

# Precalculus Answers:

## January Regional

### TEAM

1. 154
2.  $\frac{20}{9}$  or  $2\frac{2}{9}$  or  $2.\bar{2}$
3. 5.6
4.  $\frac{-\sqrt{5}}{3}$
5. 35.3
6. 95
7.  $328\sqrt{2}$
8. 36
9. 7
10. 12
11.  $\frac{16}{5}$  or  $3\frac{1}{5}$  or 3.2
12. 344
13.  $\frac{118+2\sqrt{2}}{3}$
14.  $\frac{16\sqrt{2}}{3}$
15. -1

### INDIVIDUAL

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

## Precalculus Individual Test

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#### Solutions:

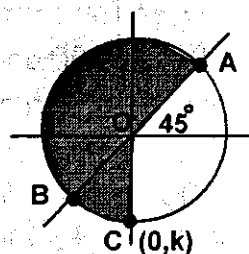
- Using the quadratic formula we get  $\frac{2 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{3}$  which is choice B.
- One person per house per 4 days, gives 16 people for 16 houses per 4 days. So 16 people can paint 8 houses in 2 days. D.
- The ranges of the Arcfunctions are limited. Arccotangent has a range of  $(0, \pi)$ , so choice D cannot be true.
- $2i \cdot i\sqrt{2} = -2\sqrt{2}$  which is choice D.
- $1 + \sqrt{\frac{x}{4}} = 36$ ,  $\sqrt{\frac{x}{4}} = 35$ ,  $\frac{x}{4} = 1225$  and so  $\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{1225 \cdot 4} = 35 \cdot 2 = 70$ . Choice A.
- $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{a+b}{ab} = 5$  so  $\frac{3}{ab} = 5$  and  $5ab = 3$  and  $ab = \frac{3}{5}$ . Choice C.
- $\frac{9}{(i-1)^2} = \frac{9}{-2i} = \frac{9}{-2i} \cdot \frac{i}{i} = \frac{9i}{2}$ . Choice A.
- $b^2 - 4ac \leq 0$ ,  $16 - 4k \leq 0$ ,  $-4k \leq -16$ ,  $k \geq 4$ , Choice B.
- $\sqrt{2}$  (leg) = hypotenuse so  $\sqrt{2} \sec \theta = \sqrt{3} \tan \theta$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\cos \theta} = \frac{\sqrt{3} \sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$  and  $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$ .  
So  $\theta \approx 54.7^\circ$  which is choice A.
- $[e] = 2$ ,  $[-\pi] = -4$ ,  $[0] = 0$ . The sum is  $-2$  which is choice B.
- $\sin \theta(2 \sin \theta - 1) = 0$ , so  $\sin \theta = 0$  or  $\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ . Solutions are  $0, \pi, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$ , or  $\frac{0\pi}{6}, \frac{6\pi}{6}, \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$  so  $a=0, b=1, c=5, d=6$ .  
 $b+d=7$  which is choice B.
- $x^{\frac{3}{5}} + a = 1$ ,  $x^{\frac{3}{5}} = 1 - a$ ,  $x = (1 - a)^{\frac{5}{3}}$  which is choice A.
- The sum will be  $\frac{a_1}{1-r} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} = \frac{3}{\sqrt{3}-1}$  when multiplied by  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}}$ . Using the conjugate we multiply by  $\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}+1}$  which gives  $\frac{3\sqrt{3}+3}{2}$ .  
Choice B.

- $(x-5) = -a(y+3)^2$  and  $\frac{1}{4a} = 3$  so  $a = \frac{1}{12}$  using the intercept  
 $A - 5 = \frac{-1}{12}(0+3)^2$  which gives  $A = \frac{17}{4}$  so  $4A = 17$ . Choice A.

- Using the change of base rule,  $\frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \cdot \frac{\log 4}{\log 3} \cdot \frac{\log 5}{\log 4} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{\log 11}{\log 10}$  which reduces to  $\frac{\log 11}{\log 2} = \log_2 11$ , choice A.

- Using the Triangle Inequality Theorem,  $0 < AB < 20$  so all can be possibilities for AB. Choice E.

- $\frac{225}{360}(16\pi)$  since the area of the circle of radius 4 is  $16\pi$ . The answer is  $10\pi$  which is choice B.



