## MA 153 PRACTICE QUESTIONS FOR THE FINAL 8/01

1. Simplify: 
$$\frac{\frac{15}{5}}{1-\frac{1}{2}}$$
.

A. 2/3 B. 2 C. 3/2 D. 6 E. None of the above.

2. Factor: 
$$16x^2 - 4y^8$$
  
A.  $(4x - y^2)(4x + y^2)$  B.  $(4x - 2y^4)^2$  C.  $4(2x - y^4)(2x + y^4)$  D.  $4(2x - y^2)$  E. None of the above

3. Simplify: 
$$\left(\frac{4a^4b^8}{c^{-2}}\right)^{-1/2}$$
. (All letters denote positive real numbers.)  
A.  $\frac{1}{2a^2b^4c}$  B.  $\frac{2a^2b^4}{c}$  C.  $\frac{a^4b^3}{16c^2}$  D.  $\frac{c}{2a^2b^4}$  E. None of the above.

4. Subtract and simplify: 
$$\frac{3x}{3x+1} - \frac{x}{x-2}$$
.  
A.  $\frac{2x^2-1}{(3x+1)(x-2)}$  B.  $\frac{-3x^2}{(3x+1)(x-2)}$  C.  $\frac{-7x}{(3x+1)(x-2)}$  D.  $\frac{2x}{(3x+1)(x-2)}$  E. None of the above

5. Divide and simplify: 
$$\frac{x-2}{x^2-2x-3} \div \frac{x^2-x-2}{x^2-9}$$
.  
A.  $\frac{(x-2)^2}{(x-3)^2(x+3)}$  B.  $\frac{x+3}{(x+1)^2}$  C.  $\frac{x+3}{x+1}$  D.  $\frac{1}{x+3}$  E. None of the above.

7. Write without negative exponents: 
$$\frac{xy^{-1}}{(x+y)^{-1}}$$
.

A.  $\frac{x(x+y)}{y}$  B.  $\frac{x^2}{x+y}$  C.  $\frac{x+y}{xy}$  D.  $\frac{xy}{x+y}$  E. None of the above.

8. Simplify by rationalizing the denominator: 
$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2+\sqrt{3}}$$
  
A.  $\frac{1}{2}$  B. 2 C.  $2\sqrt{3}-3$  D.  $\sqrt{3}+2$  E.  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}-3}{7}$ 

10. If 
$$A = P(1 + rt)$$
, then  $t = A$ .  $\frac{A - P}{r}$  B.  $A - P$  C.  $\frac{A - P}{P}$  D.  $\frac{A}{P}$  E. None of the above.

11. A truck enters a freeway traveling 40 mph. One hour later a car enters the same freeway traveling 55 mph. After how many miles will the car overtake the truck? A. 
$$146\frac{2}{3}$$
 miles B.  $201\frac{2}{3}$  miles C.  $120$  miles D.  $106\frac{2}{3}$  E. None of the above.

<sup>6.</sup> A job takes 4 hours for two people working together. If one person works alone he can do the job in 6 hours. How long will it take the other person working alone to complete the job?A. 4 hrs. B. 6 hrs. C. 8 hrs. D. 10 hrs. E. None of the above.

- 12. A square of side x is inscribed in a circle. Express the area, A, of the circle as a function of x. A.  $A = \frac{\pi}{2}x^2$  B.  $A = x^2$  C.  $A = \pi x^2$  D.  $A = \frac{\pi}{4}x^2$  E. None of the above.
- 13. Solve for  $p: \frac{4}{2p-3} + \frac{10}{4p^2-9} = \frac{1}{2p+3}$ A.  $p = -\frac{3}{2}$  B.  $p = \frac{5}{6}$  C. There is no solution D.  $p = -\frac{25}{6}$  E. None of the above.
- 14. How many ml of a 50% acid solution should be added to 40 ml of a 20% acid solution to obtain a solution that is 25% acid?

A. 10 ml B. 8 ml C. 6 ml D. 4 ml E. None of the above.

- 15. Solve for  $x : x = \sqrt{14 + 5x}$ . A. x = 3, x = 14 B. x = -2, x = 7 C. x = -2 D.  $x = \frac{14}{3}$  E. None of the above.
- 16. Find all solutions:  $m^4 m^2 6 = 0$ . A. m = 2, 3 B.  $m = -2, \pm \sqrt{3}$  C.  $m = \pm \sqrt{3}, \pm 2i$  D.  $m = \pm \sqrt{3}, \pm \sqrt{2}i$  E. None of the above.
- 17. Solve the inequality and express the solution in terms of intervals: 3x 2 > 6x + 1A.  $(-\infty, -1)$  B. (-1, 1) C.  $(-\infty, -1]$  D.  $(-1, \infty)$  E. None of the above.
- 18. Solve the inequality:  $|6-2x| \le 3$ .  $A.x \ge \frac{3}{2}$  B.  $x \le \frac{3}{2}$  C.  $\frac{3}{2} \le x \le \frac{9}{2}$  D.  $-\frac{9}{2} \le x \le -\frac{3}{2}$  E. None of the above.
- 19. Find all values of k so that the solutions of the following equation are real numbers:  $2x^2 4x + k = 0$ .

