



University of the State of New York  
State Education Department

# **New York State Testing Program Mathematics Test 2013 Turnkey Training**

**Grade 8 Short-response (2-point)  
Sample Question**

**Guide Set**

**1** David currently has a square garden. He wants to redesign his garden and make it into a rectangle with a length that is 3 feet shorter than twice its width. He decides that the perimeter should be 60 feet.

Determine the dimensions, in feet, of his new garden.

**Show your work.**

**Answer** \_\_\_\_\_

## Common Core Learning Standard Assessed: 8.EE.7b

Solve linear equations with rational number coefficients, including equations whose solutions require expanding expressions using the distributive property and collecting like terms.

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$$\begin{aligned}w &= \text{width} \\2w - 3 &= \text{length} \\P &= 2 \times (2w - 3) + 2 \times w = 60 \\4w - 6 + 2w &= 60 \\6w - 6 &= 60 \\6w - 6 + 6 &= 60 + 6 \\6w &= 66 \\ \frac{6w}{6} &= \frac{66}{6} \\w &= 11\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}2w - 3 &= \text{length} \\2 \times 11 - 3 &= 22 - 3 = 19\end{aligned}$$

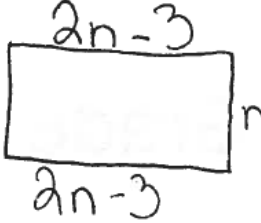
**Answer** Width = 11 ft; Length = 19 ft

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$$\begin{aligned} \text{length} &= 2n - 3 = \boxed{19} \\ \text{width} &= n = \boxed{11} \end{aligned}$$


$$\begin{aligned} 4n - 6 + 2n &= 60 \\ 6n - 6 &= 60 \\ + 6 &+ 6 \\ \hline 6n &= 66 \\ \div 6 &\div 6 \\ \hline n &= 11 \end{aligned}$$

Answer width = 11 length = 19

Paper	RF Number	Score	Notes
g01	N/A	2	<p><b>Score Point 2</b></p> <p>This response answers the question correctly and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the mathematical concepts. The lengths of each side are shown in terms of <math>n</math> (<math>n</math>, <math>2n-3</math>) and are correctly used with the given perimeter to solve for <math>n</math>. The answer for both dimensions is correct. Units in the answer are not required since the question directs students to "determine the dimensions, in feet..."</p>

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$$x = \text{width}$$
$$2x - 3 = \text{length}$$



Answer 11 ft, 19 ft.

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 3 \\ 2x - 3 \\ \times \\ \times \\ \hline 6x - 6 \end{array}$$

$$2(11) - 3$$

$$22 - 3 = 19$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x + 6 = 60 \\ +6 \quad +6 \\ \hline 6x = 66 \\ \frac{6x}{6} = \frac{66}{6} \\ \boxed{x = 11} \end{array}$$

Paper	RF Number	Score	Notes
g02	N/A	2	<b>Score Point 2</b>  This response answers the question correctly and indicates that the student has completed the task correctly, using mathematically sound procedures. The lengths of each side are correctly shown in terms of $x$ and are appropriately used with the given perimeter to solve for $x$ . The answer for both dimensions is correct.

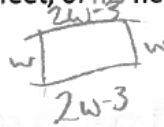


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Length = 19  
width = 11

length =  $2w - 3$   
width =  $w$

$$60w - 6 = 60$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +6 \quad +6 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 60w = 66 \\ \hline 60 \quad 60 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$w = 11$$

Answer 19ft x 11ft

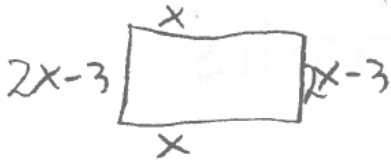
Paper	RF Number	Score	Notes
g03	N/A	2	<b>Score Point 2</b>  This response answers the question correctly and demonstrates a thorough understanding of the mathematical concepts. The lengths of each side are correctly shown in terms of $w$ and are used correctly with the given perimeter to solve for $w$ .

