

Solution of Math Placement Test Practice Problems.

Algebraic Solving

1. $(2a^3b)^{-3} = (2^{-3} \cdot a^{(3 \cdot -3)} \cdot b^{-3}) = 2^{-3}a^{-9}b^{-3} = \frac{1}{2^3a^9b^3} = \frac{1}{8a^9b^3}$

2. $(-4x^2y-3)^{-2} = \frac{y^6}{16x^4}$

Radical

3. $\sqrt{\frac{1}{64}} = \frac{\sqrt{1}}{\sqrt{64}} = \frac{1}{8}$

4. $\sqrt[3]{-27} = -3$

Complex Numbers

5. Find x and y such that the equation is a true statement.

$$3x + 5yc = 15 + 5c$$

$$3x = 15 \text{ and } 5yc = 5c$$

$$x = 5 \text{ and } y = 1$$

6. Find x and y such that the equation is a true statement.

$$10x - 4yc = 20 + 1/2x$$

$$x = 2 \text{ and } y = -1/8$$

Radicals and Complex Numbers

7. Simplify $\sqrt{27 - 18}$

$$\sqrt{27 - 18} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

8. Simplify $\sqrt{\frac{-1}{25}}$

$$\sqrt{\frac{-1}{25}} = \frac{i}{5}$$

Complex Numbers and Exponents

9. Solve i^{15}

$$i^{15} = (i^3)^5 = -i^5 = -(i^3 \cdot i^2) = -(-i \cdot -1) = -i$$

10. Solve i^{47}

$$i^{47} = -i$$

Solving Quadratic Equations by Factoring

11. Solve $3x^2 + 8x + 4 = 0$

$$3x^2 + 8x + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow (3x + 2)(x + 2) = 0$$

Thus, $3x + 2 = 0$ or $x + 2 = 0$

$$x = -2/3 \text{ or } x = -2$$

12. Solve $x^2 + 4 = 0$

$$x = \pm 2$$

Solving Quadratic Equations that are irreducible

13. $x^2 + 7x + 3 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{49 - 4(1)(3)}}{2 \cdot 1}$$

$$x = \frac{-7 \pm \sqrt{37}}{2}$$

14. $2x^2 + 10x - 1 = 0$

$$x = \frac{-10 \pm \sqrt{108}}{4}$$

Solving and Graphing in Equities

15. Solve and graph $2 - 4x > 10$

$$2 - 4x > 10 \Rightarrow -4x > 8 \Rightarrow x < -2$$

16. $x^2 - 2 \geq 1$

$$x \geq \sqrt{3} \text{ or } x \leq -\sqrt{3}$$

17. Solve $3x + 2y = 5$, $7x - y = 1$

2nd Eq: $7x - y = 1$, $-y = 1 - 7x$, $y = 7x - 1$

Into 1st Eq: $3x + 2(7x - 1) = 5$, $17x - 2 = 5$

$$x = \frac{7}{17}$$

Thus $y = 7(7/17) - 1$, $y = 49/17 - 1$

$$y = \frac{32}{17}$$

18. Solve $w + 2z = 10$, $4w + z = 5$

$$w = 0, z = 5$$

Graphing

19. Sketch the function $f(x) = x^2 + 2$ and identify x and y intercept

y intercept when $x = 0$: $f(0) = 0^2 + 2 = 2$, y intercept at $(0,2)$

x intercept when $y = 0$: $f(x) = 0$ never occur, No x intercept

20. Sketch the functions $f(x) = 3x - 9$ and identify x and y intercept

y intercept: (3,0)

x intercept: (0,-9)

Decimals

21. Solve $.3x + .2 = .5$

$$.3x = .3 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

22. Solve $.5x + .4 = 1.2$

$$x = 1.6$$

23. Solve for x: $\frac{x+3}{x-9} = 0$

Numerator must be zero.

