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Trigonometry Topic Test – Alpha Division

1. Which of the following always equals 1?

- (A) $\sin^2 M + \cos^2 M$ (B) $2\cos^2 A - 1$
(C) $\frac{2 \tan \Theta}{1 - \tan^2 \Theta}$ (D) $\sec^2 E - \cot^2 E$ (E) NOTA

2. Convert 78° into radians.

- (A) $\frac{14040}{\pi}$ (B) $\frac{39}{200}$ (C) $\frac{13}{60}$ (D) $\frac{13\pi}{30}$ (E) NOTA

3. Evaluate: $\sin 0 - \cos 30^\circ + \tan \frac{\pi}{4} - \sec 60^\circ + \csc \frac{\pi}{2} - \cot 120^\circ$

- (A) $-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$ (B) $\frac{9 - \sqrt{3}}{6}$ (C) $2 - \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (D) $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$ (E) NOTA

4. If θ is an acute angle and $1 + \cot^2 42^\circ = \sec^2 \theta$, then what is θ ?

- (A) 42° (B) 69° (C) 48° (D) 66° (E) NOTA

5. When $\cot \kappa > 0$ and $\sec \kappa > 0$, the terminal side of angle κ is in which quadrant?

- (A) I (B) II (C) III (D) IV (E) NOTA

6. Change $\frac{57\pi}{36}$ radians to degrees.

- (A) $\left(\frac{190}{3}\right)^\circ$ (B) 285° (C) $\left(\frac{57\pi^2}{6480}\right)^\circ$ (D) 570° (E) NOTA

7. Evaluate $\arctan \left(\sin \left(\sqrt{\frac{\pi^2}{4}} \right) \right)$, where $-\frac{\pi}{2} < \arctan x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ for all x .

- (A) $\frac{\pi}{4}$ (B) 0 (C) $\frac{\pi}{2}$ (D) 1 (E) NOTA

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8. Which of the following angles is complementary to $25^{\circ}43'37''$?
- (A) $32^{\circ}08'13.5''$ (B) $64^{\circ}16'23''$ (C) $154^{\circ}16'23''$ (D) $56^{\circ}12'34''$ (E) NOTA
9. ABC is a triangle where $AC = 7$, $CB = 24$, and $AB = 25$. Let D be the foot of the altitude to AB . What is the value of $\sin \angle BCD + \csc \angle ACD$?
- (A) $\frac{4}{3}$ (B) $\frac{793}{175}$ (C) $\frac{649}{168}$ (D) $\frac{775}{168}$ (E) NOTA
10. A pendulum in Richard's grandfather clock is 4 meters long in radius and swings back and forth along a half-meter arc. Find the measure of the angle, in radians, through which the pendulum passes during one swing.
- (A) 2 (B) 8 (C) $\frac{1}{8}$ (D) $\frac{1}{2}$ (E) NOTA
11. Solve for x : $2x \cos^2 \theta + 2x \sin^2 \theta + 3x - 6 = 9 \sec^2 \theta - 9 \tan^2 \theta$
- (A) 7 (B) $-\frac{3}{5}$ (C) 3 (D) $\frac{14}{3}$ (E) NOTA
12. In $\triangle ABC$, $AB = 1$, $\angle ACB = 25^{\circ}$, and $\angle CAB = 68^{\circ}$. Which of the following is equal to the length of BC ?
- (A) $\frac{\sin 112^{\circ}}{\cos 25^{\circ}}$ (B) $\frac{\cos 112^{\circ}}{\sin 25^{\circ}}$ (C) $\frac{\sin 68^{\circ}}{\sin 25^{\circ}}$ (D) $\frac{\sin 34^{\circ}}{\cos 115^{\circ}}$ (E) NOTA
13. What is the period of the graph of $y = \cos \frac{x}{4} + \sin \frac{x}{2}$?
- (A) 16π (B) 8π (C) 4π (D) 2π (E) NOTA
14. Simplify: $\sin\left(\theta - \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) + \cos(\pi + \theta)$
- (A) 0 (B) $2 \cos \theta$ (C) $\sin \theta - \cos \theta$ (D) $-2 \sin \theta$ (E) NOTA
15. Which of the following is equivalent to $\frac{\tan x \csc x - \cos x}{(1 - \cos x)(1 + \cos x)}$?
- (A) $\cos x$ (B) $\sin x$ (C) $\sec x$ (D) $\csc x$ (E) NOTA

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16. If $z = 2\cos\frac{\pi}{7} + 2i\sin\frac{\pi}{7}$, what is z^{14} ?

