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**JEE MAIN MARCH 2021 | 18<sup>TH</sup> MARCH SHIFT-2****SECTION - A**

1. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} - \{3\} \rightarrow \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$  be defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$ . Let  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be given as  $g(x) = 2x - 3$ . Then the sum of all the values of  $x$  for which  $f^{-1}(x) + g^{-1}(x) = \frac{13}{2}$  is equal to.

(1) 3

(2) 5

(3) 7

(4) 2

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol.  $y = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$                        $y = 2x - 3$

$$xy - 3y = x - 2 \qquad x = \frac{y+3}{2}$$

$$x(y-1) = 3y-2 \qquad g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+3}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{3y-2}{y-1}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) = \frac{3x-2}{x-1}$$

$$f^{-1}(x) + g^{-1}(x) = \frac{13}{2}$$

$$\frac{3x-2}{x-1} + \frac{x+3}{2} = \frac{13}{2}$$

$$\frac{6x-4+(x+3)(x-1)}{(x-1)} = 13$$

$$6x-4+x^2+2x-3=13x-13$$

$$x^2+8x-7-13x+13=0$$

$$x^2-5x+6=0$$

$$(x-2)(x-3)=0$$

$$x=2, 3$$

$$\text{sum} = 2+3=5$$



2. Define a relation R over a class of  $n \times n$  real matrices A and B as "ARB iff there exists a non-singular matrix P such that  $PAP^{-1} = B$ " Then which of the following is true ?
- (1) R is reflexive, transitive but not symmetric  
 (2) R is an equivalence relation  
 (3) R is symmetric, transitive but not reflexive,  
 (4) R is reflexive, symmetric but not transitive

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol. For reflexive

$$ARA \Rightarrow PAP^{-1} = A \dots (1) \text{ must be true}$$

For  $P = I$ , eq. (1) is true so 'R' is reflexive.

For symmetric

$$ARB \Leftrightarrow PAP^{-1} = B \dots (1) \text{ is true}$$

For BRA iff  $PBP^{-1} = A \dots (2) \text{ must be true}$

$$\therefore PAP^{-1} = B$$

$$P^{-1}PA P^{-1} = P^{-1}B$$

$$IA P^{-1}P = P^{-1}BP$$

$$A = P^{-1}BP \dots (3)$$

From (2) and (3)  $PBP^{-1} = P^{-1}BP$  can be true for some  $P = P^{-1}$

$$\Rightarrow P^2 = I (\det(P) \neq 0)$$

So, R is symmetric

For transitive

$$ARB \Leftrightarrow PAP^{-1} = B \dots \text{ is true}$$

$$BRC \Leftrightarrow PBP^{-1} = C \dots \text{ is true}$$

$$\text{Now } PPA P^{-1} P^{-1} = C$$

$$P^2A (P^2)^{-1} = C \Leftrightarrow ARC$$

So R is transitive relation

$\Rightarrow$  Hence, R is equivalence

3. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function defined as  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin(a+1)x + \sin 2x}{2x} & , \text{if } x < 0 \\ b & , \text{if } x = 0 \\ \frac{\sqrt{x + bx^3} - \sqrt{x}}{bx^{\frac{5}{2}}} & , \text{if } x > 0 \end{cases}$ . If f is continuous at  $x = 0$ ,

then the value of value of  $a + b$  is equal to:

(1) -3

(2) -2

(3)  $-\frac{3}{2}$

(4)  $-\frac{5}{2}$

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Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \frac{\sin(a+1)x + \sin 2x}{2x}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin(a+1)x}{2(a+1)x} \times (a+1) + \frac{\sin 2x}{2x}$$

$$= \frac{a+1}{2} + 1 = b$$

$$a+3 = 2b$$

$$b = \frac{a+3}{2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{x+bx^3} - \sqrt{x}}{bx^{5/2}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{1+bx^2} - 1}{bx^2}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{bx^2}{bx^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{a+3}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$a = -2$$

$$a+b = -2 + \frac{1}{2} = \frac{-3}{2}$$

4. Let in a series of  $2n$  observations, half of them are equal to  $a$  and remaining half are equal to  $-a$ . Also by adding a constant  $b$  in each of these observations, the mean and standard deviation of new set become 5 and 20 respectively. Then the value of  $a^2 + b^2$  is equal to :

(1) 425

(2) 925

(3) 650

(4) 250

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol. Let observations are denoted by  $x_i$

For  $1 \leq i < 2n$

$$\bar{x} = \frac{\sum x_i}{2n} = \frac{(a+a+\dots+a) - (a+a+\dots+a)}{2n}$$

$$\bar{x} = 0$$



$$\text{and } (\sigma_x)^2 = \frac{\sum(x_i)^2}{2n} - (\bar{x})^2 = \frac{a^2 + a^2 + \dots + a^2}{2n} - 0 = a^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sigma_x = a$$

