Mathematics 9 The Slope of a Line Date: Grid Lines: The vertical and ______ lines which form the grid on graph paper. Grid Point: Any point of ______ of two ______ on graph paper. Slope: A number which represents the ______ or _____ of a line. AMOUNT OF SLOPE: *Moderate Slope:*makes an angle of ______ with the horizontal. *Gentle Slope:*makes an angle between _____ and _____ with the horizontal. Steep Slope:makes an angle between _____ and _____ with the horizontal. Zero slope:makes an angle of ______ with the horizontal. DIRECTION OF SLOPE: Lines many be *vertical*, *horizontal*, *uphill* or *downhill* in direction. Uphill: Ascending, ______ or _____ to the right. ______, _____ or ______ to the right. Downhill: Steps For Finding A Numerical Value For Slope: 1. Find two grid points on the line and mark them with dots. 2. Start at the left grid point. 3. Use a ruler to draw a horizontal line to the right from this point until you are vertically above or below the second grid point. This horizontal line is the *run*. 4. Now draw a vertical line from the right end of the *run* either up or down to connect to the second grid point. This vertical line is the *rise*. 5. Count the graph squares to determine the length of the *run* and the *rise*. 6. The *run* is always positive. 7. The *rise* is positive if it is going upwards from the *run*, or is negative if the *rise* is going downwards from the *run*. rise SLOPE =8. run Reduce the answer for slope to a fraction in lowest terms – avoid decimals or mixed numbers. 9. SUMMARY: *Uphill Slope:*.....corresponds to slope values which are _____. *Downhill Slope:*.....corresponds to slope values which are ______. Gentle Slope: corresponds to slope values which are ______ than _____.

Graph # _____ has the **steepest slope** of all because its slope value is ______.

Graph # _____ has the **gentlest slope** of all because its slope value is ______

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