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Random Texas Specific Contract
Interpretation Question

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A deed written in 1924 reserves the following mineral interest in favor of the Grantors:

"One-half of one-eighth of all minerals and mineral rights in said land are reserved to the grantors..."

Which of the following answers is the best interpretation of the meaning of this reservation under applicable Texas law?

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- (a) 1/16th of the mineral estate has been reserved to the grantors, and the remaining 15/16ths passed to the grantees.
- (b) 1/2 of the mineral estate was reserved, and the remaining 1/2 passed to the grantees.

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Van Dyke v. Navigator Group, 668 S.W.3d 353 (Tex. 2023); Thomas v. Hoffman, 2023 WL 5655815 (Tex. Sept. 1, 2023)

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