Now, adding a constant 'b' then,

$$\bar{y} = \bar{x} + b = 5 ]$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 5$$

and  $\sigma_y = \sigma_x$  (No change in S.D.)

$$\Rightarrow a = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = 425$$

5. Let  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  be two non-zero vectors perpendicular to each other and  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$ . If  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}|$ , then the angle between the vectors  $(\vec{a} + \vec{b} + (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}))$  and  $\vec{a}$  is equal to :

(1)  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}\right)$

(2)  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

(3)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$

(4)  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.  $|\vec{a}| = |\vec{b}|$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}|$$

$$\vec{a} \perp \vec{b}$$

$$|\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |\vec{a}|$$

$$|\vec{a}| |\vec{b}| \sin 90^\circ = |\vec{a}| \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = 1$$

$\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$  are two  $\perp$  er unit vectors

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i}, \vec{b} = \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{a} \times \vec{b} = \hat{k}$$

$$\vec{c} = (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}), \vec{a} = \hat{i}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = |\vec{a}| |\vec{c}| \cos \theta$$

$$1 = 1 \times \sqrt{3} \cos \theta$$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \cos \theta \Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$



6. The area bounded by the curve  $4y^2 = x^2(4-x)(x-2)$  is equal to :

(1)  $\frac{3\pi}{8}$

(2)  $\frac{3\pi}{2}$

(3)  $\frac{\pi}{16}$

(4)  $\frac{\pi}{8}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol.  $4y^2 = x^2(4-x)(x-2)$

$$y = \pm \frac{x}{2} \sqrt{(4-x)(x-2)}$$

$$(4-x)(x-2) \geq 0$$

$$(x-2)(x-4) \leq 0$$

$$x \in [2, 4]$$

$$y_1 = \frac{x}{2} \sqrt{(4-x)(x-2)}$$

$$y_2 = -\frac{x}{2} \sqrt{(4-x)(x-2)}$$

$$\text{Required area} = \int_2^4 (y_1 - y_2) dx$$

$$\text{Required area} = \int_2^4 x \sqrt{(4-x)(x-2)} dx = I$$

$$I = \int_2^4 (6-x) \sqrt{(x-2)(4-x)} dx$$

$$2I = \int_2^4 6 \sqrt{(x-2)(4-x)} dx$$

$$I = 3 \int_2^4 \sqrt{(x-2)(4-x)} dx$$

$$I = 3 \int_2^4 \sqrt{1-(x-3)^2} dx$$

$$I = 3 \times \frac{\pi}{2} = \frac{3\pi}{2}$$



7. Let  $S_1$  be the sum of first  $2n$  terms of an arithmetic progression. Let  $S_2$  be the sum of first  $4n$  terms of the same arithmetic progression. If  $(S_2 - S_1)$  is 1000, then the sum of the first  $6n$  terms of the arithmetic progression is equal to :

- (1) 7000                      (2) 5000                      (3) 3000                      (4) 1000

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.  $S_1 = \frac{2n}{2}(2a + (2n - 1)d) = n(2a + (2n - 1)d)$

$$S_2 = \frac{4n}{2}(2a + (4n - 1)d) = 2n(2a + (4n - 1)d)$$

$$S_2 - S_1 = 1000$$

$$2n(2a + (4n - 1)d) - n(2a + (2n - 1)d) = 1000$$

$$n[4a + (4n - 1)2d - 2a - (2n - 1)d] = 1000$$

$$n[2a + d(8n - 2 - 2n + 1)] = 1000$$

$$n[2a + d(6n - 1)] = 1000$$

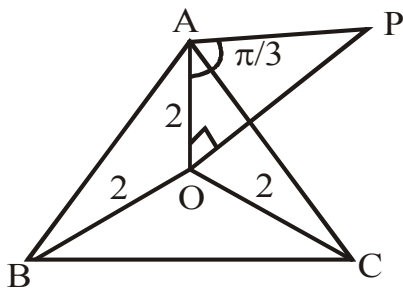
$$\frac{6n}{2}(2a + (6n - 1)d) = 3000$$

$$S = 3000$$

8. A pole stands vertically inside a triangular park ABC. Let the angle of elevation of the top of the pole from each corner of the park be  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ . If the radius of the circumcircle of  $\Delta ABC$  is 2, then the height of the pole is equal to :

- (1)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$                       (2)  $2\sqrt{3}$                       (3)  $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$                       (4)  $\sqrt{3}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)



Sol.

$$\tan \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{h}{2}$$



$$\sqrt{3} = \frac{h}{2} \Rightarrow h = 2\sqrt{3}$$

9. Let  $y = y(x)$  be the solution of the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (y+1)((y+1)e^{x^{3/2}} - x)$ ,  $0 < x < 2.1$ , with  $y(2) = 0$ . Then the value of  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  at  $x = 1$  is equal to :

