

That's fantastic! I'm happy to help you with these trigonometry problems. This quiz covers some core concepts: placing angles in standard position, using the Pythagorean theorem to find r , calculating primary trig ratios, and working with exact values using special triangles.

Let's break down how to approach each question step-by-step.



Trigonometry Quiz Solutions and Explanations

Question 1: Point in the Cartesian Plane ($P(-3, -6)$)

(a) Sketching the Diagram and Labeling Angles

1. **Plot the point $P(-3, -6)$:** Start at the origin, move 3 units left (negative x) and 6 units down (negative y).
2. **Draw the Terminal Arm:** Draw a line segment from the origin $(0, 0)$ to the point P .
3. **Identify the Quadrant:** Since both x and y are negative, the point is in **Quadrant III**.
4. **Label the Principal Angle (θ):** θ starts at the positive x -axis (standard position) and rotates counter-clockwise to the terminal arm.
5. **Label the Related Acute Angle (α):** α is the acute angle formed between the terminal arm and the nearest x -axis. It is always positive.

(b) Determining r and Primary Trig Ratios

The coordinates of the point P are $x = -3$ and $y = -6$.

The radius (r) is the distance from the origin to P . We use the Pythagorean theorem: $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$.

$$r^2 = (-3)^2 + (-6)^2$$

$$r^2 = 9 + 36$$

$$r^2 = 45$$

$$r = \sqrt{45}$$

Reduce the radical:

$$r = \sqrt{9 \times 5}$$

$$r = 3\sqrt{5}$$

Now, we use the definitions of the primary trigonometric ratios:

- $\sin(\theta) = \frac{y}{r}$
- $\cos(\theta) = \frac{x}{r}$
- $\tan(\theta) = \frac{y}{x}$

1. $\sin(\theta)$:

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{-6}{3\sqrt{5}} = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Rationalize the denominator:

$$\sin(\theta) = \frac{-2}{\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = -\frac{2\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

2. $\cos(\theta)$:

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{-3}{3\sqrt{5}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Rationalize the denominator:

$$\cos(\theta) = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5}} = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{5}$$

3. $\tan(\theta)$:

$$\tan(\theta) = \frac{-6}{-3} = 2$$

© Determining α and θ to 1 Decimal Place

The related acute angle, α , is found using the absolute values of the coordinates (or the tangent ratio found in part (b) before considering the sign).

$$\tan(\alpha) = \left| \frac{y}{x} \right| = \left| \frac{-6}{-3} \right| = 2$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}(2)$$

$$\alpha \approx 63.4^\circ$$

The principal angle, θ , is in Quadrant III. In QIII, the formula to find θ is: $\theta = 180^\circ + \alpha$.

$$\theta = 180^\circ + 63.4^\circ$$

$$\theta \approx 243.4^\circ$$

Question 2: Exact Value of $\sec(210^\circ)$

1. Determine the Quadrant and Related Acute Angle (α)

- 210° is between 180° and 270° , so it is in **Quadrant III**.
- The related acute angle is: $\alpha = 210^\circ - 180^\circ = 30^\circ$.

2. Draw the Diagram with the Special Triangle

Draw the $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$ reference triangle in Quadrant III.

The side lengths of a $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$ triangle are in the ratio $1 : \sqrt{3} : 2$.

- Since 210° is in QIII, both x and y coordinates are negative.
 - x (adjacent to 30°) = $-\sqrt{3}$
 - y (opposite to 30°) = -1
 - r (hypotenuse) = 2

3. Determine $\sec(210^\circ)$

Secant is the reciprocal of cosine: $\sec(\theta) = \frac{r}{x}$.

$$\sec(210^\circ) = \frac{r}{x} = \frac{2}{-\sqrt{3}}$$

Rationalize the denominator:

$$\sec(210^\circ) = \frac{2}{-\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

Question 3: Finding Angles from $\cos(A) = -\frac{2}{3}$

We are given $\cos(A) = -\frac{2}{3}$, where $0^\circ \leq A \leq 360^\circ$. Since $\cos(\theta) = \frac{x}{r}$, we know $x = -2$ and $r = 3$.

(i) Sketch the Possible Positions

Since $\cos(A)$ is negative, the terminal arm must lie in **Quadrant II** and **Quadrant III** (where x is negative).

(ii) Determine the Exact Values of $\tan(A)$

First, we must find the exact value of y using $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$:

$$(-2)^2 + y^2 = 3^2$$

$$4 + y^2 = 9$$

$$y^2 = 5$$

$$y = \pm\sqrt{5}$$

Now, we find $\tan(A) = \frac{y}{x}$:

- In Quadrant II (QII): y is positive.

$$\tan(A) = \frac{+\sqrt{5}}{-2} = -\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

- In Quadrant III (QIII): y is negative.

$$\tan(A) = \frac{-\sqrt{5}}{-2} = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

(iii) Determine all values for A to 1 decimal place

1. Find the Related Acute Angle (α)

We use the absolute value of $\cos(A)$ to find α :

$$\cos(\alpha) = \left| -\frac{2}{3} \right| = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1} \left(\frac{2}{3} \right)$$

$$\alpha \approx 48.2^\circ$$

2. Find Angle A in QII and QIII

- QII Angle (A_1): $A_1 = 180^\circ - \alpha$

$$A_1 = 180^\circ - 48.2^\circ = 131.8^\circ$$

- QIII Angle (A_2): $A_2 = 180^\circ + \alpha$

$$A_2 = 180^\circ + 48.2^\circ = 228.2^\circ$$

Do you have any questions about these steps, or would you like to practice another trig problem?