

Answer on Question #57981 – Math – Trigonometry

Question

Reference angle for 305° is ____°.

Solution

305° is in the 4th quadrant, so

$$x = 360^\circ - 305^\circ = 55^\circ$$

Answer: 55°

Question

If the point $p(-3/5, y)$ lies on the unit circle and P is in the second quadrant, what does y equal? If necessary, use the slash mark (/) for a fraction bar.

Solution

Because the point $p(-3/5, y)$ lies on the unit circle, it follows that

$$\left(-\frac{3}{5}\right)^2 + y^2 = 1,$$

hence

$$y = \sqrt{1 - \left(\frac{3}{5}\right)^2},$$
$$y = \pm \frac{4}{5},$$

Given P is in the second quadrant, hence we take

$$y = \frac{4}{5}$$

Answer: $y=4/5$

Question

What are the coordinates of the terminal point determined by $t = 20\pi / 3$

Solution

$$x = \cos \frac{20\pi}{3} = \cos \left(6\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \cos \frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2},$$

$$y = \sin \frac{20\pi}{3} = \sin \left(6\pi + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) = \sin \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}.$$

Answer: B: $(-1/2, \sqrt{3}/2)$.