Algebra 1 SOL Released Questions:
Scientific Notation

## Which equals $(2.3 \times 10^3)(3.6 \times 10^3)$ ?

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F 8.28 \times 10^9
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**G** 
$$8.28 \times 10^6$$

**H** 
$$5.90 \times 10^9$$

**J** 
$$5.90 \times 10^6$$

A computer chip has two pins on one side. One pin is  $4.0\times10^{-3}$  inches long and the other is  $2.5\times10^{-3}$  inches long. What is the difference in the lengths of the pins?

- **F**  $6.5 \times 10^9$  in.
- **G**  $6.5 \times 10^{-3}$  in.
- **H**  $1.5 \times 10^{-3}$  in.
- **J**  $1.5 \times 10^{-6}$  in.

## Which is equivalent to the following expression?

$$(2.3 \times 10^4) - (6.5 \times 10^3)$$

F -42

**G** 165

**H** 1,650

**J** 16,500

## $3.81 \times 10^{-4}$ may be written as —

F 0.0000381

G 0.000381

н 3,810

J 38,100

The speed of sound in water is  $1.46 \times 10^3$  meters per second. The speed of sound in air is  $3.31 \times 10^2$  meters per second. How much faster does sound travel in water than in air?

- $\mathbf{F} \quad 1.85 \times 10^{-3} \text{ m/s}$
- G  $1.129 \times 10^2 \text{ m/s}$
- H  $1.85 \times 10^2 \, \text{m/s}$
- J  $1.129 \times 10^3 \text{ m/s}$

The continent of North America has an area of approximately 9.4 × 10<sup>6</sup> square miles. The area of Asia is approximately 1.74 × 10<sup>7</sup> square miles. How many square miles larger is Asia than North America?

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\mathbf{F} 7.6 × 10<sup>1</sup> \mathbf{G} 7.6 × 10<sup>-1</sup> \mathbf{H} 8.0 × 10<sup>6</sup> \mathbf{J} 8.0 × 10<sup>1</sup>
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## The diameter of a barium atom is 0.0000004346 millimeters. In scientific notation it is —

- A  $43.46 \times 10^{-8}$  mm
- **B**  $4.346 \times 10^7 \, \text{mm}$
- $c 4.346 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mm}$
- **D**  $4346.0 \times 10^{-7}$  mm

The population of Asia is about  $3.4 \times 10^9$ . The population of Africa is about  $7 \times 10^8$ . About how many more people live in Asia than live in Africa?

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F 27,000,000
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G 270,000,000

н 360,000,000

J 2,700,000,000

The sun is about  $1.5 \times 10^8$  kilometers from Earth. If light travels about  $3 \times 10^5$  kilometers per second, about how many seconds does it take light from the sun to reach Earth?

- A 5
- **B** 50
- C 500
- **D** 5,000