

16. When $a = b$ and $c = d$, which of the following equations must be true?

F. $a + b = c + d$

$$-3+3 \neq 4+4$$

G. $a + d = b + c$

$$-3+4 \neq 3+3$$

H. $a + c = a + b$

$$-3+4 \neq 4-3$$

J. $a - c = d - b$

$$-3-4 \neq 4-3$$

K. $ad = cd$

$$3 \times 4 \neq 4 \times 4$$

Axioms - Identity
and transitive
property

use easy numbers
and process of elimination

21. Let a , b , c , and d be positive real numbers such that $a^{10} < b^{10} < c^{10} < d^{10}$. Which of the numbers a , b , c , or d is the greatest?

- A. a
B. b
C. c
D. d
E. Cannot be determined from the given information

Key word is

"POSITIVE" D would
NOT be true if all reals

Axioms - When the exponent is equal, the base that's largest creates the largest #.

- rarely the correct answer