

1992 National Mu Alpha Theta Convention

Alpha Individual Test Answers:

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| 1. D | 16. A |
| 2. B | 17. D |
| 3. E | 18. D |
| 4. B | 19. D |
| 5. C | 20. C |
| 6. B | 21. A |
| 7. B | 22. A |
| 8. D | 23. B |
| 9. A | 24. C |
| 10. B | 25. B |
| 11. D | 26. B |
| 12. D | 27. B |
| 13. B | 28. D |
| 14. D | 29. E |
| 15. B | 30. E |

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Alpha Individual Test Solutions:

1. D $A = 15\pi = \pi ab$
 $ab = 15$; given: $a = 5$
 so: $b = 3$
 and perimeter = 32 .

8. D center @ $(2,2)$; $a = 1, b = 1$
 $c = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2} = \sqrt{2}$
 $F = (h \pm c, k) = (2 \pm \sqrt{2}, 2)$

2. B In first quadrant, $\sin x = \cos(90 - x)$
 or, $\cos 2x = \cos(90 - x)$
 $2x = 90 - x \Rightarrow x = 30^\circ$

9. A $\det A = (x-2)(x-3) - 0$
 $= x^2 - 5x + 6$
 $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 2x - 4$
 $x = 2, 5$

3. E $f(x) = (2a)^x$; $f(x+3) = (2a)^{x+3} = 27f(x)$
 $(2a)^{x+3} = 27(2a)^x$
 $(2a)^3 = 27$
 $2a = 3 \Rightarrow a = 3/2$

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4. B $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \text{ and } B)$
 $= .2 + .6 - .1 = .7$

11. D 5 poss. for 1st digit(1,3,5,7,9)
 5 poss. for 2nd digit(2,4,6,8,0)
 8 poss. for 3rd digit(10-2)
 7 poss. for 4th digit(10-3)
 So, $5 \times 5 \times 8 \times 7 = 1400$

5. C $\text{Arccos}(\sin(\text{Arccot}(\sec 0)))$
 $= \text{Arccos}(\sin(\text{Arccot } 1))$
 $= \text{Arccos}(\sin \pi/4)$
 $= \text{Arccos}(1/\sqrt{2}) = \pi/4$

12. D 1st pick has b black & r red cards. $b=7r$, so $r = 1, 2, \text{ or } 3$.
 If $r = 1$, $b = 7$ and 2nd pile has 19 black & 25 red cards.
 If $r = 2$, $b = 14$ & 2nd pile has 12 black & 24 red cards, as needed. So, $r = 1$ & $r = 3$ are eliminated, and 1st pile has 16 cards.

6. B $x = \cos \phi, y = \sin \phi$
 $x^2 + y^2 = \cos^2 \phi + \sin^2 \phi = 1$
 circle with center $(0,0)$ and $r = 1$.

7. B $\frac{(n-2)!}{n!} - \frac{(n-2)(n-2)!}{n(n-1)!(n-1)}$
 $= \frac{(n-2)!}{n(n-1)(n-2)!} - \frac{(n-1)!}{n(n-1)(n-1)!}$
 $= \frac{1}{n(n-1)} - \frac{1}{n(n-1)} = 0$

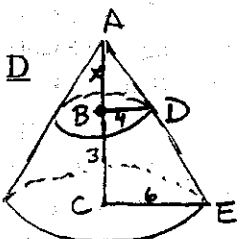
10. B $\log_x x^{x+2} = x^2$ and $\log_x x^{-5x} = -5x$
 and $\log_x (1/x^6) = -6$
 So, $x^2 - 5x = -6$ and $x = 2, 3$

13. B Let $S = \text{Limit of this sequence}$.
 $S = \sqrt{6-S} \Rightarrow S^2 = 6-S$ and $S = 2, -3$
 But, -3 is eliminated & 2 is the only soln.

14. D Let $y = \sin x \Rightarrow 4y^2 + 11y - 3 = 0$
 and $y = -3$ or $1/4$; -3 does not work, so:
 $\log_2 y = \log_2 (1/4) = -2$.

