

Hi, I'm Greg. I'm a NYC tutor! I love helping students. I tutor many subjects, assist with homework help, etc. I mainly specialize in specialized tests.

As it turns out, I haven't been able to get to do as many livestreams as I have in past years (yet, hopefully that changes). Therefore, I thought it would be fun to start a Problem Of The Day Series. I will put up a problem and leave it running for a while. You guys will then analyze it, and come up with possible solutions and alternative solutions on your own. I'll eventually post the answer in some manner.

For now we'll play it by ear how that will happen and for how long I'll leave up a problem. But right now I'm thinking of keeping the problem up maybe 2 hours minimum and maybe even in some cases 4 or 5 hours depending upon the dynamics and my situation. Unlike my AMA (Ask Me Anything) livestream sessions, I will not be checking in every few minutes although I may from time to time join into the discussion. Again, the idea is for you guys to discuss out the problem.

Please be respectful to each other in this endeavor and let's make this fun, educational and forward-thinking. Keep the comments within the spirit of what I'm doing here. Please email me at GregsTutoringNYC@gmail.com if needed.

HERE'S THE PROBLEM: <—  
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Form A of the 2020 SHSAT is 22 pages each and Form B of the 2020 SHSAT is 33 pages each. A total of 1221 forms of 34188 pages total were printed. How many Form A of the 2020 SHSAT were printed?

HERE'S THE SOLUTION:  
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$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= 1221 && \text{(first equation)} \\ 22A + 33B &= 34188 && \text{(second equation)} \end{aligned}$$

As we did in the "Solution Mixture" POTD and the "Drinks n Popcorn" POTD, metabolize the two equations so we can throw A or B away in this case B:

$$33(A + B = 1221) = 33A + 33B = 40293$$

And subtract throwing away B:

$$\begin{aligned} 33A + 33B &= 40293 \\ - 22A + 33B &= 34188 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{array}{r} 11A \quad = 6106 \\ A \quad = 555 \quad \therefore B = 666 \end{array}$$

Double check the first equation:

$$\begin{aligned} A + B &= 1221 \\ 555 + 666 &= 1221 \end{aligned}$$

Double check the second equation:

$$22 \times 555 + 33 \times 666 = 12210 + 21978 = 34188$$

Alternative approach:

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \text{Form A} && 1221 - A = \text{Form B} \\ \text{Total Number of Form A pages} + \text{Total Number of Form B pages} &= 34188 \\ 22A + 33(1221 - A) &= 34188 \\ 22A + 33 \times 1221 - 33A &= 34188 \\ 22A + 40293 - 33A &= 34188 \\ -11A + 40293 &= 34188 \\ -11A &= -6105 \\ A &= 555 \end{aligned}$$

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