

# 7 Full-Length Maryland Algebra 2 Practice Tests

*Comprehensive Test Prep with Detailed Answer Explanations*

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# Welcome to Your Practice Book

7 full-length Algebra 2 tests for deeper preparation and review

## Welcome!

This book gives you **7 full-length Algebra 2 practice tests** with detailed answer explanations. Use each test as a rehearsal: work steadily, check your answers only at the end, study your mistakes, and use the next test to measure progress.

### Practice routine

- ✓ Take each test in one quiet sitting
- ✓ Use a timer and avoid notes
- ✓ Mark questions you want to revisit

### Improve your score

- ✓ Review every missed question
- ✓ Write down the mistake pattern
- ✓ Practice that kind of problem again

Use the tests like checkpoints: try, study, retry, and watch the pattern improve.

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1  
Try

2  
Study

3  
Retest

“ Simulate real test conditions: quiet space, timer on, no notes, and answers checked only at the end. ”





# How to Use This Book



A 7-test path from diagnosis to mastery

## What is inside

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### 7 full-length practice tests

Each test samples all major Algebra 2 chapters, including functions, quadratics, polynomials, rational and radical expressions, exponential and logarithmic models, sequences, matrices, trigonometry, conics, statistics, probability, and finance.

### Step-by-step explanations

Treat every missed question as a study assignment. The explanations show the reasoning that should appear in your own work.

### Reference sheet and score tracker

Keep formulas close, then record scores and review topics after each test.

## Question types

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### Multiple Choice

Use structure: signs, restrictions, graph behavior, and units can rule out bad options.

### Short Answer

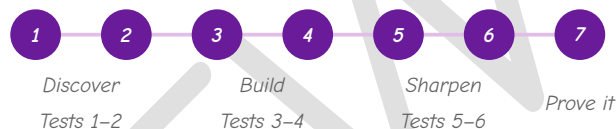
Write the method clearly enough that another person can follow your steps.

### Graphing & Data

Mark scale, intercepts, key features, and what the model means in context.

## Seven-test rhythm

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**Suggested pacing:** Take tests 4–5 days apart. Keep a running list of weak topics so your review becomes more focused each week.

**1 Score**  
Mark every answer.

**2 Study**  
Review missed topics.

**3 Retry**  
Redo similar problems.

# 💡 Test-Taking Tips 💡

Practical habits for Algebra 2 practice tests

## During the test

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### 1. Read for the target.

Identify exactly what the question asks before calculating.

### 2. Set up before solving.

Write the equation, expression, graph feature, or formula you plan to use.

### 3. Show the algebra.

Keep signs, restrictions, substitutions, and simplification visible.

### 4. Check reasonableness.

Substitute, estimate, inspect the graph, or compare units.

### 5. Answer the question asked.

Re-read the final sentence before marking your answer.

## After the test

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### Score

Mark each question and write down the test score.

### Sort

Group missed questions by topic, not by page number.

### Study

Review the explanation, then retry a similar problem.

## Common traps

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**Inequalities:** flip the sign when multiplying or dividing by a negative.

**Quadratics:** use  $2a$  in the denominator of the quadratic formula and interpret the discriminant before solving.

**Rational expressions:** excluded values come from the original denominator, even after simplifying.

**Radicals and logs:** check domain restrictions and extraneous solutions.

**Graphs:** scale the axes first, then label intercepts, asymptotes, extrema, or end behavior.



# What You'll Need



Gather materials before you begin

## Materials checklist

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- |   |                                 |   |                                     |
|---|---------------------------------|---|-------------------------------------|
| ✓ | Sharpened pencils               | ✓ | Good eraser                         |
| ✓ | Scratch paper                   | ✓ | Ruler or straightedge               |
| ✓ | Graphing calculator, if allowed | ✓ | Quiet place to work                 |
| ✓ | Timer for practice tests        | ✓ | The answer key for review afterward |

## Usually allowed

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Pencils, scratch paper provided on test day, graphing calculator when your state allows it, and a straight-edge for graphing.

## Usually not allowed

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Phones, notes, textbooks, online help, or any calculator/app not permitted by your official test rules.



Same setup



Same tools



Better comparison

A consistent routine makes your scores easier to compare.



