

University of Houston High School Math Contest – 2018

Pre-Calculus Test

1. $f(x)$ is a quadratic function satisfying $f(2) = 17$, $f(3) = 35$ and $f(4) = 61$. Find the remainder when $f(x)$ is divided by $x - 1$.

- A) 3
 B) 7
 C) 9
 D) 11
 E) 4
 F) None of these

2. Let M be a non-zero digit. When the sum of the 50 numbers

$$\begin{array}{c} \underbrace{M}_{1 \text{ digit}} \\ \underbrace{MM}_{2 \text{ digits}} \\ \underbrace{MMM}_{3 \text{ digits}} \\ \vdots \\ \underbrace{MMMM \dots M}_{50 \text{ digits}} \end{array}$$

is divided by 9, the remainder is 3. Find the sum of all possible values of M .

- A) 7
 B) 10
 C) 13
 D) 15
 E) 17
 F) None of these

3. Let $f(x) = 18e^{2x-1}$, $g(x) = 2 \log_3(10x+2)$, and $h(x) = \frac{4x-1}{6x+3}$.

Find the value of $(f^{-1} \circ g \circ h^{-1})\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)$.

- A) $\frac{1 + \ln 3}{2}$
 B) $\frac{1 - \ln 3}{2}$
 C) $\ln\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) - 1$

- D) $\ln\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \frac{1}{2}$
E) $1 + \ln 3$
F) None of these

4. Let $f(x)$ be a real valued function defined as: $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x^2+4}$.

Find the range of this function.

- A) $\left[\frac{1-2\sqrt{5}}{8}, \frac{1+2\sqrt{5}}{8}\right]$
B) $\left[\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{4}, \frac{\sqrt{5}}{4}\right]$
C) $\left[\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{8}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}\right]$
D) $\left[\frac{1-\sqrt{3}}{8}, \frac{1+\sqrt{3}}{8}\right]$
E) $\left[\frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{8}, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{8}\right]$
F) None of these

5. Let $f(x) = \frac{(1+x+x^2+x^3)(1-x)^2}{1-x-x^2+x^3}$, where $x > 1$.

Evaluate the following: $f(\sqrt{2}) + f^{-1}(10)$.

- A) 4
B) 5
C) 6
D) 7
E) 10
F) None of these

6. Let a be a real number with $-10 < a < 0$. The vertical asymptote of the function

$$f(x) = \ln(8x + 2) \text{ is also a vertical asymptote of } g(x) = \frac{x + \sin x}{2x + \cos(a\pi x)}.$$

Find the sum of all possible values of a .

- A) $-\frac{8}{3}$
B) $-\frac{22}{3}$
C) $-\frac{52}{3}$
D) -4
E) -8
F) None of these
7. Let y be the product of all real solutions of the equation $x^{\ln 4} - 6 \cdot 2^{\ln x} + 8 = 0$.
Evaluate the following expression: $\ln(y^2) + \log_y(e)$.

- A) $5/3$
B) $19/3$
C) $13/6$
D) $10/3$
E) $17/6$
F) None of these

8. Let S be the set of all real solutions of the inequality: $(x-1)^2 < |x-1| + 6$.

Let T be the domain of the function $g(x) = \arcsin\left(\tan\left(\frac{x}{4} + \frac{\pi}{12}\right)\right)$. Find $S \cap T$.

- A) $\left(\frac{-4\pi}{3}, 4\right)$
B) $\left[\frac{-4\pi}{3}, -2\right)$
C) $\left(-2, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right]$
D) $\left(-\frac{4\pi}{3}, \frac{2\pi}{3}\right]$
E) $\left[-\frac{2\pi}{3}, \frac{4\pi}{3}\right]$
F) None of these

9. Let A, B, C be sets defined as:

$$A = \{(x, x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$B = \{(x, 3 - x) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

$$C = \{(x, x + 4) : x \in \mathbb{R}\}$$

If $(p, q) \in A \cap B$ and $(r, s) \in B \cap C$, find the value of $\frac{p-r}{q+s}$.

- A) $1/3$
B) $1/4$
C) $3/4$
D) $4/5$
E) $2/5$
F) None of these
10. Let n be an integer and $f(n)$ be defined as the first non-zero digit of the number n from the right. For example, $f(10234500) = 5$ and $f(123) = 3$. Find the value of $f(x)$ at $x = \sqrt{2000^{2020}}$.

