

**2022 MAΘ National Convention  
Theta Individual Answers and Solutions**

**Answers:**

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

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**Solutions:**

1.  $20(.5) + 20(1) + 2x = 60 \rightarrow x = 15 \rightarrow 55 \rightarrow 10$       D

2. Draw a picture and you see triangle RLZ is isosceles with angle LRZ making a measure of 36 degrees. That leaves 72 degrees in angle R. Angle WRL bisects a 36-degree angle so the answer is 18 degrees      A

3. If you started listing them you would see that 3,6,9,2,5 and 8 would be counted twice and 1,4 and 7 would be counted once. Add them up and you get 78      B

4. Simplify the top piece to:  $\frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x + 1}$  plug in -1 and you get -1.5      B

5.  $|x + 5| = -3|x + 5| + 6 \rightarrow |x + 5| = \frac{3}{2}$ . If you graph this you see that the region is a kite with diagonals of 6 and 3. And the area is  $\frac{1}{2}$  the product of the diagonals, so 9      C

6. Easier to figure out how many don't contain a 1 and then subtract from 9999. Break into 4 cases of 1,2,3, and 4-digit numbers respectively.  
 $8 + 8 \cdot 9 + 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 + 8 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 \cdot 9 = 8 + 72 + 648 + 5832 = 6560 \rightarrow 9999 - 6560 = 3439$       C

7. Write out the first few terms:  $a_1 = 0, a_2 = i, a_3 = -1 + i, a_4 = -i, a_5 = -1 + i$

All the odd numbered terms are going to be  $-1 + i$ . So  $\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$       B

8. Call the points (P,0), (0,I), and (4,3) use your slope formula to get:

$$\frac{0-3}{P-4} = \frac{I-3}{0-4} \rightarrow 12 = (P-4)(I-3) \rightarrow P-4 = 1 \rightarrow P = 5$$

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9.  $\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3 = \frac{1}{3} \pi r^2 h \rightarrow r = \frac{h}{3} \rightarrow \frac{r}{h} = \frac{1}{3}$       C

10. Solve for the equations of the 2 lines  $y = -2x + 12$   
 $y = \frac{-1}{2}x + 9$  set  $y = x$  and solve and you get intersection

points (6,6) and (4,4). The distance is  $2\sqrt{2}$       C

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11. Draw a picture and call the angles that are congruent  $x$ . call angle WLU  $y$  and angle ZUL  $w$ . So,  $x+y-w=42$  and  $x=w+y$  solve the system and you get  $2y=42$  so  $y=21$       A

12. Let  $x$ = side of larger square and  $y$ = side of smaller square

$$4x - 4y = 10 \rightarrow x - y = \frac{5}{2} \rightarrow x^2 - y^2 = (x - y)(x + y) = 100$$

$$\frac{5}{2}(x + y) = 100 \rightarrow x + y = 40 \rightarrow x = \frac{85}{4}, y = \frac{75}{4} \quad \text{B}$$

$$4y = 75 \rightarrow 7 + 5 = 12$$

$$\frac{n}{2}[2a_1 + (n-1)(d)] = 180(n-2) \rightarrow n[2 \cdot 172 + (n-1)(-4)] = 360n - 720$$

13.  $344n - 4n^2 + 4n = 360n - 720 \rightarrow 4n^2 + 12n - 720 = 0 \rightarrow n^2 + 3n - 240 = 0$       D  
 $(n+15)(n-12) = 0 \rightarrow n = 12$

14. Draw a picture. Triangles LFW and WJU are isosceles triangles. Call the congruent angles in JWU  $x$  and the congruent angles in triangle LWF  $y$ . you then get

$$180 - 2y + 180 - 2x + 32 = 180 \rightarrow 212 = 2x + 2y \quad \text{Our angle is } 180 - 106 = 74 \quad \text{D}$$

$$x + y = 106$$

15. Draw a picture and use power of the point. Let  $LW=x$  and  $UF=y$ . That makes  $MF=40-y$  and  $RW=38-x$ .  $MF + RW = MR$  by power of the point. You then get  $40-y+38-x=36$   $x+y=42$       D