# Algebra 2 Reference Sheet



High-yield formulas for quick review before each practice test

## Functions

Domain = allowed inputs; range = outputs.

$$\text{Average rate: } \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$$

$f(x) + k$ : up/down;  $f(x - h)$ : right/left

$af(x)$ : vertical stretch/reflection

$f(bx)$ : horizontal change

Inverse:  $f^{-1}(f(x)) = x$

## Linear

$$\text{Slope: } m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$$

Point-slope:  $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$

Slope-intercept:  $y = mx + b$

Standard:  $Ax + By = C$

Parallel: same  $m$ ; perpendicular:  $m_1 m_2 = -1$

## Systems

Solutions are intersections.

Substitution: solve one equation, plug in.

Elimination: align terms, add/subtract.

No solution: parallel lines.

Infinitely many: same line.

## Quadratics

Standard:  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$

Vertex:  $y = a(x - h)^2 + k$

Factored:  $y = a(x - r_1)(x - r_2)$

Axis:  $x = -\frac{b}{2a}$

$$\text{Formula: } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Discriminant:  $b^2 - 4ac$

Roots:  $r_1 + r_2 = -\frac{b}{a}$ ,  $r_1 r_2 = \frac{c}{a}$

## Polynomials

Remainder: divide by  $x - a$ , remainder  $f(a)$ .

Factor:  $x - a$  factor iff  $f(a) = 0$ .

Zeros and factors:  $x = r \leftrightarrow (x - r)$

Even degree: same end behavior.

Odd degree: opposite end behavior.

Even multiplicity touches; odd crosses.

## Complex Numbers

$$i^2 = -1, i^3 = -i, i^4 = 1$$

$(a + bi) + (c + di) = (a + c) + (b + d)i$

$(a + bi)(c + di) = (ac - bd) + (ad + bc)i$

Conjugates:  $a + bi$ ,  $a - bi$

Real polynomials have conjugate complex roots.

## Rational

Excluded values come from original denominator.

Factor first; cancel common factors.

Vertical asymptotes: uncanceled denominator zeros.

Holes: canceled denominator zeros.

Horizontal asymptote compares degrees.

Rational inequality: use sign chart.

## Radicals

$$a^{m/n} = \sqrt[n]{a^m} = (\sqrt[n]{a})^m$$

$a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$

$$\frac{a^m}{a^n} = a^{m-n}$$

Power function:  $f(x) = ax^p$

Radical equations: isolate, power, check.

Even roots need nonnegative radicands.

## Exponential

Model:  $y = ab^x$

Growth:  $b > 1$ ; decay:  $0 < b < 1$

Compound:  $A = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{nt}$

Continuous:  $A = Pe^{rt}$

Half-life/decay:  $A = A_0(1 - r)^t$

## Logarithms

$$\log_b(x) = y \leftrightarrow b^y = x$$

$\log_b(MN) = \log_b M + \log_b N$

$\log_b(M/N) = \log_b M - \log_b N$

$\log_b(M^p) = p \log_b M$

Change base:  $\log_b x = \frac{\log x}{\log b}$

Log domain: argument  $> 0$ .

## Sequences

Arithmetic:  $a_n = a_1 + (n - 1)d$

Arithmetic recursive:  $a_n = a_{n-1} + d$

$$\text{Arithmetic sum: } S_n = \frac{n(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$$

Geometric:  $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$

Geometric recursive:  $a_n = r a_{n-1}$

$$\text{Finite sum: } S_n = \frac{a_1(1 - r^n)}{1 - r}$$

Infinite sum:  $S = \frac{a_1}{1 - r}$ ,  $|r| < 1$

## Matrices

Matrix size: rows  $\times$  columns.

Add/subtract only same dimensions.

Multiply  $A_{m \times n} B_{n \times p} = C_{m \times p}$ .

Identity:  $AI = IA = A$

For  $2 \times 2$ , determinant  $ad - bc$ .



