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**INFORMATION BOOKLET FOR ADMINISTERING AND SCORING
THE COMPONENT RETESTS IN INTEGRATED ALGEBRA**

GENERAL INFORMATION

The general procedures to be followed in administering component retests are provided in the publication *Directions for Administering and Scoring Component Retests*. This document is available on the Department's web site at: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/component.html>. Questions about general administration procedures for component retests should be directed to the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-8220 or 518-474-5902. For information about the rating of the Component Retests in Integrated Algebra, contact the Office of State Assessment at 518-474-5900.

School administrators should photocopy this information booklet and distribute copies to school personnel who will be involved in the administration and scoring of the component retests.

ADMINISTERING THE COMPONENT RETESTS

Test Description

There are Component Retests for three content strands from The Mathematics Core Curriculum for Integrated Algebra: content strands Algebra (A), Geometry (G), and Statistics and Probability (S). Each Component Retest has two modules administered on two successive dates. Each module consists of eight multiple-choice questions and one 2-credit, one 3-credit, and one 4-credit open-ended question. For each session, each student is to be given the appropriate test booklet for the component (A, G, or S), date, and session. Students are to answer all questions. All work should be written in pen except for graphs and drawings, which should be done in pencil. Students are to be allowed a maximum of 50 minutes to complete each module.

Part I of each module comprises eight multiple-choice questions, for which the student is to select the correct answer from among the four choices given. Answers to Part I questions are to be recorded on the detachable answer sheet, which is the last page of the test booklet. Each Part I question is worth two credits, for a maximum Part I raw score of 16 credits.

Part II of each module consists of three open-ended questions. Answers to Part II questions are to be recorded in the test booklet. Students must clearly indicate the necessary steps, including appropriate formula substitutions, diagrams, graphs, charts, etc. Each Part II consists of a 2-credit, a 3-credit, and a 4-credit question, for a maximum Part II raw score of 9 credits.

The maximum total raw score for each module is 25 credits. The maximum total raw score for each component retest is 50 credits.

Test Materials

Scrap paper is *not* permitted. Students may use the blank spaces in the test booklet and the page of graph paper at the end of the booklet as scrap paper. Schools should have a supply of graph paper available for students who request it in the event that they need to change their work on graphs.

A straightedge (ruler) must be available for the exclusive use of each student while taking the component retests. In addition, each student taking the Component Retests in Integrated Algebra must have a graphing calculator available for his or her exclusive use during the entire scheduled time for

the examination. When students enter the testing room, clear, reset, or disable the memory of any calculator with programming capability.

If the memory of a student's calculator is password-protected and cannot be cleared, the calculator must not be used. Remove or disable any applications that have been added to graphing calculators. Students may *not* use calculators that are capable of symbol manipulation or that can communicate with other calculators, nor may students use operating manuals, instruction or formula cards, or other information concerning the operation of calculators during the examination.

SCORING THE COMPONENT RETESTS

The Component Retest in Integrated Algebra is to be scored by committees of mathematics teachers. No single teacher is to score more than one third of the open-ended questions on a student's paper. The committee membership scoring each component retest must be comprised of at least three teachers. Each of these teachers is responsible for scoring no more than two of the open-ended questions on each student's component retest. The more teachers who serve on a committee, the fewer questions each teacher will need to score. This process yields consistent and reliable scores and allows scoring to proceed quickly.

On or about May 13, 2010, rating materials for all of the component retests will be available on the Department's web site at: <http://www.emsc.nysed.gov/osa/retest/>. Paper copies of the rating materials will not be sent to schools. Schools must print sufficient copies of these materials to provide them to each rater.

Each component retest booklet includes a detachable answer sheet for student responses to the multiple-choice questions contained within that test booklet. The student's raw score for Part I should be entered in the box labeled "Score" on the front of the answer sheet. The back of each answer sheet includes a table for recording the credits earned for Part I, the credits earned for each of the three questions in Part II, and the "Total Raw Score" for Parts I and II of that module. The back of each answer sheet for Module 2 also includes a table for recording the total Module 1 Score, the total Module 2 Score, and the Total Score for the component.

