

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{1} \quad \log_{10} a + \log_{10}(a+21) &= 2 \\ \log_{10} a(a+21) &= 2 \\ a^2 + 21a &= 100 \\ a^2 + 21a - 100 &= 0 \\ (a+25)(a-4) &= 0 \\ a = -25 \quad a = 4 & \quad \boxed{\text{B}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{2} \quad \text{Substituting into } y = ax^2 + bx + c \\ (0, -5) &\Rightarrow -5 = c \\ (-1, -7) &\Rightarrow -7 = a - b - 5 \\ (-4, -1) &\Rightarrow -1 = 16a - 4b - 5 \\ \text{By linear combination,} \\ a = 1, b = 3, c = -5 &\therefore abc = -15 \quad \boxed{\text{B}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{3} \quad b^2 - 4ac &= 0 \Rightarrow k^2 - 4 \cdot 2 \cdot 3k = 0 \\ k(k-24) &= 0 \quad \boxed{k=24} \quad \boxed{\text{C}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{4} \quad \text{Completing the square gives:} \\ (x-2)^2 + 9(y+3)^2 &= 36 \\ \frac{(x-2)^2}{36} + \frac{(y+3)^2}{4} &= 1 \\ k = -3, 2a = 12 &\Rightarrow \boxed{-36} \quad \boxed{\text{C}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{5} \quad \text{conjugate roots are } 4-2i, 4+2i \\ \text{Then sum} = -\frac{b}{a} = 8 &\quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} x^2 - 8x + 20 \\ \text{product} = \frac{c}{a} = 20 & \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} x^2 - 8x + 20 \\ (x-6)(x^2 - 8x + 20) &= \\ x^3 - 14x^2 + 68x + 120 & \quad \boxed{\text{A}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{6} \quad \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix} &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 5-3 \\ -7-5 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} -5 \\ -11 \end{bmatrix} \\ &= \frac{1}{4} \begin{bmatrix} 8 \\ -20 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{array}{l} x = 2 \\ y = -5 \end{array} \quad \boxed{\text{C}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{7} \quad 5x^2 + 2x &= 3 \\ 5x^2 + 2x - 3 &= 0 \\ (5x-3)(x+1) &= 0 \quad \begin{array}{l} \left\{ \frac{3}{5}, -1 \right\} \\ \boxed{\text{B}} \end{array} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{8} \quad \text{Add 1st + 3rd equations: } 2x &= 14 \therefore x = 7 \\ \text{Substituting gives } y &= \frac{14}{3}, z = -1 \\ \frac{7}{\frac{14}{3}} - 5(-1) &= \boxed{6\frac{1}{2}} \quad \boxed{\text{B}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{9} \quad 2800 &= 2000 \cdot e^{4r} \quad A = 2000 \cdot e^{4r} \\ \frac{7}{5} &= e^{4r} \quad A \approx 87683 \quad \boxed{\text{C}} \\ r &= \frac{\ln 1.4}{4} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{10} \quad y &= \frac{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 5 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -3 \end{vmatrix}}{\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & -3 \end{vmatrix}} = \frac{6}{-3} = \boxed{-2} \quad \boxed{\text{A}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textcircled{11} \quad (x+2)(x+3)(x-1) = x^3 + 4x^2 + x - 6 \quad \boxed{\text{C}}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{12} \quad 2 \cdot 3^{2x} + 3^x \cdot 5^x &= 5^{2x} \quad \text{let } a = 3^x, b = 5^x \\ 2a^2 + ab - b^2 &= 0 \quad 2 \cdot 3^x = 5^x \quad \text{or } 3^x = -(5^x) \\ (2a-b)(a+b) &= 0 \quad \left(\frac{3}{5} \right)^x = \frac{1}{2} = m \quad \text{not poss} \\ 2a = b \quad a = -b & \quad \therefore -\frac{2}{m} = -4 \quad \boxed{\text{C}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{13} \quad \text{roots are } 2+3i \text{ and } 2-3i \\ \text{sum} = -\frac{b}{a} = 4 \quad \text{product} = \frac{c}{a} = 13; a=1, b=-4, c=13 & \quad \left. \begin{array}{l} \\ \end{array} \right\} \\ b^2 - 4ac &= \boxed{-36} \quad \boxed{\text{C}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{14} \quad \log 8^{x-2} &= \log 5^x \\ (x-2) \log 8 &= x \cdot \log 5 \\ x \log 8 - x \log 5 &= 2 \log 8 \\ x(\log 8 - \log 5) &= \log 64 \\ x = \frac{\log 64}{\log 8/5} &\approx 8.849 \quad \boxed{\text{B}} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textcircled{15} \quad \text{radius must be 5, center must be } (1, 4) \\ \text{so } (x-1)^2 + (y-4)^2 &= 16 \\ x^2 - 2x + y^2 - 8y - 1 &= 0 \quad \boxed{\text{D}} \end{aligned}$$

