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**JEE MAIN FEB 2021 | 24TH FEB SHIFT-2****SECTION – A**

1. Let A and B be 3×3 real matrices such that A is symmetric matrix and B is skew-symmetric matrix. Then the system of linear equations $(A^2B^2 - B^2A^2)X = O$, where X is a 3×1 column matrix of unknown variables and O is a 3×1 null matrix, has :

- (1) no solution (2) exactly two solutions
(3) infinitely many solutions (4) a unique solution

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. $(A^2B^2 - B^2A^2)^T = (A^2B^2)^T - (B^2A^2)^T$
 $= B^2A^2 - A^2B^2$

$\Rightarrow A^2B^2 - B^2A^2$ is skew – symmetric

$\Rightarrow |A^2B^2 - B^2A^2| = 0$

\Rightarrow option (3)

2. If $n \geq 2$ is a positive integer, then the sum of the series ${}^{n+1}C_2 + 2({}^2C_2 + {}^3C_2 + {}^4C_2 + \dots + {}^nC_2)$ is :

- (1) $\frac{n(n+1)^2(n+2)}{12}$ (2) $\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
(3) $\frac{n(2n+1)(3n+1)}{6}$ (4) $\frac{n(n-1)(2n+1)}{6}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

Sol. $E = {}^{n+1}C_2 + 2({}^3C_2 + {}^4C_2 + \dots + {}^nC_2)$

$= {}^{n+1}C_2 + 2({}^{n+1}C_3)$

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

$= \frac{n(n+1)(3+2n-2)}{6}$

$= \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

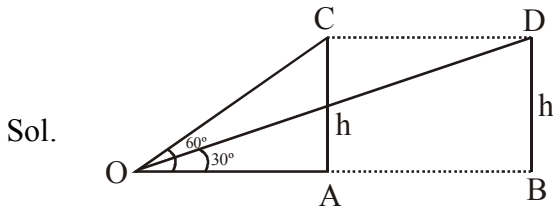
\Rightarrow option (2)



3. The angle of elevation of a jet plane from a point A on the ground is 60° . After a flight of 20 seconds at the speed of 432 km/hour, the angle of elevation changes to 30° . If the jet plane is flying at a constant height, then its height is :

- (1) $1800\sqrt{3}\text{m}$ (2) $1200\sqrt{3}\text{m}$ (3) $3600\sqrt{3}\text{m}$ (4) $2400\sqrt{3}\text{m}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)



$$AB = CD = \frac{432000}{3600} \times 20$$

$$= 2400$$

$$AB = h \cot 30^\circ - h \cot 60^\circ = 2400$$

$$\frac{2h}{\sqrt{3}} = 2400 \Rightarrow h = 1200\sqrt{3}$$

\Rightarrow option (2)

4. Let $f(x)$ be a differentiable function defined on $[0, 2]$ such that $f'(x) = f'(2-x)$ for all $x \in (0, 2)$, $f(0) =$

1 and $f(2) = e^2$. Then the value of $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$ is :

- (1) $1 - e^2$ (2) $1 + e^2$ (3) $2(1 - e^2)$ (4) $2(1 + e^2)$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

Sol. $f'(x) = f'(2-x)$

$$f'(x) - f'(2-x) = 0$$

Integrate w.r.t. x

$$f(x) + f(2-x) = C$$

$$\because f(0) = 1, f(2) = e^2 \Rightarrow C = e^2 + 1$$

$$I = \int_0^2 f(x) dx$$



$$I = \int_0^2 f(2-x) dx$$

$$\left(\because \int_a^b f(x) dx = \int_a^b f(a+b-x) dx \right)$$

Add

$$2I = \int_0^2 (f(x) + f(2-x)) dx$$

$$2I = \int_0^2 (e^2 + 1) dx$$

$$\Rightarrow I = e^2 + 1$$

option (2)

5. If a curve $y = f(x)$ passes through the point $(1, 2)$ and satisfies $x \frac{dy}{dx} + y = bx^4$, then for what value of b ,

$$\int_1^2 f(x) dx = \frac{62}{5}?$$

(1) 10

(2) 5

(3) $\frac{31}{5}$

(4) $\frac{62}{5}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (1)