Determining the Student's Final Component Retest Score Range

Unlike the scores earned on Regents Examinations, final scores for the component retests are not on a 0–100 scale. The student's final result for each component will be designated as one of three possible score ranges:

- *Score range 65 and above*
A component retest result of *score range 65 and above* is equivalent to a score of 65 on a Regents Examination and satisfies the State testing requirement for a local or a Regents diploma. Students who are required to take retests in two components in Integrated Algebra must achieve a component retest result of *score range 65 and above* on both components to achieve the equivalent of 65 on the Regents Examination in Integrated Algebra.
- *Score range 55–64*
A component retest result of *score range 55–64* is equivalent to a score between 55 and 64 on the corresponding Regents Examination. For students who are eligible as provided in Section 100.5 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education, a component retest result of *score range 55–64* may satisfy the State testing requirement for the local diploma. Students who are required to take retests in two components of Integrated Algebra must achieve a component retest result of *score range 55–64* (or higher) on both components to earn the equivalent of a score from 55 to 64 on the Regents Examination in Integrated Algebra.

- *Score range below 55*

A component retest result of *score range below 55* is equivalent to a score below 55 on the Regents Examination in Integrated Algebra. This result does not satisfy the State testing requirement for a local or a Regents diploma.

A table similar to the one at the right appears on the back of the Module 2 answer sheet. In this table, enter the student's scores for Modules 1 and 2. Add the student's scores for Modules 1 and 2 and record the total score.

To determine the student's final score range, use the conversion chart provided with the scoring materials for that component. Locate the student's final score down the left side of the chart. The score range to the right of the student's final score is the student's final score range. Enter an X or check mark in the appropriate box to indicate the score range (*65 and above*, *55–64*, or *below 55*) on the answer sheet.

Module 1 Score	
Module 2 Score	
Component A Total Score	
Score Range for Component A (use conversion chart*)	<input type="checkbox"/> score range 65 and above <input type="checkbox"/> score range 55–64 <input type="checkbox"/> score range below 55

Because the score ranges corresponding to raw scores in the conversion chart vary for each component and change from one component retest administration to another, it is crucial that for each administration, the conversion chart provided with the scoring materials for that component's administration be used to determine the student's final score range. Extreme care should be taken in recording the student's scores on each part of the test, in adding these scores to determine the total score for each module and for the two modules combined, and in using the conversion chart to obtain the final score range.

Rescoring Student Answer Papers

All student answer papers with a total component retest score that is two or fewer credits below the total score required to achieve *score range 65 and above* or *score range 55–64* must be scored a second time. For the second scoring, a different committee of three teachers may score the student's paper or the original committee may score the paper, but no teacher may score the same open-ended question that he or she scored in the first rating of the paper. It is the responsibility of the school principal to ensure that the student's final test score is based on a fair, accurate, and reliable scoring of the student's answer paper.

When the teacher scoring committee completes the scoring process, test scores must be considered final and must be entered onto students' permanent records.

*The procedure for determining the student's score range is the same for Components A, G, and S except that the school must use the conversion charts provided with the scoring materials for those components.

Principals and other administrative staff in a school or district do not have the authority to set aside the scores arrived at by the teacher scoring committee and rescore student examination papers or to change any scores assigned through the procedures described in this manual and in the scoring materials provided by the Department. Any principal or administrator found to have done so, except in the circumstances described below, will be in violation of Department policy regarding the scoring of State examinations. Teachers and administrators who violate Department policy with respect to scoring State examinations may be subject to disciplinary action in accordance with Sections 3020 and 3020-a of Education Law or to action against their certification pursuant to Part 83 of the Regulations of the Commissioner of Education.

