

Alpha – Polar Topic Test Solutions: National Mu Alpha Theta Convention 2012

1. B

- The other three are all in the 4th quadrant.

2. C

- Reference angles are the positive acute angle between a terminal side and the x-axis.

3. A

4. B

5. B

$$R = \sqrt{15^2 + 20^2} = 25; \theta = \arctan\left(\frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}\right)$$

6. E $(-\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2})$

$$4\cos(15) = 4\cos(45 - 30) = 4[\cos 45 \cos 30 + \sin 45 \sin 30] = 4\left[\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}\right] = -(\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}) \text{ negative x direction}$$

$$4\sin(15) = 4\sin(45 - 30) = 4[\sin 45 \cos 30 - \cos 45 \sin 30] = 4\left[\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}\right] = -(\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}) \text{ negative y direction}$$

7. B

a. $\theta = \frac{-5\pi}{12}$ = line at -75 degrees

b. $\theta = \frac{-7\pi}{12}$ = line at -105 degrees (75 degrees)**greatest positive slope

c. $\theta = \frac{\pi}{12}$ = line at 15 degrees

d. $\theta = \frac{-13\pi}{12}$ = line at 165 degrees

e. None of the Above

8. D

a. $r = 4; d = 8; C = 8\pi$

b. $r = -\frac{8}{3}; d = \frac{16}{3}; C = \frac{16}{3}\pi$

c. $r = 8\cos\theta; d = 8; C = 8\pi$

d. $r = -10\sin\theta; d = 10; C = 10\pi$

e. None of the Above

9. E

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$r = \frac{8}{2 - 4\cos\theta} = \frac{4}{1 - 2\cos\theta} = \frac{ep}{1 - e\cos\theta}$; $e = 2$; $p = 2$, so the directrix would be at $x = -2$, which is not listed.

10. A

11. E

12. C $(3 - 3i\sqrt{3})(-4 - 4i) = (6\text{cis } -60^\circ)(4\sqrt{2}\text{cis } 225^\circ) = 24\sqrt{2}\text{cis } 165^\circ$

13. A $(1 - i)^{2012} = \left(\sqrt{2}\text{cis } -\frac{\pi}{4}\right)^{2012} = 2^{1006} \left[\text{cis } \frac{-2012}{4}\right] = -2^{1006}$

14. B

15. B

16. D

17. B $x = 0$ is a vertical line with undefined slope

18. B Find the intersection points:

$$0 = 4\cos(3\theta)$$

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$$3\theta = \frac{\pi}{2}, 3\frac{\pi}{2}$$

19. D $(r \sin \theta)^2 = 3r \cos \theta$

$$r = \frac{3\cos\theta}{\sin^2\theta} = 3\frac{\cos\theta}{\sin\theta} \frac{1}{\sin\theta}$$

20. A $r(r = \sin\theta)$

$$r^2 = r \sin\theta$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = y$$

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$$1 + \cos \theta = 1 - \cos \theta$$

$$2 \cos \theta = 0$$

21. A $\cos \theta = 0$

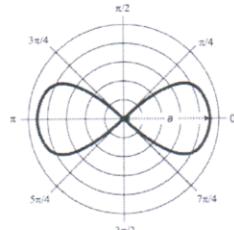
$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{2} + \pi k$$

22. A

23. E = Not a possible triangle because two of the vertices are on coterminal angles.

24. B = they both have reference angles of 60 degrees.

25. A lemniscate:



a.

26. A

$$(2 - 2i)^7 (1+i)^6$$

27. A $(\sqrt{8} cis -45)^7 (\sqrt{2} cis 45)^6$

$$\left(2^{\frac{21}{2}} cis -315\right) \left(2^3 cis 270\right) = 2^{\frac{27}{2}} cis -45$$

28. E radius of 0 would be the minimum.

29. B

30. A