Sol. $\frac{xdy}{dx} + y = bx^4$

$$\int d(xy) = \int bx^4 dx$$

$$xy = \frac{bx^5}{5} + c$$

$$y = \frac{bx^4}{5} + \frac{c}{x}$$

Passes through $(1, 2) \Rightarrow \frac{b}{5} + c = 2$ (1)

$$\int_1^2 f(x) dx = \frac{62}{5}$$

$$\left(\frac{bx^5}{25} + c \ln x \right)_1^2 = \frac{62}{5}$$

$$\frac{31b}{25} + c \ln 2 = \frac{62}{5} \quad \text{.....(2)}$$

\Rightarrow solving equation (1) and (2)

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$$\Rightarrow b = 10 \text{ and } c = 0$$

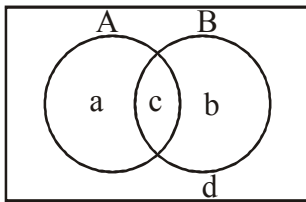
\Rightarrow option (1)

6. The probability that two randomly selected subsets of the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ have exactly two elements in their intersection, is :

(1) $\frac{35}{2^7}$ (2) $\frac{65}{2^7}$ (3) $\frac{135}{2^9}$ (4) $\frac{65}{2^8}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol.



$$n(A \cap B) = 2$$

for sample space

4 position for each element

$$\Rightarrow n(S) = 4^5 = 2^{10}$$

for event

$$n(A \cap B) = 2$$

$$n(\text{Event}) = {}^5C_2 \times (3)^3$$

$$p(\text{Event}) = \frac{10 \times 27}{2^{10}} = \frac{135}{2^9}$$

Option (3)

7. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -55x, & \text{if } x < -5 \\ 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 120x, & \text{if } -5 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x - 336, & \text{if } x > 4, \end{cases}$$

Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f \text{ is increasing}\}$. Then A is equal to :

- (1) $(-5, \infty)$ (2) $(-\infty, -5) \cup (4, \infty)$
 (3) $(-5, -4) \cup (4, \infty)$ (4) $(-\infty, -5) \cup (-4, \infty)$



Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol.

$$f(x) \begin{cases} -55x & x < -5 \\ 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 120x & -5 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x - 336 & x > 4 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(x) \begin{cases} -55 & x < -5 \\ 6x^2 - 6x - 120 & -5 < x < +4 \\ 6x^2 - 6x - 36 & x > 4 \end{cases}$$

C - I $x < -5$

$$f'(x) < 0$$

$\Rightarrow f$ is decreasing

C - II $-5 < x < 4$

$$f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -4) \cup (5, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-5, -4) \Rightarrow f \text{ is increasing}$$

C - III $x > 4$

$$f'(x) > 0$$

$$6(x^2 - x - 6) > 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (3, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (4, \infty) \Rightarrow f \text{ is increasing}$$

$$f \text{ is increasing } \forall x \in (-5, -4) \cup (4, \infty) \Rightarrow \text{option (3)}$$

8. The area of the region : $R = \{(x, y) : 5x^2 \leq y \leq 2x^2 + 9\}$ is :

(1) $9\sqrt{3}$ square units

(2) $12\sqrt{3}$ square units

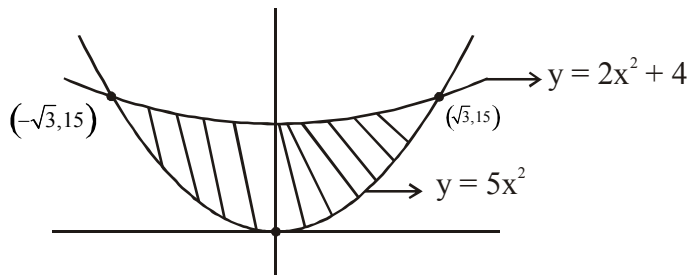
(3) $6\sqrt{3}$ square units

(4) $11\sqrt{3}$ square units

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)



Sol.



$$\text{Required Area} = \int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{\sqrt{3}} (2x^2 + 9 - 5x^2) dx$$

$$= 12\sqrt{3}$$

\Rightarrow option (2)

