

Theta Equations and Inequalities**2015 MA0 National Convention**

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

1. Find the values of k so that the equation $3kx^2 - 4kx + 1 = 0$ has no real roots.

A. $\boxed{A} > 5$ B. $\boxed{B} -5 < k < \frac{3}{4}$ C. $\boxed{C} 5 < k < 5$ D. $\boxed{D} 0 < k < \frac{3}{4}$ E. NOTA

2. Find the sum of the solutions of the equation $\boxed{A}x^5 - 8x^4 + 7x^3 - 41x^2 + 6x - 5 = 0$.

A. 2 B. -2 C. 8 D. -8 E. NOTA

3. If $\log_x y + \log_y x = 2.9$ and $\boxed{A}y = 128$, find the value of $\boxed{A}x + y$.

A. 32 B. 36 C. 40 D. 48 E. NOTA

4. If $\boxed{A}2^x = \frac{1}{4}$, what is the value of $\boxed{A}x$?

A. $\boxed{A} \frac{1}{4}$ B. 4 C. $\boxed{C} -\frac{1}{4}$ D. -4 E. NOTA

5. Let a and b be distinct real numbers such that $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{a+3b}{b+3a} = 2$. Find the ratio $\boxed{A}:b$.

A. 1:2 B. 3:1 C. 1:3 D. 2:1 E. NOTA

6. Find the number of positive real roots of the equation $\boxed{A}x^4 + x^3 - 3x^2 - 4x - 4 = 0$.

A. 0 B. 1 C. 2 D. 3 E. NOTA

7. The real solution(s) to $\boxed{A}|x|^2 - \sqrt{x^2} - 6 = 0$ can be found in which of the following intervals?

A. $\boxed{A}[-6, 21]$ B. $\boxed{B}[-4, 1]$ C. $\boxed{C}[-2, 20)$ D. $\boxed{D} \left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$ E. NOTA

8. In the days of yore, it cost 85¢ to attend a football game. At this cost, 5000 fans would attend. For each 5¢ increase, the attendance decreased by 200 fans. How much should have been charged for maximum revenue if the stadium held a maximum of 8000 fans?

A. \$1 B. \$1.05 C. \$1.15 D. 95¢ E. NOTA

9. If x is an integer and the inequalities $\boxed{A}x - \sqrt{2} < 6$ and $\boxed{B}-2x < -4$ are both true, what is the value of x ?

A. 0 B. 5 C. 4 D. 3 E. NOTA

10. Find the value of n for which $\boxed{A}P_4 = 20 \binom{n}{n-1} C_2$.

A. 5 B. 6 C. 10 D. 4 E. NOTA

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11. Find the sum of the solutions to $\boxed{x} + 2 = \sqrt{4 + x\sqrt{8 - x}}$.
- A. -9 B. -1 C. -2 D. 0 E. NOTA
12. A triangle has 10 and 14 as two of its side lengths. Which of the following could not be the length of the third side?
- A. 4.2 B. 23 C. 17 D. 4 E. NOTA
13. Solve for x : $\sqrt{2x^2 + \sqrt{3x}} - \sqrt{2} = 0$.
- A. $\frac{-\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{11}}{4}$ B. $\frac{-\sqrt{3} \pm \sqrt{\sqrt{3} - 8}}{2\sqrt{2}}$ C. $\frac{-\sqrt{6} \pm \sqrt{22}}{4}$ D. $-\frac{\sqrt{6}}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{10}}{4}i$ E. NOTA
14. Solve for x :
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \\ \boxed{x} - 4 & x - 2 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 28.$$
- A. 3 B. -42 C. -1 D. 31 E. NOTA
15. Find the product of the real solutions to $\left(\log \boxed{x}\right)^3 = \log(x^{16})$.
- A. 10^{-4} B. 1 C. 13 D. 0 E. NOTA
16. In terms of a , which ordered pair satisfies $\begin{cases} ax + 3y = 6 \\ \boxed{-2x} - y = 4 \end{cases}$?
- A. $\left(\frac{6}{a-6}, \frac{4(a+3)}{a-6}\right)$ B. $\left(\frac{18}{a+6}, \frac{a+3}{a-2}\right)$ C. $\left(\frac{a-6}{18}, \frac{6-a}{4(a+3)}\right)$
D. No such ordered pair exists E. NOTA
17. How many ordered quadruples of nonnegative integers (a, b, c, d) are there such that $\boxed{a} + b + c + d = 10$?
- A. 286 B. 1001 C. 715 D. 342 E. NOTA
18. How many integral pairs (x, y) are there to $\boxed{x}^2 - y^2 = 270$?
- A. 0 B. 1 C. 2 D. 4 E. NOTA
19. A two-digit number is multiplied by 23, which yields a four-digit number whose first and last digits are 1 and whose second and third digits are the original two-digit number. If the original two-digit number is XY , find $\boxed{X} + Y$. (XY does not represent the product of X and Y .)
- A. 13 B. 14 C. 12 D. 10 E. NOTA
20. Find the sum of the values of x which satisfy $81^{x^3+2x^2} = \left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^{\frac{5}{3}x}$.
- A. 2.5 B. -3 C. 0 D. -2 E. NOTA

