EXAMPLE 3 TAKS PRACTICE: Multiple Choice

The parks and recreation department in your town offers a season pass for $\$ 105$.

- As a season pass holder, you pay $\$ 3$ per session to use the town's tennis courts.
- Without the season pass, you pay $\$ 12$ per session to use the tennis courts.
Which system of equations can be used to find the number $x$ of sessions of tennis after which the total cost $y$ with a season pass, including the cost of the pass, is the same as the total cost without a season pass?


## ELIMINATE CHOICES

You can eliminate
choice A because neither of the equations include the cost of a season pass.
(A) $y=3 x$
(B) $y=3 x$
$y=105+12 x$
(C) $y=12 x$
(D) $y=105+3 x$
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## Solution

Write a system of equations where $y$ is the total cost (in dollars) for $x$ sessions.

EQUATION 1

| Total <br> cost <br> (dollars) | $=$ | Cost per <br> session <br> (dollars/session) |  | Number of <br> sessions <br> (sessions) |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\boldsymbol{y}$ | $=$ | $\mathbf{1 2}$ |  |  |

equation 2

| Total <br> cost <br> (dollars) | $=$ | Cost for <br> season pass <br> (dollars) | + | Cost per <br> session <br> (dollars/session) |  |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | | Number of |
| :---: |
| sessions |
| (sessions) |

- The correct answer is C. (A) (B) (C)


## Guided Practice for Example 3

4. Solve the linear system in Example 3 to find the number of sessions after which the total cost with a season pass, including the cost of the pass, is the same as the total cost without a season pass.
5. WHAT IF? In Example 3, suppose a season pass costs $\$ 135$. After how many sessions is the total cost with a season pass, including the cost of the pass, the same as the total cost without a season pass?
