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ALGEBRA II WITH TRIGONOMETRY EXAM

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INSTRUCTIONS

This test consists of 50 multiple choice questions. The questions have not been arranged in order of difficulty. For each question, choose the best of the five answer choices labeled A, B, C, D and E.

The test will be scored as follows: 5 points for each correct answer, 1 point for each question left unanswered and 0 points for each wrong answer. (Thus a "perfect paper" with all questions answered correctly earns a score of 250, a blank paper earns a score of 50, and a paper with all questions answered incorrectly earns a score of 0.)

Random guessing will not, on average, either increase or decrease your score. However, if you can eliminate one or more of the answer choices as wrong, then it is to your advantage to guess among the remaining choices.

- All variables and constants, except those indicated otherwise, represent real numbers.
- Diagrams are not necessarily to scale.

We use the following geometric notation:

- If A and B are points, then:
  $\overline{AB}$ is the segment between A and B
  $\overleftrightarrow{AB}$ is the line containing A and B
  $\overrightarrow{AB}$ is the ray from A through B
  AB is the distance between A and B
- If A is an angle, then $m\angle A$ is the measure of angle A in degrees.
- If A and B are points on a circle, then $\overset{\frown}{AB}$ is the arc between A and B.
- If A and B are points on a circle, then $m\overset{\frown}{AB}$ is the measure of $\overset{\frown}{AB}$ in degrees.
- If $\overline{AB} \cong \overline{CD}$, then $\overline{AB}$ and $\overline{CD}$ are congruent.
- If $\triangle ABC \cong \triangle DEF$, then $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ are congruent.
- If $\triangle ABC \sim \triangle DEF$, then $\triangle ABC$ and $\triangle DEF$ are similar.
- If ℓ, m are two lines, then $\ell \perp m$ means ℓ and m are perpendicular.

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Why Major in Mathematics?

What sorts of jobs can I get with a mathematics degree? Examples of occupational opportunities available to math majors:

- Market Research Analyst
- Air Traffic Controller
- Climate Analyst
- Estimator
- Research Scientist
- Computer Programmer
- Cryptanalyst
- Professor
- Pollster
- Population Ecologist
- Operations Research
- Data Mining
- Mathematician
- Meteorologist
- Medical Doctor
- Lawyer
- Actuary
- Statistician

Where can I work? What sorts of companies hire mathematicians? Well just to name a few...

- **U.S. Government Agencies** such as the National Center for Computing Sciences, the National Institute of Standards and Technology (NIST), the National Security Agency (NSA), and the U.S. Department of Energy.
- **Government labs and research offices** such as Air Force Office of Scientific Research, Los Alamos National Laboratory, and Sandia National Laboratory.
- **Engineering research organizations** such as AT&T Laboratories - Research, Exxon Research and Engineering, and IBM Research.
- **Computer information and software firms** such as Adobe, Google, Mentor Graphics, Microsoft, and Yahoo Research.
- **Electronics and computer manufacturers** such as Alcatel-Lucent, Hewlett-Packard, Honeywell, Philips Research, and SGI.
- **Aerospace and transportation equipment manufacturers** such as Boeing, Ford, General Motors, and Lockheed Martin.
- **Transportation service providers** such as FedEx Corporation and United Parcel Service (UPS).
- **Financial service and investment manangement firms** such as Citibank, Morgan Stanley, and Prudential.

A Mathematics Major isn't just for those wanting to be Mathematicians!

- The top scoring major on the Law School Entrance Exam (LSAT) is Mathematics (Source: Journal of Economic Education)
- Mathematics is also a top 5 scoring major on the Medical School Entrance Exam (MCAT) (Source: American Institute of Physics)

Study in the field of mathematics offers an education with an emphasis on careful problem solving, precision of thought and expression, and the mathematical skills needed for work in many other areas. Many important problems in government, private industry, and health and environmental fields require mathematical techniques for their solutions. The study of mathematics provides specific analytical and quantitative tools, as well as general problem-solving skills, for dealing with these problems. The University of North Alabama offers an undergraduate degree in Mathematics and has many great things to offer, including a new Mathematics Fellow program, an active undergraduate research group and a new Dual Degree Engineering program. For more information, go to www.una.edu/math.

1. Simplify $\left[(81)^{3/4}\left(\frac{9}{25}\right)^{-3/2}+(153)^0\left(\frac{1}{7}\right)^{-1}(625)^{3/4}\right]^{-1/3}$.