9. Let a, b, c be in arithmetic progression. Let the centroid of the triangle with vertices (a, c) , $(2, b)$ and (a, b) be $\left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$. If α, β are the roots of the equations $ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$, then the value of $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha\beta$ is:

- (1) $\frac{71}{256}$ (2) $-\frac{71}{256}$ (3) $\frac{69}{256}$ (4) $-\frac{69}{256}$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

$$\text{Sol. } G\left(\frac{2a+2}{3}, \frac{2b+c}{3}\right) \equiv \left(\frac{10}{3}, \frac{7}{3}\right)$$

$$\frac{2a+2}{3} = \frac{10}{3} \qquad \frac{2b+c}{3} = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$a = 4$$

$$2b + c = 7$$

$$2(a+d) + a + 2d = 7$$

$$3a + 4d = 7$$

$$12 + 4d = 7$$

$$4d = -5 \Rightarrow d = -\frac{5}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 4 - \frac{5}{4} = \frac{11}{4}$$

Quadratic equation

$$ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$$



$$4x^2 + \frac{11x}{4} + 1 = 0$$

$$16x^2 + 11x + 4 = 0 < \begin{matrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{matrix}$$

$$E = \alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha\beta$$

$$= (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 3\alpha\beta$$

$$= \frac{121}{256} - 3\left(\frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$= \frac{121 - 192}{256} = \frac{-71}{256}$$

⇒ option (2)

10. For which of the following curves, the line $x + \sqrt{3}y = 2\sqrt{3}$ is the tangent at the point $\left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$?

(1) $2x^2 - 18y^2 = 9$

(2) $x^2 + y^2 = 7$

(3) $y^2 = \frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}x$

(4) $x^2 + 9y^2 = 9$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (4)

Sol. Tangent $x + \sqrt{3}y = 2\sqrt{3}$ at $(x_1, y_1) \equiv \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

Check options

(1) $2xx_1 - 18yy_1 = 9$

$$2x\left(\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) - 18y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 9$$

$$2\sqrt{3}x - 9y = 9 \quad \text{No}$$

(2) $xx_1 + yy_1 = 7$

$$x\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} + y\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 7 \quad \text{No}$$

(3) $yy_1 = \frac{1}{12\sqrt{3}}(x + x_1)$



$$\frac{y}{2} = \frac{1}{12\sqrt{3}} \left(x + \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \right) \quad \text{No}$$

$$(4) \quad xx_1 + 9yy_1 = 9$$

$$x \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} + 9y \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) = 9$$

$$x + \sqrt{3}y = 2\sqrt{3} \quad \text{Yes}$$

\Rightarrow option (4)

11. Let f be twice differentiable function defined on \mathbb{R} such that $f(0) = 1$, $f'(0) = 2$ and $f''(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

R. If $\left| \begin{matrix} f(x) & f'(x) \\ f'(x) & f''(x) \end{matrix} \right| = 0$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then value of $f(1)$ lies in the interval :

(1) (3, 6)

(2) (6, 9)

(3) (0, 3)

(4) (9, 12)

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

Sol. $f(x) f''(x) - (f'(x))^2 = 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} \right) = 0$$

$$\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = c$$

$$\because f(0) = 1, f'(0) = 2 \Rightarrow c = 2$$

$$\frac{f'(x)}{f(x)} = 2$$

$$\int \frac{dy}{y} = \int 2dx$$

$$\ln y = 2x + \ln k \Rightarrow y = k e^{2x}$$

$$\because f(0) = 1 \Rightarrow k = 1$$

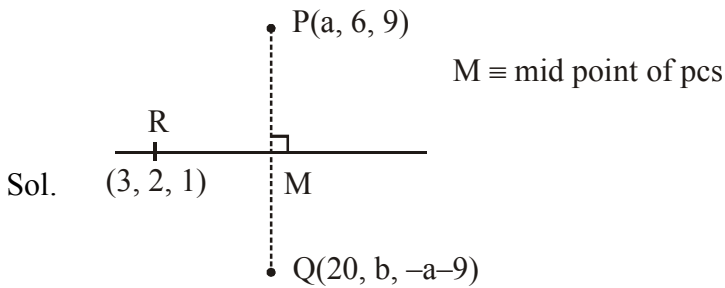
$$f(x) = e^{2x}$$

$$f(1) = e^2$$



12. Let $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. If the mirror image of the point $P(a, 6, 9)$ with respect of the line $\frac{x-3}{7} = \frac{y-2}{5} = \frac{z-1}{-9}$ is $(20, b, -a-9)$, then $|a + b|$ is equal to :
- (1) 86 (2) 90 (3) 88 (4) 84