A. k=2 B. k>2 C.  $k\geq 2$  D.  $k\leq 2$  E. None of the above.

- 20. The base of a triangle is three inches more than its height. If each is increased by 3 inches the area is 14 square inches. Find the original base (b) and original height (h) in inches. A. b = 4, h = 1 B. b = 9, h = 6 C. b = 8, h = 5 D. b = 7/2, h = l/2 E. None of the above.
- 21. Solve for x:

$$2x^2 + y^2 = 1$$
$$x - y = 1$$

A. x = 2/3 B. x = 0, 2/3 C. x = -2/3 D. x = 0, 3/2 E. None of the above.

22. If the point (2,3) is midway between A and B and the point A has coordinates (1,-2), find the coordinates of the point B.

A. (1,5) B. (3,1) C. (3,8) D. (3/2,1/2) E. None of the above.

23. The slope of a line perpendicular to the line drawn is:



A. 1/3 B. -1/3 C. -3 D. 3 E. None of these.

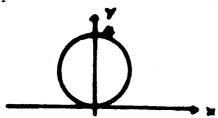
24. If m varies directly as the product of x and y and inversely as z, find the constant of proportionality k if m=3 when x=4, y=2 and z=6.

A. k = 1/6 B. k = 9/4 C. k = 3 D. k = 1/4 E. None of the above.

25. Give the equation of the line in slope-intercept form which is parallel to the line 2x - 3y = 7and contains the point (4,-1).

A.  $y = \frac{3}{2}x - 7$  B.  $y = -\frac{2}{3}x + \frac{5}{2}$  C.  $y = \frac{2}{3}x - \frac{11}{3}$  D.  $y = \frac{2}{3}x + \frac{14}{3}$  E. None of the above.

26. The equation for the circle shown is:



**A.**  $x^2 + y^2 = 4$  **B.**  $x^2 + y^2 - 4y = 0$  **C.**  $x^2(y-2) = 4$  **D.**  $x^2 + y^2 + 4y = 0$  **E.**  $x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 4y - 8 = 0$ 

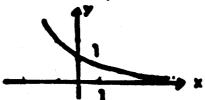
27. Determine  $(g \circ f)(x)$  for the following functions:  $f(x) = 1 - \sqrt{x}$  and g(x) = 1/x. A.  $-\sqrt{x}$  B.  $1 - \sqrt{1/x}$  C.  $1 - \sqrt{x}$  D.  $\frac{1}{1 - \sqrt{x}}$  E.  $1/\sqrt{x}$ 

- 28. If  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x^2 + 1}$ , find  $\frac{1}{f(3)}$ . A. 3/10 B. 3/16 C. 16/3 D. 10/3 E. None of these.
- 29. The graph below could best be described by which equation?



A.  $y = 2x^2 + 2$  B.  $y = -2x^2 + 2$  C.  $y = -2x^2 - 2$  D.  $y = 2x^2 - 2$  E.  $y = -(x-2)^2$ 

30. The figure below most closely resembles the graph of which function?



A.  $y = (1/2)^x$  B.  $y = 2^x$  C.  $y = -2^x$  D.  $y = -(1/2)^x$  E.  $y = 1 - 2^x$ 

31. Express as one logarithm:  $\log_b y^3 + \log_b y^2 - \log_b y^4$ A.  $\log_b y^2$  B.  $\log_b y$  C.  $\log_b (y^3 + y^2 - y^4)$  D.  $\log_b \frac{y^3 + y^2}{y^4}$  E. None of the above.

32. Which are true of the function  $f(x) = \log_a x$  if a > 1?

I. f is an increasing function. II. f has a as an x intercept. III. f has 1 as a y intercept. IV. The domain of f is  $(0, \infty)$ . List all correct answers.

A. I, II and III B. I and II C. II and IV D. I and IV E. I and III

- 33. Which of the following is equivalent to  $\log \left( \frac{432}{\sqrt{.095}\sqrt[3]{72.1}} \right)$ ?
  - A.  $\log 432 \frac{1}{2} \log .095 3 \log 72.1$  B.  $\log 432 \frac{1}{2} \log .095 \frac{1}{3} \log 72.1$  C.  $\log 432 2 \log .095 + 3 \log 72.1$  D.  $\log 432 \frac{1}{2} \log .095 + \frac{1}{3} \log 72.1$

  - E.  $\log 432 2 \log .095 3 \log 72.1$
- 34. Solve for  $x:3^{x-5}=4$ .

