# Math 1102 and Math 1113 Placement Test

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This document describes the prerequisites for Math 1102 (Precalculus) and Math 1113 (Introduction to Calculus), as well as provide practice problems for the placement test for these courses.

#### Prerequisites

- 1. Math 0200 College Algebra
  - (a) No prerequisite
- 2. Math 1102 Precalculus
  - (a) Grade 11 and Grade 12 Mathematics
  - (b) One of following:
    - i. Mathematics Placement Test with placement into Math 1102
    - ii. Taken Math 0020 within the last three years and achieved a grade of C or higher.

#### 3. Math 1113 - Introduction to Calculus

- (a) High school precalculus or Math 1103 (second half of 1102)
- (b) Mathematics Placement Test with placement into Math 1113

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The following are the mathematical concepts needed prior to taking Math 1102 and Math 1113. Practice problems with solutions are provided.

- 1. Math 1102 Precalculus Mathematics Prerequisites
  - Polynomial expressions
  - Linear equations of a single variable
  - Equations of lines
  - Systems of equations with two variables
  - Factorization
  - Quadratic expressions
  - Rational expressions
  - Square roots
- 2. Math 1113 Introduction of Calculus Mathematics Prerequisites
  - All mathematics prerequisites for Math 1102
  - Quadratic functions
  - Polynomial functions
  - Exponents and radicals
  - Exponential and logarithmic functions, including natural log
  - Trigonometry, including the unit circle

#### Practice Problems for Math 1102 Placement Test

- 1. Evaluate  $4x^2y 3xy^2$  where x = -2, y = 3
- 2. Simplify (5ab 4b) (3ab + 2a 6b)
- 3. Multiply  $(6x-2)(x^2-3x+5)$
- 4. Solve 4(3x+5) = -5(x+13)
- 5. Jo has 23 coins. She has twice as many nickels as pennies and three more dimes than pennies. How many of each type of coin does she have?
- 6. Solve 9x 7(x + 200) = 6600
- 7. The length of a rectangle is two centimetre more than twice its width. The perimeter is 34 centimetres. Find the dimension of the rectangle.
- 8. Solve 3 2x < x + 9
- 9. Graph 4x 5y = 10
- 10. Find the slope of the line passing through the points (-5,2) and (6,-1)
- 11. Find the equation of the line passing through the points (2,-1) and (4,6). Put it in standard form, ax + by = c
- 12. Give the equation (in standard form) of the line with slope 5/6 and y-intercept 4.
- 13. Solve for x and y by graphing, given x y = 8 and 3x + 2y = 9
- 14. Solve for x and y using elimination, given 5x + 3y = 10 and 6x + 4y = 15
- 15. Solve for x and y using substitution, given 6x y = 9 and y = 3x 7

- 16. Alice spent 6 minutes on teach factoring problem and 3 minutes on each evaluation problem. She spent a total of 42 minutes on 9 problems. how much time did she spend on factoring problems?
- 17. Factor  $15a^2b^3c 45ab^3c^2 + 9b^4c^3$
- 18. Factor  $6x^2 12x + xy 2y$
- 19. Factor  $a^2b^6 49c^4$
- 20. Factor  $27s^3 t^6$
- 21. Factor  $t^2 10t + 24$
- 22. Factor  $2x^2 + x 10$
- 23. Factor  $x^4 + 3x^2 18$
- 24. Factor  $36x^3 + 6x^2 12x$
- 25. Solve by factoring:  $2x^2 31x = 16$
- 26. One side of a right angle triangle is 4cm less than the hypotenuse and the other is 2cm less than the hypotenuse. Find the length of all sides.
- 27. Solve using the quadratic formula  $2(x^2 3x) = 5$
- 28. Simplify  $\frac{84x^3y^4}{108xy}$
- 29. Simplify  $\frac{2x-2x^2}{x^2-1}$
- 30. Simplify  $\frac{7}{x^2-6x} \frac{3}{x^2+2x}$
- 31. Simplify  $\frac{3x^2+10x-8}{5x^2+19x-4} \frac{3x^2-23x+14}{x^2-3x-28}$
- 32. Evaluate  $\sqrt{81}$
- 33. Evaluate  $\sqrt{\frac{64}{4}}$
- 34. Simplify  $\sqrt{50a^6b^{10}}$  where  $a, b \ge 0$

