

Mu Alpha Theta National Convention 2004
 Alpha Equations & Inequalities
 Answers

#	Answer	#	Answer
1	D	18	A
2	D	19	D
3	C	20	B
4	A	21	C
5	C	22	C
6	D	23	B
7	B	24	C
8	E	25	A
9	C	26	D
10	E	27	B
11	D	28	C
12	D	29	A
13	B	30	B
14	A	TB1	$\frac{100}{99}$
15	D	TB2	$-\frac{1}{3}$
16	A	TB3	88
17	B		

1	D	$15x + 10y = 89.5$ $-15x + 21y = 62.4$ $\Rightarrow y = 4.9$ and $x = 2.7$, so $x + y \approx 7.6$
2	D	$\frac{\sin 40^\circ}{35} = \frac{\sin 70^\circ}{x}$, $x \approx 51.166577$, $p = 2x + 35$, $p \approx 137$
3	C	$S_n = \frac{10}{2}(2 \cdot 13 + 9 \cdot -4)$, $S_n = 112$
4	A	$5x + 6y + 10z = 272$ $7x + 8y + 12z = 336$ $5x + 36y = 272$ $35x + 252y = 1904$ $z = 3y$ $\Rightarrow 7x + 44y = 336$ $\Rightarrow 35x + 220y = 1680 \Rightarrow y = 7$, so $x = 4$
5	C	$\frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(-k + 3\sqrt{3})}}{2}$, difference squared is $1 + 4k - 12\sqrt{3}$, so $k = 5$ and $\log k \approx .7$
6	D	$-42 + 8 \leq -33$, $-12 + 11 > -53$, $-30 - 3 > -41$, $(-6, 1)$ is a solution $-21 - 16 \leq -33$, $-6 - 22 > -53$, $-15 + 6 > -41$, $(-3, -2)$ is a solution $-56 + 8 \leq -33$, $-16 - 11 > -53$, $-40 + 3 > -41$, $(-8, -1)$ is a solution $-42 - 40 \leq -33$, $-12 - 55 < -53$, $-30 + 15 > -41$, $(-6, -5)$ is not a solution
7	B	$17^2 = 30^2 + 25^2 - 2 \cdot 30 \cdot 25 \cos A$, $A \approx 35^\circ$
8	E	using the graphing calculator, ≈ -1.419952 , $-.5694717$, and 2.1927686 , so the sum is $.203$
9	C	$1500 = 1200(1 + \frac{.035}{12})^{12t}$, $t = \frac{1}{12} \cdot \frac{\log 1.25}{\log(1 + \frac{.035}{12})}$, $t \approx 7$
10	E	this system has 4 solutions $(3, 2)$, $(2, -3)$, $(-3, 2)$, $(-2, -3)$
11	D	$x(x - 2) = x + 10$, $(x - 5)(x + 2) = 0$, $x = 5$ or $x = -2$, but eliminate -2 , so $\ln 5 \approx 1.609$
12	D	$(3a^2)^4 + 4(3a^2)^3(2b) + 6(3a^2)^2(2b)^2 + 4(3a^2)(2b)^3 + (2b)^4$, $81 + 216 + 216 + 96 + 16 = 625$
13	B	$\frac{500(1 - .9^n)}{1 - .9} < 4392$, $(1 - .9^n) < .8784$, $.9^n > .1216$, $n < \frac{\log .1216}{\log .9}$, $n < 19.998$, $\ln 19 = 2.94$
14	A	$20^2 = 15^2 + 30^2 - 2 \cdot 15 \cdot 30 \cos A$, $\sin A = \frac{x}{15}$, $x \approx 8.9$
15	D	the solutions are $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$, $\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2}i$, $\frac{-\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i$, $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2}i$, i , and $-i$
16	A	sum of zeroes is $10 \left(\frac{-a_2}{a_3} \right)$, sum of pairwise products is $31 \left(\frac{a_1}{a_3} \right)$, product of zeroes is $28 \left(\frac{-a_0}{a_3} \right)$, let $a_3 = 1$, so $x^3 - 10x^2 + 31x - 28 = 0$
17	B	$4(t + 2) = 28t$, $28/3 \approx 9$

18	A	$2^{9x+3} = 2^{-2x+5}$, $x = \frac{2}{11}$, $3^{6y-3} = 3^{12y+20}$, $y = \frac{-23}{6}$, $\frac{2}{11} + \frac{-23}{6} = \frac{-241}{66}$
19	D	$x^2 - 5x + 6 \overline{) 2x^3 + 8x^2 - 22x - 60}$ so y-intercept is 18
20	B	use graphing calculator, the points of intersection are (9,1) and (-1,-9), so the solution is $(-\infty, -1) \cup (0, 9)$
21	C	$25(x^2 - 6x + 9) + 16(y^2 + 4y + 4) = 400$, $\frac{(x-3)^2}{16} + \frac{(y+2)^2}{25} = 1$, so center is (3, -2), sum is 1
22	C	$F = \frac{kws^2}{r}$, $3870 = \frac{k \cdot 2000 \cdot 35^2}{400}$, $k \approx .6318367$, $F = \frac{k \cdot 2500 \cdot 40^2}{450}$, $F \approx 5600$
23	B	$\frac{x-5}{6} = \frac{y+8}{10}$, $10x - 50 = 6y + 48$, $5x - 3y = 49$
24	C	$t_1 = 1, t_2 = 2, t_3 = 3, t_4 = 4, t_5 = 29$, so sum is 39
25	A	$30(.40) = (x+30)(.35)$, $x = \frac{30}{7}$
26	D	$A = 4x\sqrt{16 - \frac{16}{9}x^2}$ use graphing calculator, $w \approx 4.242643784, l \approx 5.656850121$, sum ≈ 9.9
27	B	use graphing calculator
28	C	$-44287 = \frac{-1(1 - (-3)^n)}{1+3}$, $177148 = 1 - (-3)^n$, $n = 11$
29	A	$d = \frac{ 3 \cdot 6 + -2 \cdot 7 + 10 }{\sqrt{9+4}}$, $d \approx 3.88$
30	B	$x = \frac{y-7}{3y+2}$, $3yx + 2x = y - 7$, $y = \frac{2x+7}{1-3x}$
TB 1	$\frac{100}{99}$	$\frac{x}{x-1} - 6\left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{x-1}}\right) - 40 = 0 \rightarrow \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{x-1}} - 10\right)\left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{x-1}} + 4\right) = 0 \rightarrow \frac{x}{x-1} = 100 \rightarrow x =$
TB 2	$-\frac{1}{3}$	$9k+6+k=0$ $k = \frac{-3}{5}$ $\frac{-3}{5}x^2 - 2x - \frac{3}{5} = 0 \rightarrow 3x^2 + 10x + 3 = 0 \rightarrow (3x+1)(x+3)=0$ $x = -\frac{1}{3}$
TB 3	88	$\log_2 [\log_3 (\log_4 x)] = 0 \rightarrow \log_3 (\log_4 x) = 1 \rightarrow \log_4 x = 3 \rightarrow x = 64$ $\log_3 [\log_2 (\log_4 y)] = 0 \rightarrow \log_2 (\log_4 y) = 1 \rightarrow \log_4 y = 2 \rightarrow y = 16$ $\log_4 [\log_3 (\log_2 z)] = 0 \rightarrow \log_3 (\log_2 z) = 1 \rightarrow \log_2 z = 3 \rightarrow z = 8$ $x + y + z = 88$