

**MASSACHUSETTS MATHEMATICS LEAGUE  
CONTEST 5 – FEBRUARY 2008 SOLUTION KEY**

**Round 3**

$$\text{A) } \frac{1}{\sin 2\theta} + \frac{\cos 2\theta}{\sin 2\theta} = \frac{1 + \cos 2\theta}{\sin 2\theta} = \frac{1 + 2\cos^2 \theta - 1}{2\sin \theta \cos \theta} = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \cot(\theta) = 1$$

$$\rightarrow \theta = \underline{\underline{45^\circ, 225^\circ}}$$

B) Using the double angle formula,  $\sin(x) = 1 - 2\cos^2 40^\circ = -(2\cos^2 40^\circ - 1) = -\cos(80^\circ) = -\sin(10^\circ)$   
 The related values of  $10^\circ$  in quadrants II, III and IV are  $170^\circ$ ,  $190^\circ$  and  $350^\circ$ .  
 Since  $\sin(x)$  is negative only in quadrants III and IV,  $x = \underline{\underline{190^\circ \text{ or } 350^\circ}}$ .

C) Let  $A = \text{Arccos}(-n/11)$  and  $B = \text{Arc tan}\left(-1/(2\sqrt{6})\right)$ .

Then  $\pi/2 < A < \pi$  (quadrant 2) and  $-\pi/2 < B < 0$  (quadrant 4)

$$\text{and } \sin(A+B) = \sin A \cos B + \sin B \cos A = \frac{\sqrt{121-n^2}}{11} \cdot \frac{2\sqrt{6}}{5} + \frac{-1}{5} \cdot \frac{-n}{11} = \frac{2\sqrt{6}\sqrt{121-n^2} + n}{55}$$

Thus,  $2\sqrt{6}\sqrt{121-n^2} + n = 53$  and the radicand  $121 - n^2$  must be 6 times a perfect square  
 Additionally, since  $n/11$  is a cosine value, the only possible integer values of  $n$  are 1 ... 11.  
 Only  $n = \underline{\underline{5}}$  satisfies both conditions ( $2\sqrt{6}\sqrt{96} + 5 = 2 \cdot 6 \cdot 4 + 5 = 53$ ).