



## Assignment Guide for Problem 2.3

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### Answers to Problem 2.3

**A. 1.**  $x = \frac{8}{3}, y = \frac{7}{6}$

**2.**  $x = -4, y = 4$

**3.**  $x = 1, y = -\frac{2}{3}$

**4.**  $x = 2, y = 2$

**B. 1.** Solutions include (1, 12), (3, 11), (5, 10), and so on.

**2.** Samantha's reasoning makes sense because you are multiplying the expression for total profit by 2 (Distributive Property).

**3.**  $10s + 20c = 250$  has the same solutions as  $5s + 10c = 125$ .

**C.** System B is equivalent to System A because we have multiplied both sides of the second equation by 2. Solutions to  $8x - 2y = 12$  will be the same as solutions to  $4x - y = 6$  and vice versa. Both systems have the solution  $x = 2$  and  $y = 2$ .

**D.** Applying the linear combination method.

**Note:** There are always several ways to solve a system by the linear combination method.

**1.**  $\begin{cases} 6x + 6y = 15 \\ 3x - 6y = 12 \end{cases}$  has the solution  $x = 3,$   
 $y = -0.5.$

**2.**  $\begin{cases} -4x - 12y = -16 \\ 4x + 5y = 2 \end{cases}$  has the solution  
 $x = -2, y = 2.$

**3.**  $\begin{cases} 4x + 2y = 10 \\ 3x - 2y = 15 \end{cases}$  has the solution  $x = \frac{25}{7},$   
 $y = -\frac{15}{7}.$

**4.**  $\begin{cases} -5x + 10y = 25 \\ 5x - 10y = 11 \end{cases}$  has no solutions  
because the combination leads to  $0 = 36.$