

Mathematics Support Capsules

BASIC TRIGONOMETRY
0. DIAGNOSTIC TEST

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Answer the following questions without calculators or trig tables. (Leave answers like 53π or $\sin 13^\circ$ as is.)

Questions

Answers

1)

(a) $30^\circ =$

(b) $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ radians =

(c) $127^\circ =$

1)

a. _____ radians

b. _____ degrees

c. _____ radians

2)

(a) $\sin 60^\circ =$

(b) $\tan\left(-\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) =$

(c) $\sec\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) =$

2)

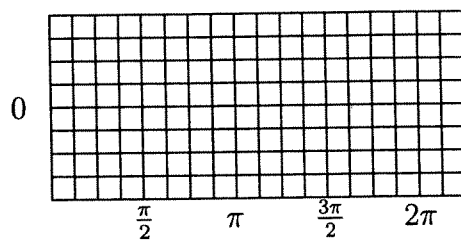
a. _____

b. _____

c. _____

- 3) Sketch the graph of $\sin x$.
(Make your vertical scale as large as possible.)

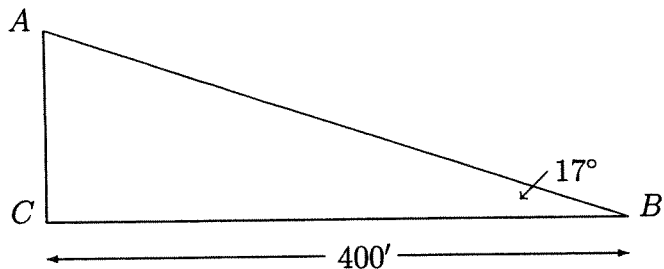
3)



- 4) Given $\tan \theta = \frac{6}{7}$, find $\sin \theta$

4) _____

- 5) Solve the following right triangle:
(i.e., determine missing sides and angles.)



5)

$$\overline{AB} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\overline{AC} = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

$$\angle A = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$$

- 6) Relate to $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$

(a) $\cos(-\theta) =$

(b) $\sin(\frac{\pi}{2} - \theta) =$

(c) $\sin 2\theta =$

6)

a. $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

b. $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

c. $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

- 7) Express in terms of \sin and \cos of A and B
 $\sin(A - B) =$

7) $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

8) $\frac{d}{dx}(\cos 3x + \tan x) =$

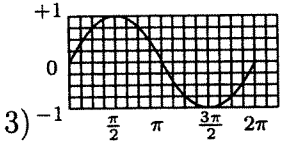
8) $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

9) $\cos^{-1}(\sqrt{3}/2) =$

9) $\underline{\hspace{2cm}}$

Check your answers on the next page!

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Trigonometry Diagnostic Answers		
Answers to trigonometry diagnostic test	If you missed these questions, review the indicated sections of the MSC <i>Trigonometry Capsule</i> .	If you have easy access to Keedy and Bittinger, <i>Algebra & Trigonometry</i> , the relevant sections are:
1) (a) $\pi/6$ radians (b) 270° (c) $127\pi/180$ radians	I. Angle Measurement	Chapter 8.1
2) (a) $\sqrt{3}/2 = 0.866\dots$ (b) 1 (c) undefined	II. Trig Ratios III. Calculation of Easy Trig Ratios	Chapters 7.1, 7.2, 7.3, 7.4, 8.3
3) 	IV. Graphs of Trig Functions	Chapters 7.3, 7.4, 7.6
4) $6/\sqrt{85}$ 5) $\overline{AB} = (400/\cos 17^\circ)'$ $\overline{AC} = (400 \tan 17^\circ)'$ $\angle A = 73^\circ$	V. Obtaining & Using Trig Ratios for Other Angles	Chapters 7.3, 8.5
6) (a) $\cos \theta$ (b) $\cos \theta$ (c) $2 \sin \theta \cos \theta$	VI. Basic Identities	Chapters 7.5, 8.4
7) $\sin A \cos B - \cos A \sin B$	VII. Laws: Sines & Cosines VIII. Addition Formulae	Chapters 7.7, 9.1, 9.2, 9.3
8) $-3 \sin 3x + \sec^2 x$	IX. Differentiating Sin, Cos	See your calculus text!
9) $\pi/6$ radians	X. Inverse Trig Functions	Chapters 9.4, 9.5

If you need more than the brief review of these capsules, we recommend Deborah Hughes-Hallett, *The Math Workshop: Elementary Functions* (W. W. Norton, 1980), Chapters 13–19. This is a detailed but very clear and conversational book, with excellent exercises.

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