- (A) -2^7 (B) 2^7 (C) -2^{14} (D) 2^{14} (E) NOTA

17. Simplify: $\ln|\sec u - \tan u| + \ln|\sec u + \tan u| + e^{\ln(\sin^2 u + \cos^2 u)}$

- (A) e (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) 0 (E) NOTA

18. Whenever Brett sees girls, his breathing rate speeds up and the amount of air in his lungs t seconds after seeing them is given by $A(t) = 100 - 100\cos\frac{\pi t}{2}$. Suppose Brett is locked up in a room with several girls for an hour. How many full breaths will he have taken in that span of time?

- (A) 7200 (B) 14400 (C) 9000 (D) 4500 (E) NOTA

19. Given that $\cos u = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ and $\sin v = \frac{2}{3}$, what is $\cos(-u) + \sin(-v)\cos(-u) + \sin^2(-u)$?

- (A) $\frac{6 - \sqrt{3}}{9}$ (B) $\frac{6 - 5\sqrt{3}}{9}$ (C) $\frac{6 + 5\sqrt{3}}{9}$ (D) $\frac{6 + \sqrt{3}}{9}$ (E) NOTA

20. Evaluate: $\cos 2925^\circ - \tan 2400^\circ + \csc 2970^\circ$

- (A) $\frac{2 + \sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (B) $\frac{\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3} + 1}{2}$
(C) $\frac{3\sqrt{2} - 2\sqrt{3}}{6}$ (D) $\frac{3\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}}{6}$ (E) NOTA

21. Describe the behavior of the graph of $y = \sin x$ as x increases on the interval

$$\frac{43\pi}{3} < x < \frac{31\pi}{2}.$$

- (A) decreases, then increases (B) strictly increasing
(C) strictly decreasing (D) increases, then decreases (E) NOTA

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22. Which of the following sinusoids of the form $A \cos(\omega t - \phi)$ is equivalent to $4 \cos 4t - 4\sqrt{3} \sin 4t$?
- (A) $8 \cos\left(4t + \frac{7\pi}{6}\right)$ (B) $8 \cos\left(4t + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$
 (C) $8 \cos\left(4t - \frac{5\pi}{3}\right)$ (D) $8 \cos\left(4t - \frac{11\pi}{6}\right)$ (E) NOTA
23. Compute the value of $\frac{(9 \operatorname{cis} 41^\circ)(3 \operatorname{cis} 64^\circ)}{(27 \operatorname{cis} 27^\circ)(18 \operatorname{cis} 18^\circ)}$, where $\operatorname{cis} x = \cos x + i \sin x$ and $i = \sqrt{-1}$.
- (A) $\frac{(1+i)\sqrt{2}}{36}$ (B) $\frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{36}$ (C) $\frac{(3+i)\sqrt{3}}{54}$ (D) $\frac{\sqrt{3}+i}{36}$ (E) NOTA
24. The expression $\frac{\tan x}{1 + \sec x} + \frac{1 + \sec x}{\tan x}$, when defined, is equivalent to which of the following?
- (A) $2 \csc x$ (B) $2 \tan x$ (C) $2 \cot x$ (D) $2 \sin x$ (E) NOTA
25. Which of the following expressions are never negative for real values of x ?
- I. $a(x) = \cos(2x) + \sin^2 x$
 II. $b(x) = \sec^2 x + 2 \tan x$
 III. $c(x) = \tan^3 x + 5$
 IV. $d(x) = 4 \cos^2 x - \sin^2(2x)$
- (A) I, III, IV (B) II, III, IV (C) I, II, IV (D) I, II, III (E) NOTA
26. In calculus, a technique for computing the **indefinite integral** of the function $f(x) = \cos^3 x \sin^4 x$ with respect to x is to manipulate f into the form $P(u)d'(x)$, where $u = \sin x$ and $d'(x) = \cos x$. What is $P(u)$?
- (A) $-u^8 + 2u^6 - u^4$ (B) $u^6 - u^4$
 (C) $u^4 - u^6$ (D) $-u^6 + 2u^5 - u^4$ (E) NOTA

