

Answer on Question #56022 – Math – Algebra

18. Assume $f(x) = -2x + 8$ and $g(x) = 3x$, what is the value of $(g \circ f)(3)$?

A: 6

B: $x + 8$

C: -10

D: 23

Solution $(g \circ f)(3) = g(f(3)) = 3 \cdot f(3) = 3 \cdot (-2 \cdot 3 + 8) = 6$

Answer: A: 6

20. Let $h(x) = (g \circ f)(x) = x^2 / x^2 + 1$

Which of the following could be a possible decomposition of $h(x)$?

A: $F(x) = x^2$; $g(x) = x$

$x + 1$

B: $f(x) = x + 1$; $g(x) = x^2$

C: $f(x) = x + 1$; $g(x) = 1$

x^2

D: $f(x) = x$; $g(x) = x$

$x + 1$

Solution Supposing that "-----" means "/" (for example A: $F(x) = x^2$; $g(x) = x/(x + 1)$) we don't have the correct answer with the given $h(x)$. Probably, the correct one is $h(x) = x^2 / (x^2 + 1)$. In

that case A is correct: $(g \circ f)(x) = g(f(x)) = \frac{f(x)}{f(x)+1} = \frac{x^2}{x^2+1} = h(x)$

Answer: A: $f(x) = x^2$; $g(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$