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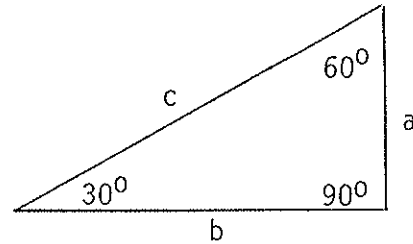
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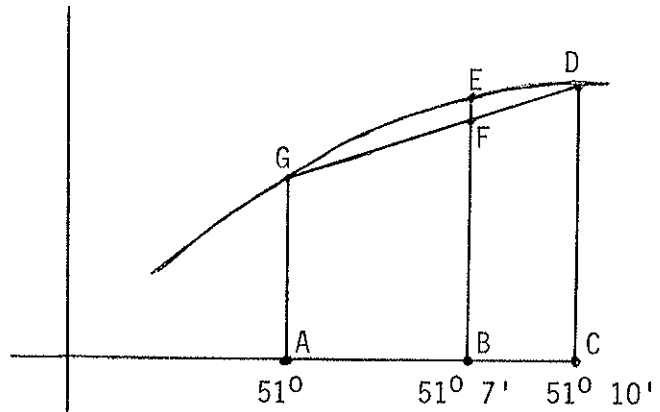
1. For the triangle shown, the numerical ratio that corresponds to  $a : b : c$  is

- (a)  $1 : 2 : \sqrt{3}$
- (b)  $1 : \sqrt{2} : 2$
- (c)  $\sqrt{2} : 2 : 1$
- (d)  $1 : \sqrt{3} : 2$
- (e)  $\sqrt{3} : 1 : 2$



2. For the diagram shown, if one is using interpolation to find the value of  $\sin 51^\circ 7'$  when  $\sin 51^\circ$  and  $\sin 51^\circ 10'$  are known, then the resulting number will be the length of which one of the following line segments?

- (a)  $\overline{BF}$
- (b)  $\overline{BE}$
- (c)  $\overline{GD}$
- (d)  $\overline{AB}$
- (e)  $\overline{AC}$



3. The set of all solutions for

$$2 \sin 2x - 2 \sin x - 2\sqrt{3} \cos x + \sqrt{3} = 0$$

which are contained in the interval  $[0, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  is

- (a)  $\{\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{3}\}$
- (b)  $\{\frac{\pi}{3}\}$
- (c)  $\{\frac{\pi}{6}\}$
- (d)  $\emptyset$
- (e) none of the above

4. What is the value for  $\frac{\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta}{\cos^2\theta - \sin^2\theta}$  ?

(a)  $\frac{1}{1 + 2 \cos^2\theta}$

(b) 1

(c)  $\frac{1}{\cos 2\theta}$

(d)  $\frac{\sin \theta + \cos \theta}{\sin \theta - \cos \theta}$

(e) none of the above

5. If the matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then the determinant of the matrix is

(a) 0

(b) 1

(c) 2

(d) -2

(e) none of the above

6. If the  $\sin \theta = \frac{8}{17}$  and  $\theta$  is in quadrant II, then  $\cos \theta$  is

(a)  $-\frac{17}{8}$

(b)  $\frac{15}{17}$

(c)  $\frac{17}{8}$

(d)  $-\frac{15}{17}$

(e) none of the above

7. A single fair die is rolled three times. What is the probability that at least one two results?
- (a)  $\frac{5}{6}$
  - (b)  $\frac{25}{36}$
  - (c)  $\frac{91}{216}$
  - (d)  $\frac{75}{216}$
  - (e)  $\frac{30}{216}$
8. In a geometric progression the seventh term is 320 and the ninth term is 1280. The first four terms of the progression could be
- (a) 2, 4, 8, 16
  - (b) 5, 10, 15, 20
  - (c) 5, 10, 20, 40
  - (d) 24, 36, 54, 81
  - (e) none of the above
9. Consider the equation  $x^2 + ax + 1 = 0$ . A single fair die is rolled to determine the value of the coefficient  $a$ . The value chosen for  $a$  is the number of dots on the face of the die which turns up. The probability that the equation will have real, unequal roots is
- (a)  $\frac{1}{12}$
  - (b)  $\frac{5}{6}$
  - (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - (d)  $\frac{1}{3}$
  - (e)  $\frac{2}{3}$

10. If the graph of the equation  $cy = dx^2 - 4$  passed through the points  $(2, 0)$  and  $(-4, 3)$ , then the value of  $c$  is
- (a)  $-20$
  - (b)  $0$
  - (c)  $-\frac{9}{2}$
  - (d)  $-\frac{20}{3}$
  - (e)  $4$
11. What is the intersection of the cylinder  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  with the plane  $y = 2$  ?
- (a) a point
  - (b) a circle
  - (c) a plane
  - (d) a line
  - (e) They do not intersect.
12. The graph of the equation  $(x - 1)(y + 1) = 7$  is
- (a) a hyperbola
  - (b) a parabola
  - (c) an ellipse
  - (d) a circle
  - (e) a straight line
13. Transform  $r = 2 \cos \theta$  from polar to rectangular coordinates.
- (a)  $x^2 + y^2 + 2y = 0$
  - (b)  $x^2 + y^2 + 2x = 0$
  - (c)  $x^2 + y^2 - 2y = 0$
  - (d)  $x^2 + y^2 - 2x = 0$
  - (e)  $x^2 + y^2 - 4 = 0$