(1)  $\frac{5e^{1/2}}{(e^2 + 1)^2}$

(2)  $-\frac{2e^2}{(1+e^2)^2}$

(3)  $\frac{-e^{3/2}}{(e^2 + 1)^2}$

(4)  $\frac{e^{5/2}}{(1 + e^2)^2}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.  $\frac{dy}{dx} = (y+1)((y+1)e^{x^{3/2}} - x)$

$$y + 1 = Y$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dY}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = Y(Ye^{x^{3/2}} - x)$$

$$\frac{dY}{dx} = Y^2e^{x^{3/2}} - xY$$

$$\frac{1}{Y} \frac{dY}{dx} = Ye^{x^{3/2}} - x$$

$$\frac{1}{Y} = P$$

$$\frac{dP}{dx} = -\frac{1}{Y^2} \frac{dY}{dx}$$

$$\frac{1}{Y^2} \frac{dY}{dx} = e^{x^{3/2}} - \frac{x}{Y}$$

$$-\frac{dP}{dx} = e^{x^{3/2}} - Px$$

$$\frac{dP}{dx} = -e^{x^{3/2}} + Px$$

$$\frac{dP}{dx} - Px = e^{x^{3/2}}$$

$$\text{I.F.} = e^{x^2/2}$$





$$-P = (x + c)e^{x^2/2}$$

$$\frac{-1}{Y} = (x + c)e^{x^2/2}$$

$$\frac{-1}{y+1} = (x + c)e^{x^2/2}$$

$$y+1 = \frac{-1}{(x + c)e^{x^2/2}}$$

$$x = 2, y = 0$$

$$0+1 = \frac{-1}{(2+c)e^{x^2/2}}$$

$$(2+c)e^{x^2/2} = -1$$

$$2+c = \frac{-1}{e^{x^2/2}}$$

$$c = -2 - \frac{1}{e^{x^2/2}}$$

$$y+1 = \frac{-1}{\left(x - 2 - \frac{1}{e^{x^2/2}}\right)e^{x^2/2}}$$

$$\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)_{\text{at } x=1} = \frac{-e^{3/2}}{(1+e^2)^2}$$

10. Let a tangent be drawn to the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{27} + y^2 = 1$  at  $(3\sqrt{3}\cos\theta, \sin\theta)$  where  $\theta \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . Then the value of  $\theta$  such that the sum of intercepts on axes made by this tangent is minimum is equal to -

(1)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

(2)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

(3)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

(4)  $\frac{\pi}{8}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol.  $\frac{x^2}{27} + y^2 = 1$

$$\frac{2x}{27} + 2y y' = 0$$

$$\frac{x}{27} + y y' = 0 \Rightarrow yy' = \frac{-x}{27}$$

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$$y' = \frac{-x}{27y}$$

$$y'_{(3\sqrt{3}\cos\theta, \sin\theta)} = \frac{-3\sqrt{3}\cos\theta}{27\sin\theta} = \frac{-\sqrt{3}\cos\theta}{9\sin\theta}$$

$$y' = \frac{-\cot\theta}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

$$y - \sin\theta = \frac{-\cot\theta}{3\sqrt{3}}(x - 3\sqrt{3}\cos\theta)$$

Put  $x = 0$

$$y - \sin\theta = \cos\theta \times \cot\theta$$

$$y = \cos\theta \cot\theta + \sin\theta = \frac{1}{\sin\theta}$$

Put  $y = 0$

$$-\sin\theta = \frac{-\cot\theta}{3\sqrt{3}}(x - 3\sqrt{3}\cos\theta)$$

$$\sin\theta = \frac{\cos\theta}{3\sqrt{3}\sin\theta}(x - 3\sqrt{3}\cos\theta)$$

$$\frac{3\sqrt{3}\sin^2\theta}{\cos\theta} = x - 3\sqrt{3}\cos\theta$$

$$\frac{3\sqrt{3}\sin^2\theta + 3\sqrt{3}\cos^2\theta}{\cos\theta} = x$$

$$x = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\cos\theta}$$

$$x_{\text{int}} + y_{\text{int}} = \frac{1}{\sin\theta} + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\cos\theta}$$

$$= \operatorname{cosec}\theta + 3\sqrt{3}\sec\theta$$

$$f(\theta) = 3\sqrt{3}\sec\theta + \operatorname{cosec}\theta$$

$$f'(\theta) = 3\sqrt{3} \times \sec\theta \tan\theta - \operatorname{cosec}\theta \cot\theta$$

$$= \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{\cos\theta} \times \frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = \frac{\cos\theta}{\sin^2\theta}$$

$$3\sqrt{3} = \cot^3\theta$$

$$3^{3/2} = \cot^3\theta$$

$$\cot\theta = \sqrt{3}$$



$$\tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

11. Let the system of linear equations

$$4x + \lambda y + 2z = 0$$

$$2x - y + z = 0$$

$$\mu x + 2y + 3z = 0, \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}.$$

has a non-trivial solution. Then which of the following is true ?