MAO Nationals 2003 Theta Eq + Inequalities Solution

(16) $3^{2x+3} \cdot 5^{2x+3} = 3^{3x} \cdot 5^y \cdot 25$
 $\frac{3^{2x} \cdot 27 \cdot 5^{2x}}{3^{3x} \cdot 25} = 5^y$

$\frac{3^{2x+3}}{3^{3x}}$ must = 1 $\therefore x = 3$

so $\frac{5^6 \cdot 5^3}{25} = 5^y \therefore y = 7$ **E**

(17) Multiply through by $(x+4)(x-7)$

$\Rightarrow A(x-7) + B(x+4) = 11x - 22$

$Ax - 7A + Bx + 4B = 11x - 22$

$A + B = 1 \quad \therefore B = 5, A = 6$

$-7A + 4B = -22 \quad 3A - 2B = 8$ **D**

(18) $x-9 = 4x+3$ or $x-9 = -4x-3$

$-12 = 3x$

$x = -4$

extraneous

$5x = 6$
 $x = \frac{6}{5}$ **A**

(19) $\begin{matrix} (a-b)(a^2+ab+b^2) \\ 2 \cdot 12 \end{matrix} = 24$

$(a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2 = 4$

$a^2 + ab + b^2 = 12$

$-3ab = -8 \Rightarrow ab = \frac{8}{3}$

$(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 = 12 + \frac{8}{3} = \frac{44}{3}$

$a+b = \sqrt{\frac{44}{3}} = \frac{\pm 2\sqrt{33}}{3}$ **B**

(20) $7 - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{7}} = \frac{1}{7} \Rightarrow 7 - \frac{7x}{x+7} = \frac{1}{7}$

$\frac{7x+49-7x}{x+7} = \frac{1}{7} \Rightarrow x+7 = 343$
 $x = 336$ **D**

(21) $\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{1}{y} + \frac{2}{x} = \frac{11}{12} \\ \frac{2}{y} - \frac{3}{x} = \frac{2}{3} \end{array} \right\} \left. \begin{array}{l} x = 6 \\ y = \frac{12}{7} \end{array} \right\} x-y = \frac{30}{7}$ **B**

(22) $3\{2x - [1-6x]\} = 10x - 18$
 $3(8x-1) = 10x-18 \therefore x = \frac{-15}{14}$ **A**

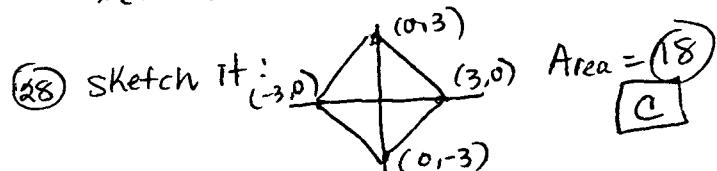
(23) $f(x+1) = 2(x+1) + 1 \quad 4x^2 + 4x - 15 = 0$
 $= 2x + 3 \quad \text{sum} = -\frac{b}{a} = -1$
 $2x + 3 = \frac{12}{2x+1-2}$

(24) $\begin{matrix} 3 & -12 & 41 & -42 \\ & 2 & -20 & 42 \\ \hline 1 & -10 & 21 & 0 \end{matrix}$ critical points
 $(x-2)(x^2-7)(x-3) = 0$ are 2, 3 and 7
intervals w/solutions have values of $x^2+1 = 5$
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 $10 \quad 50$
so (51) **D** is possible value

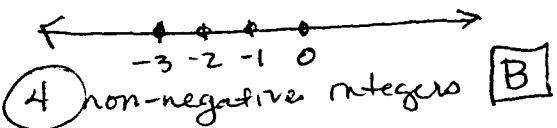
(25) $x^3 - 1 = (x-1)(x^2+x+1)$
 $x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1-4}}{2} = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{3}}{2}$
 $\therefore b = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ and $b^2 = \frac{3}{4}$ **A**

(26) $(x-\frac{4}{9})(x-\frac{4}{9}+x-\frac{1}{3}) = (x-\frac{4}{9})(2x-\frac{7}{9}) = 0$
 $x = \frac{4}{9}$ or $x = \frac{7}{18}$ $|\frac{4}{9}-\frac{7}{18}| = \frac{1}{18}$ **E**

(27) $x - x\sqrt{3} = 4 \quad x = \frac{4}{1-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{4(1+\sqrt{3})}{-2} = -2\sqrt{3}$
 $x(1-\sqrt{3}) = 4$



(29) $x+2 \leq 2x+7$ and $x+2 \geq -2x-7$
 $x \geq -5$ and $x \geq -3$



(30) intersection points:

$(0,2)$ $(2,0)$ $(4,3)$ substituted into $f(x,y) \Rightarrow$ maximum value = 2 **D**