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a) $\sin x^\circ = 0.5$

$$\begin{aligned}x^\circ &= \sin^{-1}(0.5) \\&= 30^\circ\end{aligned}$$

b) $\cos x^\circ = 0.866$

$$\begin{aligned}x^\circ &= \cos^{-1}(0.866) \\&= 30.003 \\&\approx 30^\circ\end{aligned}$$

c) $\tan x^\circ = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}x^\circ &= \tan^{-1}(1) \\&= 45^\circ\end{aligned}$$

d) $\cos x^\circ = -0.5$

$$\begin{aligned}\cos^{-1}(-0.5) &= 60^\circ \\x^\circ &= 180 - 60^\circ \\&= 120^\circ\end{aligned}$$

e) $\tan x^\circ = -0.577$

$$\begin{aligned}\tan^{-1}(-0.577) &= 29.98^\circ \\x^\circ &= 180 - 29.98^\circ \\&= 150.02^\circ \\&\approx 150^\circ\end{aligned}$$

f) $\sin x^\circ = -0.866$

$$\begin{aligned}\sin^{-1}(-0.866) &= 60^\circ \\x^\circ &= 180 + 60^\circ \\&= 240^\circ\end{aligned}$$

g) $\tan x^\circ = 1.732$

$$\begin{aligned}x^\circ &= \tan^{-1}(1.732) \\&= 60^\circ\end{aligned}$$

h) $\sin x^\circ = 0.707$

$$\begin{aligned}x^\circ &= \sin^{-1}(0.707) \\&= 45^\circ\end{aligned}$$

i) $\cos x^\circ = 0.707$

$$\begin{aligned}x^\circ &= \cos^{-1}(0.707) \\&= 45^\circ\end{aligned}$$

j) $\sin x^\circ = -0.707$

$$\begin{aligned}x^\circ &= 180 + 45^\circ \\&= 225^\circ\end{aligned}$$

k) $\cos x^\circ = -0.866$

$$\begin{aligned}x^\circ &= 180 - 30^\circ \\&= 150^\circ\end{aligned}$$

l) $\tan x^\circ = -1.732$

$$\begin{aligned}x^\circ &= 180 - 60^\circ \\&= 120^\circ\end{aligned}$$

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2a) $\sin x^\circ = 0.313$
 $x^\circ = \sin^{-1}(0.313)$
 $= 18^\circ$

b) $\cos x^\circ = 0.425$
 $x^\circ = \cos^{-1}(0.425)$
 $= 65^\circ$

c) $\tan x^\circ = 5.145$
 $x^\circ = \tan^{-1}(5.145)$
 $= 79^\circ$

d) $\cos x^\circ = -0.087$
 $\cos^{-1}(-0.087) = 85^\circ$
 $x^\circ = 180 - 85^\circ$
 $= 95^\circ$

e) $\tan x^\circ = -0.869$
 $\tan^{-1}(-0.869) = 41^\circ$
 $x^\circ = 180 - 41^\circ$
 $= 139^\circ$

f) $\sin x^\circ = -0.191$
 $\sin^{-1}(-0.191) = 11^\circ$
 $x^\circ = 180 + 11^\circ$
 $= 191^\circ$

g) $\tan x^\circ = 11.43$
 $x^\circ = \tan^{-1}(11.43)$
 $= 85^\circ$

h) $\sin x^\circ = 0.695$
 $x^\circ = \sin^{-1}(0.695)$
 $= 44^\circ$

i) $\cos x^\circ = 0.755$
 $x^\circ = \cos^{-1}(0.755)$
 $= 41^\circ$

j) $\sin x^\circ = -0.358$
 $\sin^{-1}(-0.358) = 21^\circ$
 $x^\circ = 180 + 21^\circ$
 $= 201^\circ$

k) $\cos x^\circ = -0.682$
 $\cos^{-1}(-0.682) = 47^\circ$
 $x^\circ = 180 - 47^\circ$
 $= 133^\circ$

l) $\tan x^\circ = -0.261$
 $\tan^{-1}(-0.261) = 51^\circ$
 $x^\circ = 180 - 51^\circ$
 $= 129^\circ$