(**A**) $\frac{1}{100}$ (**B**) $\frac{7+\sqrt[3]{7}}{35}$ (**C**) $\frac{7+\sqrt[3]{49}}{35}$ (**D**) $\boxed{\frac{1}{10}}$ (**E**) None of these

2. The function $f(x)=\dfrac{x}{x^2+1}$ is:

(**A**) $\boxed{\text{Odd}}$ (**B**) Even (**C**) Neither even nor odd (**D**) Both even and odd (**E**) None of these

3. Two non-zero real numbers, a and b, satisfy $ab=a-b$. What is the value of $(a/b)+(b/a)-ab$?

(**A**) -2 (**B**) $-\frac{1}{2}$ (**C**) $\frac{1}{3}$ (**D**) $\frac{1}{2}$ (**E**) $\boxed{2}$

4. In a particular geometric series with a nonzero first term, the sum of the first 6 terms is equal to 9 times the sum of the first 3 terms. Find the common ratio.

(**A**) $-\frac{7}{4}$ (**B**) -1 (**C**) $\boxed{2}$ (**D**) $\frac{8}{3}$ (**E**) None of these

5. Your history teacher gives you a five question multiple choice quiz where each question has four possible answer choices. You forgot to study and are going to have to guess at random. What is the probability you get an 80% or better on the quiz?

(**A**) $\boxed{\frac{1}{64}}$ (**B**) $\frac{1}{256}$ (**C**) $\frac{15}{1024}$ (**D**) $\frac{3}{1024}$ (**E**) None of these

6. What is the shortest distance from point $(-2,3)$ to the circle given by $(x-2)^2+(y+5)^2=5$?

(**A**) 2 (**B**) 3 (**C**) $\boxed{3\sqrt{5}}$ (**D**) $4\sqrt{5}$ (**E**) None of these

7. Find the sum of the squares of all real roots of the function $f(x)=x^4e^x-4e^x-3x^2e^x$.

(**A**) 2 (**B**) 4 (**C**) 6 (**D**) $\boxed{8}$ (**E**) None of these

8. Find the absolute value of the sum of the solutions to the equation $(4x-6)(x+3)=14$.

(**A**) $\boxed{\frac{3}{2}}$ (**B**) $\frac{5}{2}$ (**C**) 3 (**D**) 16 (**E**) None of these

9. For how many integers x in $\{1,2,3,...,99,100\}$ is x^2+x^3 equal to the square of an integer?

(**A**) 7 (**B**) 8 (**C**) $\boxed{9}$ (**D**) 10 (**E**) None of these

10. The inequality $-3|x+7|\geq -27$ has a solution set of the form $[a,b]$. Find $b-a$.

(**A**) 16 (**B**) $\boxed{18}$ (**C**) 48 (**D**) 54 (**E**) None of these

11. The polynomial

$$p(x)=x^7-6x^6-12x^5+200x^4-720x^3+1248x^2-1088x+384$$

has 2 as a root of multiplicity 6. Find another root of $p(x)$.

(**A**) -32 (**B**) $\boxed{-6}$ (**C**) 6 (**D**) 32 (**E**) None of these

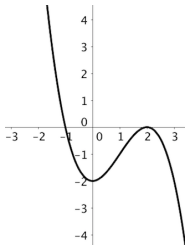
12. On August 1, Jose Altuve had a batting average of 0.350 (A batting average is calculated as the total number of hits divided by total number of at-bats). Over the next two weeks, he went through a bit of a slump and only got 12 hits in his next 50 at bats. On August 15, his batting average had dropped to 0.340. How many hits did he have as of August 15?

(**A**) 163 (**B**) 175 (**C**) $\boxed{187}$ (**D**) 199 (**E**) None of these

13. Simplify the expression $\dfrac{(1+i)^{17}}{(1-i)^{16}}$ into $a+bi$ form.

(**A**) $\boxed{1+i}$ (**B**) $1-i$ (**C**) $-1-i$ (**D**) $-1+i$ (**E**) None of these

14. A cubic polynomial $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ has a graph which is tangent to the x-axis at $x = 2$, has another x-intercept at $x = -1$ and has a y-intercept at $y = -2$ as shown below. Find the sum $a + b + c + d$.



