

PRE-CALCULUS SAMPLE QUESTIONS

The **PRE-CALCULUS** (Blue Cover) test will assess placement into: Trigonometry with College Algebra (Math 335), Pre-Calculus (Math 370), Calculus for Life and Social Sciences (Math 350) and Analytic Geometry & Calculus [Engineering] Math 400). This is a 90 minute 60 question readiness assessment. **Calculators are not allowed**

1. Elementary operations with numerical and algebraic fractions

$$\frac{3x-2}{x+2} - \frac{2}{x-2} =$$

- (A) $\frac{3}{x+2}$ (B) $\frac{3x-4}{x^2-4}$ (C) $\frac{3x}{x^2-4}$ (D) $\frac{x(3x-10)}{x^2-4}$ (E) $\frac{3x(x-4)}{x^2-4x+4}$

2. Operations with exponents and radicals

$$\frac{x^{3a+2}}{x^{2a-1}} =$$

- (A) x^{a+3} (B) x^{a-3} (C) x^{5a-1} (D) x^{a+1} (E) x^3

3. Linear equations and inequalities

For what value of t does $\frac{2t-1}{3t+4} = 2$?

- (A) -6 (B) $-\frac{9}{4}$ (C) $\frac{3}{2}$ (D) $\frac{9}{4}$ (E) There is no value of t satisfying this equation.

4. Polynomials and polynomial equations

If $(x-1)(x^2-4)+2(x-1)(x+2) = (x-1)P$, then $P =$

- (A) x^2-2 (B) x^2 (C) $x(x+2)$ (D) x^2+2 (E) $(x+2)^2$

5. Functions

If $f(x) = 2x + 5$ and $g(x) = 1 - x^2$, then $f(g(2)) =$

- (A) -3 (B) -1 (C) 1 (D) 2 (E) 9

6. Trigonometry

If $\sin \theta = \frac{3}{5}$ and $0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, then $\tan \theta =$

- (A) $\frac{3}{2}$ (B) $\frac{4}{3}$ (C) $\frac{5}{4}$ (D) $\frac{4}{5}$ (E) $\frac{3}{4}$

7. Logarithmic and exponential functions

$\log_3 27 =$

- (A) 81 (B) 9 (C) 3 (D) $\frac{1}{3}$ (E) $\frac{1}{9}$

8. Mathematical modeling – word problems

If $\frac{2}{3}$ is $\frac{1}{2}$ of $\frac{4}{5}$ of a certain number, then that number is

- (A) $\frac{15}{4}$ (B) $\frac{5}{3}$ (C) $\frac{5}{6}$ (D) $\frac{5}{12}$ (E) $\frac{4}{15}$

ANSWERS: (1) D (2) A (3) B (4) C (5) B (6) E (7) C (8) B