# Algebra 2 Reference Sheet



Trig, conics, data, probability, and modeling reminders

## Trigonometry

Unit point:  $(\cos \theta, \sin \theta)$

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1$$

$$1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$\sin = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{hyp}}, \cos = \frac{\text{adj}}{\text{hyp}}, \tan = \frac{\text{opp}}{\text{adj}}$$

$$\text{Sine/cosine period: } \frac{2\pi}{|b|}$$

$$\text{Tangent period: } \frac{\pi}{|b|}$$

$$\text{Law of Sines: } \frac{\sin A}{a} = \frac{\sin B}{b} = \frac{\sin C}{c}$$

$$\text{Law of Cosines: } c^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \cos C$$

## Trig Graphs

$$y = A \sin(B(x - C)) + D$$

Amplitude:  $|A|$

$$\text{Period: } \frac{2\pi}{|B|} \text{ for sine/cosine}$$

$$\text{Period: } \frac{\pi}{|B|} \text{ for tangent}$$

Phase shift:  $C$

Midline:  $y = D$

Max/min:  $D \pm |A|$

## Special Angles

$$30^\circ = \frac{\pi}{6}, 45^\circ = \frac{\pi}{4}, 60^\circ = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}, \cos 30^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\sin 45^\circ = \cos 45^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}, \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$$

Quadrant signs: ASTC.

## Conics

$$\text{Circle: } (x - h)^2 + (y - k)^2 = r^2$$

$$\text{Parabola: } (x - h)^2 = 4p(y - k)$$

$$\text{or } (y - k)^2 = 4p(x - h)$$

$$\text{Ellipse: } \frac{(x - h)^2}{a^2} + \frac{(y - k)^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\text{Hyperbola: } \frac{(x - h)^2}{a^2} - \frac{(y - k)^2}{b^2} = 1$$

## Conic Details

Circle center  $(h, k)$ , radius  $r$ .

Parabola vertex  $(h, k)$ , focus is  $|p|$  away.

Ellipse: larger denominator gives major axis.

$$\text{Ellipse: } c^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

$$\text{Hyperbola: } c^2 = a^2 + b^2$$

Asymptotes guide hyperbola branches.

## Statistics

$$\text{Mean: } \bar{x} = \frac{\sum x}{n}$$

$$z = \frac{x - \mu}{\sigma}$$

Residual = actual - predicted

Correlation  $r$  is between  $-1$  and  $1$ .

Normal: about 68%, 95%, 99.7% within 1, 2, 3 SDs.

## Data Displays

$$\text{IQR: } Q_3 - Q_1$$

$$\text{Outlier fence: } Q_1 - 1.5(\text{IQR}), Q_3 + 1.5(\text{IQR})$$

Median resists outliers.

Mean is pulled by outliers.

Standard deviation measures typical distance from mean.

## Regression

Residual: actual - predicted.

Positive  $r$ : as  $x$  rises,  $y$  tends to rise.

Negative  $r$ : as  $x$  rises,  $y$  tends to fall.

Strong linear fit:  $|r|$  close to 1.

$R^2$  is percent of variation explained.

## Probability

$$P(A | B) = \frac{P(A \cap B)}{P(B)}$$

Independent:  $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$

Either/or:  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A \cap B)$

$$\text{Permutations: } {}_n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n - r)!}$$

$$\text{Combinations: } {}_n C_r = \frac{n!}{r!(n - r)!}$$

$$\text{Binomial: } {}_n C_r p^r (1 - p)^{n - r}$$

## Counting

Fundamental counting principle: multiply choices.

Permutation: order matters.

Combination: order does not matter.

With replacement: choices stay the same.

Without replacement: choices decrease.

## Finance

$$\text{Simple interest: } I = Prt$$

$$\text{Future amount: } A = P + I$$

$$\text{Compound: } A = P(1 + \frac{r}{n})^{nt}$$

$$\text{Continuous: } A = Pe^{rt}$$

$$\text{Depreciation: } A = P(1 - r)^t$$

$$\text{Percent change: } \frac{\text{new} - \text{old}}{\text{old}}$$

## Modeling Checks

Linear: constant first differences.

Quadratic: constant second differences.

Exponential: constant ratios.

Domain should match the context.

Round only at the end unless directed.