14. The graph of  $y = 4 - \cos 3x$  crosses the y-axis at the point where  $y$  is
- 4
  - 1
  - 1
  - 3
  - 5
15. If  $x$  is a positive number less than  $180^\circ$ , what are all values of  $x$  for which  $|\cos x| > |\sin x|$ ?
- $45^\circ < x < 135^\circ$
  - $0^\circ < x < 45^\circ$  or  $135^\circ < x < 180^\circ$
  - $90^\circ < x < 180^\circ$
  - $45^\circ < x < 90^\circ$
  - none of the above
16. For all real  $x$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x - 1$ . Find the values of  $x$  for which the function is increasing.
- $|x| > 1$
  - $x \geq 1$  or  $x \leq -1$
  - $x > 1$
  - $-1 < x < 1$
  - none of the above
17. For all real values of  $a$  for which  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 2 \\ -1 & a & -2 \\ a & 1 & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ .
- $a = 0, -1$
  - no real values
  - $a = 0, 1$
  - $a = 0, 1, -1$
  - none of the above

18. Find the solution set of the inequality  $\frac{x-2}{x^2(1-x)} \leq 0$ .
- (a)  $x \leq 2$   
 (b)  $x < 1$  or  $x > 2$   
 (c)  $1 < x \leq 2$   
 (d)  $0 < x < 2$   
 (e) none of the above
19. The possible set of all possible rational roots of  $3x^4 - x^3 + x^2 + x = 4$  is
- (a)  $\{1, -1, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\}$   
 (b)  $\{-\frac{1}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{4}{3}, -1, -2, -4\}$   
 (c)  $\{1, -1, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}, 2, -2, \frac{2}{3}, -\frac{2}{3}, 4, -4, \frac{4}{3}, -\frac{4}{3}\}$   
 (d)  $\{0, 1, -1, \frac{1}{3}, -\frac{1}{3}\}$   
 (e) none of the above
20. The value of  $y$  where  $y = 10 \cdot 2^{-1/3} \log_2 x$  when  $x = 8$  is
- (a)  $\frac{5}{256}$   
 (b)  $-20$   
 (c)  $-\frac{10}{3}$   
 (d)  $5$   
 (e) none of the above
21. If  $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{3}{2-x-h} - \frac{3}{2-x} \right]$ , then  $f'(x) =$
- (a)  $3$   
 (b)  $-\frac{3}{(2-x)^2}$   
 (c)  $\frac{3}{(2-x)^2}$   
 (d) Indeterminate  
 (e) none of the above

22. If  $\log_e x = -1$ , then the value of  $x$  is
- (a) 0.1
  - (b)  $\frac{1}{2.7183}$
  - (c)  $\frac{1}{e}$
  - (d) 10
  - (e) none of the above
23. The solution set for the inequality  $2^{x^2-x-2} < 16$  is
- (a)  $\{x|x < -2 \text{ or } x > 3\}$
  - (b)  $\{x|x > 3\}$
  - (c)  $\{x|x < -2\}$
  - (d)  $\{x|x > -2 \text{ and } x < 3\}$
  - (e) none of the above
24. The graph of  $y = \frac{1}{3}x^3 - x^2 + 8x + 2$  has a point of inflection at
- (a) 1
  - (b) 4
  - (c) -2
  - (d) 2
  - (e) This graph has no point of inflection.
25. Let  $p = \frac{x+1}{x}$ ,  $\frac{1}{100} \leq x \leq 100$ . For what value of  $x$  does  $p$  have its smallest value?
- (a)  $\frac{1}{100}$
  - (b) 1
  - (c) 2
  - (d) 100
  - (e)  $\frac{1}{2}$



26. The set of all real numbers in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  which satisfy the equation
- $$\cos x \sin 2x + \sin x \sin 3x + \cos 2x \sin x = 0$$

is

- (a)  $\{0, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\}$   
 (b)  $\{\frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{2}\}$   
 (c)  $\{0, \frac{3\pi}{2}\}$   
 (d)  $\{0, \frac{\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{3\pi}{2}, \pi, \frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{5\pi}{3}, 2\pi\}$   
 (e) none of the above
27. If  $\log_8 M + \log_8 \frac{1}{6} = \frac{2}{3}$ , what is M?
- (a) 48  
 (b)  $\frac{2}{3}$   
 (c) 4  
 (d) 24  
 (e)  $\frac{23}{6}$
28. One root of the equation  $x^2 + ax + a = 0$  is 7. What is the other root?
- (a)  $-\frac{7}{8}$   
 (b)  $\frac{49}{8}$   
 (c)  $\frac{7}{8}$   
 (d) -7  
 (e)  $-\frac{49}{8}$
29. P and Q each toss three fair coins. What is the probability that P and Q obtain the same number of heads?
- (a)  $\frac{1}{9}$   
 (b)  $\frac{5}{16}$   
 (c)  $\frac{3}{8}$   
 (d)  $\frac{1}{4}$   
 (e)  $\frac{3}{16}$