(**A**) -5 (**B**) -3 (**C**) $\boxed{-1}$ (**D**) 0 (**E**) None of these

15. If $f(\frac{x}{2}) = x^2 + x + 1$, what is the largest value of z satisfying $f(3z) = 13$?

(**A**) $-\dfrac{2}{3}$ (**B**) $-\dfrac{1}{2}$ (**C**) $\boxed{\dfrac{1}{2}}$ (**D**) $\dfrac{2}{3}$ (**E**) None of these

16. The number 2^k is entered in a calculator. When the $\sqrt{\ }$ button is pressed n times in succession, the final answer is 2. What is the value of k?

(**A**) n (**B**) $2n$ (**C**) n^2 (**D**) $\boxed{2^n}$ (**E**) None of these

17. Which of the following are true for all values in their respective domains?
I. $\sqrt{x^2+9} = x+3$ II. $\log(xy) = \log(x) + \log(y)$ III. $3(2x+1)^{2/3} = (6x+3)^{2/3}$

(**A**) I and II (**B**) II and III (**C**) I, II, and III (**D**) $\boxed{\text{II only}}$ (**E**) III only

18. How many times does the graph of the function $f(x) = \dfrac{x^3 - x^2 - 5x - 3}{x^3 + 4x^2 - 3x - 18}$ cross its horizontal asymptote(s)?

(**A**) 0 (**B**) 1 (**C**) $\boxed{2}$ (**D**) 3 (**E**) None of these

19. What is the minimum value of the function $f(x) = x - 3\sqrt{x} + 9$ on its domain?

(**A**) 1.5 (**B**) 2.25 (**C**) 4.5 (**D**) $\boxed{6.75}$ (**E**) None of these

20. Find the product of the smallest solution and the largest solution of the equation

$$(x-1)(6x^2-19) + (x-4)(4x^2-11) + (6x^2-19)(x-7) = 0.$$

(**A**) $\boxed{-7}$ (**B**) 7 (**C**) $-\dfrac{49}{4}$ (**D**) $\dfrac{49}{4}$ (**E**) None of these

21. How many integers are in the solution set of the inequality $\dfrac{2x - \dfrac{x^2+19}{x}}{x} < 0$?

(**A**) $\boxed{8}$ (**B**) 9 (**C**) 10 (**D**) Infinitely many (**E**) None of these

22. Find the sum of the smallest and the largest x-intercepts of the graph of $y = 3x^4 - 15x^3 + 18x^2$.

(**A**) 5 (**B**) $\boxed{3}$ (**C**) 0 (**D**) -5 (**E**) None of these

23. You randomly order the letters A P R I L. What is the probability that the I and L are next to each other?

(**A**) $\frac{1}{30}$ (**B**) $\frac{1}{15}$ (**C**) $\frac{1}{5}$ (**D**) $\boxed{\frac{2}{5}}$ (**E**) None of these

24. Consider the sequence

$$a_1 = 2, a_2 = \frac{6}{5}, a_3 = \frac{24}{25}, a_4 = \frac{24}{25}, a_5 = \frac{144}{125}, \ldots$$

Which of the following is the correct expression for a_n?

(**A**) $a_n = \frac{(n)!}{5^n}$ (**B**) $a_n = \frac{(n-1)!}{5^{n-1}}$ (**C**) $a_n = \frac{(n+1)!}{5^{n+1}}$

(**D**) $a_n = \frac{(n-1)!}{5^{n+1}}$ (**E**) $\boxed{\text{None of these } a_n = \frac{(n+1)!}{5^{n-1}}}$

25. The graph of $f(x) = \ln x$ is reflected across the line $y = x$. What is the equation of the reflection?

(**A**) $y = e^{-x}$ (**B**) $y = -\ln x$ (**C**) $\boxed{y = e^x}$ (**D**) $y = \ln(-x)$ (**E**) None of these

26. The equation $|2x - 1||x + 5| = 6$ has how many solutions which are less than zero?

(**A**) 0 (**B**) 1 (**C**) 2 (**D**) $\boxed{3}$ (**E**) None of these

27. Find the equation of the line perpendicular to, and with the same y-intercept as, the line whose equation is $3x - 2y - 4 = 0$.