A. 
$$x = \log 4 + 5 \log 3$$
 B.  $x = 5 + \log(4/3)$  C.  $x = 5 + \frac{\log 4}{\log 3}$ 

- D.  $x = 5 + \log 4$  E.  $x = \frac{5 + \log 4}{\log 3}$
- 35. Solve for  $x : \log_3 \sqrt{2x+3} = 2$ .

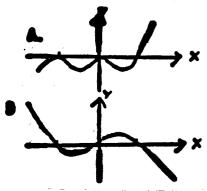
A. 
$$x = 5/2$$
 B.  $x = 3/2$  C.  $x = 39$  D.  $x = 17$  E.  $x = 3$ 

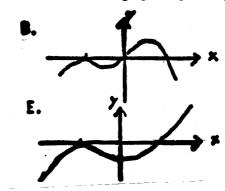
36. Given that  $\log_3 m = 8$ ,  $\log_3 n = 10$  and  $\log_3 p = 6$ . Calculate  $\log_3 \left(\frac{\sqrt{mn}}{n^3}\right)$ .

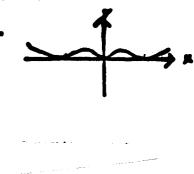
A. -9 B. 
$$\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{27}$$
 C. 22 D. -56 E. -4

37. The graph of  $y = 2 + 2^x$  crosses the y-axis at

38. Which of the following looks most like the graph of  $y = x^2(x-1)(x+1)^2$ ?







39. Which set of equations below has no solution?

A. 
$$3x + 3y = 8$$
 $3x + 4y = 5$ 
 $6x + 8y = 10$ 
C.  $2x - 3y = 4$ 
 $-4x + 6y = 3$ 
D.  $x - 4y = 6$ 
 $2x - 4y = 6$ 
E.  $3x - 2y = 4$ 
 $6x + 4y = 8$ 

40. Determine where the two lines x + 4y = 3 and 2x - 6y = 8 intersect.

A. 
$$x = \frac{-12}{5}, y = \frac{6}{5}$$
 B.  $x = \frac{1}{3}, y = \frac{4}{9}$  C.  $x = \frac{2}{7}, y = \frac{5}{7}$  D.  $x = \frac{1}{8}, y = \frac{2}{5}$  E. None of the above.

41. The value of a rare book is increasing linearly. It was worth \$54 in 1981 and \$62 in 1983. What is the formula for the value (v) of the book t years after 1980?

A. 
$$v = 50 + 4t$$
 B.  $v = 48 + 3t$  C.  $v = 50 + 3t$  D.  $v = 51 + 4t$  E. None of the above.

42. If  $f(x) = x^2 - 2x + 4$  then  $\frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h} =$ A. 2x + h - 2 B. x + 2h - 2 C. x + 2h + 2 D. 2x - h - 2 E. 2x - h + 2

A. 
$$2x + h - 2$$
 B.  $x + 2h - 2$  C.  $x + 2h + 2$  D.  $2x - h - 2$  E.  $2x - h + 2$ .

43. An aquarium in the shape of a rectangular box is to have a height of 1.5 feet and a volume of 6 cubic feet. Let x denote the length of the base and y the width of the base. Express y as a function of x.

A. 
$$y = 1.5x$$
 B.  $y = \frac{4}{x}$  C.  $y = x^2$  D.  $y = \frac{6}{x}$  E.  $y = 9x$ 

44. If  $\log_x 2 = 5$ , solve for x. Give you answer correct to four decimal places. (Hint: Change to exponential notation.)

A. 2.2361 B. 1.4142 C. 0.6990 D. 1.1487 E. 0.3010

## SOLUTION

1. D; 2. C; 3. A; 4. C; 5. B; 6. E [12 hrs.]; 7. A; 8. C; 9. B; 10 E [(A-P)/Pr]; 11. A; 12 A; 13 D; 14. B; 15. E [x=7]; 16. D; 17. A; 18. C; 19. D; 20. A; 21. B; 22. C; 23. D; 24. B; 25. C; 26. B; 27. D; 28. D; 29. B; 30. A; 31. B; 32. D; 33. B; 34. C; 35. C; 36. A; 37. D; 38. A; 39. C; 40.  $E[x=\frac{25}{7},y=\frac{-1}{7}]$ ; 41. A; 42. A; 43. B. 44. D