



**Mu Alpha Theta**  
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**Answers**  
**Complex Numbers**  
**Alpha Division**

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- 1) A
- 2) B
- 3) D
- 4) C
- 5) D
- 6) C
- 7) C
- 8) A
- 9) A or B
- 10) C
- 11) B
- 12) E
- 13) C
- 14) A
- 15) B
- 16) C
- 17) C
- 18) D
- 19) A
- 20) C
- 21) D
- 22) D
- 23) B
- 24) C
- 25) A
- 26) A
- 27) E
- 28) D
- 29) A
- 30) D



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1)  $(3+i)+(9-3i)-2(7+4i) = (3+9-14)+(i-3i-8i) = -2-10i \quad \mathbf{A}$

2)  $(3+i)(2-3i) = 6-9i+2i+3 = 9-7i \quad \mathbf{B}$

3)  $\frac{3+i}{2-3i} = \frac{(3+i)(2+3i)}{2^2+3^2} = \frac{3+11i}{13} = \frac{3}{13} + \frac{11}{13}i \quad \mathbf{D}$

4)  $6-6i\sqrt{3} = 12\text{cis}(300^\circ)$        $(6-6i\sqrt{3})^5 = 12^5 \text{cis}(5(300^\circ)) = 12^5 \text{cis}(1500^\circ)$        $\frac{1500}{360} = 4 \frac{60}{360}$

$(6-6i\sqrt{3})^5 = 12^5 \text{cis}(60^\circ) = 12^5 \cos(60^\circ) + 12^5 i \sin(60^\circ) = 12^5 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) + 12^5 \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)i$        $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{1/2}{\sqrt{3}/2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3} \quad \mathbf{C}$

5)  $\operatorname{Re}\{( \sqrt{2} + 2i)(-i\sqrt{2} + 1)(2\sqrt{2} - i)\} = \operatorname{Re}\{(3\sqrt{2})(2\sqrt{2} - i)\} = \operatorname{Re}\{12 - 3i\sqrt{2}\} = 12 \quad \mathbf{D}$

6)  $\operatorname{Im}\{(1+i)^2 \cdot e^{-i\pi/4}\} = \operatorname{Im}\left\{(2i)\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}i\right)\right\} = \operatorname{Im}\{\sqrt{2} + i\sqrt{2}\} = \sqrt{2} \quad \mathbf{C}$

7)  $z_1 = a + bi, z_2 = c + di \quad z_1 + z_2 = (a+c) + (b+d)i \Rightarrow a+c=0 \quad (1) \quad a=-c$

$z_1^2 + z_2^2 = (a^2 - b^2 + c^2 - d^2) + (2ab + 2cd)i \Rightarrow 2ab + 2cd = 0 \quad (2) \quad b=d \text{ if } a \neq 0 \text{ and } c \neq 0$

I)  $\overline{z_2} = c - di$ , but from (2)  $b=d$       FALSE

II)  $(a+bi) - (c+di) = (a-c) + (b-d)i$       From (2)  $b-d=0$       TRUE

III)  $a=c$  only when  $a=c=0$ , which cannot happen.      TRUE

IV)  $|z_1| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$        $|z_2| = \sqrt{c^2 + d^2}$       From (1)  $a^2 = c^2$  and from (2)  $b^2 = d^2$       TRUE

II., III., and IV. are true. **C**

8)  $z = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4-4(16)}}{2} = -1 \pm i\sqrt{15} \quad (-1+i\sqrt{15})^2 + (-1-i\sqrt{15})^2 = (-14-2i\sqrt{15}) + (-14+2i\sqrt{15}) = -28 \quad \mathbf{A}$

9)  $z_2 - z_1 = -4 + 4i \quad \theta = \tan^{-1}(4/-4) = 135^\circ \quad \mathbf{B}$

10)  $1 + (1-i) + (1-i)^2 + (1-i)^3 = \frac{1-(1-i)^4}{1-(1-i)} \quad (1-i)^4 = (2i)^2 = -4 \quad \frac{1-(-4)}{i} = -5i \quad |0 - (-5)| = 5 \quad \mathbf{C}$

11) The six sixth roots of unity are  $\text{cis}(0^\circ)$ ,  $\text{cis}(60^\circ)$ ,  $\text{cis}(120^\circ)$ ,  $\text{cis}(180^\circ)$ ,  $\text{cis}(240^\circ)$ , and  $\text{cis}(300^\circ)$ . These correspond to  $1, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, -\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, -1, -\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i, \frac{1}{2} - \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}i$ . B is not on the list      **B**

12) A complex number is a number of the form  $a+bi$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers. All four can be represented in this form. **E**

13)  $z = 32\text{cis}(45^\circ)$       The five fifth roots of  $z$  are  $2\text{cis}\left(\frac{45+360 \cdot n}{5}\right)$        $2\text{cis}(9^\circ), 2\text{cis}(81^\circ), 2\text{cis}(153^\circ), 2\text{cis}(225^\circ)$ , and  $2\text{cis}(297^\circ)$ . C is not on the list      **C**

14)  $f(2+i) = i(2+i)^3 + 2(2+i)^2 - 3\overline{(2+i)} + 2i = i(2+11i) + 2(3+4i) - 3(2-i) + 2i = (-11+6-6) + (2i+8i+3i+2i) = -11+15i \quad \mathbf{A}$