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)



$$M\left(\frac{20+a}{2}, \frac{2+b}{2}, \frac{-a}{2}\right)$$

$\overline{MR} \parallel \text{line}$

$$\overline{MR} = \left(\frac{a+14}{2}, \frac{b+2}{2}, \frac{-a-2}{2}\right)$$

$$\frac{a+14}{2} = \frac{b+2}{2} = \frac{-a-2}{-9}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -56 \quad b = -32$$

$$\Rightarrow |a + b| = 88$$

option (3)

13. The negation of the statement $\sim p \wedge (p \vee q)$ is :

- (1) $p \wedge \sim q$ (2) $\sim p \vee q$ (3) $\sim p \wedge q$ (4) $p \vee \sim q$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (4)

Sol. $\sim(\sim p \wedge (p \vee q))$

$$p \vee ((\sim p) \wedge (\sim q))$$

$$(p \vee (\sim p)) \wedge (p \vee (\sim q))$$

$$t \vee (p \vee (\sim q))$$



$$\equiv p \vee (\sim q) \quad \Rightarrow \text{option (4)}$$

14. A possible value of $\tan \left(\frac{1}{4} \sin^{-1} \frac{\sqrt{63}}{8} \right)$ is :

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

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. Let $\sin^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{63}}{8} \right) = \theta$ $\sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{63}}{8} \Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{1}{8}$

$$\cos \frac{\theta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1+\cos \theta}{2}} \quad ; \quad \sin \frac{\theta}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{1-\cos \theta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4} \quad \quad \quad = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}$$

$$\tan \frac{\theta}{4} = \frac{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}}{1 + \cos \frac{\theta}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}}{1 + \frac{3}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{7} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}}$$

\Rightarrow option (3)

15. For the statements p and q, consider the following compound statements :

(a) $(\sim q \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \sim p$

(b) $((p \vee q) \wedge \sim p) \rightarrow q$

Then which of the following statements is correct ?

- (1) (a) is a tautology but not (b). (2) (b) is a tautology but not (a).
 (3) (a) and (b) both are not tautologies. (4) (a) and (b) both are tautologies.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (4)

Sol. (a) $((\sim q) \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow (\sim p)$



$$\sim((\sim q) \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \vee (\sim p)$$

$$(q \vee (\sim(p \rightarrow q))) \vee (\sim p)$$

$$(q \vee (p \wedge \sim q)) \vee (\sim p)$$

$$(q \vee p) \wedge (q \vee \sim q) \vee (\sim p)$$

$$(q \vee p) \vee (\sim p) \equiv t$$

$$(b) ((p \vee q) \wedge (\sim p)) \rightarrow q$$

$$\sim((p \vee q) \wedge (\sim p)) \vee q$$

$$((\sim(p \vee q)) \vee p) \vee q$$

$$((\sim p) \wedge (\sim q) \vee p) \vee q$$

$$(p \vee \sim q) \vee q \equiv t$$

\Rightarrow option (4)

16. The vector equation of the plane passing through the intersection of the planes $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 1$ and $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j}) = -2$, and the point (1, 0, 2) is :

$$(1) \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} - 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$(2) \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$(3) \vec{r} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 7$$

$$(4) \vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 7$$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (4)

Sol. By concept of family of planes

equation of required plane is

$$x + y + z - 1 + \lambda(x - 2y + 2) = 0$$

(1, 0, 2) will lie on it

$$1 + 2 - 1 + \lambda(1 + 2) = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-2}{3}$$

$$\frac{x}{3} + \frac{7y}{3} + z - \frac{7}{3} = 0$$

$$x + 7y + 3z = 7$$



Vector equation

$$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 7\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}) = 7$$

\Rightarrow option (4)

17. For the system of linear equations :

$$x - 2y = 1, x - y + kz = -2, ky + 4z = 6, k \in \mathbb{R}$$

Consider the following statements :

(A) The system has unique solution if $k \neq 2, k \neq -2$.