On rare occasions, an administrator may learn that an isolated error occurred in determining a final score range for a student or in recording students' score ranges in their permanent records. For example, the final score range may have been based on an incorrect summing of the student's raw scores for parts of the test or from a misreading of the conversion chart. When such errors involve no more than five students' final score ranges on a component retest and when such errors are detected within four months of the test date, the principal may arrange for the corrected score range to be recorded in the student's permanent record. However, in all such instances, the principal must advise the Office of State Assessment in writing that the student's score range has been corrected. The written notification to the Department must be signed by the principal or superintendent and must include the names of the students whose score ranges have been corrected, the name of the examination, the students' original and corrected score ranges, and a brief explanation of the nature of the scoring error that was corrected.

If an administrator has substantial reason to believe that the teacher scoring committee has failed to accurately score more than five student answer papers on any examination, the administrator must first obtain permission in writing from the Office of State Assessment before arranging for or permitting a rescoring of student papers. The written request to the Office of State Assessment must come from the superintendent of a public school district or the chief administrative officer of a nonpublic or charter school and must include the examination title, date of administration, and number of students whose papers would be subject to such rescoring. This request must also include a statement explaining why the administrator believes that the teacher scoring committee failed to score appropriately and, thus, why he or she believes rescoring the examination papers is necessary. As part of this submission, the school administrator must make clear his or her understanding that such extraordinary re-rating may be carried out only by a full committee of teachers constituted in accordance with the scoring guidelines presented above and fully utilizing the scoring materials for this test provided by the Department.

The Department sometimes finds it necessary to notify schools of a revision to the scoring key and rating guide for an examination. Should this occur after the scoring committee has completed its work, the principal is authorized to have appropriate members of the scoring committee review students' responses only to the specific question(s) referenced in the notification and to adjust students' final examination score ranges when appropriate. Only in such circumstances is the school not required to notify or obtain approval from the Department to correct students' final examination score ranges.

Specific Information for Scoring Component Retests in Integrated Algebra

Use the *Specific Information for Scoring the Regents Examination in Integrated Algebra* on the following pages as a guideline for scoring Component Retests in Integrated Algebra.

Specific Information for Scoring the Regents Examination in Integrated Algebra

The information below refers to the scoring of open-ended questions on the Regents Examination in Integrated Algebra.

The open-ended questions (Parts II, III, and IV) on the Regents Examination in Integrated Algebra should be scored in accordance with these guidelines:

- If the student gives one legible response, even if it is crossed out, teachers should score the response.
- If there are two or more responses with all but one crossed out, teachers should score only the response not crossed out.
- If there are one or more partial responses and one complete response, teachers should score the complete response. No credit is deducted for incorrect startups.
- If there are two or more complete responses, teachers should score each one. Credit will be allocated in the following way:

If one response is completely correct and the others are completely incorrect, teachers should award 50% credit and round down (2 credits for a 4-credit question, 1 credit for a 2-credit question, and 1 credit for a 3-credit question).

If each response warrants more than 50%, the lesser of the responses is awarded credit. (For example, if a 4-credit question is done two ways, with one worth 4 credits and another worth 3 credits, the student should be awarded 3 credits for the question.)

- If the question requires the student to include units of measure, full credit cannot be awarded if the student omits the unit. Students may include the appropriate unit of measure even if it is not required.

Examples:

If the question asks for the number of feet in the length of a figure, no unit is required in the answer.

If the question asks for the dimensions of a figure, the proper unit of measure is required in the answer in order to receive full credit.

The rubric will specify how much credit is awarded if units are not used when required.

- If a student gives only a correct numerical answer to a problem but does not show how he or she arrived at the answer, the student will be awarded only 1 credit. All open-ended questions require the student to show work. If the question has only one part, this rule is straightforward, but this rule needs some clarification for multiple-part questions.

A fully correct answer for a multiple-part question requires correct responses for all parts of the question. For example, if a 3-credit question has three parts, the correct response to one or two parts of the question that required work to be shown is *not* considered a fully correct response with no work shown and would receive 0 credit.