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Total 60 feet

$$\begin{array}{r} 4x - 6 = 60 \\ \hline 4x - 6 + 6 = 60 + 6 \\ \hline 4x = 66 \\ \hline \frac{4x}{4} = \frac{66}{4} \\ \hline x = 11 \end{array}$$

Answer  $x = 11$

$$x = 11$$

Paper	RF Number	Score	Notes
g04	N/A	1	<p><b>Score Point 1</b></p> <p>This response is only partially correct and correctly addresses most elements of the task. The length of each side is correctly determined in terms of <math>x</math> and the equation is set up correctly and solved for <math>x</math>. However, the value given for <math>x</math> is not used to calculate the length of the garden, <math>(2x - 3)</math>. Therefore, only one dimension – the width – is given in the answer. The absence of units in the answer does not detract from the demonstration of understanding.</p>

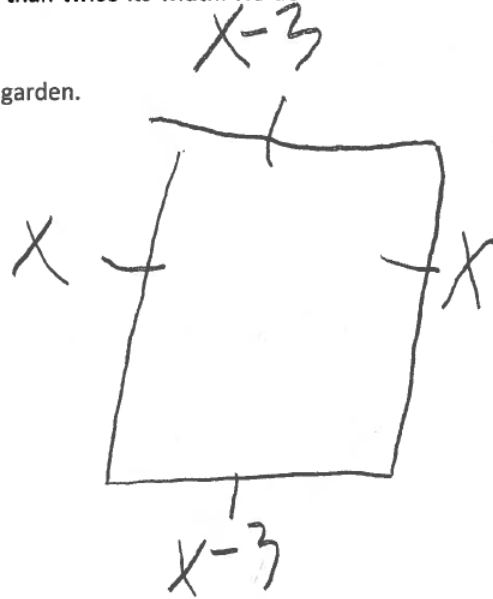


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g05	N/A	1	<b>Score Point 1</b>  This response shows only partial understanding and contains correct numerical answers, but the required work is not provided. The correct numerical answers are given and a check of the answers is provided. However, it is not clear from the work provided how the width (11) was initially determined.

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Answer 12

$13-3$   
 $13-3$   
 $13$   
 $13$   
 $46$

$\frac{66}{4}$

$L = x$

$w = x - 3$

60

$$\begin{array}{r}
 1x-3 \\
 1x-3 \\
 1x \\
 1x \\
 \hline
 4x-6
 \end{array}$$

$4x - 6 = 60$   
 $+6 \quad +6$

Paper	RF Number	Score	Notes
g06	N/A	1	<b>Score Point 1</b>  This response is only partially correct and demonstrates only a partial understanding of the mathematical concepts. The rectangle's length and width are incorrectly expressed as $x$ and $x-3$ , respectively. However, these incorrect expressions are then correctly used in the perimeter equation, solving $x = 66/4$ . The calculations are incorrectly completed.



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Show your work.

$$\begin{array}{r} 60 = 2x + 3 \\ - 3 \quad + 3 \\ \hline 57 = 2x \\ \underline{2} \quad \underline{2} \\ 28.5 = x \end{array}$$

Answer length = 28.5 ft  
width = 1.5 ft

$$\begin{aligned} 60 &= 2(28.5) + 3 \\ 60 &= 57 + 3 \\ 60 &= 60 \end{aligned}$$

$$28.5 \times 2 = 57$$

Length

3 left over

$$3 \div 2 = 1.5 \text{ width}$$

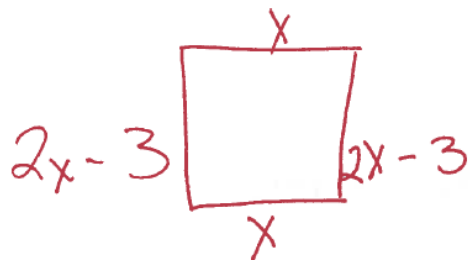
Paper	RF Number	Score	Notes
g07	N/A	0	<b>Score Point 0</b>  This response is incorrect. The incorrect equation is used for perimeter and the procedure used to determine the width is not sufficient to demonstrate even a limited understanding of the mathematical concepts.

