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The Better Business Council of a large city has concluded that students in the city’s schools are not learning enough about economics to function in the modern world. These findings were based on test results from a random sample of 20 twelfth-grade students who completed a 46-question multiple-choice test on basic economic concepts. The data set below shows the number of questions that each of the 20 students in the sample answered correctly.

12	16	18	17	18	33	41	44	38	35
19	36	19	13	43	8	16	14	10	9

Scoring:

(a) Display these data in a stemplot.

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(b) Use your stemplot from part (a) to describe the main features of this score distribution.

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(c) Why would it be misleading to report only a measure of center for this score distribution?

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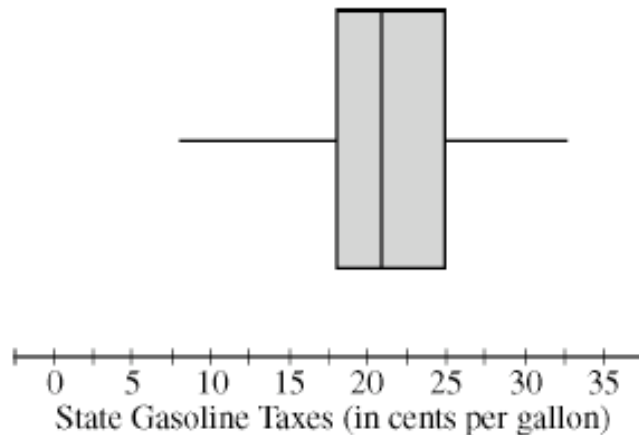
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As gasoline prices have increased in recent years, many drivers have expressed concern about the taxes they pay on gasoline for their cars. In the United States, gasoline taxes are imposed by both the federal government and by individual states. The boxplot below shows the distribution of the state gasoline taxes, in cents per gallon, for all 50 states on January 1, 2006.



Scoring:

- (a) Based on the boxplot, what are the approximate values of the median and the interquartile range of the distribution of state gasoline taxes, in cents per gallon? Mark and label the boxplot to indicate how you found the approximated values.

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- (b) The federal tax imposed on gasoline was 18.4 cents per gallon at the time the state taxes were in effect. The federal gasoline tax was added to the state gasoline tax for each state to create a new distribution of combined gasoline taxes. What are approximate values, in cents per gallon, of the median and interquartile range of the new distribution of combined gasoline taxes? Justify your answer.

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