(**A**) $y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$ (**B**) $\boxed{y = -\frac{2}{3}x - 2}$ (**C**) $y = -\frac{2}{3}x - 4$ (**D**) $y = -\frac{3}{2}x - 2$ (**E**) None of these

28. Find the product of the solutions of the equation $\left(\sqrt{4 - \sqrt{15}}\right)^x + \left(\sqrt{4 + \sqrt{15}}\right)^x = 8$.

(**A**) -6 (**B**) $\boxed{-4}$ (**C**) 1 (**D**) 2 (**E**) None of these

29. A projectile is launched straight up from ground level, and its height s in feet, after t seconds, can be modeled by the equation $s = -16t^2 + 288t$. For how long is the projectile at or above a height of 1152 ft?

(**A**) $\boxed{6 \text{ seconds}}$ (**B**) 9 seconds (**C**) 12 seconds (**D**) 18 seconds (**E**) None of these

30. A particular town has a tax rate on food of 10%. Miranda tips 20% on the post-tax total. She heard from Ashley that you're actually supposed to tip on the pre-tax total. What percentage has Miranda been tipping on the pre-tax total?

(**A**) 18% (**B**) $\boxed{22\%}$ (**C**) 24% (**D**) 30% (**E**) None of these

31. Find the remainder when x^3 is divided by $x^2 - 2x + 1$.

(**A**) $\boxed{3x - 2}$ (**B**) $2x^2 - x$ (**C**) $5x - 2$ (**D**) $-2x^2 + x$ (**E**) 0

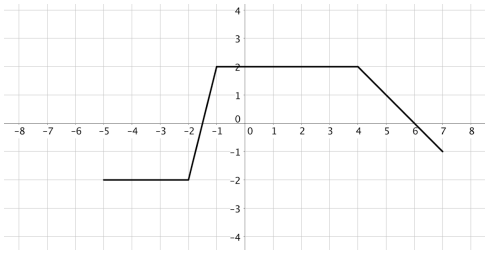
32. For two positive numbers a and b, the sum $a+b$, the product $a \cdot b$, and the difference of squares $a^2 - b^2$ equal the same non-zero number. What is $a^2 - b^2$?

(**A**) 2 (**B**) $\boxed{2+\sqrt{5}}$ (**C**) $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$ (**D**) $\frac{3}{4}$ (**E**) None of these

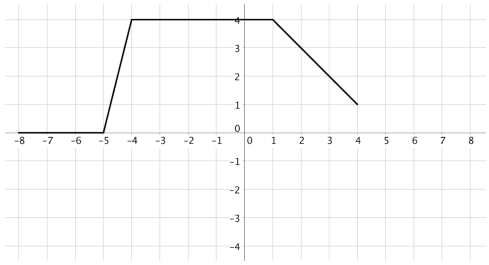
33. An after-dinner speaker anticipates delivering 35 speeches during the next 2 years. So as not to become bored, he decides to tell exactly 3 jokes in every speech, and in no two speeches to tell exactly the same 3 jokes. What is the minimum number of jokes that will accomplish this?

(**A**) $\boxed{7}$ (**B**) 37 (**C**) 70 (**D**) 105 (**E**) None of these

34. The graphs of $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are below. Express $g(x)$ in terms of $f(x)$.



Graph of $f(x)$



Graph of $g(x)$

(**A**) $g(x) = f(x+2) + 3$ (**B**) $\boxed{g(x) = f(x+3) + 2}$

(**C**) $g(x) = f(x-3) + 2$ (**D**) $g(x) = f(x-2) + 3$ (**E**) None of these

35. Solve the equation $\dfrac{1-2x}{3x^2+6x+12} = \dfrac{1}{12-6x} - \dfrac{x^2+3}{2x^3-16}$.

(**A**) $\boxed{-\frac{3}{4}}$ (**B**) $\frac{3}{4}$ (**C**) $\frac{4+3\sqrt{2}}{2}$ (**D**) No solution (**E**) None of these

36. Let $f(x) = x^7 + ax^5 + bx^3 + 8x$, where $f(1) = 2$ and $f(2) = -8$. Find $f(-2)$.

(**A**) -184 (**B**) -8 (**C**) $\boxed{8}$ (**D**) 32 (**E**) None of these

37. Let $P(n)$ and $S(n)$ denote the product and the sum respectively of the digits of the integer n. For example, $P(23) = 6$ and $S(23) = 5$. Suppose N is a two-digit number such that $N = P(N) + S(N)$. What is the units digit of N?