### Solutions

2. 
$$2ab + 2b - 2a$$

3. 
$$6x^3 - 20x^2 + 36x - 10$$

4. 
$$x = -5$$

6. 
$$x = 4000$$

8. 
$$x > 2 \text{ or } x \in (-2, \infty)$$

9. Intercepts at 
$$(0,-2)$$
 and  $(5/2,0)$ 

$$10. -3/11$$

11. 
$$7x - 2y = 16$$

12. 
$$5x + 6y = 24$$

13. 
$$(5, -3)$$

14. 
$$(5/2, 15/2)$$

15. 
$$(2/3, -5)$$

17. 
$$3b^3c(5a^2 - 15ac + 3bc^2)$$

18. 
$$(x-2)(6x+y)$$

19. 
$$(ab^3 - 7c^2)(ab^3 + 7c^2)$$

20. 
$$(3s-t^2)(9s^2+3st^2+t^4)$$

21. 
$$(t-6)(t-4)$$

22. 
$$(2x+5)(x-2)$$

23. 
$$(x^2-3)(x^2+6)$$

24. 
$$6x(3x+2)(2x-1)$$

25. 
$$x = -1/2, x = 16$$

27. 
$$\frac{3-\sqrt{19}}{2}$$
,  $\frac{3+\sqrt{19}}{2}$ 

28. 
$$7x^2/9y$$

29. 
$$-2x/(x+1)$$

$$30. \ \frac{4(x+8)}{x(x-6)(x+2)}$$

31. 
$$\frac{x+4}{5x-1}$$

34. 
$$5\sqrt{2}a^3b^5$$

## Practice Problems for Math 1113 Placement Test

1. Let 
$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 8$$
. Find  $f(-2)$ 

2. Let 
$$f(x) = 3x^2 + 8$$
. Find 
$$\frac{f(a+h)-f(a)}{h}$$

3. Let 
$$f(x) = \sqrt{3x-1}$$
. Find the domain.

- 4. For children between the ages of 6 and 10, the height (in cm) is a linear function of age, t, in years. A child age 6 is 122cm tall and a child age 7 is 128cm. Express the height has a function of t.
- 5. Let f(x) = 3 and  $g(x) = 2x^2 5x$ . Find  $(f \circ g)(x)$ .
- 6. For f(x) = 3x + 5, find the inverse  $f^{-1}(x)$ .
- 7. Let

$$f(x) \begin{cases} x+4 & x \le -1 \\ x^2 & x > -1 \end{cases}$$

Find f(-2).

- 8. For f(x) = |2x + 7| 4 solve f(x) = 11
- 9. Solve  $x^2 x > 12$
- 10. Find the domain of  $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 3x + 2}$
- 11. Solve  $(x-1)^2(x+3) > 0$
- 12. Factor  $x^3 + x^2 5x + 3$
- 13. Solve  $\frac{2x+1}{x-3} \ge 0$
- 14. Simplify  $(5x^2y^{-3})(4x^{-5}y^4)$
- 15. Simplify  $(27a^6)^{-2/3}$
- 16. Rationalize the denominator of  $\frac{\sqrt{t}+5}{\sqrt{t}-5}$

17. Solve 
$$\sqrt{x^2+9}-1=x$$

18. Solve 
$$4^{x-3} = 8^{4-x}$$

- 19. Evaluate log<sub>5</sub> 25
- 20. Evaluate  $\log_2(\sqrt{8})$
- 21. Evaluate  $\ln(e^{-3})$
- 22. Solve  $10^x = 25$
- 23. Solve  $\log_9(x) = \frac{1}{2}$
- 24. Solve  $\log_x(36) = 2$
- 25. When a certain drug is taken orally, the amount A in milligrams present in the blood-stream after t hours is predicted to be  $A = 100(1 \frac{3}{3})$  for  $0 \le t \le 2.5$ . How much of the drug is predicted to be present in the bloodstream after 2 hours?
- 26. Solve  $\log_2(x) + \log_2(x+2) = 3$
- 27. Find the radian measure of  $-45^{\circ}$
- 28. Find the sine, cosine and tangent of  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$
- 29. A right angle triangle has an angle,  $\theta$  a hypotenuse of 7 and the side opposite the angle has a value of 4. Find the sine and cosine of  $\theta$ .
- 30. Find the exact value of  $\sin(\frac{2\pi}{3})$
- 31. Find the exact value of  $\cos(\frac{-5\pi}{4})$
- 32. Find the exact value of all angles  $\theta$  in the interval  $[0, 2\pi]$  that satisfy the equation  $\sin(\theta) = \frac{-1}{2}$ .

### Solutions

2. 
$$6a + 3h$$

3. 
$$[1/3, \infty)$$

4. 
$$y = 6t + 86$$

5. 
$$f(g(x)) = 6x^2 - 15x$$

6. 
$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-5}{3}$$

7. 
$$f(-2) = 2$$

8. 
$$x = 4$$
 or  $x = -11$ 

9. 
$$(-\infty, -3) \cup [4, \infty)$$

10. 
$$(-\infty, 1] \cup [2, \infty)$$

11. 
$$(-3,1) \cup (1\infty)$$

12. 
$$(x-1)^2(x+3)$$

13. 
$$(-\infty, -\frac{1}{2}] \cup (3, \infty)$$

14. 
$$20y/x^3$$

15. 
$$\frac{1}{9a^{+}}$$

16. 
$$\frac{t+10\sqrt{t}+25}{t-25}$$

18. 
$$x = \frac{18}{5}$$

$$20. \ 3/2$$

$$21. -3$$

22. 
$$\log(25)$$

27. 
$$-\pi/4$$

28. 
$$\sin(3\pi/2) = -1$$
,  $\cos(3\pi/2) = 0$ ,  $\tan(3\pi/2)$  does not exist

29. 
$$\sin(\theta) = 4/7, \cos(\theta) = \sqrt{33}/7$$

30. 
$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

31. 
$$\frac{-\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

32. 
$$\frac{7\pi}{6}$$
,  $\frac{11\pi}{6}$