- A) 2
B) 4
C) 6
D) 8
E) 1
F) None of these
11. Let a, b, c, d be integers satisfying:

$$a \log_{10} 2 + b \log_{1000} 3 + c \log_{100} 5 + d \log_{0.1} 11 = 2018.$$

Evaluate $4a - b - c - 2d$.

- A) 8072
B) 4036
C) 12034
D) 10090
E) 2018
F) None of these

12. Let p be a real number. Given that the distance between the foci of the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{(p+1)^2} + \frac{y^2}{(p-1)^2} = 1 \text{ is } 12, \text{ find the length of the major axis of this ellipse.}$$

- A) 14
- B) 16
- C) 18
- D) 20
- E) 24
- F) None of these

13. Let $x = \frac{1 + \cos(40^\circ)}{\cos(55^\circ) \cdot \cos(35^\circ)}$ and

$$y = \frac{\tan(75^\circ)}{\sin(25^\circ)} - \frac{1}{\cos(25^\circ)}.$$

Which of the following is equivalent to $x \cdot y$?

- A) $4 \cos(40^\circ) \cos(75^\circ)$
- B) $2 \cos(40^\circ) \sec(75^\circ)$
- C) $4 \cos(20^\circ) \sec(75^\circ)$
- D) $2 \cos(40^\circ) \cos(25^\circ)$
- E) $8 \cos(20^\circ) \sec(75^\circ)$
- F) None of these

14. Let Y be defined as $Y = \sum_{k=0}^4 \cos(2kx)$ for any real number x .

Express the value of $\sum_{k=1}^4 \cos^2(kx)$ in terms of m .

- A) $Y + 3$
- B) $\frac{Y + 3}{2}$
- C) $Y + 4$
- D) $Y + 2$
- E) $\frac{Y + 4}{2}$
- F) None of these

15. Let x be a real number in $(0, \pi)$ satisfying $\frac{\sec(x)-1}{2 \cot x} = \frac{-\tan^4 x}{\sec(x)+1}$. Evaluate:

$$\sin(2x) + \sin^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right).$$

- A) $\frac{-3+2\sqrt{5}}{10}$
B) $\frac{-3-2\sqrt{5}}{10}$
C) $\frac{13+2\sqrt{5}}{10}$
D) $\frac{-2+3\sqrt{5}}{15}$
E) $\frac{-2-3\sqrt{5}}{15}$
F) None of these

16. Find the number of solutions of the equation

$$\cos(5x) = \cos(3x) \cdot \cos(2x) \quad \text{over the interval } [0, 2\pi].$$

- A) 5
B) 8
C) 9
D) 11
E) 12
F) None of these

17. Let z be a complex number and \bar{z} be its conjugate. Given: $4z - 3\bar{z} = \frac{1-18i}{2-i}$,

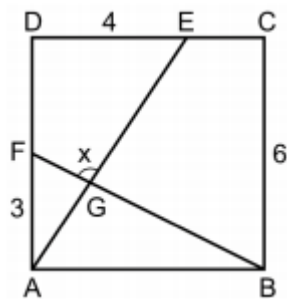
write the expression $\frac{1}{z-2i} \cdot (z^2 - 8i^{19})$ in the form of $a + bi$.

- A) $12 + 9i$
B) $24 - 32i$
C) $\frac{108}{5} - \frac{19}{5}i$
D) $\frac{24}{5} - \frac{32}{5}i$
E) $\frac{12}{5} + \frac{9}{5}i$
F) None of these

18. A circle passing through the point $(0,10)$ is tangent to the x -axis at $x = 20$. Find the radius of this circle.

- A) 18
- B) 20
- C) 21
- D) 25
- E) 30
- F) None of these

19. Let ABCD be a square as given on the figure below.



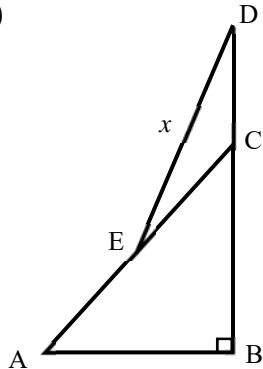
Given: $|DE| = 4, |AF| = 3, |BC| = 6$ and $m(\angle FGE) = x$. Find the value of $\cot(x)$.