The rubric of a multiple-part question will specify credit for various amounts of work shown.

- Students should receive 0 credit if the solution is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or if a correct response was arrived at using an obviously incorrect procedure.

This last statement is illustrated by a student who, when asked to find one leg of a right triangle if the hypotenuse is 5 and the other leg is 3, gives a correct response of 4 by showing that 4 is the average of 3 and 5.

The method of solution must be obviously incorrect to warrant a score of 0.

In some cases, the rubric will specifically state which responses should receive a score of 0.

- Students who use trial and error to solve a problem must show their method. Merely showing that the answer checks or is correct is not considered a complete response for full credit. Most rubrics will address this issue directly.

Examples of Scored Student Responses with Comments

Sample Question 1 – Integrated Algebra

Solve for g : $3 + 2g = 5g - 9$

Rubric

- [2] 4, and appropriate work is shown.
- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational error is made.
or
- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.
or
- [1] 4, but no work is shown.
- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

Student Response

$$\begin{array}{r} 3 + 2g = 5g - 9 \\ +9 \qquad \qquad +9 \\ \hline 12 + 2g = 5g \\ -2g \quad -2g \\ \hline 12 = 3g \\ \frac{12}{3} = \frac{3g}{3} \\ 4 = g \end{array}$$

Comment

Score: 2
The student has a complete and correct response.

Student Response

$$\frac{3+2g = 5g-9}{+9 \quad +9}$$

$$\frac{12+2g = 5g}{-2g \quad -2g}$$

$$\frac{12}{12} = \frac{3g}{12}$$

$$.25 = \frac{1}{4}$$

Comment

Score: 1

The student has made a conceptual error.

Student Response

$$3g + 2g = 5g - 9$$

$$3+2 = 5$$

$$g+g = g^2$$

$$5g - 9 = 4g$$

$$g = 0$$

Comment

Score: 0

The student's response is completely incorrect.

Sample Question 2 – Integrated Algebra

A prom ticket at Smith High School is \$120. Tom is going to save money for the ticket by walking his neighbor's dog for \$15 per week. If Tom already has saved \$22, what is the minimum number of weeks Tom must walk the dog to earn enough to pay for the prom ticket?

Rubric

- [3] 7, and appropriate work is shown, such as solving the inequality $15x + 22 \geq 120$, solving an equation, or trial and error with at least three trials and appropriate checks.

- [2] Appropriate work is shown, but one computational or rounding error is made.
or
- [2] The trial-and-error method is used to find a correct solution, but only two trials and appropriate checks are shown.

- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but two or more computational or rounding errors are made.
or
- [1] Appropriate work is shown, but one conceptual error is made.
or
- [1] An incorrect equation of equal difficulty is solved appropriately.
or
- [1] A correct inequality or equation is written, but no further correct work is shown.
or
- [1] The trial-and-error method is attempted and at least six systematic trials and appropriate checks are shown, but no solution is found.
or
- [1] 7, but no work or only one trial with an appropriate check is shown.

- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.

Student Response

goal
↓
\$120

\$22 - start
~~37~~ - week 1
52 - 2
67 - 3
82 - 4
97 - 5
112 - 6
\$127 - 7
\$120 add

7 weeks minimum

Comment

Score: 3

The student has a complete and correct response.

Student Response

Let $x = \# \text{ of weeks}$

$$\begin{array}{r} 15x + 22 \geq 120 \\ -22 \quad -22 \\ \hline 15x \geq 88 \\ \frac{15x}{15} \geq \frac{88}{15} \\ x \geq 5.\overline{86} \end{array}$$

5 weeks would not be enough.

$$\begin{array}{r} 15(5) + 22 = \\ 75 + 22 = \$97 \end{array}$$

He would have to walk the dog for 6 weeks

Comment

Score: 2

The student has made one computational error.

Student Response

176

7 weeks

22

Comment

Score: 1

The student has given an answer without showing any work.