- (1)  $\lambda = 3, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$       (2)  $\mu = -6, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$       (3)  $\mu = 6, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$       (4)  $\lambda = 2, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.  $4x + \lambda y + 2z = 0$

$$2x - y + z = 0$$

$$\mu x + 2y + 3z = 0 \quad \lambda, \mu \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 4 & \lambda & 2 \\ 2 & -1 & 1 \\ \mu & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$4(-3-2) - \lambda(6-\mu) + 2(4+\mu) = 0$$

$$-20 - 6\lambda + \lambda\mu + 8 + 2\mu = 0$$

$$\mu(\lambda + 2) - 6\lambda = 12$$

$$6(\lambda + 2) - 6\lambda = 12$$

$$12 = 12 \Rightarrow \mu = 6, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$$

12. Let in a Binomial distribution, consisting of 5 independent trials, probabilities of exactly 1 and 2 successes be 0.4096 and 0.2048 respectively. Then the probability of getting exactly 3 successes is equal to:

- (1)  $\frac{80}{243}$       (2)  $\frac{128}{625}$       (3)  $\frac{32}{625}$       (4)  $\frac{40}{243}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.  $P(X = 1) = {}^5C_1 \times p \times q^4 = 0.4096$

$$P(X = 2) = {}^5C_2 \times p^2 \times q^3 = 0.2048$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{q}{2p} = 2$$



$$\Rightarrow q = 4p \text{ and } p + q = 1$$

$$p = \frac{1}{5}, q = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$P(X = 3) = {}^5C_3 \times \left(\frac{1}{5}\right)^3 \times \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^2 = \frac{32}{625}$$

13. If  $15\sin^4\alpha + 10\cos^4\alpha = 6$ , for some  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$ , then the value of  $27\sec^6\alpha + 8\operatorname{cosec}^6\alpha$  is equal to :

(1) 400

(2) 350

(3) 250

(4) 500

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.  $15\sin^4\alpha + 10\cos^4\alpha = 6$

$$15\tan^4\alpha + 10 = 6\sec^4\alpha$$

$$15\tan^4\alpha + 10 = 6(1 + \tan^2\alpha)^2$$

$$15\tan^4\alpha + 10 = 6 + 6\tan^4\alpha + 12\tan^2\alpha$$

$$9\tan^4\alpha - 12\tan^2\alpha + 9 = 0$$

$$\tan^2\alpha = t$$

$$(3t - 2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow t = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\tan^2\alpha = \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \tan\alpha = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$1 + \tan^2\alpha = 1 + \frac{2}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\sec^2\alpha = \frac{5}{3}$$

$$H = \sqrt{5}$$

$$\sin\alpha = \pm \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\sin^2\alpha = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}^2\alpha = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$27 \times \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^3 + 8 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^3 = 125 + 125 = 250$$



14. Let  $g(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$ , where  $f$  is continuous function in  $[0, 3]$  such that  $\frac{1}{3} \leq f(t) \leq 1$  for all  $t \in [0, 1]$  and

$0 \leq f(t) \leq \frac{1}{2}$  for all  $t \in (1, 3]$ . The largest possible interval in which  $g(3)$  lies is :

- (1)  $\left[-1, -\frac{1}{2}\right]$       (2)  $[1, 3]$       (3)  $\left[\frac{1}{3}, 2\right]$       (4)  $\left[-\frac{3}{2}, -1\right]$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.  $\frac{1}{3} \leq f(x) \leq 1 \forall t \in [0, 1]$

$0 \leq f(t) \leq \frac{1}{2} \forall t \in (1, 3]$

$$g(3) = \int_0^3 f(t) dt = \int_0^1 f(t) dt + \int_1^3 f(t) dt$$

$$\int_0^1 f(t) dt \Rightarrow \int_0^1 \frac{1}{3} dt \leq \int_0^1 f(t) dt \leq \int_0^1 1 dt$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{3} \leq \int_0^1 f(t) dt \leq 1 \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\int_1^3 f(t) dt \Rightarrow \int_1^3 0 dt \leq \int_1^3 f(t) dt \leq \int_1^3 \frac{1}{2} dt$$

$$0 \leq \int_1^3 f(t) dt \leq 1 \quad \dots (ii)$$

(i) + (ii)

$$\frac{1}{3} \leq \int_0^1 f(t) dt + \int_1^3 f(t) dt \leq 2$$

$$\frac{1}{3} \leq g(3) \leq 3$$

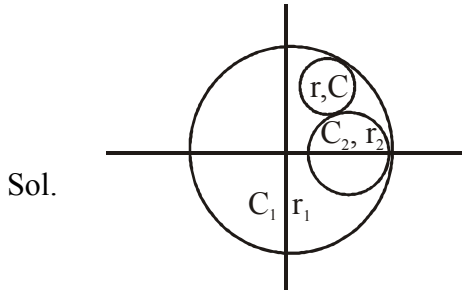


15. Let  $S_1 : x^2 + y^2 = 9$  and  $S_2 : (x-2)^2 + y^2 = 1$ . Then the locus of center of a variable circle  $S$  which touches  $S_1$  internally and  $S_2$  externally always passes through the points :

