

Algebra 2 & Geometry 2

Practice Problems — Print Edition

ALGEBRA 2

A-01 · Quadratic Functions

Find the vertex of the parabola $f(x) = 2x^2 - 8x + 5$.

■ *Memory: $h = -b/(2a)$, then plug in for k*

Answer: _____

A-02 · Complex Numbers

Simplify: $(3 + 2i) / (1 - i)$ Write in $a + bi$ form.

■ *Memory: Multiply top & bottom by the CONJUGATE of denominator*

Answer: _____

A-03 · Polynomial Division

Use synthetic division to find the remainder when

$p(x) = x^3 - 4x^2 + x + 6$ is divided by $(x - 2)$.

■ *Memory: REMAINDER THEOREM — remainder = $p(2)$, just plug in $x = 2$*

Answer: _____

A-04 · Exponential Equations

Solve for x : $4^{(x+1)} = 8^{(x-1)}$

■ *Memory: Convert both sides to base 2, then set exponents equal*

Answer: _____

A-05 · Logarithms

Solve: $\log_2(x+3) + \log_2(x-1) = 3$ (Check domain!)

■ *Memory: $\log A + \log B = \log(AB)$ then check: $x > 1$*

Answer: _____

A-06 · Rational Functions

What is the horizontal asymptote of $f(x) = (3x^2 - 5) / (x^2 + 2)$?

■ *Memory: Same degree top & bottom $\rightarrow y = (\text{lead coeff top})/(\text{lead coeff bottom})$*

Answer: _____

A-07 · Sequences & Series

The 3rd term of a geometric sequence is 12 and the 6th term is 96.

Find the common ratio r .

■ *Memory: $a_6/a_3 = r^3 \rightarrow r = \text{cube root of } (96/12)$*

Answer: _____

A-08 · Systems of Equations

Solve: $x^2 + y = 10$ and $x - y = 2$

How many solutions does the system have?

■ *Memory: Substitution → solve quadratic → count valid real solutions*

Answer: _____

A-09 · Radical Equations

Solve: $\sqrt{2x + 1} = x - 1$ (Check for extraneous roots!)

■ *Memory: Square both sides → solve quadratic → ALWAYS verify both roots*

Answer: _____

A-10 · Inverse Functions

If $f(x) = (2x + 3) / (x - 1)$, find $f^{-1}(5)$.

■ *Memory: $f^{-1}(5) = x$ where $f(x) = 5$ → set $f(x)=5$ and solve*

Answer: _____

GEOMETRY 2

G-01 · Similar Triangles

Two similar triangles have sides 6, 8, 10 and 9, ?, 15.

Find the missing side.

■ *Memory: Find scale factor (ratio), multiply corresponding sides*

Answer: _____

G-02 · Circle Theorems

An inscribed angle intercepts an arc of 130° .

What is the measure of the inscribed angle?

■ *Memory: Inscribed angle = $(1/2) * \text{intercepted arc}$ — ALWAYS half the arc*

Answer: _____

G-03 · Right Triangles & Trig

In right triangle ABC (right angle at C), $\sin A = 5/13$.

Find $\cos A$.

■ *Memory: $\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$ OR use 3-4-5 / 5-12-13 Pythagorean triples*

Answer: _____

G-04 · Volume & Surface Area

A cylinder has radius 3 and height 7.

Find its lateral surface area (in terms of pi).

■ *Memory: Lateral SA = $2\pi r h$ (unroll cylinder into rectangle)*

Answer: _____

G-05 · Coordinate Geometry

Find the radius of a circle with center (-2, 3) passing through (1, 7).

■ *Memory: radius = distance from center to point on circle (use distance formula)*

Answer: _____

G-06 · Parallel Lines & Angles

Parallel lines cut by transversal. Co-interior angles are $(3x+10)$ and $(2x+20)$ degrees.

Find x.

■ *Memory: Co-interior (same-side interior) angles are SUPPLEMENTARY = 180 degrees*

Answer: _____

G-07 · Triangle Centers

A median of a triangle has length 18.

How far is the centroid from the vertex?

■ *Memory: Centroid = $\frac{2}{3}$ from vertex end of each median*

Answer: _____

G-08 · Transformations

Point P = (3, -2) is rotated 90 degrees counterclockwise about origin.

New coordinates?

■ *Memory: 90 deg CCW: $(x, y) \rightarrow (-y, x)$ | 90 deg CW: $(x, y) \rightarrow (y, -x)$*

Answer: _____

G-09 · Law of Sines

In triangle ABC: $a = 8$, angle A = 30 deg, angle B = 45 deg.

Find side b.

■ *Memory: $\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$ (cross multiply, solve for b)*

Answer: _____

G-10 · Quadrilaterals

In parallelogram ABCD: angle A = $(4x+10)$ deg, angle B = $(2x+30)$ deg.

Find angle A.

■ *Memory: Consecutive angles in parallelogram are SUPPLEMENTARY (sum = 180 deg)*

Answer: _____

ANSWER KEY

A-01 (2, -3)

G-01 12

A-02 $1/2 + 5/2 i$

G-02 65 degrees

A-03 0

G-03 12/13

A-04 $x = 5$

G-04 42π

A-05 $x = -1 + 2\sqrt{3}$

G-05 $r = 5$

A-06 $y = 3$

G-06 $x = 30$

A-07 $r = 2$

G-07 12

A-08 2 solutions

G-08 (2, 3)

A-09 $x = 4$

G-09 $8\sqrt{2}$

A-10 $8/3$

G-10 310/3 degrees (~103.3 deg)