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$$\begin{array}{r} 2x-3 \\ 2x-3 \\ 1x \\ 1x \\ \hline \end{array}$$

Answer  $6x-6$

$$\hline 6x-6$$

Paper	RF Number	Score	Notes
g08	N/A	0	<p><b>Score Point 0</b></p> <p>This response is incorrect. The correct dimensions are determined in terms of <math>x</math> and the four sides are added. However, this expression <math>(6x-6)</math> is never equated to the value given for the perimeter and no final values are determined for the dimensions. While this response contains some correct mathematical procedures, there is not enough work completed to demonstrate even a limited understanding of the mathematical concepts embodied in the task.</p>



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## **Mathematics Test**

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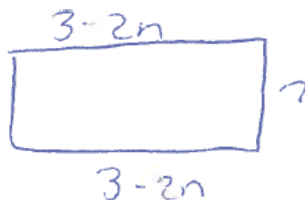
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Show your work.

$$1 = 3 - 2n$$

$$2 = 2n$$

~~$$\begin{array}{r}
 6 - 4n + n = 60 \\
 6 - 5n = 60 \\
 -6 \quad -6 \\
 \hline
 -5n = 54 \\
 \frac{-5n}{5} = \frac{54}{5} \\
 n = 54/5
 \end{array}$$~~

Answer

-19

$$\begin{array}{r}
 3 - 2n + n = 60 \\
 3 - 3n = 60 \\
 -3 \quad -3 \\
 \hline
 -3n = 57 \\
 \frac{-3n}{-3} = \frac{57}{-3} \\
 n = -19
 \end{array}$$

$$n = -19$$



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**Show your work.**

width is  $w$

length is  $l = 2w - 3$

$P = 60$

$$2 \times (2w - 3 + w)$$

$$2 \times (3w - 3)$$

$$6w - 6 = 60$$

$$6w = 66$$

$$w = 11$$

Answer 11 and 19

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Show your work.



Answer  $w=11$  /  $L=22$

$$x = \text{width} + \text{height}$$

$$2x - 3 = \text{length}$$

$$2x - 3$$

$$2x - 3$$

$$-x$$

$$-x$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 2x - 3 \\ 2x - 3 \\ -x \\ -x \\ \hline 6x - 6 = 60 \\ +6 \quad +6 \end{array}$$

$$x = 11$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 6x = 66 \\ \hline 6 \quad 6 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11 \\ \times 2 \\ \hline \end{array}$$

$$\text{22}$$

$$22$$

**Practice Set 3**



**1**

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Determine the dimensions, in feet, of his new garden.

Show your work.

$$x = \text{width}$$

$$2x - 3 = \text{length}$$

$$2(21) - 3$$

$$2x - 3 = 60$$

$$3x - 3 = 60$$

$$\begin{array}{r} +3 \\ +3 \\ \hline 3x = 63 \\ \frac{3x}{3} = \frac{63}{3} \\ x = 21 \end{array}$$

Answer width = 21 ft  
length = 39 ft.

$$\frac{21}{2} = 10.5$$

$$21 - 3 = 18$$

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Show your work.

$$60 \div 2 = 30$$

$$2x - 3 + x = 30$$

$$2x + x = 30 + 3$$

$$3x = 33$$

$$x = 11$$

$$\text{width} = 11 \text{ feet}$$

$$11 \cdot 2 - 3 = 19$$

$$\text{length} = 19 \text{ feet}$$

Answer

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{width} = 11 \text{ feet} \\ \text{length} = 19 \text{ feet} \end{array}$$