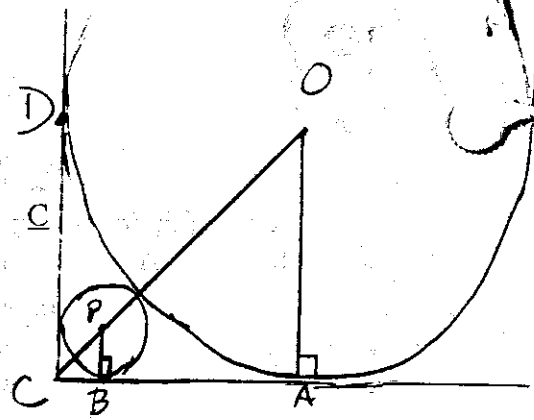
15. B Note that $f(f(f(x))) = x$, so $f(f(f(f(f(\pi)))))) = f(f(\pi))$
 $= f(\pi + 2) = \pi + 1$

16. A Each group of 8 terms has a sum of 0.
 Thus, $1992/8$ has remainder of 0 and sum is 0.

17. D  $\frac{x}{4} = \frac{x+3}{6}$ ($\triangle ABD \approx \triangle ACE$) $\Rightarrow x = 6$
 $V = \frac{1}{3} \pi \cdot 6^2 \cdot 9 - \frac{1}{3} \pi \cdot 4^2 \cdot 6 = 76\pi$

18. D Notice that $(\tan x + \tan y)/(1 - \tan x \tan y) = \sqrt{3}$
 $= \tan(x+y) \Rightarrow x+y = 60^\circ$. Also, $\sqrt{2} \sin y = 1$,
 so $y = 45^\circ$ and $x = 15^\circ$.

19. D Since $\cos^{-1} = 0$ and $\tan^{-1} = \frac{\pi}{4}$, the 2 equations
 become $x - 2y = 0$ and $2x - y = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{6}, y = \frac{\pi}{12}$

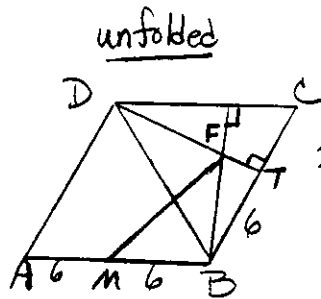
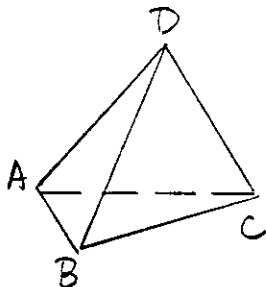


20. C

$OA = R$ and $OC = R\sqrt{2}$
 $r = PB$, so $PC = r\sqrt{2}$
 Thus, $R\sqrt{2} = OT + TP + PC$
 $= R + r + r\sqrt{2}$

$R\sqrt{2} - R = r + r\sqrt{2}$ and
 $r = \frac{R(\sqrt{2}-1)}{\sqrt{2}+1} = R(3-2\sqrt{2})$

21. A



Shortest path is MF. $m\angle DBF = 30^\circ$, $m\angle MBF = 90^\circ$
 If $BT = 6$, then $BF = 2 \cdot \frac{6}{\sqrt{3}} = 4\sqrt{3}$.

So, $MF = \sqrt{6^2 + (4\sqrt{3})^2} = 2\sqrt{21}$.

27. B

$f' = \ln x$;
 $D_x(f^{-1}(x)) = 1/(f'(f^{-1}(x)))$
 $e = f(0)$, so,
 $D_x(f^{-1}(0)) = 1/\ln e = 1$.

28. D

$F'(x) = \frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{g(x)} f(t) dt$ and
 using the 2nd Fund. Thm of Calc.,
 $\frac{d}{dx} \int_0^{g(x)} f(t) dt = f(g(x)) \cdot g'(x)$
 So, $F'(1) = f(g(1))g'(1)$

22. A

$S_n = \frac{(n+1)! - 1}{(n+1)!}$ and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)!} = 1$

29. E Avg. rate = $20(3t_0 - 60)$

$20(3t_0 - 60) = 60 \Rightarrow t_0 = 21$.

23. B

$y = x^{\frac{1}{x}}$, $\ln y = \ln x / x$
 using L'Hopital's: $(1/x)/1 = 0$
 so: $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \ln y = 0$ and $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} y = e^0 = 1$
 and $y = 1$ is a horiz. asymptote.

30. E None are true.

24. C

Squaring, $\sin^2 x + 2\sin x \cos x + \cos^2 x$
 $= 1 + \sin 2x = 1/25$. So, $\sin 2x = -24/25$,
 and $\cos 2x = 7/25$.

25. B

Using $2\cos^2 30^\circ - 1 = \cos 60^\circ$ and $\sin 60^\circ = 2\sin 30^\circ \cos 30^\circ$,
 we get $2\cos^2 30^\circ + 2i\sin 30^\circ \cos 30^\circ = 2(\cos 30^\circ)(cis 30^\circ)$
 $= (\sqrt{3} cis 30^\circ)^{12} = 3^6 cis 360^\circ$ or $3^6 + 0i$.

26. B

$A = \pi r^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$
 $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{dr}{dt} \Rightarrow 1 = 2\pi r \Rightarrow r = 1/2\pi$
 $3 < \pi < 4 \Rightarrow 6 < 2\pi < 8 \Rightarrow 1/8 < 1/2\pi < 1/6$
 so: $.1 < r < .2$