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*Answer:* Orange

*Solution:* The pattern repeats every four stripes—red, orange, yellow, orange. That means that the pattern completes itself 30 ÷ 4 = 7 whole times with a remainder of 2 stripes. So, the pattern completes on the 28th stripe, then we start again at red on the 29th stripe, and orange on the 30th.

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*Answer:* 3 large boxes

*Solution:* Four small boxes hold 8 × 4 = 32 crayons, leaving 90 – 32 = 58 crayons unboxed. So, Nora can put 48 into 2 large boxes and the rest into a 3rd large box.

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*Answer:* 36 pounds

*Solution:* Since 20 ÷ 48 = 5/12, the ratio of the animals’ weight to their statues’ must be 5:12. The cat weighs 15 pounds, so its statue’s weight must be 36 pounds because 5:12 = 15:36.

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*Answer:* $900.00

*Solution:* The value increased by 20%, then the percent increase was compounded by another 15%. So, if we call the original value of the painting ***x***, we can set up an equation:

***x***(1.20)(1.15) = $1,242.00

1.38***x*** = $1,242.00

***x*** = $900.00