



**FINAL JEE–MAIN EXAMINATION – JANUARY, 2023**  
**Held On Sunday 29th January, 2023**  
**TIME : 09:00 AM to 12:00 PM**

**SECTION-A**

61. The domain of  $f(x) = \frac{\log_{(x+1)}(x-2)}{e^{2\log_e x} - (2x+3)}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is

- (1)  $\mathbb{R} - \{1-3\}$                       (2)  $(2, \infty) - \{3\}$   
 (3)  $(-1, \infty) - \{3\}$                 (4)  $\mathbb{R} - \{3\}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (2)**

**Ans. (2)**

**Sol.**  $x - 2 > 0 \Rightarrow x > 2$   
 $x + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow x > -1$   
 $x + 1 \neq 1 \Rightarrow x \neq 0$  and  $x > 0$   
 Denominator  
 $x^2 - 2x - 3 \neq 0$   
 $(x - 3)(x + 1) \neq 0$   
 $x \neq -1, 3$   
 So Ans  $(2, \infty) - \{3\}$

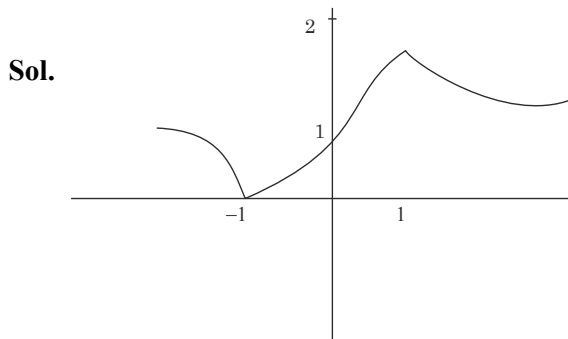
62. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a function such that

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2 + 2x + 1}{x^2 + 1}. \text{ Then}$$

- (1)  $f(x)$  is many-one in  $(-\infty, -1)$   
 (2)  $f(x)$  is many-one in  $(1, \infty)$   
 (3)  $f(x)$  is one-one in  $[1, \infty)$  but not in  $(-\infty, \infty)$   
 (4)  $f(x)$  is one-one in  $(-\infty, \infty)$

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Ans. (3)**



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

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

63. For two non-zero complex number  $z_1$  and  $z_2$ , if  $\text{Re}(z_1 z_2) = 0$  and  $\text{Re}(z_1 + z_2) = 0$ , then which of the following are possible ?

- (A)  $\text{Im}(z_1) > 0$  and  $\text{Im}(z_2) > 0$   
 (B)  $\text{Im}(z_1) < 0$  and  $\text{Im}(z_2) > 0$   
 (C)  $\text{Im}(z_1) > 0$  and  $\text{Im}(z_2) < 0$   
 (D)  $\text{Im}(z_1) < 0$  and  $\text{Im}(z_2) < 0$

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) B and D                                      (2) B and C  
 (3) A and B                                      (4) A and C

**Official Ans. by NTA (2)**

**Ans. (2)**

**Sol.**  $z_1 = x_1 + iy_1$

$$z_2 = x_2 + iy_2$$

$$\text{Re}(z_1 z_2) = x_1 x_2 - y_1 y_2 = 0$$

$$\text{Re}(z_1 + z_2) = x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

$x_1$  &  $x_2$  are of opposite sign

$y_1$  &  $y_2$  are of opposite sign

64. Let  $\lambda \neq 0$  be a real number. Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the equation  $14x^2 - 31x + 3\lambda = 0$  and  $\alpha, \gamma$  be the roots of the equation  $35x^2 - 53x + 4\lambda = 0$ . Then

$\frac{3\alpha}{\beta}$  and  $\frac{4\alpha}{\gamma}$  are the roots of the equation :

- (1)  $7x^2 + 245x - 250 = 0$   
 (2)  $7x^2 - 245x + 250 = 0$   
 (3)  $49x^2 - 245x + 250 = 0$   
 (4)  $49x^2 + 245x + 250 = 0$