16. You can quickly see that the center of the ellipse is  $(6,1)$  this makes  $c=2$  and  $b=4$ . The area is  $\pi ab$       A  
 $a^2 = 2^2 + 4^2 = 20 \rightarrow a = 2\sqrt{5} \rightarrow 8\pi\sqrt{5}$

$$x \pm 3 = |2x + 1| \rightarrow 2x + 1 = x + 3 \rightarrow x = 2$$

$$2x + 1 = x - 3 \rightarrow x = -4$$

17.  $2x + 1 = -x + 3 \rightarrow x = \frac{2}{3}$       We produced 4 solutions but 2 were extraneous so

$$2x + 1 = -x - 3 \rightarrow x = \frac{-4}{3}$$

$$2, \frac{-4}{3}$$

B

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18.  $(k-1)(k^2+k+1)=0 \rightarrow (k^2+k+1)=0 \rightarrow 1+k^2=-k \rightarrow 1+k=-k^2$   
 $(1-k+k^2)(1+k-k^2)=(-2k)(-2k^2)=4k^3=4$  D

19. All 4!! The graph of  $y = \log x$  goes through quadrants I and IV.  $y = \log x^2$  is a reflection across the y-axis D

20. Call the roots  $r - \frac{3}{2}d, r - \frac{1}{2}d, r + \frac{1}{2}d, r + \frac{3}{2}d$  so that we can exploit some symmetry. The sum of roots  $4r=0$  by Vieta's formula, so  $r=0$  that makes the roots  $-\frac{3}{2}d, -\frac{1}{2}d, \frac{1}{2}d, \frac{3}{2}d$ . Convert roots to factors.  $\left(x - \frac{3}{2}d\right)\left(x + \frac{3}{2}d\right)\left(x - \frac{1}{2}d\right)\left(x + \frac{1}{2}d\right) = \left(x^2 - \frac{9}{4}d^2\right)\left(x^2 - \frac{1}{4}d^2\right) = x^4 - \frac{5}{2}x^2 + \frac{9}{16}d^4$  So by product of roots  $\frac{9}{16}d^4 = 225 \rightarrow d = \pm 2\sqrt{5}$ . B

21. Total distance divided by total time:  $\frac{21 + \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{6}} = \frac{21 \cdot 12 + 3}{30 + 3 + 2} = \frac{255}{35} = \frac{51}{7} \rightarrow 58$  A

$\frac{4^x}{2^{x+y}} = 8 \rightarrow 2^{x-y} = 2^3 \rightarrow x - y = 3$   
 22.  $\frac{9^{x+y}}{3^{5y}} = 243 \rightarrow 3^{2x-3y} = 3^5 \rightarrow 2x - 3y = 5$  D  
 $x = 4, y = 1 \rightarrow 4 + 1 = 5$

23.  $\frac{2k-1}{k+1} - \frac{k+1}{k+1} \leq 0 \rightarrow \frac{k-2}{k+1} \leq 0 \rightarrow (-1, 2] \rightarrow$  so 0, 1, and 2 work B

$y = -2x + b \rightarrow y = -2x + 7$   
 24.  $y = \frac{1}{2}x + b \rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}x + 2 \rightarrow \frac{1}{2}x + 2 = -2x + 7 \rightarrow x + 4 = -4x + 14 \rightarrow 5x = 10 \rightarrow x = 2$   
C

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$$81 + (n_1 - 1)d = 256 \rightarrow (n_1 - 1)d = 175$$

25.  $81 + (n_2 - 1)d = 256 \rightarrow (n_2 - 1)d = 63$  D

$$\frac{(n_1 - 1)}{(n_2 - 1)} = \frac{175}{63} = \frac{25}{9} \rightarrow n_1 = 26$$

26.  $\frac{1 + \sqrt{2k - 1}}{\sqrt{k + \sqrt{2k - 1}}} = x \rightarrow x^2 = \frac{1 + 2k - 1 + 2\sqrt{2k - 1}}{k + \sqrt{2k - 1}} = 2 \rightarrow x = \sqrt{2}$  A

27. This means that they both get 0, 1, 2 or 3 each

$$\binom{1}{8} \binom{1}{8} + \binom{3}{8} \binom{3}{8} + \binom{3}{8} \binom{3}{8} + \binom{1}{8} \binom{1}{8} = \frac{20}{64} = \frac{5}{16}$$
 B

28.  $\frac{9}{10} SP_s = \frac{6}{5} SP_L \rightarrow \frac{45}{60} = \frac{P_L}{P_s} = \frac{3}{4}$  B

29.  $2^{12} - {}_{12}C_7 = 4096 - 792 = 3304$  C

$$Z - 2L - U = 2$$

$$2Z + 3L + 3U = 1$$

30.  $Z - L - U = 3$  B

$$(2, 1, -2) \rightarrow 1$$