Grade 7 Mathematics Item Specification C1 TD



Task Model 1	Prompt Features: The student is prompted to determine whether
	two numeric expressions are equivalent.
Response Type:	
Multiple Choice,	Stimulus Guidelines:
multiple correct	• Item difficulty can be adjusted via these example methods:
response	 Numbers within the expressions can be integers,
	decimals, fractions, or mixed numbers.
DOK Level 1	 The expressions may include any or all of the four
	arithmetic operations with or without parentheses.
7.EE.B.3	 Higher difficulty level problems need to include mixed
Solve multi-step,	numbers and the use of parentheses.
real-life, and	
mathematical	TM1a
problems posed with	Stimulus: The student is presented with a multi-step numeric
positive and negative	expression involving rational numbers in at least two of these three
rational numbers in	forms: fraction, decimal, whole number.
any form (whole	
numbers, fractions,	Example Stem: Select all expressions equivalent to
and decimals), using	$23 \bullet (1\frac{1}{2} + 0.125) = 9$
tools strategically.	8
Apply properties of	
operations to	A. 2.3 • (1.25) - 9
calculate with	$P = 0 = 2 + 2 + (1 + 1) + \frac{1}{2}$
form: convort	$B: 9 - 2.5 \cdot (1.125 + \frac{-}{8})$
between forms as	C = 0 + 2.2 + (1.125 + 1)
appropriate: and	$(1.125 + \frac{-}{8})$
assess the	D. 2.3 • (9 - 1.25)
reasonableness of	
answers using	Answer Choices: Each answer choice is an expression following
mental computation	the same stimulus guidelines. Distractors include expressions with
and estimation	misapplication of properties of operations, sign mistakes, or
strategies.	computation errors.
Evidence Required:	Rubric: (1 point) The student selects all the appropriate
1. The student	expressions (e.g., A and C).
identifies	Bechance Type, Multiple Choice, multiple correct response
equivalency between	Response Type: Multiple Choice, multiple correct response
two rational	
numbers.	
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Task Model 2	Prompt Features: The student is prompted to determine the value
Response Type: Equation/Numeric	of a numeric expression. Stimulus Guidelines:
DOK Level 1	 Item difficulty can be adjusted via these example methods: Numbers within the expressions can be integers, decimals, fractions, or mixed numbers.
7.EE.B.3 Solve multi-step, real-life, and mathematical problems posed with positive and negative rational numbers in any form (whole numbers, fractions, and decimals), using tools strategically.	 The expressions may include any or all of the four arithmetic operations with or without parentheses. Where possible use numbers that support the use of mental computation, and where using a calculator could be more challenging.
	TM2a Stimulus: The student is presented a multi-step numeric expression involving rational numbers in at least two of these three forms: fraction, decimal, or whole number.
Apply properties of operations to	Example Stem 1: Enter the value of $2\frac{1}{4} \cdot (4 + 12)$.
calculate with numbers in any	Example Stem 2: What is the mean of -15, -12, 8, and 9?
form; convert between forms as appropriate; and assess the reasonableness of answers using mental computation and estimation strategies.	Rubric: (1 point) The student accurately calculates the value (e.g., 36; -2.5).
	Response Type: Equation/Numeric TM2b Stimulus: The student is presented with a contextual problem that requires converting between different forms of rational numbers.
Evidence Required: 2. The student applies properties of operations to evaluate numeric expressions, including converting between different forms of rational numbers.	Example Stem: Javier's fuel tank holds $12\frac{3}{4}$ gallons of gasoline when completely full. He had some gas in the tank and added 10.3 gallons of gasoline to fill it completely.
	How many gallons of gasoline were in the tank before Javier added some?
	Rubric: (1 point) Student enters a correct value (2.45 or equivalent).
Tools: Calculator	Response Type: Equation/Numeric
Version 3 Update: Added new example stem to TM2a and revised TM2b. Now both TMs allow for calculator use.	



Task Model 3	Prompt Features: The student is prompted to identify an equation
Response Type:	or solution that represents a real-world problem.
Equation/Numeric	Stimulus Guidelines:
• •	 Contexts must be familiar to students 12–14 years old.
DOK Level 2	• Item difficulty can be adjusted via these example methods:
7 EE R /a	 Expressions have only positive rational coefficients or torms
Solve word problems	 Expressions include negative rational coefficients or
leading to equations	terms.
of the form	
px + q = r and	
p(x + q) = r, where	Stimulus: The student is presented with a real-world situation that leads to an equation of the form $px + q = r$ or $p(x + q) = r$, where
p, q, and r are specific rational	$p_r q_r$ and r are rational numbers.
numbers. Solve	
equations of these	Example Stem 1: A coach buys a uniform and a basketball for each
forms fluently.	of the 15 players on the team. Each basketball costs \$9.40. The
Compare an algebraic solution to	coach spends a total of \$420 for uniforms and basketballs.
an arithmetic	Enter an equation that models the situation with u , the cost of one
solution, identifying	uniform.
the sequence of the	
operations used in	Example Stem 2: A coach buys a uniform and a basketball for each
example, the	of the 15 players on the team. Each basketball costs \$9. The coach
perimeter of a	spends a total of \$420 for uniforms and basketballs.
rectangle is 54 cm.	
Its length is 6 cm.	Enter the cost, in dollars, of 1 uniform.
what is its width?	
Evidence Required:	
3. The student solves	Rubric: (1 point) Student enters a correct equation or value
word problems	(e.g., $15u + 15 \cdot 9.4 = 420$; 19).
of the form	Response Type: Equation/Numeric
px + q = r and	
p(x + q) = r, where	
p, q, and r are	
specific rational	
numbers.	
Tools: Calculator	



