Practice For use after Lesson 10.6

Determine whether the sample is biased or unbiased. Explain.

1. You want to estimate the number of students in your school who want a football stadium to be built. You survey the first 20 students who attend a Friday night football game.

2. You want to estimate the number of students in your school who drive their own cars to school. You survey every 8th person who enters the cafeteria for lunch.

Determine whether the conclusion is valid. Explain.

3. You want to determine the number of city residents who want to have 38th Street repaved. You randomly survey 15 residents who live on 38th Street. Twelve want the street to be repaved and three do not. So, you conclude that 80% of city residents want the street to be repaved.

4. You want to determine how many students consider math to be their favorite school subject. You randomly survey 75 students. Thirty-three students consider math to be their favorite subject and forty-two do not. So, you conclude that 40% of students at your school consider math to be their favorite subject.