- (1)  $\left(2, \pm \frac{3}{2}\right)$       (2)  $(0, \pm\sqrt{3})$       (3)  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \pm \frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}\right)$       (4)  $(1, \pm 2)$

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Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)



$$CC_1 = r_1 - r$$

$$CC_1 = r_2 + r$$

$$CC_1 + CC_2 = r_1 + r_2$$

$$CC_1 + CC_2 = \text{constant}$$

Locus is ellipse

$$2a = 4 \Rightarrow a = 2$$

$$2ae = 2$$

$$e = 1/2$$

$$e^2 = 1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{1}{4} = 1 - \frac{b^2}{4}$$

$$\frac{b^2}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow b^2 = 3$$

$$\frac{(x-1)^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1$$

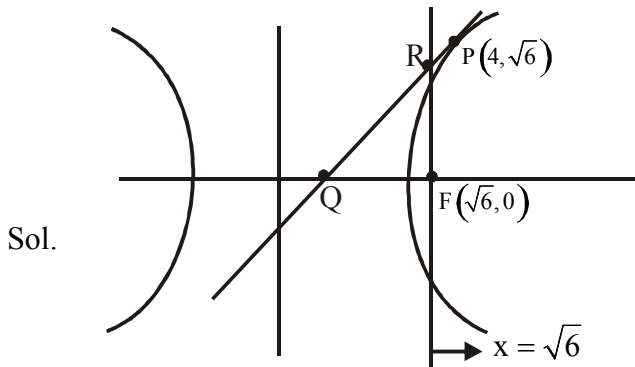
Option 1 satisfies it.



16. Consider a hyperbola  $H : x^2 - 2y^2 = 4$ . Let the tangent at a point  $P(4, \sqrt{6})$  meet the  $x$ -axis at  $Q$  and latus rectum at  $R(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $x_1 > 0$ . If  $F$  is focus of  $H$  which is nearer to the point  $P$ , then the area of  $\Delta QFR$  is equal to.

- (1)  $4\sqrt{6}$                       (2)  $\sqrt{6} - 1$                       (3)  $\frac{7}{\sqrt{6}} - 2$                       (4)  $4\sqrt{6} - 1$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)



$$H : x^2 - 2y^2 = 4$$

$$\frac{x^2}{4} - \frac{y^2}{2} = 1$$

$$e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{b^2}{a^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$F = (ae, 0) = (\sqrt{6}, 0)$$

$$\text{Tangent at } P \Rightarrow 2x - y\sqrt{6} = 2$$

$$Q = (1, 0)$$

At  $R \Rightarrow$  latus rectum meets the tangent

$$R = \left( \sqrt{6}, \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}(\sqrt{6} - 1) \right)$$

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{6} - 1) \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}}(\sqrt{6} - 1) \right) = \frac{7}{\sqrt{6}} - 2$$



17. Let a complex number be  $w = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$ . Let another complex number  $z$  be such that  $|zw| = 1$  and  $\arg(z) - \arg(w) = \frac{\pi}{2}$ . Then the area of the triangle with vertices origin,  $z$  and  $w$  is equal to:

- (1)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (2)  $\frac{1}{4}$                       (3) 2                      (4) 4

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)

Sol.  $w = 1 - \sqrt{3}i$      $|zw| = 1$

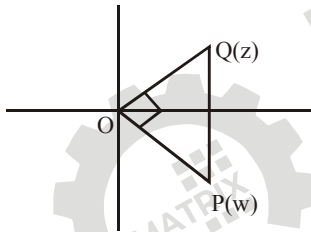
$$\arg(z) - \arg(w) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$|w| = 2$$

$$|z| |w| = 1 \Rightarrow |z| = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\arg(z) = \frac{\pi}{2} + \arg(w)$$

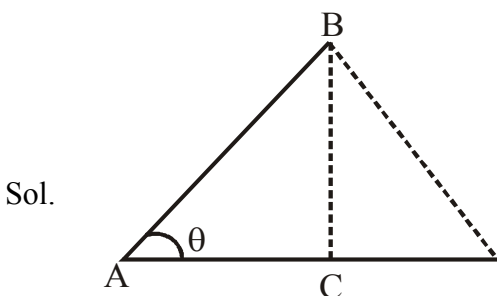
$$\text{area} = \frac{1}{2} \times (OP) (OQ) = \frac{1}{2} \times 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$



