QUESTION №18

Assume f(x) = -2x + 8 and g(x) = 3x, what is the value of (gof)(3)?

$$A: 6$$

 $B: x+8$
 $C: -10$
 $D: 23$

SOLUTION

$$(gof)(x) = g(f(x)) = g(-2x+8) = 3(-2x+8) = -6x+24$$
$$(gof)(3) = (-6x+24)|_{x=3} = 24 - 6 + 3 = 24 - 18 = 6$$

ANSWER

$$(gof)(3) = 6$$

QUESTION №20

Let $h(x) = (gof)(x) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 1}$ Which of the following could be a possible decomposition of h(x)?

$$A: \quad f(x) = x^{2}; \ g(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$$
$$B: \quad f(x) = x+1; \ g(x) = x^{2}$$
$$C: \quad f(x) = x+1; \ g(x) = \frac{1}{x^{2}}$$
$$D: \quad f(x) = x; \ g(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$$

SOLUTION

$$h(x) = (gof)(x) = g(f(x)) = \frac{x^2}{x^2 + 1}$$

Iterate through all the options one by one

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

$$B: \quad f(x) = x + 1; \ g(x) = x^{2}$$
$$h(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x + 1) = (x + 1)^{2}$$
$$C: \quad f(x) = x + 1; \ g(x) = \frac{1}{x^{2}}$$
$$h(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x + 1) = \frac{1}{(x + 1)^{2}}$$
$$D: \quad f(x) = x; \ g(x) = \frac{x}{x + 1}$$
$$h(x) = g(f(x)) = g(x) = \frac{x}{x + 1}$$

ANSWER

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