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21. Find the length of the solution interval for $|3 - 4x| \leq 11$.
- A. 1.75 B. 2 C. 2.25 D. 3.5 E. NOTA
22. Find the ratio $\frac{z}{y}$ given $\begin{cases} \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{1}{3} \\ \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{5} \\ \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{1}{7} \end{cases}$. A. 17 B. 23 C. 29 D. 31 E. NOTA
23. Suppose a , b , and c are integers such that (i.) $1 < a < b$ and (ii.) the polynomial $(x-a)(x-b) - 17$ is divisible by $(x-c)$. Find the minimum value of $a+b+c$.
- A. 14 B. 17 C. 21 D. 24 E. NOTA
24. How many integers are in the solution set of $\log_4(x-2) \leq 2$?
- A. 16 B. 17 C. 18 D. 19 E. NOTA
25. Let a and b be two positive integers such that b is a multiple of a . Find the value of $b^2 - a^2$ if $\log\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^{\frac{b}{2}} + \log\left(\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}\right)^{9a} = 1$.
- A. 357 B. 396 C. 1600 D. 5967 E. NOTA
26. Find the value of $a+b+c+d$ if a , b , c , and d are positive integers that satisfy $\begin{cases} ab + cd = 38 \\ ac + bd = 34 \\ ad + bc = 43 \end{cases}$.
- A. 15 B. 16 C. 17 D. 18 E. NOTA
27. $\frac{3}{17} < \frac{n}{68} < \frac{32}{51}$ is true for how many integer values of n ?
- A. 28 B. 29 C. 30 D. 32 E. NOTA
28. Which of the following is a true statement?
- A. $2^{\frac{1}{6}} < 3^{\frac{1}{10}} < 6^{\frac{1}{15}}$ B. $2^{\frac{1}{6}} < 6^{\frac{1}{15}} < 3^{\frac{1}{10}}$ C. $3^{\frac{1}{10}} < 6^{\frac{1}{5}} < 2^{\frac{1}{6}}$ D. $3^{\frac{1}{10}} < 2^{\frac{1}{6}} < 6^{\frac{1}{15}}$ E. NOTA
29. Two of the solutions of $x^4 + x^3 + 5x^2 + 4x - 12 = 0$ are imaginary numbers. The other two solutions must satisfy which of the following equations?
- A. $x^2 - x - 4 = 0$ B. $x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$ C. $x^2 + x - 3 = 0$ D. $x^2 + 3x - 2 = 0$
E. NOTA
30. Find the area of the closed region in the xy -plane described by $x^2 + y^2 \leq 4x + 4\sqrt{3}y$.
- A. 8π B. 12π C. 16π D. 16π E. NOTA