Student Response

$$15 + 22 = 37$$

$$120 - 37 = 83$$

Comment

Score: 0

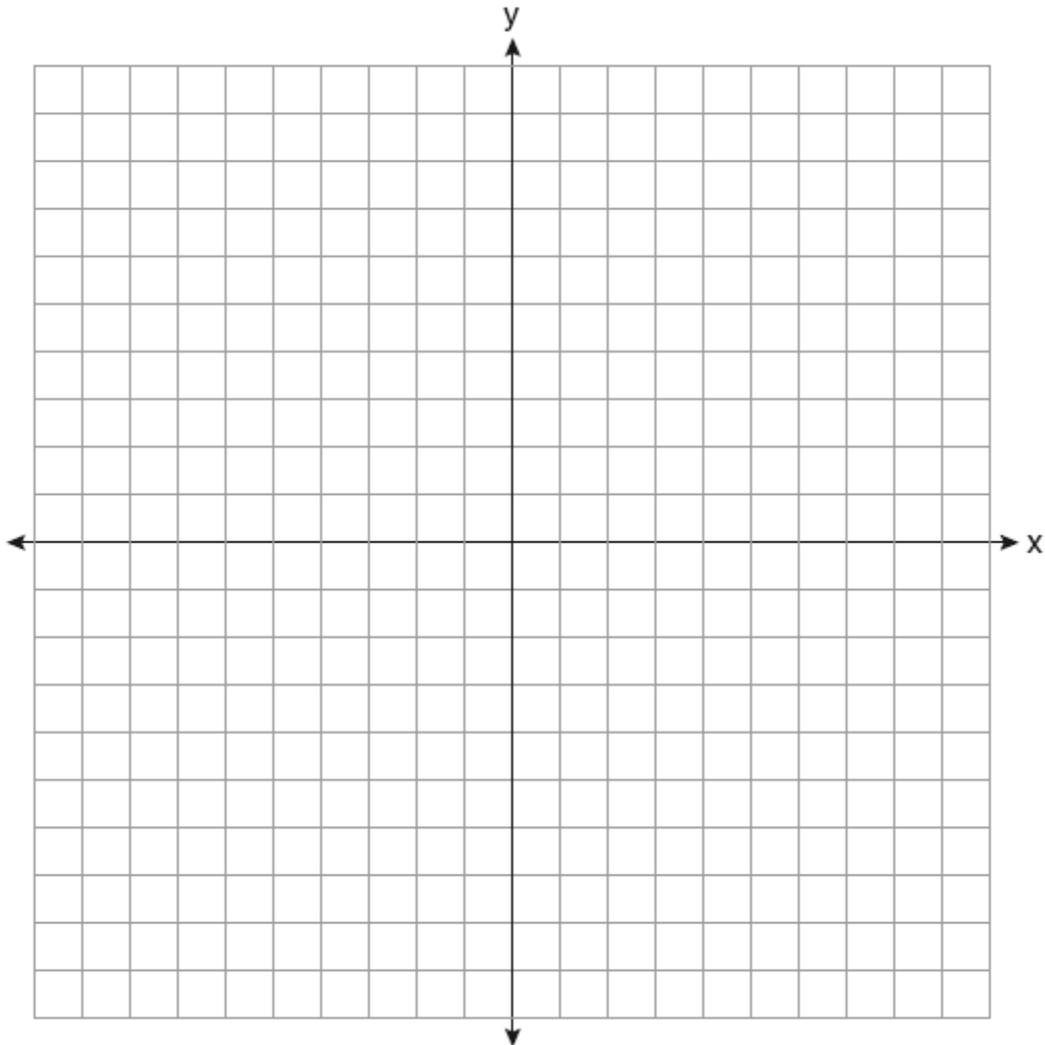
The student's response is completely incorrect.

