For all questions, E "NOTA" means none of the above answers is correct.

1. Find the equation of the directrix closest to the pole of the following conic section:

r =
$$\frac{12}{6 - 3\cos\theta}$$

a) x = 4 b) x = -4 c) y = 4 d) y = -4 e) NOTA

- 2. Find the shortest distance from point P(1, 2, -1) to the line joining $P_1(0, 0, 0)$ and $P_2(-1, 0, 2)$.
 - a) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$ b) $\sqrt{5}$ c) $\sqrt{\frac{21}{5}}$ d) $\sqrt{17}$ e) NOTA
- 3. Four symmetrically placed congruent circles with radius 1 intersect at a single point. Find the area of the shaded pairwise intersection.



- a) $2\pi 4$ b) $2\pi 2$ c) π d) 2π e) NOTA
- 4. A square is inscribed in a semi-circle and its associated diameter. The semi-circle has a radius of 10. What is the area of the region inside the semi-circular region but outside the square?
 - a) $100\pi 25$ b) $100\pi 50$ c) $50\pi 25$ d) $50\pi 50$ e) NOTA
- 5. Consider the following diagram where circle C is inscribed in an equilateral triangle and an altitude is drawn from a vertex to the corresponding base. Find the sine of the angle ABC.



a)
$$\frac{\sqrt{21}}{14}$$
 b) $\frac{\sqrt{7}}{10}$ c) $\frac{1}{2}$ d) $\frac{2}{\sqrt{7}}$ e) NOTA

a) Hyperbola

b) Parabola

- 6. The lines $y = \frac{5}{12}x$ and $y = \frac{4}{3}x$ are drawn in the coordinate plane. Find the slope of the line that bisects the smaller angle formed by these lines.
 - a) $-\frac{9}{7}$ b) $\frac{4}{11}$ c) $\frac{7}{9}$ d) $\frac{11}{4}$ e) NOTA
- 7. The line $y = \frac{3x+7}{4}$ intersects the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ at (a, b) and (c, d). Find the sum of the absolute values of only the integers in the set (a, b, c, d).
 - a) 7 b) 9 c) 11 d) 22 e) NOTA
- 8. A circle is tangent to the y-axis at the point (0, 2) and passes through the point (8, 0). Find the radius of the circle.
 - a) 4 b) $\frac{17}{4}$ c) $2\sqrt{17}$ d) Not Enough Info e) NOTA
- 9. Square ABCD has sides of length 4, and M is the midpoint of CD. A circle with radius 2 and center M intersects a circle with radius 4 and center A at points P and D. What is the distance from P to AD?
 - a) 3 b) $\frac{16}{5}$ c) $\frac{13}{4}$ d) $2\sqrt{3}$ e) NOTA

10. For some positive real number *r*, the line x + y = r is tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = r$. Find *r*.

a) 2 b) $2\sqrt{2}$ c) 4 d) $4\sqrt{2}$ e) NOTA

For questions 11-12, we'll be checking out the matrix representation of conic sections.

The general conic section $Ax^2 + Bxy + Cy^2 + Dx + Ey + F = 0$ can be expressed in matrix form as $\boldsymbol{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 2A & B & D \\ B & 2C & E \\ D & E & 2F \end{bmatrix}$ 11. A certain conic has $\boldsymbol{Q} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 4 & 3 \\ 4 & 8 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 6 \end{bmatrix}$. Classify this conic

c) Circle

d) Ellipse

e) NOTA

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12. A conic with $|\mathbf{Q}|=0$ is considered degenerate. Which of the following conics is degenerate?

a)
$$3x^2 - 12x + 4y^2 - 8y + 16 = 4$$

b) $4x^2 - 4xy + 7y^2 - 24 = 0$
c) $2xy = 1$
d) $31x^2 + 12xy + y^2 - 50x - 125 = 0$
e) NOTA

For questions 13-15, let's examine the parameters of conic sections in more detail.

The **linear eccentricity** is the distance between the center and the focus (or one of the two foci). The **latus rectum** is the chord parallel to the directrix and passing through the focus (or one of the two foci). The **focal parameter** is the distance from the focus (or one of the two foci) to the directrix.

