

### Exercise Set I.

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**(I.4)** If we solve the inequality  $\left| \frac{1-x}{17} \right| < 1$ , the solution is an interval of the form

$(-(10+a), 10+b)$ . The values of  $a$  and  $b$  are:                      **(a)**  $a =$                       **(b)**  $b =$                       [Solution](#)

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**(I.7)** If we solve the inequality  $\left| \frac{5-x}{4} \right| \geq 1$ , the solution is **the union of intervals** of the form  $(-\infty, a] \cup [b, \infty)$ . The values of  $a$  and  $b$  are:      **(a)**  $a =$       **(b)**  $b =$       **Solution**

**(I.8)** If we solve the inequalities  $-2 \leq \frac{x-5}{2} \leq 2$ , the solution is an interval  $[a, b]$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are positive digits. The values of  $a$  and  $b$  are:      **(a)**  $a =$       **(b)**  $b =$       **Solution**

**(I.9)** If we solve the inequality  $|2x - 11| < 5$ , the solution is an interval of the form  $(a, b)$ . The values of  $a$  and  $b$  are:

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