Sample Question 3 – Integrated Algebra

Solve the following systems of equations graphically, on the set of axes below, and state the coordinates of the point(s) in the solution set.

$$y = x^2 - 6x + 5$$

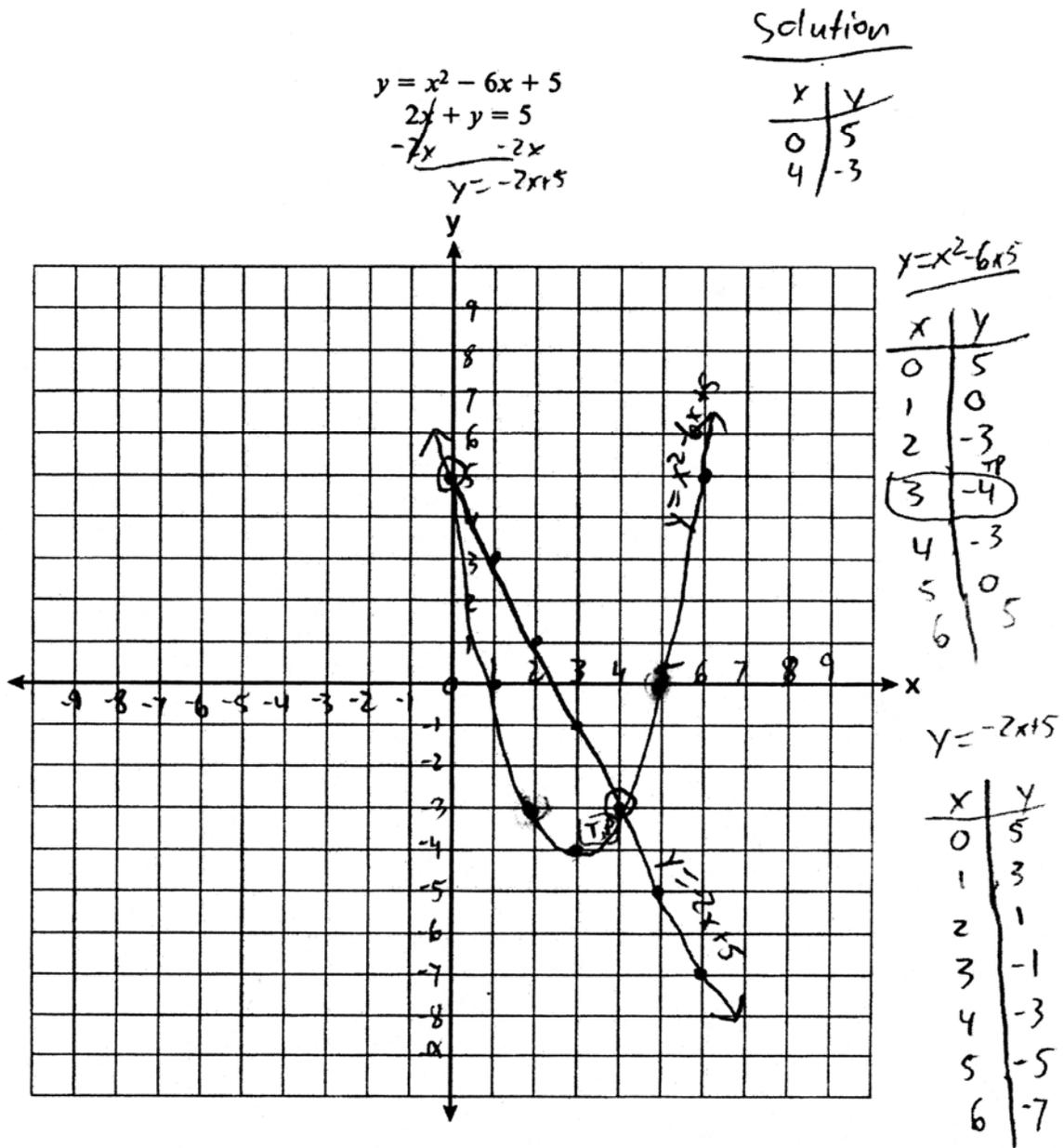
$$2x + y = 5$$



Rubric

- [4] Correct graphs are drawn, and $(0,5)$ and $(4,-3)$ are stated.
- [3] Both equations are graphed, but one graphing error is made, but appropriate solutions are stated.
- or*
- [3] Both graphs are drawn correctly, but only one solution is stated.
- [2] Both graphs are drawn correctly, but no solutions are stated.
- or*
- [2] Both equations are graphed, but two or more graphing errors are made, but appropriate solutions are stated.
- or*
- [2] Appropriate work is shown to find $(0,5)$ and $(4,-3)$, but a method other than graphing is used.