13. Find the length of the latus rectum of the $\frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{16} = 1$.

a) $\frac{18}{4}$ b) $\frac{32}{3}$ c) 12 d) 16 e) NOTA

14. If the major axis of an ellipse is equal to 4 and the eccentricity is .5, find the linear eccentricity.

a) .5 b) 1 c) 2 d) 4 e) NOTA

15. If the focal parameter of a parabola is equal to 3, what is the length of the latus rectum?

a) $\frac{1}{2}$ b) $\frac{3}{2}$ c) 3 d) 6 e) NOTA

16. Find the sine of the dihedral angle between two faces of a regular tetrahedron.

a) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ b) $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$ c) $\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$ d) $\frac{2\sqrt{6}}{3}$ e) NOTA

17. Find the volume of the following quadric surface $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} + \frac{z^2}{1} = 1$

- a) 4π b) 6π c) 8π d) 36π e) NOTA
- 18. In cylindrical coordinates, the graph of r = z is intersected by the graph, in rectangular coordinates, of x = 5. What is the shape of this intersection?
 - a) Hyperbola b) Circle c) Ellipse d) Point e) NOTA

a) $\frac{5}{3}$

- 19. Eliminate the parameter from the parametric equations $x = 4e^{\frac{t}{4}}$, $y = 3e^{t}$
 - a) $y = 3\ln x$ b) $y = \frac{3x^4}{64}$ c) $y = \ln \frac{x}{4}$ d) y = 3x e) NOTA
- 20. A laser is shot from vertex A of square ABCD of side length 1, towards point P on BC so that $BP=\frac{3}{4}$. The laser reflects off the sides of the square, until it hits another vertex, at which point it stops. What is the length of the path the laser takes?



e) NOTA

d) ∞

- 21. Find the number of petals traced out by the polar curve $r = \sin(\theta) \cos(\theta) \cos(2\theta) \cos(4\theta)$
 - a) 8 b) 16 c) 32 d) 64 e) NOTA
- 22. The eight roots of $x^8 1 = 0$ are graphed in the complex plane. Find the area of the octagon created by connecting all eight points in clockwise order about the origin.
 - a) $2 \sqrt{2}$ b) $\sqrt{2}$ c) $2\sqrt{2}$ d) $2 + 2\sqrt{2}$ e) NOTA
- 23. Points A and B are in the first quadrant, and O is the origin. If the slope of OA is 1 and the slope of OB is 7, and OA and OB have the same length, then compute the slope of AB.
 - a) $-\frac{2}{3}$ b) $-\frac{3}{4}$ c) $-\frac{6}{7}$ d) $-\frac{1}{6}$ e) NOTA
- 24. A plane passes through the center of a cube and is perpendicular to one of the cube's diagonals. How many edges of the cube does the plane intersect?
 - a) 4 b) 5 c) 6 d) 8 e) NOTA

- 25. The polar curve $r = cos(\theta) + \frac{1}{4}$ is plotted in the Cartesian coordinate system. Find the maximum distance of any point on this curve to the origin.
 - a) $\frac{1}{4}$ b) 1 c) $\frac{5}{4}$ d) $\frac{9}{4}$ e) NOTA
- 26. The point (3, 4) is rotated 120° clockwise about the origin. Find the distance between the original point and the new rotated point.
 - a) $5\sqrt{3}$ b) 10 c) $5\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}$ d) 25 e) NOTA
- 27. Find the volume of the figure that results from the rotation of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ about the line y = -6.
 - a) 150π b) 300π c) 600π d) 800π e) NOTA
- 28. For $\theta \in [0, 2\pi]$, how many times do the graphs $r^2 = 25 \cos(2\theta)$ and r = 4 intersect?
 - a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4 e) NOTA
- 29. Find the equation of the plane determined by the three points (2, -1, -1), (1, 4, 0), and (-3, 4, 1).
 - a) 5x 3y + 20z + 7 = 0b) -x + 5y + z - 19 = 0c) 5x + 5y + 20z - 25 = 0d) 3x - 3y + 12z + 9 = 0e) NOTA
- 30. Nate likes squares. A square is inscribed in an ellipse such that two sides of the square respectively pass through the two foci of the ellipse. The square has a side length of 4. The square of the length of the minor axis of the ellipse can be written in the form $a + b\sqrt{c}$ where a, b, and c are positive integers and c is not divisible by the square of any prime. Find the sum a + b + c.
 - a) 9 b) 13 c) 18 d) 21 e) NOTA