18. In a triangle ABC. If  $|\overline{BC}| = 8, |\overline{CA}| = 7, |\overline{AB}| = 10$ , then the projection of the vector  $\overline{AB}$  on  $\overline{AC}$  is equal to:

- (1)  $\frac{127}{20}$                       (2)  $\frac{115}{16}$                       (3)  $\frac{25}{4}$                       (4)  $\frac{85}{14}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)



Sol.





$$|\overline{BC}| = 8 \quad |\overline{CA}| = 7 \quad |\overline{AB}| = 10$$

$$\text{Projection} = |\overline{AB}| \cos \theta$$

$$\text{Projection} = 10 \cos \theta$$

$$\cos = \frac{|\overline{AB}|^2 + |\overline{CA}|^2 - |\overline{BC}|^2}{2 \times |\overline{AB}| |\overline{CA}|}$$

$$= \frac{100 + 49 - 64}{2 \times 10 \times 7} = \frac{85}{10 \times 2 \times 7}$$

$$\text{Projection} = 10 \times \frac{85}{10 \times 2 \times 7} = \frac{85}{14}$$

19. Let the centroid of an equilateral triangle ABC be at the origin. Let one of the sides of the equilateral triangle be along the straight line  $x + y = 3$ . If R and r be the radius of circumcircle and incircle respectively of  $\Delta ABC$ , then  $(R + r)$  is equal to :

- (1)  $3\sqrt{2}$                       (2)  $\frac{9}{\sqrt{2}}$                       (3)  $2\sqrt{2}$                       (4)  $7\sqrt{2}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (2)

Sol.  $r = \left| \frac{-3}{\sqrt{2}} \right| = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$

$$r = 4R \sin \frac{A}{2} \sin \frac{B}{2} \sin \frac{C}{2}$$

$$\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} = 4R \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$R = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$R + r = \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}} + 3\sqrt{2} = \frac{9}{\sqrt{2}}$$



20. If P and Q are two statements, then which of the following compound statement is a tautology ?

(1)  $((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge \sim Q) \Rightarrow Q$

(2)  $((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge \sim Q) \Rightarrow (P \wedge Q)$

(3)  $((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge \sim Q) \Rightarrow \sim P$

(4)  $((P \Rightarrow Q) \wedge \sim Q) \Rightarrow \sim P$

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.

P	Q	$P \vee Q$	$P \vee \sim Q$	$\sim P$	$(P \vee Q) \vee \sim P$
T	T	T	T	F	T
T	F	T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F	T	T
F	F	F	F	T	T

1. Let  ${}^n C_r$  denote the binomial coefficient of  $x^r$  in the expansion of  $(1+x)^n$

If  $\sum_{k=0}^{10} (2^2 + 3k) {}^{10} C_k = \alpha 2^{10} + \beta \cdot 2^{10}, \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ , then  $\alpha + \beta$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Ans. Official Answer NTA (19)

Sol.

$$\sum_{k=0}^{10} 4 \times {}^{10} C_k + 3k \times {}^{10} C_k$$

$$= 4 \sum_{k=0}^{10} {}^{10} C_k + 3 \left( \sum_{k=0}^{10} k \times \frac{10}{k} \times {}^9 C_{k-1} \right)$$

$$= 4 \times 2^{10} + 30 \sum_{k=1}^{10} {}^9 C_{k-1}$$

$$= 2^{12} + 30(2^9)$$

$$= 2^{12} + 30(2^9)$$

$$= 2^{12} + 15 \times 2^{10}$$

$$= \alpha \times 2^{10} + \beta \times 2^{10}$$

$$\beta = 15$$

$$\alpha = 4$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 19$$



2. Let  $y = y(x)$  be the solution of the differential equation  $x dy - y dx = \sqrt{x^2 - y^2} dx$ ,  $x \geq 1$  with  $y(1) = 0$ . If the area bounded by the line  $x = 1$ ,  $x = e^\pi$ ,  $y = 0$  and  $y = y(x)$  is  $\alpha e^{2\pi} + \beta$ , then the value of  $10(\alpha + \beta)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (4)

