

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

1.  $-2x(x+3)-(x+1)(x-2)=$

- a.  $-x^2-7x-2.$
- b.  $-x^2+5x+2.$
- c.  $-3x^2-7x+2.$
- d.  $-3x^2-5x+2.$
- e.  $-3x^2+5x-2.$

2.  $\frac{x}{x+2}-\frac{7}{x-2}=$

- a.  $\frac{x-7}{x+2}.$
- b.  $\frac{x+7}{x+2}.$
- c.  $\frac{x^2-9x-14}{x^2-4}.$
- d.  $\frac{x^2-9x+14}{x^2-4}.$
- e.  $\frac{x-7}{4}.$

3.  $\sqrt[3]{x^2}=$

- a.  $x^{\frac{2}{3}}.$
- b.  $x^{-3}.$
- c.  $x^{\frac{3}{2}}.$
- d.  $x^{-6}.$
- e.  $x^6.$

4.  $\frac{5^{-2}x^{-1}}{x^4y^2}=$

- a.  $\frac{1}{25x^3y^2}.$
- b.  $\frac{1}{10x^5y^2}.$
- c.  $\frac{25x^5}{y^2}.$
- d.  $\frac{10}{x^3y^2}.$
- e.  $\frac{1}{25x^5y^2}.$

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

5.  $(64)^{\frac{1}{2}} =$

- a. 8.                      b. -4.                      c.  $-\frac{1}{8}$ .                      d.  $\frac{1}{8}$ .                      e.  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

6. If  $\sqrt[3]{x+a} = b$ , then  $x =$

- a.  $(b-a)^3$ .  
b.  $(a-b)^3$ .  
c.  $b^3 - a^3$ .  
d.  $a^3 - b^3$ .  
e.  $\sqrt[3]{b-a}$ .

7.  $\frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y}}{y^2 - x^2} =$

- a.  $xy(x+y)$ .  
b.  $\frac{1}{xy(x+y)}$ .  
c.  $\frac{1}{-(x^3 + y^3)}$ .  
d.  $y-x$ .  
e.  $\frac{1}{x+y}$ .

8.  $|2x+7| \leq 1$  is equivalent to which of the following?

- a.  $x \leq -3$   
b.  $x \leq 3$   
c.  $3 \leq x \leq 4$   
d.  $-4 \leq x \leq -3$   
e.  $0 \leq x \leq 3$

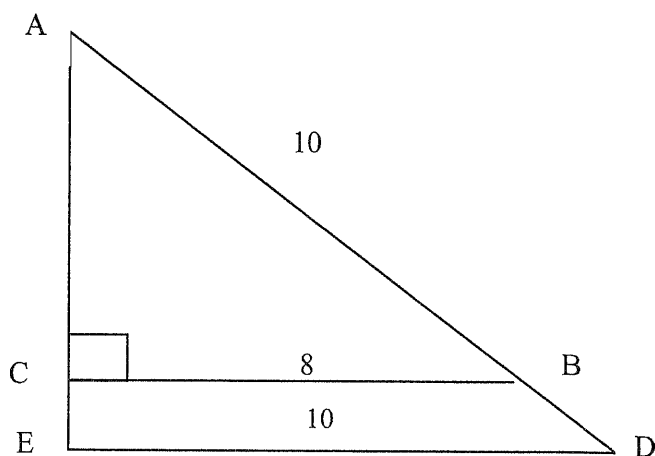
9.  $a^{\frac{2}{3}} \cdot a^{\frac{1}{4}} =$

- a.  $a^{\frac{1}{6}}$ .                      b.  $a^{\frac{2}{7}}$ .                      c.  $a^{\frac{11}{12}}$ .                      d.  $a^{\frac{1}{4}}$ .                      e.  $a^{\frac{3}{7}}$ .

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

10. In the figure below, if the length of AB is 10, find the length of AD.

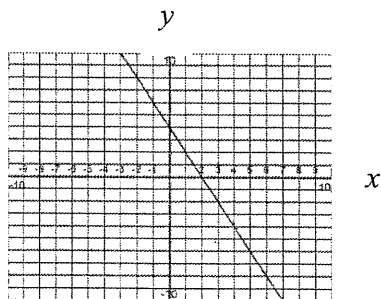
- a.  $11\frac{3}{8}$
- b.  $11\frac{3}{4}$
- c. 12
- d.  $12\frac{1}{4}$
- e.  $12\frac{1}{2}$



