

Convert between Standard Decimal and Scientific Notation

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- 1** Dr. Akins wrote the number  $4.75 \times 10^7$  on the board. What is the number expressed in standard decimal notation?
- A** 0.000000475
  - B** 4,750,000,000
  - C** 47,500,000
  - D** 475,000,000

- 2** The diameter of the Sun is approximately 1,392,000,000 meters. What is this length expressed in scientific notation?
- A**  $1392 \times 10^9$  m
  - B**  $1.392 \times 10^9$  m
  - C**  $1392 \times 10^6$  m
  - D**  $1.392 \times 10^6$  m

- 3** A very busy internet site registered 57,300,000 hits, or accesses to its website in one month. What is this number expressed in scientific notation?
- A**  $5.73 \times 10^7$
  - B**  $5.73 \times 10^5$
  - C**  $0.573 \times 10^6$
  - D**  $0.573 \times 10^5$

- 4** The speed of light is 186,000 miles per second. What is this distance expressed in scientific notation?
- A**  $0.186 \times 10^6$
  - B**  $1.86 \times 10^5$
  - C**  $18.6 \times 10^5$
  - D**  $186 \times 10^3$

- 5** In 2001, box office sales for moviegoers in the United States was \$8.4 billion. Which of these is equivalent to 8.4 billion?
- A**  $8.4 \times 10^9$
  - B**  $8.4 \times 10^{-6}$
  - C**  $8.4 \times 10^{-9}$
  - D**  $8.4 \times 10^6$

- 6** It is estimated that in the year 2025 the population of Russia will be 137,900,000. What is this value expressed in scientific notation?
- A**  $1.379 \times 10^5$
  - B**  $1.379 \times 10^8$
  - C**  $13.79 \times 10^6$
  - D**  $13.79 \times 10^7$
- 7** Alpha Centauri is a star that is located 25,556,000,000,000 miles from Earth. What is 25,556,000,000,000 expressed in scientific notation?
- A**  $2.5556 \times 10^9$
  - B**  $25.556 \times 10^9$
  - C**  $2.5556 \times 10^{13}$
  - D**  $25.556 \times 10^{12}$

- 8** A researcher measured approximately 0.005123 grams of bacteria in a sample. How is this number expressed in scientific notation?
- A**  $5.123 \times 10^3$  grams
  - B**  $5.123 \times 10^{-3}$  grams
  - C**  $5123 \times 10^{-6}$  grams
  - D**  $0.5123 \times 10^{-2}$  grams
- 9** The microsphere nanoscope is a powerful tool that allows humans to see structures  $9 \times 10^{-9}$  meter in diameter.
- How is this number expressed in standard form?
- A** 0.000000009
  - B** 0.0000000009
  - C** 9,000,000,000
  - D** 900,000,000
- 10** A microscopic cell measures  $3.8 \times 10^{-4}$  centimeters in diameter. What is this number in standard decimal notation?
- A** 0.000038 centimeters
  - B** 0.00038 centimeters
  - C** 0.0038 centimeters
  - D** 38,000 centimeters
- 11** The mass of a textbook is approximately 0.00165 metric ton. How is this number written in scientific notation?
- A**  $165 \times 10^{-5}$
  - B**  $1.65 \times 10^{-3}$
  - C**  $16.5 \times 10^{-4}$
  - D**  $0.165 \times 10^{-2}$

**12** A nanosecond is a unit used to measure the speed of a computer. One nanosecond is equivalent to 0.000000001 of a second. Which of these is equivalent to one nanosecond?

- A**  $1.0 \times 10^9$  seconds
- B**  $1.0 \times 10^{-9}$  seconds
- C**  $1.0 \times 10^8$  seconds
- D**  $1.0 \times 10^{-8}$  seconds

**13** Tomas Scheckter won the Bombardier Learjet 500 at Texas Motor Speedway by edging the second place finisher by 0.0534 seconds. What is this margin of victory written in scientific notation?

- A**  $5.34 \times 10^2$  seconds
- B**  $534 \times 10^{-5}$  seconds
- C**  $5.34 \times 10^{-2}$  seconds
- D**  $53.4 \times 10^3$  seconds

**14** On a test students were to express in scientific notation the length of a particular bacterium that was 0.000027 millimeters long. Four friends put the following answers. Which friend was correct?

- A** Tom put  $2.7 \times 10^{-4}$
- B** James put  $0.27 \times 10^{-6}$
- C** Kevin put  $2.7 \times 10^{-5}$
- D** Colton put  $0.27 \times 10^{-5}$

**15** The smallest marine fish known is the dwarf goby. The average length of this fish, for males, is just  $3.39 \times 10^{-1}$  inches. What is this exponent expressed in standard form?

- A** 339
- B** 33.9
- C** 0.339
- D** 0.0339

**16** A microscopic cell measure  $3.8 \times 10^{-4}$  centimeters in diameter. What is this number in standard notation?

- A** 0.000038
- B** 0.00038
- C** 0.0038
- D** 0.038