Sol.  $x dy - y dx = \sqrt{x^2 - y^2} dx$

$$\frac{x dy - y dx}{x^2} = \frac{1}{x} \sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{x^2}} dx$$

$$\int \frac{d\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)}{\sqrt{1 - \frac{y^2}{x^2}}} = \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{y}{x}\right) = \ln|x| + c$$

$$x = 1, y = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$$

$$\frac{y}{x} = \sin(\ln x)$$

$$y = x \sin(\ln x)$$

$$A = \int_1^{e^\pi} x \sin(\ln x) dx$$

$$x = e^t$$

$$dx = e^t dt$$

$$A = \int_0^\pi e^t \sin(\ln e^t) \times e^t dt$$

$$A = \int_0^\pi e^{2t} \sin t dt$$

$$A = \frac{e^{2t}}{5} (2 \sin t - \cos t) \Big|_0^\pi$$

$$= \frac{e^{2\pi}}{5} (2 \sin \pi - \cos \pi) - \frac{1}{5} (2 \sin 0 - \cos 0)$$

$$A = \frac{e^{2\pi}}{5} (0 + 1) - \frac{1}{5} (-1)$$



$$A = \frac{e^{2\pi}}{5} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{1}{5}(e^{2\pi} + 1) = \alpha e^{2\pi} + \beta$$

$$\alpha = \frac{1}{5} \quad \beta = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$10(\alpha + \beta) = 10\left(\frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5}\right) = 4$$

3. Let  $p(x)$  be a real polynomial of degree 3 which vanishes at  $x = -3$ , Let  $p(x)$  have local minima at  $x = 1$ , local maxima at  $x = -1$  and  $\int_{-1}^1 P(x)dx = 18$ , then the sum of all the coefficients of the polynomial  $P(x)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (8)

Sol.  $P'(x) = a(x-1)(x+1) = a(x^2-1)$

$$\frac{dP(x)}{dx} = a(x^2-1)$$

$$\int dP(x) = \int a(x^2-1)dx$$

$$P(x) = \frac{ax^3}{3} - ax + C$$

$$P(x) = a\left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x\right) + C$$

$$P(-3) = 0$$

$$0 = a\left(\frac{-27}{3} + 3\right) + C$$

$$0 = a(-6) + C$$

$$C = 6a$$

$$P(x) = a\left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x\right) + 6a$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \left( a\left(\frac{x^3}{3} - x\right) + 6a \right) dx = 18$$

$$\int_{-1}^1 \frac{a}{3} \times x^3 dx - \int_{-1}^1 ax dx + 60 \int_{-1}^1 dx = 18$$



$$\frac{a}{12}(0) - \frac{a}{2}(1-1) + 6a(1+1) = 18$$

$$12a = 18$$

$$a = 3/2$$

$$P(x) = \frac{3}{2} \left( \frac{x^3}{3} - x \right) + 9$$

$$= \frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{3x}{2} + 9$$

$$\text{Sum of coefficients } \frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{2} + 9 = 8$$

4. Let P be a plane containing the line  $\frac{x-1}{3} = \frac{y+6}{4} = \frac{z+5}{2}$  and parallel to the line  $\frac{x-3}{4} = \frac{y-2}{-3} = \frac{z+5}{7}$ . If the point  $(1, -1, \alpha)$  lies on the plane P, then the value of  $|5\alpha|$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (38)

Sol.  $\vec{r} = (1, -6, -5) + \lambda(3, 4, 2)$

$$\vec{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 3 & 4 & 2 \\ 4 & -3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(28+6) - \hat{j}(21-8) + \hat{k}(-9-16)$$

$$= 34\hat{i} - 13\hat{j} - 25\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot \vec{n} = \vec{a} \cdot \vec{n}$$

$$\vec{r} \cdot (34\hat{i} - 13\hat{j} - 25\hat{k}) = (\hat{i} - 6\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}) \cdot (34\hat{i} - 13\hat{j} - 25\hat{k})$$

$$34x - 13y - 25z = 34 + 78 + 125$$

$$34x - 13y - 25z = 237$$

$$34 + 13 - 25\alpha = 237$$

$$\alpha = \frac{-190}{25}$$

$$|5\alpha| = \left| 5 \times \frac{-190}{25} \right| = \frac{190}{5} = 38$$



5. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  satisfy the equation  $f(x+y) = f(x) \cdot f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f(x) \neq 0$  for any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . If the function  $f$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$  and  $f'(0) = 3$ , then  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} (f(h) - 1)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Ans. Official Answer NTA (3)

Sol.  $f(x+y) = f(x)f(y)$

$$f(x) = a^x$$

$$f'(x) = a^x \ln a$$

$$f'(0) = a^0 \times \ln a = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow a = e^3$$

$$f(x) = e^{3x}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - 1}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{e^{3h} - 1}{3h} \right) \times 3 = 3$$

6. If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are two polynomials such that the polynomial  $P(x) = f(x^3) + x g(x^3)$  is divisible by  $x^2 + x + 1$ , then  $P(1)$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_ .

