

Algebra II Individual Test Solutions  
Miami Sunset Invitational - January 26, 2002

1. D Do synthetic division with  $-2$  leaving zeros for the  $x^3$  and  $x$  terms. Remainder is 41.

2. B Multiply the equation through by  $x^2 - 4$  to eliminate denominators.

$$7x(x+2) + 2x(x-2) = 9x^2 - 36$$

Solving this equation gives  $x = -\frac{18}{5}$ .

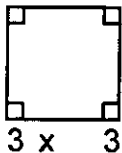
3. A  $(-1 + i\sqrt{3})^2 = -2 - 2i\sqrt{3}$ ;  
 $(-2 - 2i\sqrt{3})(-1 + i\sqrt{3}) = 8$

4. A  $(x+y)^2 + (y-x)^2 = 2x^2$ ,  
 $x^2 + 2xy + y^2 - 2xy + x^2 = 2x^2$ ,  
 $2y^2 = 0, y = 0$

5. B  $i^{47} = -i, i^{20} = 1$ ;  
 $6i^{47} = -6i, 4i^{20} = 4$   
 $4 - 6i$

6. A

7. B Let  $x$  represent the length of the side of the box.  $V = lwh$ ,  
 $363 = x \cdot x \cdot 3, x = 11$ ;  
Add 6 to the 11, 17 inches.



8. D  $x^4 + 3x^2 = 7x^2$ , solving this gives  $x = 0, 2, -2$ .

9. D  $3x - 5 = 2\sqrt{x}$ , square both sides,  
 $= 9x^2 - 30x + 25 = 4x$ . Solve and  
get  $x = 1, \frac{25}{9}$ , reject the 1.

10. E Find the discriminant of each.

A  $16 - 8 = 8$ , B  $36 - 36 = 0$ ,

C  $25 - 8 = 17$ , D  $4 + 28 = 32$

Since we want the discriminant to be less than zero, E is the correct answer.

11. C  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{5}{9}, \frac{b}{c} = \frac{3}{5}$ ; Solving each for  $b$  gives  
 $b = \frac{9a}{5}, b = \frac{3c}{5}$ . Setting these equal and  
cross multiplying gives  $45a = 15c$ , then  
 $\frac{a}{c} = \frac{1}{3}$ .

12. D To rationalize the numerator, multiply

$$\text{by } \frac{\sqrt[3]{9}}{\sqrt[3]{9}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt[3]{3}}{12} = \frac{3}{12\sqrt[3]{9}} = \frac{1}{4\sqrt[3]{9}}$$

13. B Factor out  $(2x+1)^2$ ,

$$(2x+1)^2(x^2(2x+1) - 4) =$$

$$(2x+1)^2(2x^3 + x^2 - 4)$$

14. D

15. B Working with the numerator first,

$$\frac{2(x+2) - x(x+1)}{(x+1)(x+2)}, \text{ simplify then X by the}$$

reciprocal of the denominator gives

$$\frac{-x^2 + x + 4}{(x+1)(x+2)} \cdot \frac{x+1}{1} = \frac{-x^2 + x + 4}{x+2}$$

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16. D  $z = \frac{kxy^2}{w}, 5 = \frac{k \cdot 5 \cdot 9}{6}$ , gives

$$k = \frac{2}{3}, z = \frac{2xy^2}{3w}$$

17. D  $4(x+2) + x - 5 = Ax + B$ ,

$$5x + 3 = Ax + B, \text{ so } A + B = 8$$

18. D  $\log_a 24 = \log_a 8 + \log_a 3 =$

$$3\log_a 2 + \log_a 3 = 3(.4307) +$$

$$0.6826 = 1.9747$$

19. B Write a system of 3 equations,  
3 variables then solve.

$$5 = c, -5 = 4a + 2b + 5, -40 = 9a - 3b + 5;$$

$$a = -4, b = 3, y = -4x^2 + 3x + 5$$

20. B  $(7-x)(3x+5) = 24x$ , solving gives

$$x = \frac{7}{3}, -5, \text{ reject } -5.$$

21. C sum =  $-\frac{b}{a}$ , product =  $\frac{c}{a}$ ;

$$* \text{ I sum} = -\frac{3}{2}, \text{ product} = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$* \text{ II sum} = \frac{1}{3}, \text{ product} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{III. sum} = -3, \text{ product} = 3$$

22. D Find the value of the determinant,

set = 3, then solve.

$$28 - 8x - (-5x - 2) = 3, x = 9.$$

23. B Let one root =  $a$ , other is  $a^2$ .

$$\text{Using product of roots: } -8 = a^3,$$

which makes  $a = -2$  and  $a^2 = 4$ .

Using sum of roots:  $-k = 2$  so

$$k = -2.$$

24. E Using Descartes rule of signs

- + - + + -, 4 changes of sign

$$25. B \ y = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 6 & 1 \\ 3 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 & -1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

26. B  $11 = 4 + 2r - 3, r = 5$

27. D Zeros are  $4, 1 + 3i, 1 - 3i$ .

To get quadratic using the complex

$$\text{zeros: sum of roots } -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{2}{1},$$

$$\text{product of roots } \frac{c}{a} = \frac{10}{1}, \text{ so } a = 1,$$

$b = -2, c = 10$ , gives the quadratic as

$$x^2 - 2x + 10. \text{ Multiply this by } (x - 4)$$

$$\text{gives } f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 18x - 40.$$

28. C Solve the system  $\begin{cases} x + y = 8p \\ x - y = 6q \end{cases}$

$$x = 4p + 3q$$

29. D Slopes must be equal.

$$\frac{4}{3} = \frac{5-k}{-3} \text{ gives } k = 9.$$

30. C  $(x+y)^2 = x^2 + 2xy + y^2;$

$$2xy = 2b; \frac{y^2 + x^2}{x^2 y^2} = 1, \text{ so}$$

$$\frac{y^2 + x^2}{b^2} = a \text{ makes } x^2 + y^2 = ab^2;$$

$$(x+y)^2 = ab^2 + 2b \text{ or } b(ab+2)$$