# NECAC) Metric System Homework 

## References:

Answers:
services.nietc.org
Wikipedia:
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Metric_system
National Institute of Standards and Technology:
https://www.nist.gov/sites/default/files/documents/pml/wmd/metric/1136a.pdf
Purple Math:
http://www.purplemath.com/modules/metric.htm
CONVERSIONS:
$1 "=2.54 \mathrm{~cm} \quad 1^{\prime}=30.48 \mathrm{~cm} \quad 1 \mathrm{ft}^{2}=0.0929 \mathrm{~m}^{2} \quad 1$ Gallon $=3.785$ liter $\quad 1 \mathrm{lb}=0.453592 \mathrm{kG}$

## Questions:

1) The metric system is based on the $\qquad$ , which is the primary unit of length.

Answer:
a. centimeter
b. inch
c. kilometer
d. meter
2) The simplicity of the metric system lies in the relationship of the expression of quantity (how much) based on the number $\qquad$ ? .

Answer:
a. 0.1
b. 2
c. 10
d. 100
3) The decimal system of numbers is based on the number $\qquad$ ?.

Answer:
a. one hundred
b. ten
c. two
d. zero
4) The prefix deci means $\qquad$ . Answer:
a. 100
b. 1
c. tenth
d. none of the above
5) The deciliter is a unit of measure of $\qquad$ .

Answer:
a. area
b. area2
c. volume
d. weight

Change the following as indicated:
6) 300 picofarads $=$ $\qquad$ 0.0003 microfarads
8) 1,200 millivolts $=$ $\qquad$ volts
7) 0.005 watts $=$ $\qquad$ milliwatts
9) 1 kilovolt $=$ $\qquad$ volts
10) How many meters are there in 35.4 decimeters?

Answer:
a. $\quad 0.354 \mathrm{~m}$
b. 3.54 m
c. 354 m
d. None of the above
11) Draw lines to match the following prefixes to the correct number:

12) To express measurements in the metric system, a person selects the proper prefix and writes it $\qquad$ the word that represents the unit of measure.

Answer:
a. after
b. before
13) A junction box with a screw cover measures 24 " $\times 24$ ". Express the area in millimeters, centimeters and meters. (Suggestion: Convert first to millimeters and then shift the decimal point for others.)
Answer:

| $371612.16 \mathrm{~mm}^{2}$ | $1 "=25.4 \mathrm{~mm}$ <br> $24 " \times 25.4 \mathrm{~mm}=$ |
| :--- | :--- |
|  | 609.6 mm |

$609.6 \mathrm{~mm} \times 609.6 \mathrm{~mm}=$ 371612.16
$1 "=2.54 \mathrm{~cm}$
$24 " \times 2.54 \mathrm{~cm}=60.96 \mathrm{~cm}$
$60.96 \mathrm{~cm} \times 60.96 \mathrm{~cm}=$ 3716.1216 1"=.0254m 24 " $\times .0254 \mathrm{~m}=.6096 \mathrm{~m}$
14) The first floor elevation of a building is 76.38 feet above sea level. How many centimeters is it above sea level?

Answer:
a. $\quad 23.2806 \mathrm{~cm}$
b. 232.806 cm
c. $2,328.06 \mathrm{~cm}$
d. $23,280.6 \mathrm{~cm}$
$\mathrm{cm}=76.38 \times 30.48 \mathrm{~cm}=$
$2,328.06 \mathrm{~cm}$
15) Convert $42,291.4$ centimeters to meters.

Answer:
a. 4.291 meters
b. 42.914 meters
c. 422.914 meters
d. $4,229.14$ meters
422.914 meters

Centimeter $=1 / 100$ of a meter
$42,291.4 \mathrm{~cm}$ divided by $100=$
422.914 m or move decimal two places to the left.
16) There are two radii for a curved window wall. They are 40 feet $73 / 4$ inches and 104 feet $111 / 8$ inches. Express these dimensions in meters:

Answer:
40' $73 / 4^{\prime \prime}=$ $\qquad$ 12.38885 m m

104' 11 1/8" = $\qquad$ 31.981775 m m
$40^{\prime} \times 12=480^{\prime \prime}$
$104 ' \times 12=1248$ "
$480 "+7.75 "=487.75$ "
$\mathrm{mm}=$ inches $\times 25.4$
487.75" $\times 25.4=$
12388.85 mm
$1248 "+11.125 "=1259.125 "$
$\mathrm{mm}=$ inches $\times 25.4$
$1259.125^{\prime \prime} \times 25.4=31981.775$
mm
17) An auditorium is to seat 2,400 people. The building code requires three square feet for each person. How many square meters will that auditorium have?
Answer:
a. 6.6888 square meters
b. 66.888 square meters
c. 668.88 square meters
d. 6,688.8 square meters

