

Elementary Algebra and Functions

Sample Question 1

If $\frac{x-1}{x} = 20$, then $x =$

A. -21

B. -19

C. $-\frac{1}{19}$

D. $\frac{1}{21}$

Explanation:

Choice (C) is correct. If $\frac{x-1}{x} = 20$, then $x - 1 = 20x$. It follows that $-1 = 19x$,
or $x = -\frac{1}{19}$.