skills. Enjoy the journey! ”

# Your Exploration Guide

Five trails to discover, five weeks to grow

## What's Inside This Book

- **5 Full-Length Practice Tests** — each covers all Grade 6 topics: ratios, integers, expressions, geometry, and statistics.
- **Detailed Answer Explanations** — understand the why behind every answer, not just the what.
- **Formula Reference Sheet** — your trusty map of key formulas.
- **Explorer's Log** — chart your scores and track discoveries!

## Your 5-Week Exploration Schedule

One test per week keeps the journey manageable:

**Trail 1:** Take Test 1 untimed. Explore the terrain and note what you find.

**Trail 2:** Review weak spots. Take Test 2 with a gentle timer (75 min).

**Trail 3:** Test 3 timed (60 min). Compare with Test 1 — see the progress!

**Trail 4:** Deep-focus on remaining tricky topics. Test 4 timed.

**Trail 5:** Full test conditions. Your final exploration — celebrate the finish!

## Multiple Choice

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

 **Explorer's tip:** Read every option before deciding. The correct answer sometimes hides in the last choice!

## Open Response

**Show your work** and write your answer clearly.

 **Explorer's tip:** Think of your solution as a trail map — show every step so someone else could follow your path!

**“ After Each Trail ”**

Check the Answer Key and read every explanation — especially for questions you missed. Write the tricky topics in your Explorer's Log. If you need a deeper dive, grab our **Grade 6 Math Study Guide!**

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# The Explorer's Toolkit

Essential strategies for navigating every test

## Pack Your Gear (Before the Test)

- ✓ Clear your workspace — remove distractions.
- ✓ Gather pencils, eraser, scratch paper.
- ✓ Take 3 deep breaths.
- ✓ Set your goal: "I'll read carefully and show my work."

## Navigate the Trail (During the Test)

1. **Scout first.** Flip through the test to see what's ahead.
2. **Start with what you know.** Answer confident questions first.
3. **Mark the unknowns.** Put a  by tricky ones and return later.
4. **Show every step.** Your solution path matters as much as the answer.
5. **Check the map.** Does your answer make sense in context?

## Navigation Tips by Topic

- **Ratios:** Set up a proportion and cross-multiply
- **Integers:** Use a number line to check signs
- **Expressions:** Follow PEMDAS step by step
- **Equations:** Inverse operations to isolate  $x$
- **Geometry:** Draw and label diagrams
- **Statistics:** Order data before finding median

## Trail Hazards

- Confusing ratio 3:5 with  $\frac{3}{5}$
- Wrong signs when adding integers
- Forgetting exponents in PEMDAS
- Mixing up area formulas
- Reading the wrong axis
- Finding mean instead of **median**



**Explorer's Debrief:** After each test, go through the answer key carefully. For every wrong answer, ask: did I make a careless mistake, or do I need to study this topic more? Write your findings in the Explorer's Log. That's how real explorers improve — they learn from every expedition!

# Pack Your Explorer's Kit

Gather everything you need before each expedition

## Your Expedition Gear

- ✓ **Two sharpened pencils** *so you never have to stop mid-trail*
- ✓ **A good eraser** *every explorer course-corrects!*
- ✓ **Scratch paper** *for drawing diagrams and working out steps*
- ✓ **A quiet workspace** *your base camp for concentration*
- ✓ **A timer** *start using around Trail 3*
- ✓ **Curiosity and confidence!** *the explorer's greatest tools*

## Allowed on Real Tests

- ✓ Pencil and eraser
- ✓ Scratch paper (provided)
- ✓ Ruler (if specified)
- ✓ Reference sheets (in this book)

## Not Allowed

- ✗ Calculator
- ✗ Phone or tablet
- ✗ Textbooks or notes
- ✗ Help from others

## For Parents & Teachers

- Spread the 5 tests across **5 weeks** for best results. This gives time to review and study between expeditions.
- Test 1 should be untimed to establish a baseline.
- After each test, review the Answer Key together. Focus on **reasoning**, not just scores.
- Pair this book with our **Grade 6 Math Study Guide** for topics that need extra attention.
- Celebrate progress — every improvement, no matter how small, is a discovery worth noting!

