

**ALGEBRA TEAM TEST**  
**KCATM 2014**

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1. Factor  $x^{2a} - 3x^a - 4$ .  
A.  $(ax - 4)(ax + 1)$       B.  $(x^a + 1)(x^a - 4)$       C.  $(x^a - 2)(x^a + 2)$   
D.  $(x^2 + 1)(x^a - 4)$       E. Not Given
  
2. For any  $x$ ,  $|x - 4| =$   
A.  $x - 4$       B.  $|x + 4|$       C.  $|4 - x|$       D.  $-x - 4$       E. Not Given.
  
3.  $\log_8 64 =$   
A. 8      B. 2      C.  $\frac{1}{2}$       D.  $\frac{1}{2}$       E. Not Given
  
4. Simplify  $\frac{6+\sqrt{3}}{6-\sqrt{3}} =$   
A. -1      B.  $\frac{16+2\sqrt{3}}{9}$       C.  $36 - 2\sqrt{3}$       D.  $\frac{13+4\sqrt{3}}{11}$       E. Not Given.
  
5. If the sum of five consecutive odd integers is 85, what is the smallest of the integers?  
A. 21      B. 17      C. 13      D. 19      E. Not Given
  
6. Simplify  $8x^3 - \{7x^2 - 6[x^2 - 5x(x^2 - x)] + 4x^3\}$   
A.  $-26x^3 + 29x^2$       B.  $4x^3 + 9x^2$       C.  $4x^3 - 13x^2$       D.  $x^3 + 5x^2$       E. Not Given
  
7. In the equation  $x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0$ , the sum of the roots exceeds the product of the roots by  
A. 9      B. 5      C. -5      D. -9      E. Not Given

8. Find the value of  $x$  in the solution.  $\begin{cases} 3x = -y + 44 \\ 5x = 4y + 28 \end{cases}$

- A. 8      B. 12      C. 4      D. 9      E. Not Given

9. Simplify  $\frac{12!}{8!4!}$ .

- A. 2970      B. 495      C. 1      D.  $\frac{3}{8}$       E. Not Given

10. Combine  $\frac{x}{2x+4} - \frac{2}{x^2+3x+2}$ .

- A.  $\frac{x^2+2x+24}{2(x+2)(x+1)}$       B.  $\frac{1}{(x+1)}$       C.  $\frac{x-2}{-2x}$       D.  $\frac{x-4}{2(x+1)(x+2)}$       E. Not Given

11. Given  $a\Delta b = 3a^2 - 2b$ , what is the value of  $(3\Delta 2)\Delta 1$ ?

- A. 23      B. 106      C. 527      D. 1585      E. Not Given

12. Successive discounts of 20% and 10% are equivalent to a single discount of

- A. 30%      B. 15%      C. 25%      D. 28%      E. Not Given

13.  $-3|x| + |-x| =$

- A. -3      B.  $2|x|$       C.  $-2|x|$       D.  $3|x|$       E. Not Given

14. The equality  $5^3 = 125$  can be written as

- A.  $\log_3 125 = 5$       B.  $\log_5 125 = 3$       C.  $\log_3 5 = 125$       D.  $\log_5 3 = 125$       E. Not Given.

15. Simplify  $81^{3/4}$

- A. 27      B.  $60\frac{3}{4}$       C. 9      D.  $3\sqrt[4]{9}$       E. Not Given

16. If  $x < 2$ , simplify  $|x - 2| - 4|-6|$

- A.  $x - 22$       B.  $-x - 22$       C.  $x - 26$       D.  $x - 12$       E. Not Given

17. Simplify  $\frac{12r^3s^3t^4}{56r^7s^5t^2}$

- A.  $\frac{3t^8}{14r^{14}s^{15}}$       B.  $\frac{2r^3s^2}{3t^2}$       C.  $\frac{2t^2}{7r^3s^3}$       D.  $\frac{3t^2}{14s^2}$       E. Not Given

18. Find the coefficient for  $x^3y^4$  in the expansion of  $(4x - 2y)^7$ .

- A. 35,840      B. 35      C. 1024      D. -71680      E. Not Given

19. Solve  $-x^2 - x + 6 \leq 0$

- A.  $(-\infty, -3) \cup (2, \infty)$       B.  $(-\infty, -3] \cup [2, \infty)$       C.  $(-\infty, -2] \cup [3, \infty)$       D.  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (3, \infty)$       E. Not Given

20. Solve  $2x + 5 = \frac{x}{3}$

- A. -3      B.  $3, \frac{1}{2}$       C.  $-\frac{13}{6}$       D. No Solution      E. Not Given

21. Factor completely  $6x - x^3 - x^2$

- A.  $x(x - 2)(x + 3)$       B.  $x(x - 3)(x + 2)$       C.  $-x(x - 3)(x + 2)$   
D.  $-x(x - 2)(x + 3)$       E. Not Given

22. Solve  $(4x + 3)^3 = -8$

- A.  $-\frac{5}{4}$       B.  $\frac{4}{5}$       C.  $\frac{5}{4}$       D. 0      E. Not Given

23. Solve  $2^{x-1} \cdot 3^{x-1} = 216$

- A.  $\ln 216$       B. 4      C.  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$       D. 2      E. Not Given

24.  $(x + y) + z = z + (x + y)$  is an example of the \_\_\_\_\_ property of addition.