11. One solution of the equation  $x^2 + 7x - 2 = 0$  is

- a.  $\frac{7 + \sqrt{41}}{2}$
- b.  $\frac{7 - \sqrt{41}}{2}$
- c.  $\frac{7 + \sqrt{57}}{2}$
- d.  $\frac{-7 + \sqrt{41}}{2}$
- e.  $\frac{-7 - \sqrt{57}}{2}$

12. What is the slope of the line shown? You may assume that each tick mark represents one unit.



- a. -2
- b.  $-\frac{1}{2}$
- c. 1
- d. 2
- e.  $\frac{1}{2}$

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

13. If  $f(x) = 4x - 2$ , then  $f(x-1) =$

- a.  $4x^2 - 6x + 2$ .
- b.  $4x^2 + 2x + 2$ .
- c.  $4x + 2$ .
- d.  $4x - 6$ .
- e.  $4x - 1$ .

14. The graph of which of the following equations is a line parallel to the graph of  $x - 5y = 8$ ?

- a.  $x + 5y = 8$
- b.  $5x - y = 8$
- c.  $2x + 10y = 8$
- d.  $2x - 10y = 8$
- e.  $10x - 2y = 8$

15. If  $z = \frac{x-8}{2x}$ , then  $x =$

- a.  $\frac{8}{1-2z}$ .
- b.  $\frac{8}{2z-1}$ .
- c.  $\frac{z-8}{2}$ .
- d.  $\frac{z+8}{2}$ .
- e.  $2z-1$ .

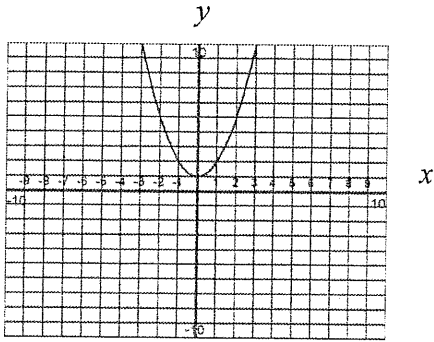
16. If  $\sqrt{x+b} = a$ , then  $x =$

- a.  $a - b^2$ .
- b.  $a - \sqrt{b}$ .
- c.  $a^2 - b$ .
- d.  $a^2 + b$ .
- e.  $a + \sqrt{b}$ .

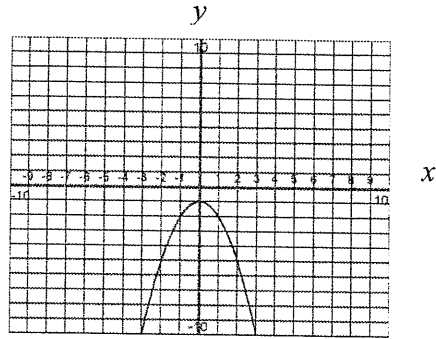
College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

17. Which of the following could represent the graph of  $y = -x^2 - 1$ ? You may assume that each tick mark represents one unit.

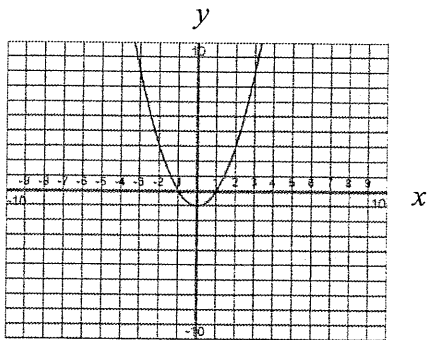
a.



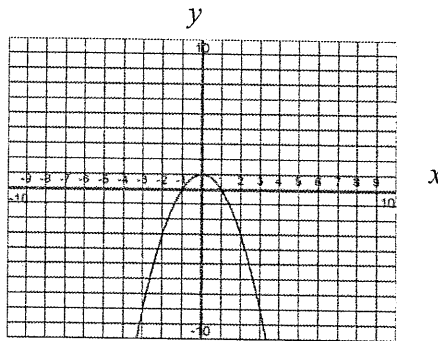
b.



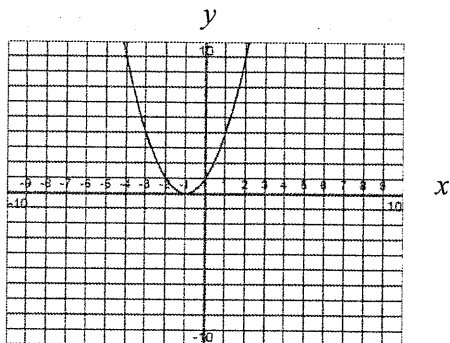
c.



d.



e.