(B) The system has unique solution if $k = -2$.

(C) The system has unique solution if $k = 2$.

(D) The system has no-solution if $k = 2$.

(E) The system has infinite number of solutions if $k \neq -2$.

Which of the following statements are correct ?

(1) (C) and (D) only

(2) (A) and (E) only

(3) (B) and (E) only

(4) (A) and (D) only

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (4)

Sol.
$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ 1 & -1 & k \\ 0 & k & 4 \end{vmatrix} = 4 - k^2 = (2 - k)(2 + k)$$

$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 0 \\ -2 & -1 & k \\ 6 & k & 4 \end{vmatrix} = -(k + 10)(k + 2)$$

$$D \neq 0 \Rightarrow k \neq \pm 2$$

\Rightarrow system will have unique solution

\Rightarrow A is true; E, B, C are false

$$\text{If } k = 2 \Rightarrow D = 0, D_x \neq 0$$

\Rightarrow System will have no solution \Rightarrow D is true



\Rightarrow A & D are true.

18. If the curve $y = ax^2 + bx + c$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, passes through the point (1, 2) and the tangent line to this curve at origin is $y = x$, then the possible values of a, b, c are :

(1) $a = 1, b = 0, c = 1$

(2) $a = -1, b = 1, c = 1$

(3) $a = 1, b = 1, c = 0$

(4) $a = \frac{1}{2}, b = \frac{1}{2}, c = 1$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. Curve passes through (0, 0) $\Rightarrow c = 0$

$$y = ax^2 + bx$$

Tangent at (0, 0)

$$y = bx \Rightarrow b = 1 \quad (\because \text{comparing with } y = x)$$

$$y = ax^2 + x$$

Curve passes through (1, 2)

$$2 = a + 1 \Rightarrow a = 1$$

$$(a, b, c) = (1, 1, 0)$$

\Rightarrow option (3)

19. The value of the integral, $\int_1^3 [x^2 - 2x - 2] dx$, where $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x, is :

(1) -5

(2) $-\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} + 1$

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

(4) -4

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol.
$$I = \int_1^3 [x^2 - 2x - 2] dx = \int_1^3 [(x-1)^2 - 3] dx$$

Put $x - 1 = t$

$$I = \int_0^2 [t^2 - 3] dx = \int_0^2 [t^2] dx - 3 \int_0^2 dx$$



$$= \int_0^1 0 dt + \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} 1 dt + \int_{\sqrt{2}}^{\sqrt{3}} 2 dt + \int_{\sqrt{3}}^2 3 dt - 6$$

$$= -\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3} - 1$$

⇒ option (3)

20. If P is a point on the parabola $y = x^2 + 4$ which is closest to the straight line $y = 4x - 1$, then the co-ordinates of P are :

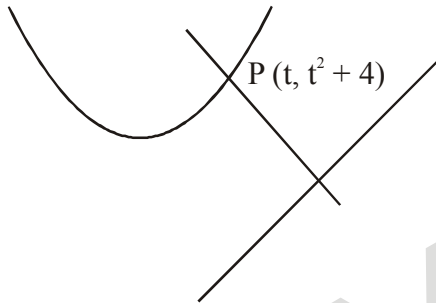
(1) (-2, 8)

(2) (2, 8)

(3) (1, 5)

(4) (3, 13)

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)



Sol.

Tangent at P will be parallel to $y = 4x - 1$

$$\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_P = 4$$

$$2t = 4 \Rightarrow t = 2$$

P (2, 8)

⇒ option (2)

SECTION – B

1. The students S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{10} are to be divided into 3 groups A, B and C such that each group has at least one student and the group C has at most 3 students. Then the total number of possibilities of forming such groups is _____ .