(**A**) 2 (**B**) 4 (**C**) 7 (**D**) $\boxed{9}$ (**E**) None of these

38. Let $f(x) = 2x^2 - 5x - 3$ and $g(x) = x^{3/2} - 4\sqrt{x}$. Find the sum of all the zeros of $(g \circ f)(x)$.

(**A**) 2.5 (**B**) $\boxed{5}$ (**C**) 6.5 (**D**) 9 (**E**) None of these

39. Two operations & and % are defined as $a\&b = a^2 - b^2$ and $a\%b = 4ab$. Find $5\%(3\&2)$.

(**A**) -551 (**B**) -100 (**C**) $\boxed{100}$ (**D**) 2000 (**E**) None of these

40. For $x > 0$, simplify the expression $\sqrt{1 + \left(\dfrac{1}{x} - \dfrac{x}{4}\right)^2}$.

(**A**) $1 + \frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{4}$ (**B**) $1 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{4}$ (**C**) $\boxed{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{x}{4}}$ (**D**) $\frac{1}{x} - \frac{x}{4}$ (**E**) $\frac{2-x}{x-4}$

Problem #41 thrown out. Typo: cards numbered 2 through 10, not 1 through 10.

41. A single card is drawn from a standard deck of 52 cards. What is the probability the card drawn is an Eight or a Heart? (Recall that a deck has four suits: Heart, Diamond, Spade, Club, each containing an Ace, cards numbered 1 through 10, a Jack, Queen and King)

(**A**) $\boxed{\frac{4}{13}}$ (**B**) $\frac{17}{52}$ (**C**) $\frac{21}{52}$ (**D**) $\frac{1}{51}$ (**E**) None of these

42. Solve the equation $\dfrac{\sqrt{x+1}+\sqrt{x-1}}{\sqrt{x+1}-\sqrt{x-1}} = 3$.

(**A**) 0 (**B**) $\sqrt{5}$ (**C**) 9 (**D**) No solution (**E**) $\boxed{\text{None of these}=\frac{5}{3}}$

43. Suppose the parabola $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ passes through the points $(-4, 12)$, $(-2, 0)$ and $(2, 12)$. Find $a + b + c$.

(**A**) $\frac{3}{4}$ (**B**) $\boxed{\frac{9}{2}}$ (**C**) $\frac{21}{2}$ (**D**) $\frac{45}{4}$ (**E**) None of these

44. Suppose that $|x - 2| = p$, where $x < 2$. Which of the following is equivalent to $x - p$?

(**A**) 2 (**B**) -2 (**C**) $2p - 2$ (**D**) $\boxed{2 - 2p}$ (**E**) $|2p - 2|$

45. Find the number of distinct real values of x which have the property that the median of the five numbers $x, 6, 4, 1, 9$ is equal to their mean.

(**A**) 1 (**B**) 2 (**C**) $\boxed{3}$ (**D**) 4 (**E**) None of these

46. Find the smallest y value at which the graphs of $y = \dfrac{2 - 5x^2 - 10x}{x + 3}$ and $y = 3x - 1$ intersect.

(**A**) $\boxed{-8.5}$ (**B**) -4 (**C**) -2.5 (**D**) -0.25 (**E**) None of these

47. If $\dfrac{2a}{b^2+4} = 7$, and $\dfrac{1}{b^2+4} = 2$, find the value of $\dfrac{a+5}{b^2+4}$.

(**A**) 8.5 (**B**) $\boxed{13.5}$ (**C**) 19 (**D**) 24 (**E**) None of these

48. What is the slope of the line which connects the center of the circle $(x - 4)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = 9$ and the vertex of the parabola $y = 3x^2 - 6x + 5$?

(**A**) $-\frac{1}{3}$ (**B**) $\boxed{-1}$ (**C**) $\frac{3}{5}$ (**D**) $\frac{5}{3}$ (**E**) None of these

49. How many ordered pairs (x, y), where x and y are both integers, satisfy the equation $\dfrac{1}{x} + \dfrac{1}{y} = \dfrac{1}{4}$?

(**A**) 1 (**B**) 3 (**C**) 5 (**D**) $\boxed{9}$ (**E**) None of these

50. Find the sum of the negative solutions to the equation $\left(x^2 + 3x\right)^2 - 3x^2 = 9x + 4$.

(**A**) $\boxed{-7}$ (**B**) -6 (**C**) -4 (**D**) -3 (**E**) None of these