- or*
- [2] Both equations are graphed, but one conceptual error is made.
- [1] Both equations are graphed, but one conceptual error and one graphing error are made.
- or*
- [1] $(0,5)$ and $(4,-3)$ are stated, but no work is shown.
- [0] $(0,5)$ or $(4,-3)$ is stated, but no work is shown.
- or*
- [0] A zero response is completely incorrect, irrelevant, or incoherent or is a correct response that was obtained by an obviously incorrect procedure.
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Student Response



Comment

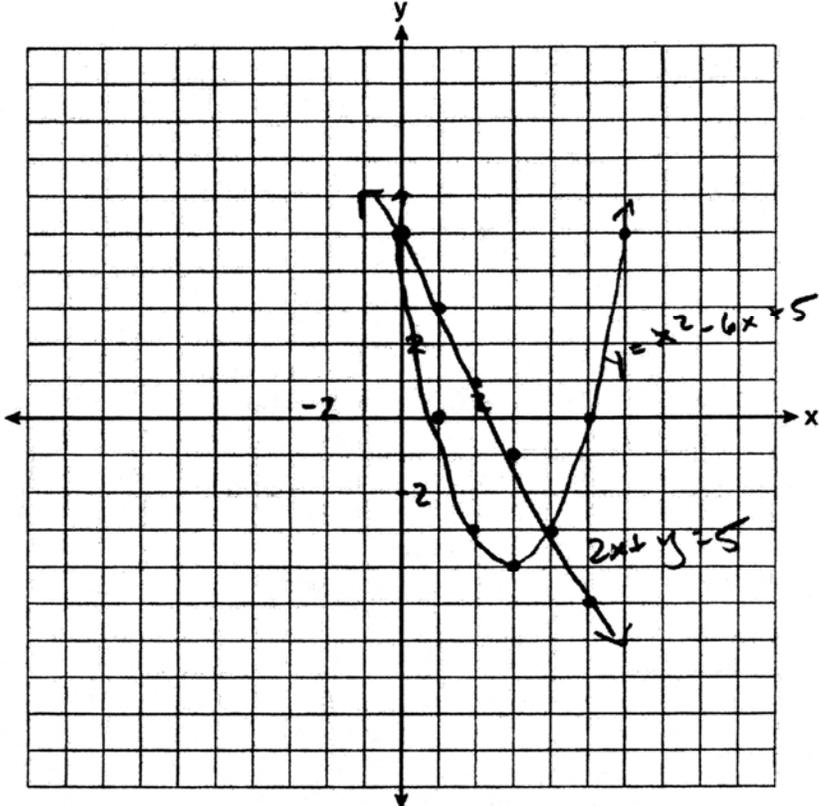
Score: 4

The student has a complete and correct response.

Student Response

$$\begin{array}{r} y = x^2 - 6x + 5 \\ 2x + y = 5 \\ -2x \quad -2x \\ \hline y = 5 - 2x \end{array}$$