# My Test Tracker

Record scores, review topics, and save your progress online

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Start Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Test	Date	Score / 50	Percent	Topic or chapter to review
1	_____	_____	_____	_____
2	_____	_____	_____	_____
3	_____	_____	_____	_____
4	_____	_____	_____	_____
5	_____	_____	_____	_____
6	_____	_____	_____	_____
7	_____	_____	_____	_____

## Review pattern

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### Tests 1–2

Discover strengths and weak chapters.

### Tests 3–6

Build pacing while closing topic gaps.

### Test 7

Run a final test-day rehearsal.

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PRACTICE TEST

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## Practice Test 1

 10 Questions

### Before You Start

- ✓ *Read each question carefully before choosing your answer.*
- ✓ *Show your work on scratch paper when you need to.*
- ✓ *Skip hard questions and come back to them later.*
- ✓ *Check your answers when you're done.*
- ✓ *Take your time — there's no rush!*

★ *You've Got This!* ★

*Do your best and show what you know!*



1. Which system has no solution?

(A)  $y = 3x + 2$  and  $y = 3x - 5$

(B)  $y = 3x + 2$  and  $y = -3x + 2$

(C)  $x + y = 6$  and  $x - y = 2$

(D)  $y = x$  and  $y = 2x$

2. A line has intercepts  $(0, 6)$  and  $(3, 0)$ . What is its slope?

(A) 2

(B) -2

(C)  $\frac{1}{2}$

(D)  $-\frac{1}{2}$

3. Which property justifies  $7(x + 4) = 7x + 28$ ?

(A) commutative property

(B) associative property

(C) distributive property

(D) inverse property

4. Which inequality has solution  $x > 6$ ?

(A)  $x - 2 > 4$

(B)  $x + 2 > 4$

(C)  $2x > 6$

(D)  $x + 6 > 6$

5. Which elimination step removes  $y$  from  $2x + 3y = 7$  and  $5x - 3y = 14$ ?

(A) add the equations

(B) subtract the equations

(C) multiply both equations by 3

(D) divide by  $y$

6. Which expression has the same value as  $5^0 + 5^{-1}$ ?

(A) 0

(B)  $\frac{1}{5}$

(C)  $1\frac{1}{5}$

(D) 5



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7. Which parent function has a V-shaped graph?

- (A) linear (B) absolute value  
(C) quadratic (D) exponential

8. Use the table to identify which values satisfy  $2x - 1 \leq 5$ .

$x$	$2x - 1$	Satisfies?
2	3	yes
3	5	yes
4	7	no

- (A)  $x \leq 3$  (B)  $x < 3$   
(C)  $x \geq 3$  (D)  $x > 3$

9. Factor  $x^2 + 7x + 12$ .

- (A)  $(x + 3)(x + 4)$  (B)  $(x - 3)(x - 4)$   
(C)  $(x + 2)(x + 6)$  (D)  $(x + 1)(x + 12)$

10. Use the solution-type chart to classify an equation with  $D = -12$ .

Discriminant	Solution type
$D > 0$ perfect square	two rational real
$D > 0$ not a perfect square	two irrational real
$D = 0$	one repeated real
$D < 0$	two nonreal complex

- (A) two rational real (B) two irrational real  
(C) one repeated real (D) two nonreal complex



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# *Answer Key & Explanations*



## Answer Key

First try each test on your own, then check your work here.

### Practice Test 1 – Answer Key

1 A

2 B

3 C

4 A

5 A

6 C

7 B

8 A

9 A

10 D

### Time to Learn!

Review the explanations below, especially for the questions you missed.

Understanding why each answer is correct builds stronger problem-solving skills.

*Tip:* Circle any questions you got wrong, then read their explanation carefully.

### Practice Test 1 – Detailed Explanations

1 The two lines have the same slope but different intercepts, so they are parallel and never intersect.

2 Using the two intercepts,  $m = \frac{0-6}{3-0} = -2$ .

3 The factor 7 is multiplied by each term inside the parentheses, which is the distributive property.



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- 4 Solving  $x - 2 > 4$  gives  $x > 6$ , while the other choices have different solution sets.
- 5 The coefficients of  $y$  are opposites, so adding the equations eliminates  $y$ .
- 6 Since  $5^0 = 1$  and  $5^{-1} = \frac{1}{5}$ , the sum is  $1\frac{1}{5}$ .
- 7 The absolute value parent  $y = |x|$  forms two rays meeting at a vertex, creating a V shape.
- 8 The table shows 3 still works but 4 does not, matching the algebraic solution  $x \leq 3$ .
- 9 The numbers 3 and 4 multiply to 12 and add to 7, so the factorization is  $(x + 3)(x + 4)$ .
- 10 A negative discriminant falls in the  $D < 0$  row, which means the equation has two nonreal complex solutions.