15) I)  $|z_2| = \sqrt{(a^2 - b^2)^2 + (2ab)^2} = \sqrt{a^4 + 2a^2b^2 + b^4} = a^2 + b^2 = |z_1|^2 \quad \text{TRUE}$

II) Let  $z_1 = r\text{cis}(\theta) \Rightarrow z_2 = r^2\text{cis}(2\theta)$ . The angle of  $z_2$  is twice the angle of  $z_1$       TRUE

III)  $z_2 = a^2 - b^2 + 2iab$ . If  $b > a$ , then  $a^2 - b^2 < 0$       FALSE      IV)  $\frac{1}{z_2} = \frac{\overline{z_2}}{|z_2|^2} = \frac{\overline{z_2}}{|z_1|^4}$       FALSE

I., and II. are true.      **B**



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16)  $\frac{1}{i} + \frac{2}{i^2} + \frac{3}{i^3} + \frac{4}{i^4} = -i - 2 + 3i + 4 = 2 + 2i$  **C**

17)  $\|-6 - 8i\| = \sqrt{(-6)^2 + (-8)^2} = \sqrt{100} = 10$  **C**

18)  $i^6 = i^4 \cdot i^2 = -1$ ;  $i^{29} = i^{28} \cdot i = i$ ;  $i^{2006} = i^{2004} \cdot i^2 = -1$   $-1 + i - 1 = -2 + i$  **D**

19)  $N = 0$ ;  $\Pi = 1$   $N = 1$ ;  $\Pi = -i$   $N = 2$ ;  $\Pi = -1$   $N = 3$ ;  $\Pi = i$   $N = 4$ ;  $\Pi = 1$

The pattern repeats indefinitely.  $\Pi = i^{-N}$  **A**

20)  $(1 - i - 1 + i) + (1 - i - 1 + i) + \dots + (1 - i - 1 + i) + 1 - i - 1 = 0 + 0 + \dots + 0 + 1 - i - 1 = -i$  **C**

21)  $(5 - 6i)(2i + 1) = (5 + 12) + (10i - 6i) = 17 + 4i$   $\text{Re}\{17 + 4i\} = 17$  **D**

22) 
$$\begin{vmatrix} x & -1 & 2 \\ 0 & i & 2 \\ -x & i & 2i \end{vmatrix} = x \begin{vmatrix} i & 2 \\ 2i & 2 \end{vmatrix} - x \begin{vmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ i & 2 \end{vmatrix} = x(-2 - 2i) - x(-2 - 2i) = 0$$
 The determinant = 0 for all values of  $x$ . **D**

23) There are  $\binom{4}{2} = 6$  different pairs of squares.  $\{-2, 300\}$  is the only pair with a real product Prob =  $\frac{1}{6}$  **B**

24) Both roots to the polynomial are complex. The sum is  $-\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{-2}{1} = 2$  **C**

25)  $-iz = y - ix$  which is a rotation by  $90^\circ$  clockwise. **A**

26)  $\sum_{n=0}^5 n \cdot i^n = 0 + i - 2 - 3i + 4 + 5i = (-2 + 4) + (1 - 3 + 5)i = 2 + 3i$  **A**

27) Let  $z = a + bi$ , where  $a$  and  $b$  are real numbers

I.)  $f(-z) = \| -a - bi \| = \sqrt{(-a)^2 + (-b)^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \| a + bi \| = f(z)$  **TRUE**

II.)  $f(\bar{z}) = \| a - bi \| = \sqrt{(a)^2 + (-b)^2} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \| a + bi \| = f(z)$  **TRUE**

III.)  $f(z) = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$ , which is always real **TRUE**

IV.)  $f(z) = 0 = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$   $a^2 + b^2 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 0$  and  $b = 0$  **TRUE**

V.)  $f(z^2) = \| a^2 - b^2 + 2iab \| = \sqrt{(a^2 - b^2)^2 + (2ab)^2} = \sqrt{a^4 + 2a^2b^2 + b^4} = a^2 + b^2 = \| a + bi \|^2$  **TRUE**

5 statements are true. **E**

28) Two more roots must be  $z_3 = 5 + 6i$  and  $z_4 = 2 - 3i$ . The fifth root must be real.

I.) TRUE   II.) FALSE   III.) TRUE   IV.) TRUE   **D**

29)  $\sqrt{-2} \times \sqrt{-8} \times \sqrt{-16} = (i\sqrt{2})(2i\sqrt{2})(4i) = (4)(2)(2)(i^3) = -16i$  **A**

30) Using an Augmented Matrix: 
$$\left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -i & 2i & -1 \\ i & 2 & 2-i & 3i \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -i & 2i & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4-i & 4i \\ 0 & i & 1-2i & 2 \end{array} \right] \rightarrow \left[ \begin{array}{cccc} 1 & -i & 2i & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & 4-i & 4i \\ 0 & 0 & -6i & 6 \end{array} \right]$$

$z = \frac{6}{-6i} = i$   $y + (4 - i)z = 4i \Rightarrow y = 4i - (4i + 1) = -1$   $x - iy + 2iz = -1 \Rightarrow x = i(-1) - 2i(i) - 1 = 1 - i$  **D**