

**FAMAT Algebra II Individual Test**  
**January 2001 Regional**

Answer "E. NOTA" means "none of the above."

1. The ratio of 2 numbers is  $1:\sqrt{2}$ . Their sum is 1.  
 Find the larger number.

- A.  $1 + \sqrt{2}$
- B.  $2 + \sqrt{2}$
- C.  $-1 + \sqrt{2}$
- D.  $2 - \sqrt{2}$
- E. NOTA

2. Solve:  $\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{3}x + \frac{1}{5}$

- A.  $-\frac{3}{10}$
- B.  $\frac{3}{50}$
- C.  $\frac{3}{10}$
- D.  $\frac{27}{50}$
- E. NOTA

3. Given  $f(x) = \begin{cases} -x + 2, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 5, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ x - 3, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$

Find  $f(2) - f(0) + f(-2)$

- A. -10
- B. 4
- C. 8
- D. 10
- E. NOTA

4. Find  $x$  if  $\log_2(x+1) + \log_2(x-1) = 3$ .

- A.  $\pm 3$
- B.  $\pm 1$
- C. -3
- D. 8
- E. NOTA

5. Solve over the real numbers:

$$\sqrt{2x+7} - x = 2$$

- A. no solution
- B. {-3, 1}
- C. {0}
- D. {1}
- E. NOTA

6. If -1 is a solution of  $x^2 + bx - 3 = 0$ ,  
 the other solution is

- A.  $\frac{2}{b}$
- B. -3
- C. -2
- D. 3
- E. NOTA

7. Find the value of  $x + y + z$ .

$$3x - 4y + z = -7$$

$$2x + 2y - 3z = 12$$

$$-x + 3y + 2z = 1$$

- A. -1
- B. 1
- C. 3
- D. 5
- E. NOTA

8. Where defined,  $\frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{x^2-1} + \frac{1}{x^3-1} =$

- A.  $\frac{x^2+x+1}{x^3-1}$
- B.  $\frac{x^3+3x^2+4x+3}{(x+1)(x^3-1)}$
- C.  $\frac{x^3+3x^2+4x+3}{(x-1)(x^3-1)}$

- D.  $\frac{3}{x^3+x^2-3}$
- E. NOTA

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9.  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ . If  $2i$  is a root of

