

Sat 38 Angles Explanation

1. C

We know that 2π radians equal 360° which means we can set up a proportion to convert the radian measurement into degrees. Let x be the measure in degrees.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{\pi}{4} &= \frac{2\pi}{360} \\ 2\pi x &= \frac{360\pi}{4} \\ x &= \frac{360\pi}{8\pi} \\ x &= 45^\circ\end{aligned}$$

2. A

On the unit circle, the degree measurement of 225 has the coordinates of $(-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}, -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2})$. This means that the cosine would be the value of the x-coordinate. The answer is $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$.

3. C

We know that 2π radians equal 360° which means we can set up a proportion to convert the degrees measurement into radians. Let x be the measure in radians.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x}{315} &= \frac{2\pi}{360} \\ 360x &= 630\pi \\ x &= \frac{7\pi}{4}\end{aligned}$$

4. B

We know that 2π radians equal 360° which means we can set up a proportion to convert the radian measurement into degrees. Let x be the measure in degrees.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{4\pi}{6} &= \frac{2\pi}{360} \\ \frac{1440\pi}{6} &= 2\pi x \\ \frac{1440\pi}{12\pi} &= x \\ 120^\circ &= x\end{aligned}$$

5. D

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If we recall our unit circle, the coordinates for an angle that measures $\frac{11\pi}{6}$ radians are $(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, -\frac{1}{2})$.

This means that $\tan(\frac{11\pi}{6})$ would be:

$$\frac{-\frac{1}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}} = \frac{-1}{\sqrt{3}} = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$$

6. D

$\cos(90)$ would be equal to 0. The only other trigonometric function of the same value would be $\sin(\pi)$.

7. C

The coordinates of degree measure 60 on a unit circle is $(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2})$. If tan is the y coordinate over the x coordinate, then the value of $\tan 60^\circ$ would be:

$$\frac{\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}}{\frac{1}{2}} = \sqrt{3}$$

8. A

An undefined value will be anything that is divided by 0. In the case of $\tan(90)$, the value would be $\frac{1}{0}$.

9. B

We know that 2π radians equal 360° which means we can set up a proportion to convert the degrees measurement into radians. Let x be the measure in radians.

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{x}{60} &= \frac{2\pi}{360} \\ 360x &= 120\pi \\ x &= \frac{\pi}{3}\end{aligned}$$

10. C

Using our unit circle, we know that radian measure $\frac{3\pi}{2}$ will have the coordinates of (0,-1). Since the value of sin is the same as the y-coordinate, the value of $\sin \frac{3\pi}{2}$ is -1