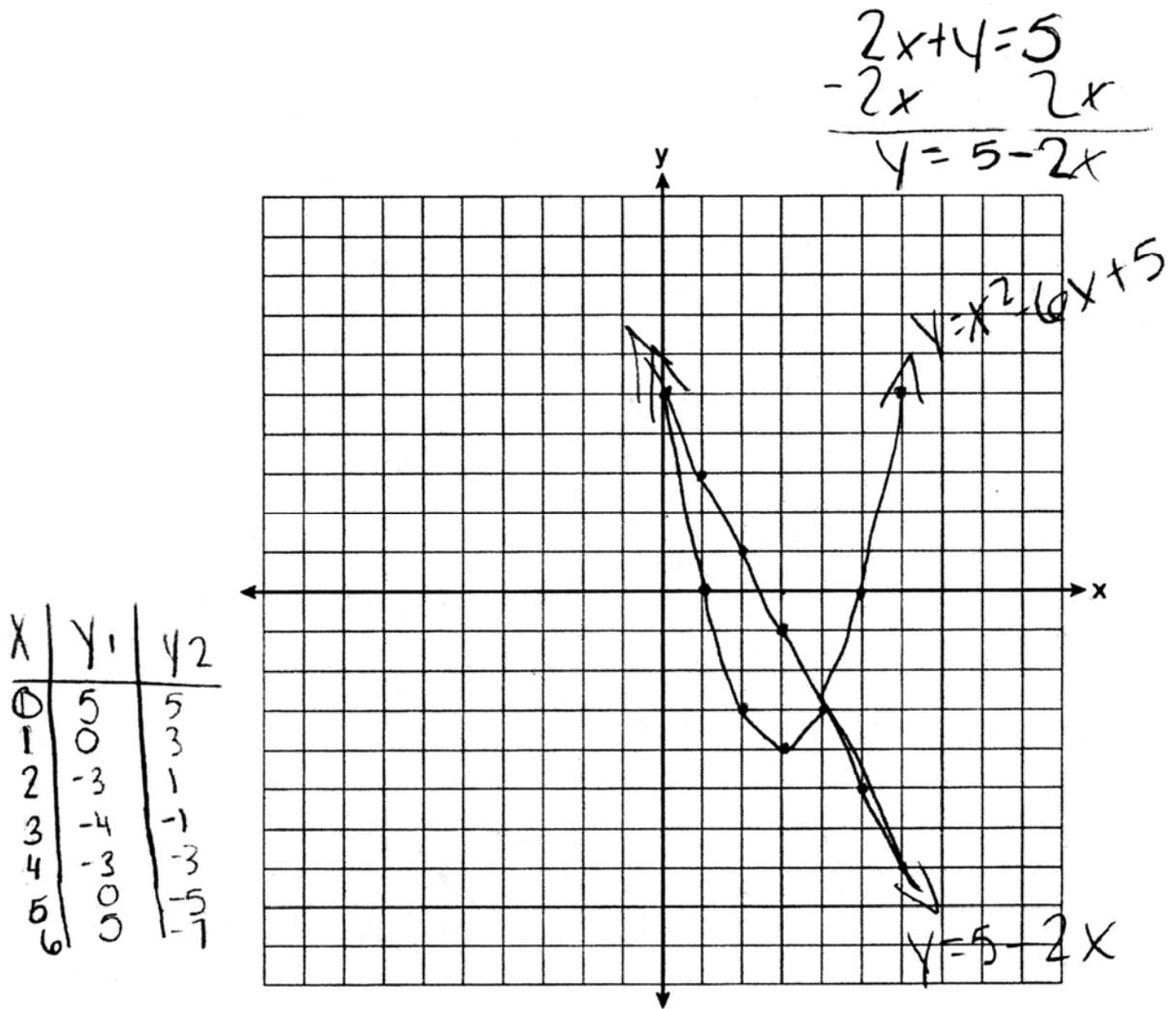
SOLUTION = (0, 5)



Comment

Score: 3
The student has stated only one solution.

Student Response



Comment

Score: 2

The student has not stated any solution.

Student Response

$(0, 5)$ and $(4, 3)$

Comment

Score: 1

The student has stated the correct answers, but without showing any work.

Student Response

$$x^2 - 6x + 5 = 2x + 5$$

$$x^2 = 4x$$

$$x = 4$$

Comment

Score: 0

The student's response is completely incorrect.