$$x^4 + 7x^3 + 13x^2 + 28x + 36 = 0, \text{ another root is}$$

A.  $\frac{-7 + \sqrt{13}}{2}$

B.  $\frac{-5 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$

C.  $\frac{6 + \sqrt{11}}{4}$

D.  $\frac{2 + 3i}{2}$

E. NOTA

10. For an appropriate value of  $k$ , one root of

$$\text{the equation } 2x^2 - 7x + k = 0 \text{ is one less}$$

than twice the other root. One of these roots is

A. -2

B. 2

C.  $\frac{5}{2}$

D.  $\frac{8}{3}$

E. NOTA

11. The expression  $1 - \frac{1}{1+\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{1-\sqrt{3}}$  equals

A.  $-\sqrt{3}$

B. 1

C.  $\sqrt{3}$

D.  $1 + \sqrt{3}$

E. NOTA

12. Simplify:  $\left(\sqrt[3]{\sqrt[6]{a^9}}\right)^4 \left(\sqrt[6]{\sqrt[3]{a^9}}\right)^4$

A.  $a^4$

B.  $a^8$

C.  $a^{12}$

D.  $a^{16}$

E. NOTA

13. If  $xy = b$  and  $\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} = a$ , then  $(x+y)^2 =$

A.  $(a+2b)^2$

B.  $a^2 + b^2$

C.  $b(ab+2)$

D.  $ab(b+2)$

E. NOTA

14. Solve over the reals:  $x^3 + x^2 - 2x \leq 0$ .

A.  $(-\infty, -2] \cup [0, 1]$

B.  $[-2, 0] \cup [1, \infty)$

C.  $(-\infty, -2)$

D.  $[0, \infty)$

E. NOTA

15. If  $i^2 = -1$ , then  $(1+i)^6 - (1-i)^6 =$

A. -64

B. -64i

C. -16i

D. 0

E. NOTA

16. Solve the inequality  $\frac{x}{3} - \frac{5}{9}(x-1) < 3$ .

A.  $x < -16$

B.  $x > -6$

C.  $x < -11$

D.  $x > -11$

E. NOTA

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17. The graph of  $y = \log x$
- A. intersects all lines perpendicular to the  $x$ -axis
  - B. intersects the  $x$ -axis
  - C. intersects neither axis
  - D. intersects all circles whose center is at the origin
  - E. NOTA
18. Find the coefficient of the third term for the expansion of  $(x - 5y)^6$ .
- A. -375
  - B. 25
  - C. 375
  - D. 1025
  - E. NOTA
19.  $\log 5 = a, \log 3 = b$ , find  $\log 135$  in terms of  $a$  and  $b$ .
- A.  $a + 3b$
  - B.  $ab^3$
  - C.  $3ab$
  - D.  $\frac{1}{3}ab^3$
  - E. NOTA
20. If  $f(a) = a^3 + 4$  and  $h(a, b) = b^2 + 2ab + a$ , then  $h(3, f(-2)) =$
- A. -5
  - B. 0
  - C. 19
  - D. 24
  - E. NOTA
21. If  $x$  is a positive number, the absolute value of the difference of the solutions of  $2\sqrt{x} + 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 5$  is
- A.  $\phi$
  - B.  $3\frac{3}{4}$
  - C.  $2\frac{1}{2}$
  - D.  $1\frac{1}{2}$
  - E. NOTA
22. The simplified form of  $1 - \frac{1}{2 - \frac{x}{1+x}}$  is
- A.  $\frac{1-2x}{2-x}$
  - B.  $\frac{1}{2+x}$
  - C.  $\frac{1+3x}{2+3x}$
  - D.  $\frac{1+x}{2+x}$
  - E. NOTA
23. Given the quadratic equations below, which have the property that the sum of its roots equals the product of its roots?
- I.  $2x^2 + 3x - 3 = 0$
  - II.  $3x^2 - x + 1 = 0$
  - III.  $x^2 - 3x + 4 = 0$
- A. I only
  - B. II only
  - C. I and II only
  - D. II and III only
  - E. NOTA

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24.  $(x + 3)$  is a factor of  $cx^3 + (16 + c)x^2 + (3c + 2)x - 3$  if and only if  $c$  equals
- A. -8
  - B. -5
  - C. 5
  - D. 8
  - E. NOTA
25. If  $x$  and  $y$  are real numbers, and  $x(1 + 3i) + y(2 + 5i) = 1 - 12i$ , find  $x + y$ .
- A. 10
  - B. -1
  - C. -14
  - D. -29
  - E. NOTA
26. What is the slope of the line  $3x + 2y = 7$ ?
- A.  $-\frac{2}{3}$
  - B. 2
  - C. 3
  - D. 7
  - E. NOTA
27. The coefficient of  $x^4$  in the product  $(1 + 3x)^2(1 + 2x)^3$  is
- A. 84
  - B. 120
  - C. 144
  - D. 156
  - E. NOTA
28. The graph of  $y = x^5 - 5x^3 - 36x$  intersects the  $x$ -axis in how many points?
- A. 1
  - B. 2
  - C. 3
  - D. 5
  - E. NOTA
29. Find the distance between the vertices of  $y = x^2 - 4x + 3$  and  $y = x^2 - 4x + 5$ .
- A. 8
  - B. 6
  - C. 4
  - D. 2
  - E. NOTA
30. The solution set of the inequality  $10^{3x^2+2x} < 1$  is
- A.  $x < -\frac{2}{3}$
  - B.  $x > 0$
  - C.  $-\frac{2}{3} < x < 0$
  - D.  $x < -\frac{2}{3}$  or  $x > 0$
  - E. NOTA