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Class Practice

1. Write the number of decimal places in the product. Do not multiply.

a. $\begin{array}{r} 1.3 \\ \times 2.7 \\ \hline \end{array}$

b. $\begin{array}{r} .23 \\ \times 18 \\ \hline \end{array}$

c. $\begin{array}{r} 6.8 \\ \times 19 \\ \hline \end{array}$

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2. Multiply. Position the decimal point in the product correctly. (For additional practice, see Supplementary Exercises, p. 338.)

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c. $\begin{array}{r} .902 \\ \times 1.5 \\ \hline \end{array}$

d. $\begin{array}{r} 0.23 \\ \times 16 \\ \hline \end{array}$

e. $\begin{array}{r} .042 \\ \times 37 \\ \hline \end{array}$

f. $.52 \times .3 =$ _____

g. $3.8 \times .9 =$ _____

h. $7.264 \times .6 =$ _____

3. Fill in the blanks.

a. 24 mo. = _____ yr.

b. 10 ft. = _____ in.

c. 12 bu. = _____ pk.

d. 12 pk. = _____ bu.

e. 24 hr. = _____ da.

f. 8 oz. = _____ lb.

g. 15 ft. = _____ yd.

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