



These problems address topics from the NCEES FE Civil CBT Exam Specifications at <https://ncees.org/wp-content/uploads/FE-Civil-CBT-specs-1.pdf>, see below.

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Mathematics and Statistics

NCEES Fundamentals of Engineering (FE)

CIVIL CBT Exam Specifications

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| Knowledge | Number of Questions |
|---|---------------------|
| 1. Mathematics and Statistics A. Analytic geometry B. Single-variable calculus C. Vector operations D. Statistics (e.g., distributions, mean, mode, standard deviation, confidence interval, regression and curve fitting) | 8-12 |

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- V1.01 minor formatting
- V1.02 added question numbers
- V1.03 minor updates per live session
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A. Analytic Geometry

Question 1: A line with a slope of $12/5$ and passes through the point $(5,3)$ also passes through all the following points except:

- A. $(-5, -21)$
- B. $(-3, -16)$
- C. $(10, 15)$
- D. $(15, 27)$

A. Analytic Geometry

Question 2: A circle with center $(2,4)$ and a point on the circle of $(5,8)$ can be described by which of the following equations:

- A. $(x - 4)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 5$
- B. $(x + 2)^2 + (y + 4)^2 = 25$
- C. $x(x - 4) + y(y - 8) = 25$
- D. $x(x - 4) + y(y - 8) = 5$



A. Analytic Geometry

Question 3: The solution to the three linear equations shown is which of the following points in coordinate form:

$$4x + 4y + z = -2 \quad \text{Equation 1}$$

A. (4, -6, 6)

$$2x + y + z = 8 \quad \text{Equation 2}$$

B. (2, 2, 4)

$$x + 2y + 2z = 4 \quad \text{Equation 3}$$

C. (2, -3, 4)

D. (-4, 6, -2)

A. Analytic Geometry

Question 4: The inverse of $y = 3^x$ can be written as which of the following:

A. $y = e^{3x}$

B. $y = 3 \log x$

C. $y = \log_3 x$

D. $y = \log_x 3$



A. Analytic Geometry

Question 5: The trigonometric expression below is equivalent to which of the following:

$$\cos x + \sin x \tan x$$

- A. $\sec x$
- B. $\cos x$
- C. $\csc x$
- D. $\sin x$

A. Analytic Geometry

Question 6: The value of $\cos x$ is not equivalent to which of the following when $x = \pi/2$ radians:

- A. $\tan(2x)$
- B. $\sec(2x) + 1$
- C. $2\sin^2 x - 1$
- D. $\csc(x) - 1$



A. Analytic Geometry

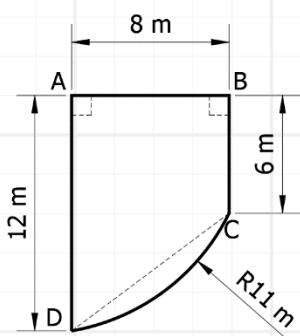
Question 7: In the right triangle below AM is perpendicular to BC. The ratio of AM:BM:CM is most nearly:



- A. 12: 5: 13
- B. 60: 25: 144
- C. 81: 36 :169
- D. 90: 121: 169

A. Analytic Geometry

Question 8: The enclosed area ABCD shown below is most nearly:



- A. 74 m^2
- B. 76 m^2
- C. 78 m^2
- D. 80 m^2



B. Single-variable calculus

Question 9: The functions below define a parabola and line segment where the value b is unknown.

$$f_1(x) = x^2 - 4x + 2 \quad \text{Function 1}$$

$$f_2(x) = 2x + b \quad \text{Function 2}$$

The value of b that will make the line tangent to the parabola is:

A. -7

B. -3

C. 1

D. 3

B. Single-variable calculus

Question 10: The derivative dy/dx of the following equation is equivalent to which of the following equations.

$$y = \cos(2x) e^{4x}$$

A. $-8 \sin(2x) e^{4x}$

B. $8 \sin(2x) e^{4x}$

C. $e^{4x}(4 \cos(2x) - 2\sin(2x))$

D. $8e^{4x}(\cos(2x) - \sin(2x))$



B. Single-variable calculus

Question 11: The functions below intersect in two locations and create an enclosed area.

$$f_1(x) = -x^2 + 4x + 1 \text{ Function 1}$$

$$f_2(x) = x + 1 \text{ Function 2}$$

The area bounded by these two functions is most nearly:

- A. 3.0 units²
- B. 4.5 units²
- C. 7.5 units²
- D. 10.5 units²

B. Single-variable calculus

Question 12: The following integral is equivalent to which of the following equations.

$$\int \sec^2 x - 1$$

- A. $\tan^2 x + C$
- B. $\tan x - x + C$
- C. $\tan \frac{x}{2} + x + C$
- D. $\frac{\tan x}{2} - x + C$



C. Vector operations

Question 13: For vectors $\mathbf{A} = 5i + 4j - 3k$ and $\mathbf{B} = 2i - 3j + 4k$ the dot product $\mathbf{A} \cdot \mathbf{B}$ is:

- A. $10i + 12j - 12k$
- B. $10i - 12j - 12k$
- C. 10
- D. -14

C. Vector operations

Question 14: For vectors $\mathbf{A} = 5i + 4j - 3k$ and $\mathbf{B} = 2i - 3j + 4k$ the cross product $\mathbf{A} \times \mathbf{B}$ is:

- A. $10i + 12j - 12k$
- B. $25i - 14j - 23k$
- C. $7i - 26j - 23k$
- D. $7i + 26j - 23k$



C. Vector operations

Question 15: For vectors $\mathbf{A} = 5i + 4j - 3k$ and $\mathbf{B} = 2i - 3j + 4k$ the unit vector for the sum of $\mathbf{A} + \mathbf{B}$ is:

- A. $10i + 12j - 12k$
- B. $7i + j + k$
- C. $0.78i + 0.11j + 0.11k$
- D. $0.98i + 0.14j + 0.14k$

C. Vector operations

Question 16: Given vectors $\mathbf{A} = 2i + 4j$ and $\mathbf{B} = -i + 3j$, what is true about the vectors?

- A. \mathbf{A} is perpendicular to \mathbf{B}
- B. \mathbf{A} is parallel to \mathbf{B}
- C. \mathbf{A} is the same length as \mathbf{B}
- D. \mathbf{A} is at an angle of 45° to \mathbf{B}



D. Statistics

Question 17: A sample of 6 concrete cylinders were broken at 28 days to estimate the concrete's compressive strength. The test results in psi were: 3900, 4150, 4450, 4275, 4350 and 4250. The sample mean and standard deviation are most nearly:

- A. 4,229 psi and 173 psi
- B. 4,229 psi and 190 psi
- C. 4,263 psi and 173 psi
- D. 4,263 psi and 190 psi

D. Statistics

Question 18: A concrete mix design produces normally distributed concrete with a mean strength of 4,400 psi and standard deviation of 200 psi. The probability that a sample would be greater than 4,000 psi is most nearly:

- A. 98%
- B. 97%
- C. 96%
- D. 94%



D. Statistics

Question 19: The points below can be modeled using a best-fit linear regression model.

| Point |
|---------|
| (2, 2) |
| (4, 5) |
| (5, 12) |
| (8, 16) |

The value estimated by the linear regression model for $x = 10$ is most nearly:

- A. 20
- B. 21
- C. 22
- D. 23

D. Statistics

Question 20: A bag contains three blue marbles and two red marbles. If a marble is selected five times out of the bag with replacement after each pick, the probability of obtaining at least four blue marbles is most nearly:

- A. 19%
- B. 21%
- C. 25%
- D. 34%