

Re: Is this math test too easy?

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In sci.math, Richard Henry

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wrote

on Sun, 28 Nov 2004 14:35:25 -0800

<[Nosqd.102292\\$SW3.77720@fed1read01](mailto:Nosqd.102292$SW3.77720@fed1read01)>:

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> *"The Ghost In The Machine"* <ewill@sirius.athghost7038suus.net> wrote in
> message news:cbkp72-pha.ln1@sirius.athghost7038suus.net...

>> *In sci.math, Richard Henry*

>> <rphentry@home.com>

>> wrote

>> on Sat, 27 Nov 2004 23:10:44 -0800

>> <[WReqd.100055\\$SW3.78409@fed1read01](mailto:WReqd.100055$SW3.78409@fed1read01)>:

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>>> *"Mxsmanic"* <mxsmanic@hotmail.com> wrote in message

>>> news:m3siq0hu2gr5765se5bdug8jihmht1vqp@4ax.com...

>>>> *Richard Henry writes:*

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>>>>> *I will return to work Monday morning, programming computers (among
> other*

>>>>> *things) relieved to know that here are no longer any computer errors.*

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>>>>> *What is a "computer error"?*

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>>>> *Another evasion?*

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>>> *I should note here that computers do not make errors (at least,*

>>> *unless there's a problem with such things as bearing wear, external*

>>> *temperature control, voltage problems [+], etc.) -- *we* do.*

>>> *More specifically, the following types of problems are available*

>>> *for the computer to select from -- assuming it even makes sense*

>>> *to give the computer a choice here, for computers are about as*

>>> *smart as an insect, if that. Computers merely do what they're told...*

[snip for brevity]

>>> 2) the decimal value 30

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>> *This is *not* correct if your spec is correct;*

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> *Binary-coded decimal (BCD). Some modern microprocessors even have BCD
> arithmetic instructions.*

Another possibility; I should have included that. Of course that
would most normally be represented as a single 8-bit value:
0011 0000.

[my stuff snipped]

> *That's more or less what I would have said.*

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> *Only I would be shorter.*

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It's a curse I have. :-)

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#191, ewill13@earthlink.net -- insert random oververboseness here
It's still legal to go .sigless.