# Formula Reference Sheet

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## Area Formulas

**Rectangle**  $A = l \times w$

**Parallelogram**  $A = b \times h$

**Triangle**  $A = \frac{1}{2} \times b \times h$

**Trapezoid**  $A = \frac{1}{2}(b_1 + b_2) \times h$

## Volume

**Rectangular**  $V = l \times w \times h$

**Prism**

## Surface Area

Find the area of each face, then add them all up.

**Rectangular Prism:**

$$SA = 2lw + 2lh + 2wh$$

## Order of Operations

**P** Parentheses first

**E** Exponents

**M/D** Multiply & Divide (left to right)

**A/S** Add & Subtract (left to right)

## Ratios & Percents

**Ratio:**  $a : b$  or  $\frac{a}{b}$

**Unit rate:** amount per 1 unit

**Percent:** a ratio out of 100

$$\text{Part} = \text{Percent} \times \text{Whole}$$

## Integers & Absolute Value

**Integers:**

$\dots, -3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$

$$|-5| = 5 \quad |5| = 5$$

**Absolute value** = distance from 0

## Expressions & Equations

**Exponent:**  $3^4 = 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 81$

**Variable:** a letter that stands for a number

**Equation:** two expressions joined by =

**Inequality:** uses  $<$ ,  $>$ ,  $\leq$ ,  $\geq$

## Coordinate Plane

**Ordered pair:**  $(x, y)$

**x-axis:** horizontal    **y-axis:** vertical

**Origin:**  $(0, 0)$

**Four quadrants** (I, II, III, IV)

## Statistics

**Mean:** sum of values  $\div$  count

**Median:** middle value (sorted)

**Range:** max – min

# My Explorer's Log

Record each expedition's results and discoveries

Explorer's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Trail	 Date	 Score	 Confidence
1	_____	____ / ____	
2	_____	____ / ____	
3	_____	____ / ____	
4	_____	____ / ____	
5	_____	____ / ____	

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 *My Discovery Journal*

*Topics I explored with confidence:*

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*Uncharted territory (topics I need to study more):*

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*My biggest improvement from Trail 1 → Trail 5:*

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*One new strategy I discovered along the way:*

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*One strategy that helped me the most:*

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*Let's learn and have fun!*

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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. A recipe calls for 4 cups of water **to** 1 cup of rice. If you use 3 cups of rice, how many cups of water do you need?

- (A) 7  
(B) 8  
(C) 12  
(D) 4

2. Ana types 225 words in 5 minutes. Ben types 180 words in 4 minutes. Who types faster?

- (A) Ana, at 45 words per minute  
(B) Ben, at 45 words per minute  
(C) They type at the same speed.  
(D) Ben, at 44 words per minute

3. A recipe uses 4 eggs for every 6 cups of flour. How many eggs are needed for 18 cups of flour?

- (A) 6  
(B) 10  
(C) 12  
(D) 8

4. A lemonade stand sells cups at \$3 each. Which graph shows the correct relationship?

- (A) A line through (1, 3) and (2, 5)  
(B) A line through (1, 3) and (2, 6)  
(C) A line through (1, 3) and (3, 6)  
(D) A line through (3, 1) and (6, 2)

5. A car's gas tank holds 15 gallons. It uses 1 gallon every 28 miles. How far can the car go on a full tank?

- (A) 420 miles  
(B) 280 miles  
(C) 350 miles  
(D) 450 miles



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6. A sprinter runs at 9 meters per second. What is her speed in kilometers per hour? (1 km = 1,000 m, 1 hour = 3,600 seconds)

Your Answer:

7. The table shows how many pieces of fruit a warehouse packs into crates.

Fruit	Total Pieces	Pieces per Crate
Apples	2,688	16
Oranges	1,575	25
Bananas	1,890	15

Which fruit requires the **most** crates?