- A) $-1/8$
- B) $-5/4$
- C) $-3/8$
- D) $-1/4$
- E) $-5/8$
- F) None of these

20. Given: $\frac{\cot x}{\tan x + \cot x} = 4 \sin x - 3$, find the value of $\sin x$.

- A) $3 - 2\sqrt{2}$
- B) $1 - \sqrt{3}$
- C) $-1 + \sqrt{2}$
- D) $-1 + \sqrt{3}$
- E) $-2 + 2\sqrt{2}$
- F) None of these

21. Triangle ABC is an isosceles right triangle with right angle B . Given: E is the midpoint of the side AC and $|BD| = |AC| = 4$. Find $|DE| = x$. (Note: The image is not drawn to scale.)



- A) $\sqrt{20 - 2\sqrt{2}}$
 B) $2\sqrt{8 - 5\sqrt{2}}$
 C) $2\sqrt{5 - \sqrt{2}}$
 D) $4\sqrt{4 - \sqrt{2}}$
 E) $2\sqrt{5 - 2\sqrt{2}}$
 F) None of these

22. Evaluate the following: $\sin\left(2\arcsin\left(\frac{3}{5}\right)\right) + \sec\left(2\arccos\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}\right)\right)$.

- A) $-\frac{21}{25}$
 B) $-\frac{31}{25}$
 C) $\frac{19}{225}$
 D) $\frac{269}{225}$
 E) $-\frac{11}{25}$
 F) None of these

23. Amy and Bob are standing at the seashore 2 miles apart. The coastline is a straight line between them. Both can see the same ship in the water. The angle between the coastline and the line between the ship and Amy is 45 degrees; the angle between the coastline and the line between the ship and Bob is 75 degrees. What is the distance between the ship and Bob?

- A) $\sqrt{6}$ miles
- B) $\frac{\sqrt{6}}{2}$ miles
- C) $\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}$ miles
- D) $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$ miles
- E) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ miles
- F) None of these

24. Let t be a real number satisfying $\cos t = \tan t$. Find the value of the expression

$$\frac{2}{\sin t} + \cos^4 t - \sin t .$$

- A) 2
- B) 3
- C) -2
- D) 1
- E) 0
- F) None of these

25. A regular polygon with side length $r\sqrt{2-\sqrt{3}}$ is inscribed in a circle with radius r . How many sides does this polygon have?

- A) 6
- B) 8
- C) 9
- D) 12
- E) 18
- F) None of these

26. Let \vec{u} and \vec{v} be two different vectors in the coordinate plane whose sum is equal to the zero vector. Which of the following is/are true?

- I. $\|2\vec{u} - \vec{v}\| = \|\vec{v}\|$.
- II. If $\vec{u} + 3\vec{v} = (2, -4)$, then $\vec{u} = (-1, 2)$.
- III. The angle between \vec{u} and \vec{v} is 180° .

- A) I only
- B) III only
- C) I and II
- D) I and III
- E) II and III
- F) None of these

27. Evaluate: $(1 - \sqrt{3}i)^9$

- A) $256 - 256\sqrt{3}i$
- B) -1024
- C) 512
- D) -512
- E) $1024 - 1024\sqrt{3}i$
- F) None of these

28. Let $\theta \in \left(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ and $m = (\cos \theta)^{\cos \theta}$, $n = (\sin \theta)^{\cos \theta}$, $p = (\cos \theta)^{\sin \theta}$, $q = (\cos \theta)^{\sin(4\theta)}$.

Which of the following is/are true?

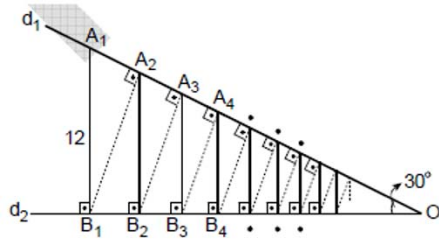
- I. $m < n < p$
- II. $p < m < n$
- III. $q - m < 0$
- IV. $p < n < q$

- A) II and III only
- B) I and IV only
- C) II and IV only
- D) III only
- E) II only
- F) None of these

29. Drones A and B leave the same point at the same time. Drone A flies 10 miles with a bearing of $N75^\circ E$. Plane B flies 20 miles with a bearing of $S15^\circ W$. Find the distance between the drones A and B .