$$(x - 9)\frac{x+3}{x-9} = 0 \times (x - 9)$$

$$x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3$$

24. Slove for x: $\frac{x-2}{2x+1} = 3$

$$x = -1$$

25. $f(x) = 10x - 5$ and find a value x^* such that $f(x^*)=0$

$$10x^* - 5 = 0 \Rightarrow 10x^* = 5 \Rightarrow x^* = 0.5$$

26. $f(x) = \alpha x + 2\beta$ where α and β are constants. Find x^* such that $f(x^*) = 0$

$$\alpha x^* + 2\beta = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha x^* = -2\beta \Rightarrow x^* = \frac{-2\beta}{\alpha}$$

27. the slope of the equation $= \frac{y_1 - y_0}{x_1 - x_0} = \frac{6-4}{2-1} = 2$

$$y = (\text{slope}) * x + (\text{y-intercept})$$

$$y_1 = (2) * x_1 + (\text{y-intercept})$$

$$6 = (2) * 2 + (\text{y-intercept})$$

$$6 = 4 + (\text{y-intercept})$$

$$\text{y-intercept} = 2$$

$$\text{the equation: } y = 2x + 2$$

28. Is $y = \sin x$ one to one?

29. Is $y = x + 2$ onto?

30. For a right triangle ABC with $a=3$ and $c=5$, where c is the hypotenuse, find b .

$$a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \Rightarrow 3^2 + b^2 = 5^2 \Rightarrow 9 + b^2 = 25 \Rightarrow b^2 = 16$$

$$b = 4$$

31. For a right triangle ABC with $a=13$ and $b=14$, find the hypotenuse c .

$$c = 15$$

32. Write in interval notation $x \in \mathbf{R} : 10 < x < 20$ where \mathbf{R} denotes the set of all real numbers.

$$x \in (10, 20)$$

33. Write $x \in (-\infty, 0]$ as an inequality.

$$x \leq 0$$

Algebraic solving

$$34. (\sqrt{x} - 3\sqrt{y}) \cdot (\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{9y})$$

$$= (\sqrt{x}\sqrt{x}) + (\sqrt{x}\sqrt{9y}) + (-3\sqrt{y}\sqrt{x}) + (-3\sqrt{y}\sqrt{9y})$$

$$= (x) + (\sqrt{9xy}) + (-3\sqrt{yx}) + (-9y)$$

$$= x + 3\sqrt{xy} - 3\sqrt{xy} - 9y$$

$$= x - 9y$$

$$35. (\sqrt[3]{x} + 2)(x^2 - 4) = x^{7/3} - 4\sqrt[3]{x} + 2x^2 - 8$$

$$36. \frac{3}{x-1} + \frac{x}{x+4} = \left(\frac{x+4}{x+4}\right)\left(\frac{3}{x-1}\right) + \frac{x-1}{x-1}\left(\frac{x}{x+4}\right)$$
$$= \frac{3x+12}{(x+4)(x-1)} + \frac{x^2-x}{(x+4)(x-1)} = \frac{x^2+2x+12}{(x+4)(x-1)} = \frac{x^2+2x+12}{x^2+3x-4}$$

$$37. \frac{2}{x-2} + \frac{x}{x+3} = \frac{x^2+6}{x^2+x-6}$$

$$38. \text{Convert } 320 \text{ yards/hr} = \frac{320 \text{ yards}}{1 \text{ hour}} = \frac{960 \text{ feet}}{60 \text{ mins}} = 16 \text{ ft/min}$$

$$39. \text{Convert } r \text{ feet/sec} = \frac{12 \text{ inches}}{1/60 \text{ min}} = 720 \text{ inches/min}$$

$$40. \text{Convert } \frac{5}{12} = 0.4166 = 42 \text{ percentage.}$$

$$41. \text{Convert } \frac{9}{13} = 0.6923 = 69 \text{ percentage.}$$

$$42. y = x + 4 \text{ and } y = 3x + 1$$

$$x + 4 = 3x + 1 \Rightarrow 2x = 3 \Rightarrow x = 3/2$$

$$y = (3/2) + 4 = 5.5$$

$$x = 1.5 \text{ and } y = 5.5$$

$$43. x + y = 12 \text{ and } y - x = 4$$

$$x = 12 - y \Rightarrow y - (12 - y) = 4 = y - 12 + y = 2y - 12 \Rightarrow 2y = 16 \Rightarrow y = 8$$

$$y - x = 4 = 8 - x \Rightarrow x = 4$$

$$x = 4 \text{ and } y = 8$$

44. $f(x) = 12x + 3 \Rightarrow f(2) = (12 * 2) + 3 = 27$

45. $g(x) = 10x - 30 \Rightarrow g(3) = (10 * 3) - 30 = 0$

46. $\sqrt{x + 11} + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{x + 11} = -2 \Rightarrow$ unavailble to solve.