- (A) Apples, because  $2,688 \div 16 = 168$  crates      (B) Bananas, because  $1,890 \div 15 = 126$  crates  
(C) Oranges, because  $1,575 \div 25 = 63$  crates      (D) Bananas, because 1,890 is the largest two-digit divisor

8. Compute  $0.288 \div 0.12$ .

Your Answer:

9. What is  $|-8|$ ?

- (A)  $-8$       (B)  $0$   
(C)  $8$       (D)  $-(-8)$



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13. The input-output table below uses the expression  $2x + 3$ . Which output value is incorrect?

Input ( $x$ )	Output ( $2x + 3$ )
1	5
2	7
3	8
4	11

(A)  $x = 1$

(B)  $x = 2$

(C)  $x = 3$

(D)  $x = 4$

14. Which expression is equivalent to  $10a - 2a + 7$ ?

(A)  $12a + 7$

(B)  $8a + 7$

(C)  $8a - 7$

(D)  $15a$

15. Solve:  $x + 3.5 = 10$

(A)  $x = 6.5$

(B)  $x = 13.5$

(C)  $x = 7.5$

(D)  $x = 3.5$

16. An amusement park says "Children under 3 get in free." Which inequality describes the ages that get in free?

(A)  $a > 3$

(B)  $a \leq 3$

(C)  $a < 3$

(D)  $a \geq 3$



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17. Describe the graph of  $x > 1$ : What kind of circle? Which direction to shade?

Your Answer:

18. Look at the input-output table below. Which equation describes the relationship?

Input ( $x$ )	Output ( $y$ )
0	3
1	5
2	7
3	9
4	11

(A)  $y = x + 3$

(B)  $y = 3x$

(C)  $y = 2x + 3$

(D)  $y = x + 5$

19. A triangle has an area of  $60 \text{ cm}^2$ . If the height is 15 cm, what is the base?

Your Answer:

20. What is the volume of a rectangular prism with length 5 cm, width 3 cm, and height 4 cm?

(A)  $12 \text{ cm}^3$

(B)  $60 \text{ cm}^3$

(C)  $30 \text{ cm}^3$

(D)  $94 \text{ cm}^3$

21. What is the distance between  $(-4, 3)$  and  $(6, 3)$ ?

(A) 2 units

(B) 10 units

(C) 6 units

(D) 7 units



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22. A composite figure is made of a  $5 \times 4$  rectangle and a right triangle with base 5 and height 3, placed on top. What is the total area?

- (A) 27.5 square units                      (B) 35 square units  
(C) 20 square units                        (D) 32.5 square units

23. A box is 15 in long, 6 in wide, and 4 in tall. How many square inches of cardboard are needed to make the box?

Your Answer:

24. A circle has a radius of 7 cm. What is its circumference? Use  $\pi \approx 3.14$ .

- (A) 21.98 cm                                (B) 43.96 cm  
(C) 87.92 cm                                (D) 153.86 cm

25. Data: 10, 12, 14, 15, 16, 18, 50. Identify any outliers and explain their effect on the center.

Your Answer:

26. Data: 16, 20, 24, 28, 32, 36. Find the median.

Your Answer:

27. Data: 15, 17, 18, 20, 22, 24, 26. The mean is 20.29. Which value has the greatest distance from the mean?

- (A) 15    (B) 18  
(C) 22    (D) 26



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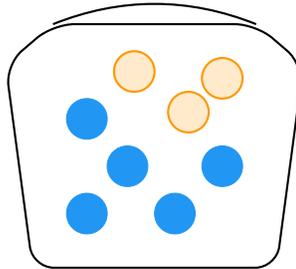
28. Which part of the box plot represents the lowest 25% of the data?

- (A) The box  
(B) The left whisker (from min to Q1)  
(C) The right whisker (from Q3 to max)  
(D) The line at the median

29. Data: 20, 24, 28, 32, 36. Summarize the data using the mean and range.

Your Answer:

30. A bag of marbles is shown below. One marble is drawn at random. What is the probability of drawing a **dark** marble?



5 dark, 3 light

- (A)  $\frac{3}{8}$   
(B)  $\frac{5}{8}$   
(C)  $\frac{5}{3}$   
(D)  $\frac{3}{5}$



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★ *End of Practice Test 1* ★

*Great job finishing the test!*

 **My Score**

*I got \_\_\_\_\_ out of 30 questions right.*

*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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