



# Quiz Solutions and Explanations

## 1. Sketch both special triangles

- **The  $30^\circ - 60^\circ - 90^\circ$  Triangle:** Side lengths are in the ratio  $1 : \sqrt{3} : 2$ . (Opposite  $30^\circ$  is 1, opposite  $60^\circ$  is  $\sqrt{3}$ , hypotenuse is 2.)
- **The  $45^\circ - 45^\circ - 90^\circ$  Triangle:** Side lengths are in the ratio  $1 : 1 : \sqrt{2}$ . (The two legs are 1, hypotenuse is  $\sqrt{2}$ .)

## 2. Evaluate using exact values

We use the special triangles and the **CAST rule** to determine the sign.

- (a)  $\cos 30^\circ$  (Q1)

$$\cos 30^\circ = \frac{\text{Adjacent}}{\text{Hypotenuse}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

- (b)  $\sec 45^\circ$  (Q1)

$$\sec 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\cos 45^\circ} = \frac{1}{1/\sqrt{2}} = \sqrt{2}$$

- ©  $\sin 135^\circ$

1. **Related Acute Angle ( $\alpha$ ):**  $180^\circ - 135^\circ = 45^\circ$ .

2. **Quadrant:**  $135^\circ$  is in **Quadrant II**, where  $\sin$  is positive (S in CAST).

3. **Value:**  $\sin 135^\circ = +\sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  or  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$

- (d)  $\cot 210^\circ$

1. **Related Acute Angle ( $\alpha$ ):**  $210^\circ - 180^\circ = 30^\circ$ .

2. **Quadrant:**  $210^\circ$  is in **Quadrant III**, where  $\tan$  and  $\cot$  are positive (T in CAST).

3. **Value:**  $\cot 210^\circ = +\cot 30^\circ = \frac{\cos 30^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ} = \frac{\sqrt{3}/2}{1/2} = \sqrt{3}$

### 3. Find all possible angles for $0^\circ \leq x < 360^\circ$

- (a)  $\sin x = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

1. **Related Acute Angle ( $\alpha$ ):** We recognize  $\sin \alpha = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  from the  $45^\circ$  special triangle.  
 $\alpha = 45^\circ$ .

2. **Quadrants:**  $\sin x$  is negative in **QIII** and **QIV** (T and C in CAST).

3. **Angles:**

- QIII:  $x = 180^\circ + \alpha = 180^\circ + 45^\circ = \mathbf{225^\circ}$

- QIV:  $x = 360^\circ - \alpha = 360^\circ - 45^\circ = \mathbf{315^\circ}$

- (b)  $\cot x = 1$

1. **Related Acute Angle ( $\alpha$ ):** Since  $\cot x = 1$ , then  $\tan x = 1/1 = 1$ . We know  $\tan 45^\circ = 1$ .  $\alpha = 45^\circ$ .

2. **Quadrants:**  $\cot x$  is positive in **QI** and **QIII** (A and T in CAST).

3. **Angles:**

- QI:  $x = \alpha = \mathbf{45^\circ}$

- QIII:  $x = 180^\circ + \alpha = 180^\circ + 45^\circ = \mathbf{225^\circ}$

### 4. Determine all possible values of $\cos A$ for $\sin A = \frac{1}{3}$

We are given  $y = 1$  and  $r = 3$  (since  $\sin A = y/r$ ). We need to find  $x$ .

$$x^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

$$x^2 + 1^2 = 3^2$$

$$x^2 + 1 = 9$$

$$x^2 = 8$$

$$x = \pm\sqrt{8} = \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

The angle  $A$  can be in **QI** (where  $x$  is positive) or **QII** (where  $x$  is negative), because  $\sin A$  is positive.

- If  $x = 2\sqrt{2}$  (**QI**):  $\cos A = \frac{x}{r} = \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$
- If  $x = -2\sqrt{2}$  (**QII**):  $\cos A = \frac{x}{r} = -\frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3}$

## 5. Given $(4, -5)$ , evaluate $\theta$ to the nearest degree.

The point  $(4, -5)$  means  $x = 4$  and  $y = -5$ .

1. **Quadrant:**  $x$  is positive and  $y$  is negative, so the angle is in **Quadrant IV** (C in CAST).
2. Related Acute Angle ( $\alpha$ ): We use  $\tan$  to find  $\alpha$ :

$$\tan \alpha = \left| \frac{y}{x} \right| = \left| \frac{-5}{4} \right| = 1.25$$

$$\alpha = \tan^{-1}(1.25) \approx 51.34^\circ$$

3. Principal Angle ( $\theta$ ): In QIV,  $\theta = 360^\circ - \alpha$ .

$$\theta = 360^\circ - 51.34^\circ \approx 308.66^\circ$$

Rounding to the nearest degree:  $\theta \approx 309^\circ$

## 6. Find all possible angles for $0^\circ \leq x < 360^\circ$ (Calculator Use)

- (a)  $\cos x = 0.4183$

1. Related Acute Angle ( $\alpha$ ):

$$\alpha = \cos^{-1}(0.4183) \approx 65.3^\circ$$

2. **Quadrants:**  $\cos x$  is positive in **QI** and **QIV** (A and C in CAST).

3. **Angles (1 d.p.):**

- QI:  $x_1 = \alpha = \mathbf{65.3^\circ}$
- QIV:  $x_2 = 360^\circ - \alpha = 360^\circ - 65.3^\circ = \mathbf{294.7^\circ}$
- **(b)**  $\csc x = -2.3151$

1. **Convert to sin:**  $\sin x = \frac{1}{\csc x} = \frac{1}{-2.3151} \approx -0.43195$

2. Related Acute Angle ( $\alpha$ ): Use the positive value:

$$\alpha = \sin^{-1}(0.43195) \approx 25.6^\circ$$

3. **Quadrants:**  $\sin x$  is negative in **QIII** and **QIV** (T and C in CAST).

4. **Angles (1 d.p.):**

- QIII:  $x_1 = 180^\circ + \alpha = 180^\circ + 25.6^\circ = \mathbf{205.6^\circ}$
- QIV:  $x_2 = 360^\circ - \alpha = 360^\circ - 25.6^\circ = \mathbf{334.4^\circ}$