47. $x^3 + 27 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3$

48. Slope of given line: $m = 4/3 \Rightarrow$ slope of perpendicular line: $-\frac{1}{m} = -3/4$

49. $2x + 3y = 11 \Rightarrow 3y = 11 - 2x \Rightarrow y = 11/3 - 2/3x$
slope of given line: $= -2/3 \Rightarrow$ slope of parallel line $= -2/3$

50. Expand $(x + 2)^3$
 $= (x + 2)(x + 2)(x + 2) = (x^2 + 4x + 4)(x + 2)$
 $= x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x^2 + 8x + 4x + 8$
 $= x^3 + 6x^2 + 12x + 8$

51. Expand $\frac{a}{2}(6a + 4b - 3) = 3a^2 + 2ab - 3/2a$

52. $|x + 1| = 2 \Rightarrow x + 1 = 2$ or $x + 1 = -2$
 $x = 1$ or $x = -3$

53. $|x - 4| = 1 \Rightarrow x - 4 = 1$ or $x - 4 = -1$
 $x = 5$ or $x = 3$

54. $0.0000045 = 4.5 \cdot (10^{-6})$

55. $4,500,000 = 4.5 \cdot (1,000,000) = 4.5 \cdot (10^6)$

56. $(x - 1) \overline{)x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 1}$
 $= x^2 - 2x - 1$

$$57. (x-1) \overline{x^3 + 3x^2 - 4} \\ = x^2 + 4x + 4 \text{ hint: } (x-1) \overline{x^3 + 3x^2 + 0x - 4}$$

$$58. \text{ Solve for } j \text{ in } 7i + 2k - 3j = 0 \\ -3j = -7i - 2k \Rightarrow j = (7/3)i + (2/3)k$$

$$59. \text{ Solve for } \sigma \text{ in } 8\rho + 2\theta - 3\sigma = 0 \\ \sigma = (8/3)\rho + (2/3)\theta$$

$$60. \frac{x-2}{2-x} = \frac{x-2}{-1 \cdot (x-2)} = \frac{1}{-1} \frac{x-2}{x-2} = -1 \cdot 1 = -1$$

$$61. \frac{-x+8}{x-8} = -1$$

$$62. (5/2)^2 + (36/9)^{1/2} \\ = (5^2)/(2^2) + (36^{1/2})/(9^{1/2}) \\ = 25/4 + 16/3 = 33/4$$

$$63. (\frac{3}{4})^3 + (\frac{27}{8})^{\frac{1}{3}} = 123/64$$

$$64. x^{-2} \cdot x^3 = (\frac{1}{x^2}) \cdot x^3 = \frac{x^3}{x^2} = x$$

$$65. x^{-4} \cdot x^6 = x^2$$

Third part.

$$66. \text{ a) } f(x) = \sqrt{10 - 2x} \Rightarrow 10x - 2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow -2x \geq -10 \Rightarrow x \leq 5$$

$$\text{ b) } g(x) = \frac{1}{3x+2} \Rightarrow x \in \mathbf{R} \text{ and } x \neq -2/3$$

$$67. \sin(x) = 1 \Rightarrow x = \sin^{-1}(1) = \pi/2 \Rightarrow x = \pi/2 + 2n\pi, \text{ where } n \text{ is any integer}$$

$$68. \cos(x) = \sqrt{3}/2 \Rightarrow x = \pi/6 + 2n\pi, \text{ where } n \text{ is any integer}$$

69. $\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta = 1$ by Pythagorean theorem

$$1 = \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta \text{ from unit circle}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta = \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta$$

$$0 = 2 \cos^2 \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = 0 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/2 + n\pi$$

70. $\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta = -1 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi + n\pi$