3 sq. ft. $\times 2,400$ people $=7,200$
sq. ft.
Sq. meters $=$ sq. ft. $\times 0.0929$
$7,200 \times 0.0929=668.88$ square meters
18) A $250-\mathrm{kVA}$, three-phase, 480 -volt transformer requires 75 gallons of insulating oil to keep it properly cooled. How many liters is this?
Answer:
a. 28.3875 liters
liters = gallons x 3.785
b. 283.875 liters
$75 \times 3.785=283.875$ liters
c. $2,838.75$ liters
d. $28,387.5$ liters
19) The transformer in Question 16 weighs 1,275 kilograms. Approximately how many pounds would this be?

Answer:
a. 281.0865 pounds
b. $2,810.865$ pounds
c. $3,626.565$ pounds
d. $28,108.65$ pounds
pounds = kilograms $\times 2.2046$
$1,275 \times 2.2046=2,810.865$ pounds
20) Give the metric equivalent in millimeters of the internal diameter for each of the following trade sizes of Electrical Metallic Tubing:

Answer:

| $1 / 2 "$ | $=$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| $1 "$ | $=$ |
| $11 / 2^{\prime \prime}$ | $=$ |
|  | $\mathrm{mm}_{0.622 "} \times 25.4=15.799 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $\mathrm{~mm} 1.049 " \times 25.4$ | $=26.645 \mathrm{~mm}$ |
| $\mathrm{~mm} 1.610 " \times 25.4$ | $=40.894 \mathrm{~mm}$ |


| 2" $=$ | mm | 2.067 " $\times 25.4=52.502$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| 3" | mm | 3.356 " $\times 25.4=85.242$ |
| $4 "$ | mm | 4.334 " $25.4=110.083$ |

21) As per Presidential Executive Order 12770, what was mandated as of July 25, 1991?

Answer:
a. New federal construction projects must be developed using both standard and metric measurements.
b. New federal construction projects must be developed using metric measurements.
c. New federal construction projects must be developed using NEMA measurements.
22) The metric system based on decimals was developed by ? scientists.

Answer:
a. Arabian
b. Chinese
c. English
d. French
23) SI in the metric system stands for $\qquad$ .

Answer:
a. Structure InterContinental
b. Structure International
c. System InterContinental
d. System International
24) Ambient temperatures used in Article 310 of the NEC are expressed in Fahrenheit and Celsius. Convert the following temperatures to the indicated units of measurement:

Answer:

| $140^{\circ} \mathrm{F}=$ | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{C}$ |
| ---: | :--- |
| $482^{\circ} \mathrm{F}=$ | $60^{\circ} \mathrm{C}=\left(140^{\circ}-32\right) \times 5 / 9=108 \times 5 / 9$ |
| $90^{\circ} \mathrm{F}=$ | C |
| $250^{\circ} \mathrm{C}=\left(482^{\circ}-32\right) \times 5 / 9=450 \times 5 / 9$ |  |
| $212^{\circ} \mathrm{C}=$ | $32.2^{\circ} \mathrm{C}=\left(90^{\circ}-32\right) \times 5 / 9=58 \times 5 / 9$ |
| $100^{\circ} \mathrm{C}=$ | ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ |
| ${ }^{\circ} \mathrm{F}$ | $413.6^{\circ} \mathrm{F}=\left(212^{\circ} \times 9 / 5\right)+32=381.6+32$ |
|  | $212^{\circ} \mathrm{F}=\left(100^{\circ} \times 9 / 5\right)+32=180+32$ |

25) What effect will metrication have on America's global competitiveness?

Answer:
a. Metrication will have a negative effect.
b. Metrication will have a positive effect.
c. Metrication will not change America's global competitiveness.
d. Metrication will not allow American products to be accepted and used globally.
26) How does the National Electrical Code handle units of measurement?

Answer:
a. Chapter 9 Tables requires that inch-pound units appear first and that the SI units (metric units) shall immediately follow in parentheses.
b. Section 90.9 requires that inch-pound units appear first and that the SI units (metric units) shall immediately follow in parentheses.
c. Section 90.9 requires that SI units (metric units) appear first and that the inch-pound units shall immediately follow in parentheses.

