# Using Technology to Tame the EOC 

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The following are some examples of strategies that may be used on the End Of Course Tests. These strategies do not replace instruction but may be helpful in your test review.

## Evaluate an expression

To evaluate an expression students may use the STO option on their calculator.
Evaluate $3 x b-2 b y x$ if $x=-2, y=3$, and $b=-5$.


## Equation of a line

To see if an ordered pair is a solution to an equation (or lies on the line) students may evaluate as shown above or put the equation into $\mathrm{y}=$ and then use table or trace.
Ex. The graph of which ordered pair lies on the line $2 y=3 x-2$ ?
a. $(5,3)$
b. $(-3,4)$
c. $(4,5)$
d. $(1,-7)$


To find the equation of a line through two points, do regression with the two points. Begin by selecting STAT.
Ex. Find the equation of the line through $(2,6)$ and $(1,4)$.


## Equation of line continued

To find the equation of a line given slope and a point, use slope to get another point and go back to previous strategy.
Ex. Find the equation of a line with slope $2 / 3$ and through $(-3,1)$.
Use the points $(-3,1)$ and $(-3+3,1+2)$

## To get slope given two points

Enter the two points under Stat and then do a linear regression. This method reinforces the fact that the slope of the line is the x coefficient when the equation is in slope intercept from.

## To solve equations

Ex. Solve $2(3 x-1)=5 x-7$
Type left side into Y1 and right side into Y2. Zoom to see intersection and the use $2^{\text {nd }}$, Trace, Intersection


## Solve Systems

One strategy is to solve each equation for $y$, put one equation into Y 1 and the other into Y2, then use intersection.
Another strategy is matrices. Students get very quick at this with practice and it works for systems of more than 2. Screens are shown for the sample problem. Begin by selecting MATRX.
Ex. Solve $2 x-2 y=6$

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4 x+y=4
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The last screen is obtained by pulling the names from matrix, name, enter.

## Intercepts

Getting x intercepts can often be difficult for students because they have trouble with the left and right boundaries. This can be overcome by setting the equation $=0$ and then the typing equation in Y1 and 0 in Y2. Student can then use the intersection option.
Ex. Find the x intercepts for $\mathrm{y}=\mathrm{x} 2-\mathrm{x}-6$.


Y intercepts can be found by Trace, 0 , enter.
Composition of functions
Ex. If $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x})=2 \mathrm{x}$ and $\mathrm{g}(\mathrm{x})=3 \mathrm{x}-1$ find $\mathrm{g}(\mathrm{f}(3))$.
Type Y1 = 2 x and $\mathrm{Y} 2=3 \mathrm{x}-1$. Then enter, on the home screen, Y 2 ( Y 1 (3)) as shown. You will start by selecting VARS.


## Working multiple choice backwards

One option for this is typing the problem in Y1 and answers, one at a time, in Y2, and then checking for a match. This works well when checking work throughout the year. If you will make the graph from Y2 a darker line it will be easier to see if the lines match.
Ex. Simplify $(2 \sqrt{3}+\sqrt{5})(3 \sqrt{3}-2 \sqrt{5})$
A. $8-\sqrt{ } 15$
B. 8
C. $5 \sqrt{3}-\sqrt{5}$
D. $8+\sqrt{15}$


Another option is to use Boolean operators. First store a value in the variable you plan to use. Next type the problem with one answer choice in home screen. If the calculator gives a value of 1 this indicates true, 0 indicates false. You can get $=$ from $2^{\text {nd }}$ Test.
( $2 \sqrt{6} 3)+5(5)$ ( 3.5
$3)-2 \sqrt{5}(5)=8$
$(2 \sqrt{3})+\sqrt{3})(3 \sqrt{3}$
$3)-2 \sqrt{5})=8-\sqrt{(15}$
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## Sample Problems

1. Evaluate $3 x 2-2 x y-y$ for $x=-1$ and $y=2$
a. -1
b. -3
c. 9
d. 5
e. -9
2. Which of the following are solutions to $2 x+3 y=6$ ?
a. $(2,1)$
b. $(3,1)$
c. $(0,2)$
d. $(2,2)$
3. Write the equation of a line through ( $1,-12$ ) and ( $-3,4$ )
a. $4 \mathrm{x}+\mathrm{y}=8$
b. $4 x+y=-8$
c. $4 x-y=-8$
d. $4 x-y=8$
4. Write the equation of a line through $(5,5)$ with slope $2 / 3$.
a. $2 x-3 y=-5$
b. $y=2 / 3 x-6$
c. $y=2 / 3 x-5$
d. $\mathrm{y}=4$
5. Solve the following equation
$7 x-(3 x+1)=2 x+3$
a. 5
b. 0
c. -1
d. 2
6. Solve the following system

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\begin{aligned}
& x-3 y-2 z=-4 \\
& y+3 z=7 \\
& z=-5
\end{aligned}
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a. $x=10, y=8, z=-5$
b. $x=52, y=22, z=-5$
c. $x=-38, y=-8, z=-5$
d. no solution
7. If $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{x})=3 \mathrm{x}-2$ and $\mathrm{g}(\mathrm{x})=\mathrm{x}+2$, find $\mathrm{f}(\mathrm{g}(4))$.
a. 7
b. 3
c. 16
d. 5
8. For $Y=2 x 2-x-4$ find the $x$ and $y$ intercepts
a. $x=3.1$ and $-2.3 \quad y=4$
b. $x=-1.2$ and $1.7 \quad y=-4$
c. $x=3.3$ and $-4.1 \quad y=3$
d. $x=1.2$ and $-1.2 \quad y=-3$
8. Which statement is correct?
a. $2.3 \geq 2.34$
b. $0 \leq .01$
c. $-6 \leq-7$
d. $-8 \geq-5$
9. Simplify $(2-4 x)(3+5 x)$
a. $6-2 x+20 x^{2}$
b. $6+2 x-20 x^{2}$
c. $6-2 x-20 x^{2}$
d. $-6-2 \mathrm{x}-20 \mathrm{x} 2$
10. Simplify $\sqrt{5 x}\left(\sqrt{15 x^{2}}\right)$
a. $3 x \sqrt{5 x}$
b. $3 x \sqrt{15 x}$
c. $5 x 2 \sqrt{3}$
d. $5 x \sqrt{3 x}$