- A) $10\sqrt{3}$
 B) $10\sqrt{7}$
 C) $20\sqrt{3}$
 D) $16\sqrt{5}$
 E) $20\sqrt{7}$
 F) None of these

30. The lines d_1 and d_2 intersect at the point O with an angle of 30° as shown in the figure below.



Points A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{20} and B_1, B_2, \dots, B_{20} are marked with the following pattern:
 A line segment perpendicular to d_2 is drawn from the point A_1 to the point B_1 ;
 A line segment perpendicular to d_1 is drawn from the point B_1 to the point A_2 ;
 A line segment perpendicular to d_2 is drawn from the point A_2 to the point B_2 ; and so on, until all 40 points are marked. (*The figure above is not complete due to limited space.*)

If $|A_1B_1| = 12$, find the sum: $|A_1B_1| + |A_2B_2| + |A_3B_3| + \dots + |A_{20}B_{20}|$.

- A) $\frac{3(2^{42} - 3^{21})}{2^{40}}$
 B) $\frac{3(2^{40} - 3^{20})}{2^{38}}$
 C) $\frac{3(1 - 3^{20})}{2^{40}}$
 D) $\frac{3(2^{40} - 3^{20})}{2^{36}}$
 E) $\frac{2^{42} - 3^{21}}{2^{40}}$
 F) None of these

The following questions are part of this test, but they are not multiple choice. For the following 3 questions, write your answer on the answer sheet as a number. For example:

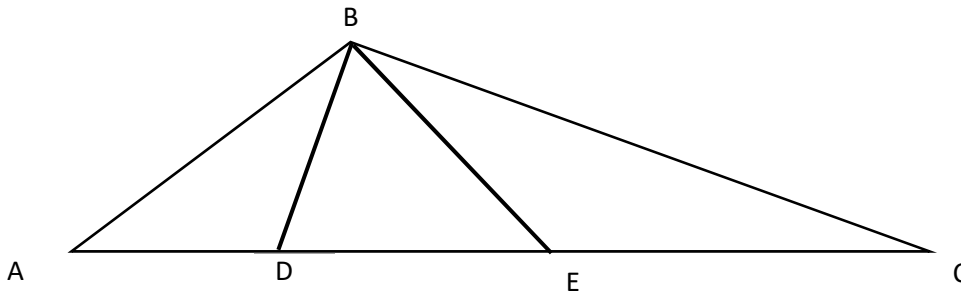
25, 0, 4.5, -2.7, $1+5\sqrt{7}$, $4\sqrt{11}+5\sqrt{7}$, $4\sqrt{3}$, $1/4$, $12/13$ or $50/11$

are acceptable answers. Radical expressions should be reduced; for example, $\sqrt{12}$ should be written as $2\sqrt{3}$. Show your work on the empty space below each question and write your final answer on the answer sheet. Your work may be used to break ties.

31. On the figure below, ABC and DBE are triangles with $|AD|=|BD|$ and $|BE|=|EC|$.

Given $|AB|=36\sqrt{2}$, $\sin(\angle BAD)=\frac{1}{3}$ and $\sin(\angle BCE)=\frac{1}{5}$, find the area of the triangle BDE .

(Note: The image is not drawn to scale.)



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32. The height of water in a bay varies with time and can be modeled by the function $f(t) = a \sin(t) + b \cos(t)$, where a and b are real numbers and $t > 0$ represents time. The difference between the height of the waves at low tide and high tide is 10 feet. Find the largest possible value of $a + b$.

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33. Let $f(x) = \frac{x^5 + x^4 + 25x^2 + 20x + 10}{x^5 - 8x^3 + 2x^2 - 8x + 4}$.

If this function intersects its horizontal asymptote, then list the x -coordinates of all points of intersection (if any). If it does not intersect the horizontal asymptote, state "none".

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THE END! Check that you wrote your answers on the answer sheet; only the answer sheet will be graded.