College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

18. If  $\frac{1}{r+s} = \frac{1}{t}$ , then  $s =$

a.  $t-r$ .

b.  $r-t$ .

c.  $\frac{rt}{t-r}$ .

d.  $\frac{rt}{r-t}$ .

e.  $\frac{1}{t-r}$ .

19. In the figure below, if the length of  $AE = 16$ , find the length of  $EC$ .

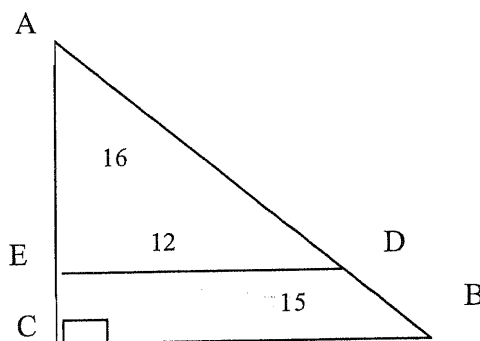
a. 21

b.  $5\frac{2}{3}$

c. 5

d.  $4\frac{1}{2}$

e. 4



20. The graph of  $\frac{(x-2)^2}{16} - \frac{(y-1)^2}{25} = 1$  is which of the following?

a. circle

b. ellipse

c. hyperbola

d. parabola

e. two intersecting lines

21. A parent rewards a child with 50 cents for each correctly solved mathematics problem and fines the child 30 cents for each incorrectly solved problem. If the child nets \$22.00 after 100 problems. How many problems were solved correctly?

a. 30

b. 35

c. 45

d. 53

e. 65

22. If  $3^{x+5} = \frac{1}{27}$ , then  $x =$

a. -10.

b. -8.

c. -6.

d. -2.

e. 1.

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

23. If  $x \geq 0$ , then  $\sqrt{x^4 - 6x^2 + 9} =$

- a.  $x^2 - \sqrt{6x} + 3$ .
- b.  $x^2 + \sqrt{6x} + 3$ .
- c.  $|x^2 - 3|$ .
- d.  $(x^2 + 3)\sqrt{-6x^2}$ .
- e.  $x^2\sqrt{6x+9}$ .

24. If  $\log_3 81 = x$ , then  $x =$

- a. 2.
- b. 4.
- c. 6.
- d. 12.
- e. 27.

25. If  $\log_2 \left( \frac{1}{128} \right) = x$ , then  $x =$

- a. -7.
- b.  $\frac{1}{7}$ .
- c.  $-\frac{1}{7}$ .
- d. 7.
- e. 64.

26. If  $\log 5 = 0.6990$  and  $\log 3 = 0.4771$ , then  $\log 45 =$

- a. 0.93755.
- b. 0.58881.
- c. 2.3524.
- d. 2.1303.
- e. 1.6532.

27. If  $\log x = 3\log a + \log b$ , then  $x =$

- a.  $(ab)^3$ .
- b.  $3a + b$ .
- c.  $3ab$ .
- d.  $a^3b$ .
- e.  $\frac{a^3}{b}$ .

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

28. If  $2^{1.5894} = 3$ , then  $2^{4.5894} =$

- a. 18.      b. 24.      c. 28.      d. 30.      e. 31.

29. Given that  $\log_b(N^4) = 8$ , then  $\log_b\left(\frac{1}{N}\right) =$

- a. -2.  
b.  $\frac{1}{2}$ .  
c.  $\sqrt[4]{8}$ .  
d.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{8}}$ .  
e.  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .

30. Given that a circle has  $2\pi$  radians, how many degrees are equal to  $\frac{\pi}{12}$  radians?

- a.  $6^\circ$   
b.  $12^\circ$   
c.  $15^\circ$   
d.  $20^\circ$   
e.  $30^\circ$

31. If  $\cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$ , then  $\cos 300^\circ =$

- a.  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .  
b.  $-\frac{1}{2}$ .  
c.  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$ .  
d.  $-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .  
e.  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

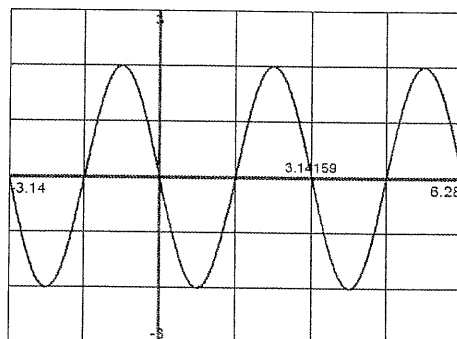
32. If  $\tan \theta = \frac{5}{12}$ ,  $0^\circ \leq \theta \leq 90^\circ$ , then  $\cos \theta =$

- a.  $\frac{5}{13}$ .      b.  $\frac{12}{13}$ .      c.  $\frac{13}{5}$ .      d.  $\frac{13}{12}$ .      e.  $\frac{12}{5}$ .