30. The simplified form of  $\frac{1}{0 - \frac{1}{x^2}}$  is  $\frac{1 + \frac{1}{x}}{\log x}$  is

(a)  $-x(x + 1)\log x$

(b)  $\frac{-1}{x(x + 1)\log x}$

(c)  $\frac{-x(x + 1)}{\log x}$

(d)  $\frac{-\log x}{x(x + 1)}$

(e) none of the above.

31. A tank in the form of an inverted cone has base radius 5 m. and height 30 m. The tank is filled with water and then water is allowed to drain from the tank for a period of time. A metal sphere of diameter 4 m. is placed in the tank. The height of the water in the tank is then 18 m. The volume of the water left in the tank is

(a) 54

(d)  $\frac{64\pi}{3}$

(b)  $\frac{130\pi}{3}$

(e) none of the above

(c)  $\frac{32\pi}{3}$

32. The vertical asymptote(s) for the graph of  $y = \frac{x^2 + 3x + 2}{x^2 - 4x - 12}$  is(are)

(a)  $x = 6$

(d)  $x = -2$  and  $x = -1$

(b)  $x = -2$

(e)  $x = -2, x = -1,$  and  $x = 6$

(c)  $x = 6$  and  $x = -2$

33. If  $\left| \begin{matrix} 4x & 5 \\ x & x \end{matrix} \right| = 9$ , then the sum of the values for  $x$  is

(a) -5

(b)  $\frac{5}{4}$

(c)  $\frac{4}{5}$

(d) 5

(e) none of the above

34. The vertices of the polygon formed by

$$x + 2y \leq 6$$

$$3x + 2y \leq 10$$

$$x \geq 0$$

$$y \leq 0$$

are

(a)  $(0, 0), (0, 3), (\frac{10}{3}, 0), (2, 2)$

(b)  $(0, 0), (0, 5), (6, 0), (2, 2)$

(c)  $(0, 0), (3, 0), (6, 0), (2, 2)$

(d)  $(0, 0), (\frac{10}{3}, 0), (6, 0), (2, 2)$

(e)  $(0, 0), (\frac{10}{3}, 0), (0, 5), (2, 2)$

35. Suppose  $r$  is doubled and  $h$  is tripled. If  $V = \pi r^2 h$ ,  $V$  is multiplied by a factor of

(a) 18

(d) 36

(b) 6

(e) none of the above

(c) 12

36. Given the repeating decimals  $x = 0.\overline{52}$  and  $y = 2.\overline{4}$ , then  $x + y =$

(a)  $\frac{294}{99}$

(d)  $\frac{296}{100}$

(b)  $\frac{292}{100}$

(e) none of the above

(c)  $\frac{290}{99}$

37. If  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 + 1}$  and  $g(x) = \sin x + \cos x$ , then

(a)  $f[g(x)] = \frac{1}{\sin(x^2 + 1) + \cos(x^2 + 1) + 1}$

(b)  $f[g(x)] = \frac{1}{\sin^2 x + \cos^2 x + 1}$

(c)  $f[g(x)] = \frac{1}{\sin x^2 + \cos x^2 + 1}$

(d)  $f[g(x)] = \frac{1}{\sin 2x + 2}$

(e) none of the above

38. The possible number of negative real roots for the equation

$$x^5 + 3x^4 - x^2 + 6x + 4 = 0$$

is

- (a) 0
  - (b) 5 or 3 or 1
  - (c) 3 or 1
  - (d) 5
  - (e) none of the above
39. If the population of a particular species doubles each  $1/4$  hour and two are present in a culture at noon and 131,072 at 4 p.m., at what time will the population of this culture be 65,536?
- (a) 2 p.m.
  - (b) 3 p.m.
  - (c) 3:45 p.m.
  - (d) 4:00 p.m.
  - (e) none of the above
40. A United States Senator has polled 100 of his constituents to determine which course he should pursue. Partial results from his poll are as follows:
- 1) 12 people favor the increased construction of nuclear plants only.
  - 2) 20 people think that both solar energy research and increased nuclear plant construction are desirable.
  - 3) 22 people favor both tax credits for oil companies and increased nuclear plant construction.
  - 4) 14 people would like to see all three areas pursued.
- From this information, determine the total number of people who favored increased nuclear plant construction.
- (a) 40
  - (b) 12
  - (c) 14
  - (d) 28
  - (e) 100