Ans. Official Answer NTA (0)

Sol.  $P(x) = f(x^3) + x g(x^3)$

$$P(1) = f(1) + g(1) \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$P(x) = Q(x) (x^2 + x + 1)$$

$$P(\omega) = 0 = P(\omega^2)$$

$\omega$  and  $\omega^2$  are non - real

cube roots of unity

$$P(\omega) = f(\omega^3) + \omega g(\omega^3)$$

$$f(1) + \omega g(1) = 0 \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$P(\omega^2) = f(\omega^6) + \omega^2 g(\omega^6) = 0$$

$$f(1) + \omega^2 g(1) = 0 \dots\dots\dots(3)$$

$$(3) + (2)$$



$$\Rightarrow 2f(1) + (\omega + \omega^2)g(1) = 0$$

$$2f(1) = g(1) \quad \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

$$(2) - (3)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\omega - \omega^2)g(1) = 0$$

$$g(1) = 0 = f(1) \text{ from } - \quad \dots\dots\dots(4)$$

$$\text{from (1)} \Rightarrow P(1) = f(1) + g(1) = 0$$

7 The term independent of  $x$  in the expansion of  $\left[ \frac{x+1}{x^{2/3} - x^{1/3} + 1} - \frac{x-1}{x - x^{1/2}} \right]^{10}$ ,  $x \neq 1$ , is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (210)

Sol.  $\left[ \frac{x+1}{x^{2/3} - x^{1/3} + 1} - \frac{x-1}{x - x^{1/2}} \right]^{10}$

$$\left( \frac{(x^{1/3} + 1)(x^{2/3} - x^{1/3} + 1)}{(x^{2/3} - x^{1/3} + 1)} - \frac{(\sqrt{x} - 1)(\sqrt{x} + 1)}{\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x} - 1)} \right)^{10}$$

$$\left( x^{1/3} + 1 - 1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} \right)^{10} = \left( x^{1/3} - \frac{1}{x^{1/2}} \right)^{10}$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r \left( x^{1/3} \right)^{10-r} \left( \frac{-1}{x^{1/2}} \right)^r$$

$$= {}^{10}C_r x^{\frac{10-r}{3}} (-1)^r x^{-r/2}$$

$$\frac{10-r}{3} = \frac{r}{2}$$

$$20 - 2r = 3r$$

$$r = 4$$

$$T_5 = {}^{10}C_4 (-1)^4 = {}^{10}C_4 = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 210$$



8. Let  $I$  be an identity matrix of order  $2 \times 2$  and  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then the value of  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  for which  $P^n = 5I - 8P$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (6)

Sol.  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$

$$P^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^3 = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 1 \\ -5 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 5 & -3 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 10 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$5I - 8P = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} 16 & -8 \\ 40 & -24 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -11 & 8 \\ -40 & 29 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$P^6 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 10 & -7 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 10 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} -11 & 8 \\ -40 & 29 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$n = 6$$

9. If  $\sum_{r=1}^{10} r!(r^3 + 6r^2 + 2r + 5) = \alpha(11!)$ , then the value of  $\alpha$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (160)

Sol.  $\sum_{r=1}^{10} [r(r^3 + 6r^2 + 2r + 5)] = \alpha[11!]$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{10} [r((r+1)(r+2)(r+3) - 9(r+1) + 8)]$$





$$\sum_{r=1}^{10} |r+3-9|r+1+8|r$$

$$\sum_{r=1}^{10} |r+3-|r+1-8|r+1+8|r$$

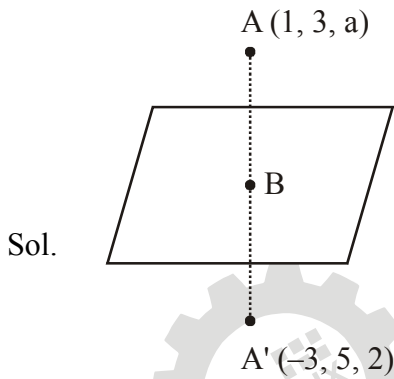
$$\sum_{r=1}^{10} |r+3-|r+1-8\sum_{r=1}^{10} |r+1-|r$$

$$\Rightarrow |11(12+156-8)=160|11=\alpha|11$$

$$\alpha = 160$$

10. Let the mirror image of the point  $(1, 3, a)$  with respect to the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) - b = 0$  be  $(-3, 5, 2)$ . Then, the value of  $|a + b|$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

Ans. Official Answer NTA (1)



$$2x - y + z = b$$

$$B \text{ is mid - point of } AA' = \left( -1, 4, \frac{a+2}{2} \right)$$

$$-2 - 4 + \frac{a+2}{2} = b$$

$$-4 - 8 + a + 2 = 2b$$

$$a = 2b + 10$$

$$A'A = 4\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + (a-2)\hat{k}$$

$$\frac{4}{2} = \frac{-2}{-1} = \frac{a-2}{1}$$

$$a - 2 = 2 \Rightarrow a = 4$$

$$b = -3$$

$$|a + b| = |4 - 3| = 1$$