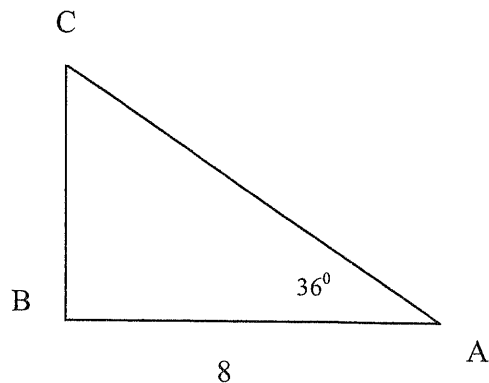
College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

33. The figure below shows a portion of the graph of which of the following functions?  
Note that the  $x$ -axis is labeled in radians. Each tick mark on the  $y$ -axis is one unit.



- a.  $y = 2 \sin\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$   
 b.  $y = -2 \cos(2x)$   
 c.  $y = 2 \cos\left(\frac{x}{2}\right)$   
 d.  $y = -2 \sin(2x)$   
 e.  $y = 2 \cos(2x)$
34. In the figure below, the length of BC is

- a.  $8 \sin 36^\circ$ .  
 b.  $8 \cos 36^\circ$ .  
 c.  $8 \tan 36^\circ$ .  
 d. 6.  
 e. 10.



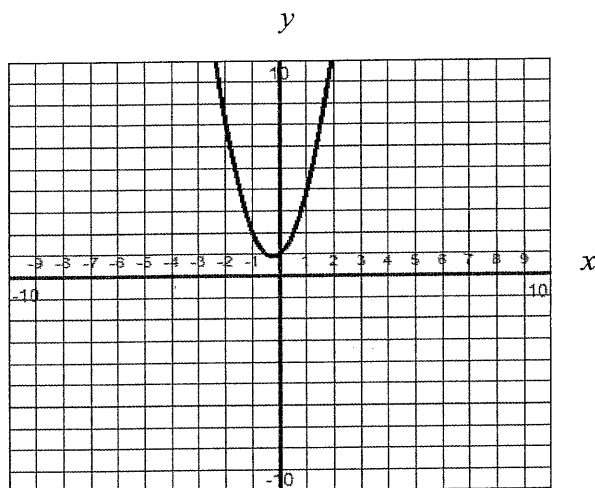
35. Given  $0^\circ \leq x \leq 360^\circ$  and  $4 \sin x - 1 = -5$ , then  $x =$
- a.  $0^\circ$ .  
 b.  $90^\circ$ .  
 c.  $180^\circ$ .  
 d.  $270^\circ$ .  
 e.  $360^\circ$ .

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

36.  $2\sin x \cos x =$

- a.  $\sin 2x$ .
- b.  $\cos 2x$ .
- c.  $\sin\left(\frac{x}{2}+1\right)$ .
- d.  $\sqrt{4\sin x \cos x}$ .
- e.  $-2\cos^2 x$ .

37. What is **not** true of the graph of  $y = f(x)$  below?



- a. This is not a one-to-one function.
- b. This function has no real roots.
- c. The domain of the function is  $(-\infty, \infty)$ .
- d. This is not an odd function.
- e.  $f(2)$  is negative.

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

38. Write the equation of an ellipse with foci at  $(-6, -3)$ ,  $(0, -3)$  and a major axis of length 10.

a.  $\frac{(x-2)^2}{25} + \frac{(y-3)^2}{16} = 1$

b.  $\frac{(y-4)^2}{25} + \frac{(x+3)^2}{16} = 1$

c.  $\frac{(x+3)^2}{25} + \frac{(y+3)^2}{16} = 1$

d.  $\frac{(x+4)^2}{25} + \frac{(y-3)^2}{16} = 1$

e.  $\frac{(x-3)^2}{25} + \frac{(y-4)^2}{16} = 1$

39.  $\sin \theta (\csc \theta - \sin \theta) =$

a.  $\cos^2 \theta$ .

b.  $\tan \theta - \sin^2 \theta$ .

c.  $\sec \theta - \sin^2 \theta$ .

d.  $\cot \theta - \sin^2 \theta$ .

e.  $\sin^2 \theta$ .