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (31650)

Sol. Case – I Group C has 1 student

$$\text{number of ways} = {}^{10}C_1 (2^9 - 2) = A_1 = 5100$$

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Case – II Group C has 2 student

$$\text{number of ways} = {}^{10}C_2 (2^8 - 2) = A_2 = 11430$$

Case – III Group C has 3 student

$$\text{number of ways} = {}^{10}C_3 (2^7 - 2) = A_3 = 15120$$

$$\text{Ans.} = A_1 + A_2 + A_3 = 31650$$

2. Let a point P be such that its distance from the point (5, 0) is thrice the distance of P from the point (-5, 0). If the locus of the point P is a circle of radius r, then $4r^2$ is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (56)

Sol. P(x, y) A(5, 0) B (-5, 0)

$$PA = 3PB$$

$$(PA)^2 = 9(PB)^2$$

$$(x - 5)^2 + y^2 = 9((x + 5)^2 + y^2)$$

$$8x^2 + 8y^2 + 100x + 200 = 0$$

$$x^2 + y^2 + \frac{25}{2}x + 25 = 0$$

$$r = \sqrt{\left(\frac{28}{4}\right)^2 - 25}$$

$$4r^2 = 4\left(\frac{625}{16} - 25\right)$$

$$= \frac{625}{4} - 100 = \frac{225}{4} = 56.25$$

3. If the variance of 10 natural numbers 1, 1, 1, ..., 1, k is less than 10, then the maximum possible value of k is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (11)

Sol. $\sigma^2 < 10$

$$\frac{\sum x_i^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum x_i}{n}\right)^2 < 10$$



$$\frac{9+k^2}{10} - \left(\frac{9+k}{10}\right)^2 < 10$$

$$9(k^2 - k) < 991$$

$$k(k-2) < \frac{991}{9}$$

$k = 11$ is largest integral value satisfying given inequality.

4. If $a + \alpha = 1$, $b + \beta = 2$ and $a f(x) + \alpha f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = bx + \frac{\beta}{x}$, $x \neq 0$, then the value of the expression $\frac{f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x + \frac{1}{x}}$ is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

Sol. $a + \alpha = 1$ $b + \beta = 2$

$$a f(x) + \alpha f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = bx + \frac{\beta}{x} \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

$$x \rightarrow \frac{1}{x}$$

$$a f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) + \alpha f(x) = \frac{b}{x} + \beta \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

$$(1) + (2)$$

$$(a + \alpha) f\left(f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)\right) = (b + \beta)\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$\frac{f(x) + f\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)}{x + \frac{1}{x}} = 2$$



5. Let $i = \sqrt{-1}$. If $\frac{(-1+i\sqrt{3})^{21}}{(1-i)^{24}} + \frac{(1+i\sqrt{3})^{21}}{(1+i)^{24}} = k$, and $n = [k]$ be the greatest integral part of $|k|$. Then

$$\sum_{j=0}^{n+5} (j+5)^2 - \sum_{j=0}^{n+5} (j+5) \text{ is equal to } \underline{\hspace{2cm}} .$$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (310)

Sol.
$$k = \left(\frac{\left(2e^{i\frac{2\pi}{3}} \right)^{21}}{\left(\sqrt{2}e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} \right)^{24}} \right) + \left(\frac{\left(2e^{i\frac{\pi}{3}} \right)^{21}}{\left(\sqrt{2}e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} \right)^{24}} \right)$$

$$= 2^9 - 2^9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 0$$

$$E = \sum_{j=0}^5 (j+5)^2 - \sum_{j=0}^5 (j+5)$$

$$= (5^2 + 6^2 + \dots + 10^2) - (5 + 6 + \dots + 10)$$

$$= 310$$

6. If the area of the triangle formed by the positive x-axis, the normal and the tangent to the circle $(x-2)^2 + (y-3)^2 = 25$ at the point (5, 7) is A, then 24A is equal to _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (1225)

Sol. Normal at P (5, 7)