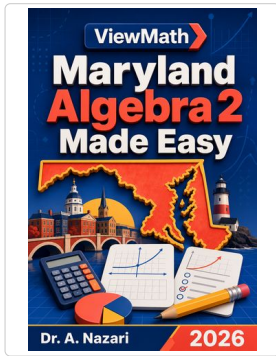


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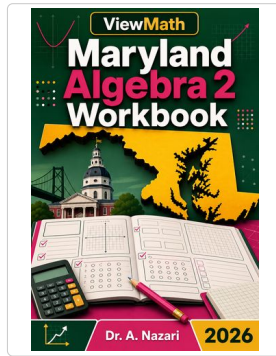
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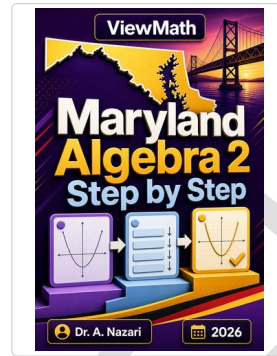
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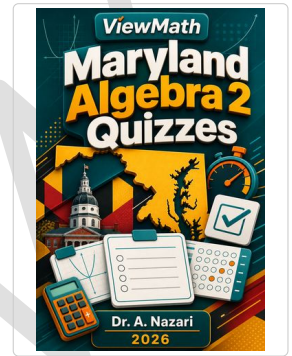
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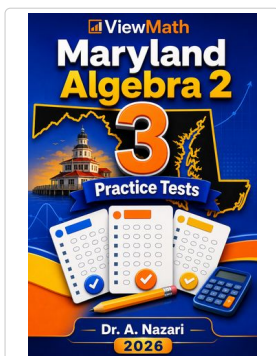
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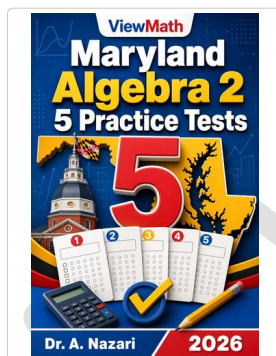
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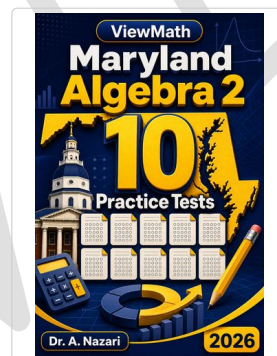
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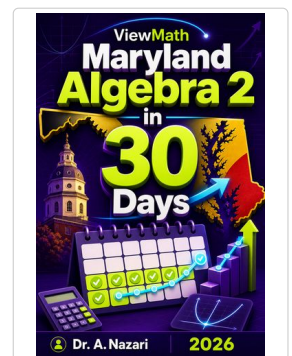
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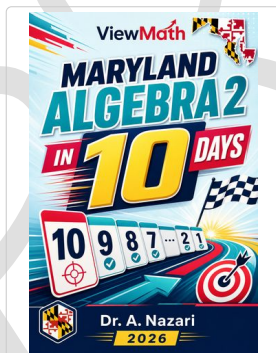
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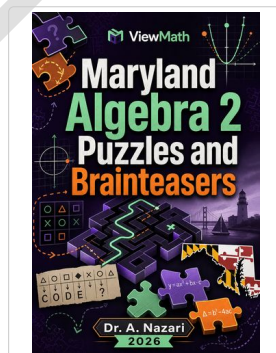
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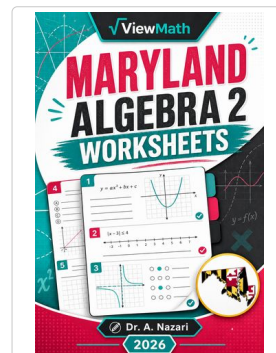
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