40. Which expresses  $y$  as a function of  $x$ ?

a.  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$

b.  $x = y^2 - 4$

c.  $x = 4$

d.  $x^2 + 4y = 4$

e.  $\sin(x^2) = \sin(y^2)$

41. Let  $f(x) = x^2 - \frac{3}{x}$ ,  $g(x) = \sqrt{x+7}$ . Find  $f(g(2))$ .

a. 6

b. 12

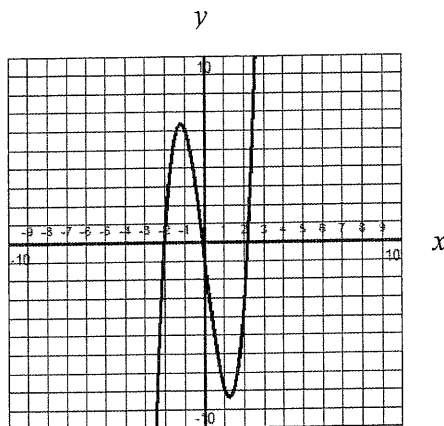
c. 8

d. -12

e. 0

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

42. Which of the following could represent the graph below?



- a.  $y = -x^3 + 3x^2 - 4$
- b.  $y = -2x - 4$
- c.  $y = x^3$
- d.  $y = x^2 - 4$
- e.  $y = 2x^3 - 9x - 1$

43. Solve  $\tan^2 x = 1$ , where  $0 \leq x \leq \pi$ .

- a.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- b.  $\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$
- c.  $1, -1$
- d.  $0$
- e.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

44. If  $f(x) = \frac{1}{x-1}$  and  $g(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ , what is the domain of  $f(g(x))$ ?

- a.  $(-\infty, 1)$
- b.  $(-\infty, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$
- c.  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup (1, \infty)$
- d.  $(1, \infty)$
- e.  $(-\infty, \infty)$

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

45. Evaluate:  $\csc(\cos^{-1} x)$ .

a.  $\frac{\sqrt{1-x^2}}{x}$

b.  $\sqrt{1-x^2}$

c.  $\frac{x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

d.  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}$

e.  $\sqrt{x^2-1}$

46. Solve:  $49x^4 - 25x^2 = 0$ .

a.  $x = \pm \frac{25}{49}$

b.  $x = 0, \pm \frac{5}{7}$

c.  $x = \pm \frac{49}{25}$

d.  $x = 0, \pm \frac{7}{5}$

e.  $x = \pm \frac{5}{7}$

47. What is the remainder when  $x^3 + 19x^2 + 114x + 218$  is divided by  $(x+4)$ ?

a. 4

b. 9

c. 6

d. 2

e. 0

48. The sum of a number and 6 is 8 more than twice the number. Find the equation that could be used to find this number  $x$ .

a.  $x+6=2x+8$

b.  $x+6=x^2+8$

c.  $x+6=2(x+8)$

d.  $6x=2x+8$

e.  $x+14=2x$

College Level Mathematics Placement Pretest

49. Given that  $f(x)$  is one-to-one, find the inverse of the function  $f(x) = (x-6)^3 + 6$ .

a.  $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-6} + 6$

b.  $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x} + 6$

c.  $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x+6} - 6$

d.  $f^{-1}(x) = \sqrt[3]{x-6} - 6$

e. None of these.

50. Simplify:  $\frac{e^{3-4x}}{e^{4-2x}}$ .

a.  $\frac{4x-3}{2x-4}$

b.  $\frac{3-4x}{4-2x}$

c.  $e^{1+2x}$

d.  $e^{8x^2-22x+12}$

e.  $e^{-1-2x}$

51. Write an equation of the line passing through the point  $(6, -10)$  with an undefined slope.

a.  $x = -10$

b.  $x = 6$

c.  $y = 6$

d.  $y = -10$

e. It cannot be determined from the given information.

52. Perform the indicated operation and write the result in standard form:  $(-3+2i)(-3-7i)$ .

a.  $-5+27i$

b.  $23+15i$

c.  $-5+15i$

d.  $23-15i$

e.  $-5-27i$