

## Solutions

1.

$$\frac{-2}{3} \times \left( \frac{4}{5} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \frac{-2}{3} \times \left( \frac{8}{10} - \frac{5}{10} \right) = \frac{-2}{3} \times \frac{3}{10} = \frac{-6}{30} = \frac{-1}{5}$$

**Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{-1}{5}}$

2.

$$\frac{-10}{3} \approx -3.33, \quad \frac{5}{2} = 2.5$$

The integers between  $-3.33$  and  $2.5$  are  $-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2$ . There are  $\boxed{6}$  integers.

3. The multiplicative identity for rational numbers is  $\boxed{1}$ .

4.

$$\frac{3}{5}x = 12 \implies x = 12 \times \frac{5}{3} = 20$$

**Answer:**  $\boxed{20}$

5.  $\frac{16}{25}$  is in its simplest form because the greatest common divisor (GCD) of 16 and 25

is 1. **Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{16}{25}}$

6. The reciprocal of  $\frac{-1}{5}$  is  $\boxed{-5}$ .

7.

$$\frac{x}{6} = \frac{-15}{18} \implies x = \frac{-15 \times 6}{18} = \frac{-90}{18} = -5$$

**Answer:**  $\boxed{-5}$

8. The result is  $\boxed{0}$ .

9.

$$\frac{1}{\frac{-3}{4}} = \frac{-4}{3}, \quad \frac{-4}{3} - \left( \frac{-3}{4} \right) = \frac{-16}{12} + \frac{9}{12} = \frac{-7}{12}$$

**Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{-7}{12}}$

10.  $\frac{-3}{5}$  is between  $-1$  and  $0$ . **Answer:**  $\boxed{-1 \text{ and } 0}$

11.

$$x \div y = \frac{2}{3} \div \frac{3}{2} = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{4}{9}$$

**Answer:**  $\boxed{\frac{4}{9}}$

12.  $\frac{p}{q}$  is positive if both  $p$  and  $q$  are positive or both are negative. **Answer:**  $\boxed{\text{Either (a) or (b)}}$

13.

$$\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6}, \quad \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}, \quad \frac{\frac{5}{6}}{\frac{1}{6}} = 5$$

**Answer:** 5

14.

$$\left| -\frac{1}{2} \right| = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \left| \frac{1}{4} \right| = \frac{1}{4}, \quad \frac{1}{2} > \frac{1}{4}$$

**Answer:**  $-\frac{1}{2}$

15.

$$y = 1 - \frac{4}{9} = \frac{5}{9}$$

**Answer:**  $\frac{5}{9}$