Task Model 4	Prompt Features: The student is prompted to give an inequality that represents a real-world problem.
Response Type:	
Equation/Numeric	Stimulus Guidelines:
	 Contexts must be familiar to students 12–14 years old.
DOK Level 2	 CCSS Progressions clarifies that non-strict inequalities (< and >) may be used for 7 EE B
7 FF B 4b	 Item difficulty can be adjusted via these methods:
Solvo word problems	• Inequalities have only positive rational coefficients or
loading to	torms
inequalities of the	The second secon
form $px + q > r$ or	terms.
px + q < r, where p ,	• Boundary value of solution set is an integer.
q, and r are specific	
rational numbers.	TM4
Graph the solution	Stimulus: The student is presented with a real-world situation that
set of the inequality	leads to an inequality in the form of $px + q > r$ or $px + q < r$, where
and interpret it in	p, q, and r are rational numbers.
the context of the	
problem.	Example Stem: Linda has \$26. She wants to buy a ski pass for
	\$80. She can earn \$6 per hour to babysit.
Evidence Required:	
4. The student solves	Enter an inequality that represents the number of hours (h) Linda
word problems	could babysit to earn at least enough money to buy the ski pass.
leading to	
inequalities of the	Rubric: (1 point) The student enters a correct inequality
form $px + q > r$ and	$(e.g., 6h + 26 \ge 80).$
px + q < r, where	
p, q, and r are	Response Type: Equation/Numeric
specific rational	
numbers.	
Tools: Calculator	
Version 3 Update:	
Updated stimulus	
guidelines to allow	
for non-strict	
inequalities and	
retired example stem	
2 for TM4.	



Task Model 5

Prompt Features: The student is prompted to identify the graph of the solution set of an inequality.

Response Type: Multiple Choice, single correct response

DOK Level 2

7.EE.B.4b

Stimulus Guidelines:

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	0	CCSS Progressions clarifies that non-strict inequalities
		$(\leq \text{ and } \geq)$ may be used for 7.EE.B.
	0	Constants are integers; coefficient is one.
	0	Constants are integers; boundary value of solution set

- is an integer.
 Boundary value of solution set is a fraction/mixed
- number, or decimal.

TM5a

Stimulus: The student is presented with an inequality of the form px + q > r or px + q < r, where p, q, and r are rational numbers.

Example Stem: Which number line shows the solution to the inequality -3x - 5 < -2?



Answer Choices: The answer choices will be horizontal lines, each showing a graph of an inequality. Distractors will include common mistakes made when graphing inequalities such as a ray pointing the wrong direction, rays with closed and/or open circles, incorrect solution to the inequality by not performing the correct operation to both sides of the inequality, and forgetting to switch the inequality symbol when dividing/multiplying by a negative number.

Rubric: (1 point) The student selects the correct number line (e.g., A).

Response Type: Multiple Choice, single correct response

Use variables to represent quantities in a real-world or mathematical problem, and construct simple equations and inequalities to solve problems by reasoning about the quantities. b. Solve word problems leading to inequalities of the form px + q > r or px + q < r, where p, q, and r, are specific rational numbers. Graph the solution set of the inequality and interpret it in the context of the problem.

Evidence Required:

5. The student graphs the solution set of an inequality on a number line.

Tools: Calculator

Version 3 Update: Updated stimulus guidelines to allow for non-strict inequalities.



Task Model 5

Response Type: Drag and Drop

DOK Level 2

7.EE.B.4b

Solve word problems leading to inequalities of the form px + q > ror px + q < r, where p, q, and r are specific rational numbers. Graph the solution set of the inequality and interpret it in the context of the problem. *For example:* As a salesperson, you are paid \$50 per week plus \$3 per sale. This week you want your pay to be at least \$100. Give an inequality for the number of sales you need to make, and describe the solutions.

Evidence Required:

5. The student graphs the solution set of an inequality on a number line.

Tools: Calculator

Version 3 Update:

Updated stimulus guidelines to allow for non-strict inequalities.

Accessibility Note:

Drag and Drop items are not currently able to be Brailled. Minimize the number of items developed to this TM.

Stimulus Guidelines:

- Contexts must be familiar to students 12–14 years old. CCSS Progressions clarifies that non-strict inequalities (≤ and ≥) may be used for 7.EE.B.
- Drag elements should not replace preset palette.

Prompt Features: The student is prompted to identify the

solution set of an inequality on a number line.

- Drag elements should include: closed and open circles with arrows going to the left and right directions.
- Appropriate tick marks should be spaced and labeled throughout the number line. Each tick mark should have snap regions that can fit the circles and arrows.
- Item difficulty can be adjusted via these methods:
 - Inequalities can have positive or negative rational coefficients or terms.
 - Include only strict or non-strict representations depending on the given inequality.
 - Constants are integers; boundary value of solution set can be an integer divided by a positive coefficient.
 - Boundary value of solution set can be an integer, fraction, mixed number or decimal.

TM5b

Stimulus: The student is presented with an inequality of the form px + q > r or px + q < r, where p, q, and r are rational numbers, or a situation that can be modeled with an inequality.

Example Stem: Drag the correct arrow to the number line to represent the solution of the inequality 3x + 7 > 13.



Interaction: The student will drag an arrow from a set of preset images to a number line to represent the solution of an inequality. Snap-to feature should be used at each tick mark.

Rubric: (1 point) The student graphs the inequality by placing an arrow on the number line.

Response Type: Drag and Drop