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27. A function is defined as $f(n) = \sin^2 n + \cos(2n) + \tan(3n)$. Find $f\left(\frac{\pi}{12}\right)$.
- (A) $\frac{7+3\sqrt{3}}{4}$ (B) $\frac{6+3\sqrt{3}}{4}$ (C) $\frac{5+2\sqrt{3}}{4}$ (D) $\frac{6+\sqrt{3}}{4}$ (E) NOTA
28. If x and y acute angles such that $\tan x + \tan y = \sqrt{3}(1 - \tan x \tan y)$ and $\sqrt{2} \sin y = 1$, what is the measure of x , in degrees?
- (A) 75° (B) 15° (C) 45° (D) 30° (E) NOTA
29. Find the sum of all φ such that $\sin^2(5\varphi) - 1 = 0$ on the interval $\frac{3\pi}{5} < \varphi < \frac{9\pi}{5}$.
- (A) $\frac{48\pi}{5}$ (B) $\frac{36\pi}{5}$ (C) $\frac{12\pi}{5}$ (D) 10π (E) NOTA
30. A triangle is inscribed in a circle of radius 2. If the measures of two of its angles are 45° and 30° , what is the perimeter of the triangle?
- (A) $2 + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}$ (B) $2 + 3\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}$
(C) $2\sqrt{3} + 3\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{6}$ (D) $2\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{6}$ (E) NOTA
31. How many values of θ on the interval $\left[\frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{25\pi}{12}\right)$ are solutions to the equation
- $$16 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta - 12 \sin \theta \cos \theta + 11 = 7 + 5 \sin(2\theta) - 2 \sin^2(2\theta)$$
- (A) 6 (B) 3 (C) 5 (D) 4 (E) NOTA
32. The course of a skateboard race consists of a 300-meter downhill run and a 200-meter level portion. When the starting point of the race is spotted from the finishing line, the angle of elevation is 36° . To the nearest degree, what angle does the hill make with the horizontal?
- (A) 23° (B) 98° (C) 59° (D) 62° (E) NOTA

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33. How many times does the graph of $y = \cos x - \sin(2x) - \cos(3x)$ intersect the x -axis on the interval $-2\pi \leq x \leq 2\pi$?
- (A) 14 (B) 13 (C) 12 (D) 11 (E) NOTA
34. A triangle has a side of length 8 opposite an angle with a measure of $\frac{\pi}{6}$. What is the area of the triangle's circumscribed circle?
- (A) $\frac{255\pi}{4}$ (B) 63π (C) $\frac{127\pi}{2}$ (D) 64π (E) NOTA
35. If $\sin A = -\frac{28}{53}$, where $\pi < A \leq \frac{3\pi}{2}$ and B is a fourth-quadrant angle such that $\cos B = \frac{21}{29}$, what is $\tan(A + B)$?
- (A) $\frac{1488}{385}$ (B) $-\frac{312}{1505}$ (C) $\frac{312}{1505}$ (D) $-\frac{1488}{385}$ (E) NOTA
36. Each of the basic six trigonometric functions ($\sin x$, $\cos x$, $\tan x$, $\sec x$, $\csc x$, and $\cot x$) is written on its own slip of paper. These six slips of paper are placed in a hat, from which a mathematician randomly draws two slips. What's the probability that when the functions written on the chosen slips are squared and added together, the result is equal to 1 for all x ?
- (A) $\frac{1}{15}$ (B) $\frac{2}{5}$ (C) $\frac{1}{18}$ (D) $\frac{1}{30}$ (E) NOTA
37. Let $P = (r, \theta)$ be a point in polar coordinates. Which of the following transformations does not change the position of P ?
- (A) $(-r, \theta + 5\pi)$ (B) $\left(2r, \frac{\theta}{2}\right)$ (C) $\left(-r, \theta + \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ (D) $(-2r, \theta - 2\pi)$ (E) NOTA
38. Two sides of a triangle are 3 and 8 while the sine of the acute angle between them is $\frac{48}{73}$. If this angle is doubled, what is the ratio of the area of the new triangle to the old?
- (A) 2:1 (B) 73:55 (C) 110:73 (D) 73:48 (E) NOTA

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39. What is the period of $y = \sin(3x)$?

- (A) 2π (B) 6π (C) 6 (D) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ (E) NOTA

40. What is the maximum possible area of a triangle that has a side of length $\sqrt{6}$ and another side of length $2\sqrt{3}$?

- (A) $6\sqrt{2}$ (B) $3\sqrt{2}$ (C) $\frac{3\sqrt{2}}{2}$ (D) $2\sqrt{6}$ (E) NOTA