- One of the acute angles  $x$ , can be found by  $\cos x = \frac{5}{12}$  and the other by  $90^\circ - \cos \frac{5}{12}$ . These angles are approximately  $65.37568$  and  $24.6243$  which gives a difference of  $40.8^\circ$ , choice C.
- The roots are  $1 + \sqrt{2}, 1 - \sqrt{2}, i, -i$  and the first two give a sum of 2 and a product of  $-1$ . This gives quadratic  $x^2 - 2x - 1$ . The second roots give a sum of 0 and a product of 1. This gives quadratic  $x^2 + 1$ . Multiplying the two quadratics gives  $x^4 - 2x^3 - 2x - 1$  so  $B = 0$ , choice A.
- The volume of the pool is  $\pi r^2 h = 1800\pi$  cubic feet. Since the water is going in at a rate of 1 cu. foot per hour, it will take approx. 5654.8668 hours, or choice A.
- The equation of the ellipse described is  $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$  and so  $A = \frac{1}{16}, B = \frac{1}{9}$  and the sum is  $\frac{25}{144}$  which is choice C.

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**Solutions** (page two of two):

22. Dividing by 225 gives  $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$  and this tells us that the region traces out a circular region of radius 5 and area  $25\pi$  which is choice C.

23. For the interval given, the first absolute value expression is equivalent to  $12 - 3x$  and the second is equivalent to  $5x + 10$ . The total expression is  $2x + 22$  so the sum of A and B is 24, choice A.

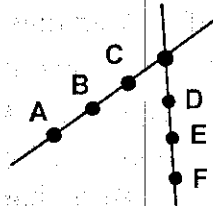
24.  $5x + 4x + 3x = 1800$  gives that the original deal was for contributions of ( $x=1500$ ) \$7500, \$6000 and \$4500. Since we do not know which person did not contribute all of their agreement, we could have \$8000, \$6500, \$3500 or \$8000, \$5000, \$5000 or \$6500, \$6500, \$5000.

So the only one of the choices which could not be a contribution is \$7500. Choice C.

25. The prob. of reaching D is  $\frac{8}{20}$ , and the prob. of reaching F is  $\frac{1}{4}$ . The product would be  $\frac{1}{10}$  which is choice C.

26. Setting  $\frac{7}{6} = 1 + \frac{1}{x}$  and solving gives  $x=6$ . Doing the same respectively gives  $\frac{7}{8}$ , 3 and 20. Since  $x > 1$ , choice B cannot be a value for  $y$ . Choice B.

27. The lines in question (see picture) are  $\overline{DC}, \overline{DB}, \overline{DA}, \overline{EC}, \overline{EB}, \overline{EA}, \overline{FC}, \overline{FB}, \overline{FA}$ , 9 lines, choice C.



28. Using the law of cosines, we get  $36 = 64 + 144 - 2(8)(12)\cos C$  which gives C is approximately 26.384 degrees. Using the law of cosines in the right-side triangle we get the median is  $\sqrt{14}$  in length. Using the law of sines we get

$$\frac{\sin x}{8} = \frac{\sin 26.384}{\sqrt{14}} \text{ but since this is}$$

an SSA situation, the angle  $BDC$  may be 71.83 or  $180 - 71.83$  degrees. Since the Hinge theorem says that  $\angle BDA < \angle BDC$  we know that  $m\angle BDC \approx 108.2^\circ$ , choice C.

29. Let the original radius be  $r$  and the new radius be  $R$ .  $C = 2\pi r = 40\pi$  so the new circumference is  $40\pi - 5$  which is equal to  $2\pi R$  so  $R = \frac{40\pi - 5}{2\pi} = 20 - \frac{5}{2\pi}$ . The area goes from  $\pi r^2$  which is  $400\pi$  to  $\pi(20 - \frac{5}{2\pi})^2$  which gives a difference of  $400\pi - \pi(400 - \frac{100}{\pi} + \frac{25}{4\pi^2})$  or  $100 - \frac{25}{4\pi}$ . So the percent of change is  $100(100 - \frac{25}{4\pi})$  divided by  $400\pi$  which is  $25(\frac{1}{\pi} - \frac{1}{16\pi^2})$  or choice D.

30. The graphs of  $x - \sqrt{3}y = 0$  and  $x + y = 2\sqrt{3}$  intersect where  $y + \sqrt{3}y = 2\sqrt{3}$  (subtract the two eqns) so  $y(1 + \sqrt{3}) = 2\sqrt{3}$  and  $y = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{1 + \sqrt{3}}$  which is the height of the triangle in question. The second equation has x-intercept  $(2\sqrt{3}, 0)$  so the base of the triangle is  $2\sqrt{3}$ . The area is  $\frac{1}{2}(2\sqrt{3})(\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{1 + \sqrt{3}})$  which equals  $\frac{6}{1 + \sqrt{3}}$ . Multiply by  $\frac{1 - \sqrt{3}}{1 - \sqrt{3}}$  gives  $\frac{6 - 6\sqrt{3}}{-2}$  or  $3\sqrt{3} - 3$ . Choice A.