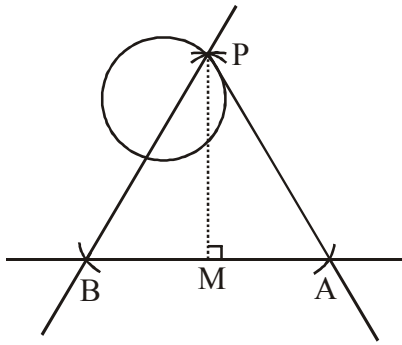
$$4x - 3y + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow B \left(-\frac{1}{4}, 0 \right)$$

Tangent at P

$$3x + 4y = 43$$

$$\Rightarrow A \left(\frac{43}{3}, 0 \right)$$



PB is normal at P, PA is tangent at P

$$\text{Area} = \frac{1}{2} (AB) (PM)$$

$$A = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{43}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \right) (7) = \frac{1225}{24}$$

$$24A = 1225$$

7. The sum of first four terms of a geometric progression (G.P.) is $\frac{65}{12}$ and the sum of their respective reciprocals is $\frac{65}{18}$. If the product of first three terms of the G.P. is 1, and the third term is α , then 2α is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (3)

Sol. GP a, ar, ar^2, ar^3

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 = \frac{65}{12}$$

$$S_4 = a \frac{(r^4 - 1)}{r - 1} = \frac{65}{12} \quad \dots\dots\dots(1)$$

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{ar} + \frac{1}{ar^2} + \frac{1}{ar^3} = \frac{65}{18}$$

$$\frac{\frac{1}{ar^3}(r^4 - 1)}{r - 1} = \frac{65}{18} \quad \dots\dots\dots(2)$$

$$(1) / (2)$$

$$a^2 r^3 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$a \times ar \times ar^2 = 1$$



$$a^3 r^3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{2}{3}$$

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

$$\alpha = ar^2 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$2\alpha = 3$$

8. The number of the real roots of the equation $(x + 1)^2 + |x - 5| = \frac{27}{4}$ is _____.

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (2)

Sol. C - I $x \geq 5$

$$(x + 1)^2 + x - 5 = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$x^2 + 3x - \frac{43}{4} = 0 \text{ (Both roots } < 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in \phi$$

C - II $x < 5$

$$(x + 1)^2 - (x - 5) = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$x^2 + x - \frac{3}{4} = 0 \text{ (as both roots } < 5)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \text{ real roots}$$

9. Let λ be an integer. If the shortest distance between the lines $x - \lambda = 2y - 1 = -2z$ and

$$x = y + 2\lambda = z - \lambda \text{ is } \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2}}, \text{ then the value of } |\lambda| \text{ is } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (1)

Sol. $L_1 \frac{x - \lambda}{2} = \frac{y - \frac{1}{2}}{1} = \frac{z}{-1}$

$$L_2 \frac{x}{1} = \frac{y + 2\lambda}{1} = \frac{z - \lambda}{1}$$



$$\vec{p} = (2, 1, -1), \vec{q} = (1, 1, 1)$$

$$A\left(\lambda, \frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \quad B(0, -2\lambda, \lambda)$$

$$\vec{p} \times \vec{q} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$$

$$\frac{|\vec{AB} \cdot (\vec{p} \times \vec{q})|}{|\vec{p} \times \vec{q}|} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\frac{|-2\lambda + 3\left(2\lambda + \frac{1}{2}\right) + \lambda|}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = -1 \quad \text{or } \lambda = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow |\lambda| = 1 \quad (\text{as } \lambda \in \mathbb{I})$$

10. For integers n and r , let $\binom{n}{r} = \begin{cases} {}^n C_r, & \text{if } n \geq r \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

The maximum value of k for which the sum

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{10}{i} \binom{15}{k-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{12}{i} \binom{13}{k+1-i} \text{ exists, is equal to } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

Ans. Official Answer NTA : (12)

Sol. Sum = $\sum_{i=0}^k {}^{10}C_i {}^{15}C_{k-i} + \sum_{i=0}^k {}^{12}C_i {}^{12}C_{k+1-i}$

$$= {}^{25}C_k + {}^{25}C_{k+1}$$

$$= {}^{26}C_{k+1}$$

Maximum when $k + 1 = 13$

$$\Rightarrow k = 12$$

Note : Solution is provided assuming

“sum is maximum then value of k is”

for given language, maximum value of k is not defined