- A. Commutative      B. Associative      C. Distributive      D. Identity      E. Not Given

25. In the following system what does  $z = ?$  
$$\begin{cases} x + 3y - z = -6 \\ 2x + 3y + 2z = 11 \\ -3x + 4y - 2z = -20 \end{cases}$$

- A. -1      B. -2      C. 2      D. 5      E. Not Given

26. Determine the length of the line segment with endpoints  $(4, -3)$  and  $(-1, 10)$ .

- A. 10      B.  $\sqrt{194}$       C.  $\sqrt{206}$       D.  $\sqrt{58}$       E. Not Given

27. Let  $f(x) = 1 - x^2$  and  $g(x) = 2x + 1$ . Find  $(f \circ g)(x)$ .

- A.  $-2x^2 + 3$       B.  $-4x^2 + 4x + 2$       C.  $-4x^2 + 2$       D.  $-4x^2 - 4x$       E. Not Given

28. Simplify  $i^{641}$

- A. 1      B.  $i$       C.  $-1$       D.  $-i$       E. Not Given

29. Determine the equation of the horizontal asymptote of the graph  $F(x) = \frac{x^4 - 6x^3 + 7x^2 - 2}{x^4 - 4x^2 + 1}$

- A.  $y = 1$       B.  $y = 0$       C.  $y = \frac{4}{3}$       D.  $y = -2$       E. Not Given

30. The sequence 4, 6, 9, 13, 20.25, ... is:

- A. An Arithmetic Sequence      B. A Geometric Sequence      C. The Fibonacci Sequence  
D. The Binomial Sequence      E. Not Given

31. Find the product  $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & -1 \\ 7 & -4 \\ -3 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 11 & 2 \\ 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

- A.  $\begin{bmatrix} 88 & 35 & -6 \\ 0 & -12 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$       B.  $\begin{bmatrix} 88 & -33 \\ 43 & -15 \\ 15 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$       C.  $\begin{bmatrix} 88 & 17 \\ 77 & 18 \\ -33 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$   
D.  $\begin{bmatrix} 88 & 43 & 15 \\ -33 & -15 & -6 \end{bmatrix}$       E. Not Given

32. Solve for  $x$ :  $\ln(2x - 9) = 0$

- A. 4      B. 2      C. 5      D. 3      E. Not Given

33. Find all solutions for  $x$ :  $x^3 - 3x^2 + 4x = 12$ .

- A.  $x = 2, \pm 3i$     B.  $x = -2, \pm 3i$     C.  $x = 3, \pm 2i$     D.  $x = -3, \pm 2i$     E. Not Given

34. Solve for  $\sqrt{x+5} < 2$ .

- A.  $(-\infty, -1)$     B.  $(-\infty, \infty)$     C.  $(-5, -1)$     D.  $(-1, -5)$     E. Not Given

35. The distance between points A and B is 10 units. If point A is located at  $(4, -2)$  and B is located at  $(12, x)$ , what are the possible values of  $x$ ?

- A. -8, 4    B. 8, -4    C. -12, 8    D. 12, -8    E. Not Given

36. Line R passes through points  $(3, 8)$  and  $(3, 13)$ . Find the slope of the line perpendicular to line R.

- A. 5    B.  $\frac{1}{5}$     C. 0    D. Undefined    E. Not Given

37. A pole 17.3 meters high casts a shadow 9.6 meters long at the same time that a tree casts a shadow 6.4 meters long. Find the height of the tree to the nearest tenth of a meter.

- A. 3.6    B. 11.5    C. 25.9    D. 16    E. Not given

38. A batter hits a softball when it is 3 feet off the ground. After it is hit, the height  $h$  (in feet) of the ball at time  $t$  (in seconds) is given by  $h = -16t^2 + 80t + 3$ . The maximum height reached by the ball is

- A. 103 feet    B. 80 feet    C. 135 feet    D. 204 feet    E. Not Given

39. How many different ways can a committee of 4 be chosen from a group of 8 people?
- A. 40320      B. 1680      C. 70      D. 4      E. Not Given
40. The length of a rectangular garden is 3 yards more than its width. If the area of the garden is 36 square yards, which equation could be used to find the dimensions of the garden?
- A.  $x^2 + 3x + 36 = 0$       B.  $x^2 - 3x + 36 = 0$       C.  $x^2 + 3x - 36 = 0$   
D.  $3x^2 + x - 36 = 0$       E. Not Given

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- 2. C
- 3. B
- 4. D
- 5. C
- 6. A
- 7. B
- 8. B
- 9. B
- 10. D
- 11. D
- 12. D
- 13. C
- 14. B
- 15. A
- 16. B
- 17. E
- 18. A
- 19. B
- 20. A
- 21. D
- 22. A
- 23. B
- 24. A
- 25. D
- 26. B
- 27. D
- 28. B
- 29. A
- 30. B
- 31. C
- 32. C
- 33. C
- 34. A
- 35. A
- 36. C
- 37. B
- 38. A
- 39. C
- 40. C