71. $2 \sec^2 \theta - 4 = 0 \Rightarrow 2 \sec^2 \theta = 4 \Rightarrow \sec^2 \theta = 2$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\cos^2 \theta} = 2 \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta = 1/2 \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}/2$$

$$\theta = \pi/4 + 2n\pi$$

72. $\sqrt{3} \csc \theta = 2 \Rightarrow \theta = \pi/3 + 2n\pi$ or $2\pi/3 + 2n\pi$

73. $\sin^2 x + 4 \sin x + 4 = 0$

$$\text{Let } u = \sin x, \text{ then } u^2 + 4u + 4 = 0 = (u + 2)^2$$

$$u + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow u = -2 \Rightarrow \sin x = -2 \Rightarrow x = \sin^{-1}(-2)$$

74. $\cos^2 x - \cos x - 1 = 0$

$$\cos x_{1,2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{1 - 4(1)(-1)}}{2} = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$x_{1,2} = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$$

75. $y = \sin x$ and $y = \cos x$.

Intersection point is where $\sin x = \cos x$. This occurs at $x = \pi/4$ and $5\pi/4$

76. $y = \csc x$ and $y = \sec x$. This occurs at $x = \pi/4$ and $5\pi/4$

77. graph 1

78. graph 2

Radians and Degrees

79. Convert.

$$2\pi/9 \text{ radians} = (2 * 180)/9 = 40 \text{ degrees}$$

80. Convert.

$$540 \text{ degrees} = 3\pi \text{ radians}$$

81. From $y = x^2$ to $y = (x - 4)^2 \Rightarrow$ translated 4 units to the right.

82. From $y = (x - 2)^2$ to $y = (x - 3)^2 + 2 \Rightarrow$ translated 1 unit right and 2 units up.

$$83. \sin 2\theta = \sin (\theta + \theta) = \sin \theta \cos \theta + \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$= 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$$

$$84. \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \pm \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{2}}$$

85. graph 3

$3\pi/4$ radians in the unit circle.

86. graph 4

$4\pi/3$ radians in the unit circle.

$$87. \sin 315^\circ = \sin (270^\circ + 45^\circ)$$

$$= \sin (270^\circ) \cdot \cos (45^\circ) + \cos (270^\circ) \cdot \sin (45^\circ) = -1 \cdot (\sqrt{2}/2) + 0 \cdot (\sqrt{2}/2) = -\sqrt{2}/2$$

$$88. \cos 540^\circ = -1$$

89. In which quadrants are the signs of cosine and cosecant the same?

Since $\csc \theta = 1/\sin \theta$, the sign of \sin is the same for \csc everywhere.

Thus we find the signs of \sin and \cos are the same in I and III.

90. In which quadrants are the signs of cosine and cosecant the same?
All of them

91. Vector: If $u = (3, 2)$ and $v = (1, 6)$, find $|2u - v|$

$$2u - v = \langle 6, 4 \rangle - \langle 1, 6 \rangle = \langle 5, -2 \rangle$$

$$\text{Thus } |2u - v| = \sqrt{5^2 + (-2)^2} = \sqrt{29}$$

92. If $u = \langle 1, 3 \rangle$ and $v = \langle 3, 0 \rangle$, find $|u + v|$
Thus 5

93. graph 5

94. graph 6

95. What is the range of the cosine function.
Ans: All real numbers between -1 and 1, inclusive.

96. What is the range of the sine function.
Ans: All real numbers.

Trig Identities

97. Simplify.

$$\frac{\sin 2x}{1 - \sin^2 x} = \frac{\sin 2x}{\cos^2 x}$$

$$\text{since } \sin 2x = 2 \sin x \cos x,$$

$$\frac{\sin 2x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{2 \sin x \cos x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{2 \sin x}{\cos x} = 2 \tan x$$

98. $\cot 45^\circ = 1$

99. What is the period of $\sin x$
Ans: 2π

$$100. \quad f(2) = 3 \cdot 2 + 2 = 8, \quad g(1) = 7 \cdot 1 = 7, \quad k(3) = 3^2 = 9$$

$$f(2) + g(1) - k(3) = 8 + 7 - 9 = 6$$