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Ans. (3)**

**Sol.**  $14x^2 - 31x + 3\lambda = 0$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{31}{14} \dots(1) \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{3\lambda}{14} \dots(2)$$

$$35x^2 - 53x + 4\lambda = 0$$

$$\alpha + \gamma = \frac{53}{35} \dots(3) \text{ and } \alpha\gamma = \frac{4\lambda}{35} \dots(4)$$

$$\frac{(2)}{(4)} \Rightarrow \frac{\beta}{\gamma} = \frac{3 \times 35}{4 \times 14} = \frac{15}{8} \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{15}{8}\gamma$$

$$(1) - (3) \Rightarrow \beta - \gamma = \frac{31}{14} - \frac{53}{35} = \frac{155 - 106}{70} = \frac{7}{10}$$

$$\frac{15}{8}\gamma - \gamma = \frac{7}{10} \Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{4}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta = \frac{15}{8} \times \frac{4}{5} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{31}{14} - \beta = \frac{31}{14} - \frac{3}{2} = \frac{5}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{14}{3} \alpha\beta = \frac{14}{3} \times \frac{5}{7} \times \frac{3}{2} = 5$$

so, sum of roots  $\frac{3\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{4\alpha}{\gamma} = \left( \frac{3\alpha\gamma + 4\alpha\beta}{\beta\gamma} \right)$

$$= \frac{\left( 3 \times \frac{4\lambda}{35} + 4 \times \frac{3\lambda}{14} \right)}{\beta\gamma} = \frac{12\lambda(14 + 35)}{14 \times 35\beta\gamma}$$

$$= \frac{49 \times 12 \times 5}{490 \times \frac{3}{2} \times \frac{4}{5}} = 5$$

Product of roots

$$= \frac{3\alpha}{\beta} \times \frac{4\alpha}{\gamma} = \frac{12\alpha^2}{\beta\gamma} = \frac{12 \times \frac{25}{49}}{\frac{3}{2} \times \frac{4}{5}} = \frac{250}{49}$$

So, required equation is  $x^2 - 5x + \frac{250}{49} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 49x^2 - 245x + 250 = 0$$

**65.** Consider the following system of questions

$$\alpha x + 2y + z = 1$$

$$2\alpha x + 3y + z = 1$$

$$3x + \alpha y + 2z = \beta$$

For some  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}$ . Then which of the following is NOT correct.

(1) It has no solution if  $\alpha = -1$  and  $\beta \neq 2$

(2) It has no solution for  $\alpha = -1$  and for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{R}$

(3) It has no solution for  $\alpha = 3$  and for all  $\beta \neq 2$

(4) It has a solution for all  $\alpha \neq -1$  and  $\beta = 2$

**Official Ans. by NTA (2)**

**Ans. (2)**

**Sol.**  $D = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & 2 & 1 \\ 2\alpha & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & \alpha & 2 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = -1, 3$

$$D_x = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 \\ \alpha & 2 & \beta \end{vmatrix} = 0 \Rightarrow \beta = 2$$

$$D_y = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & 1 & 1 \\ 2\alpha & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & \beta \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$D_z = \begin{vmatrix} \alpha & 2 & 1 \\ 2\alpha & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & \alpha & \beta \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\beta = 2, \alpha = -1$$

$\alpha = -1, \beta = 2$  Infinite solution

**66.** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be real numbers. Consider a  $3 \times 3$  matrix A such that  $A^2 = 3A + \alpha I$ . If  $A^4 = 21A + \beta I$ , then

(1)  $\alpha = 1$

(2)  $\alpha = 4$

(3)  $\beta = 8$

(4)  $\beta = -8$

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Ans. (4)**



**Sol.**  $A^2 = 3A + \alpha I$   
 $A^3 = 3A^2 + \alpha A$   
 $A^3 = 3(3A + \alpha I) + \alpha A$   
 $A^3 = 9A + \alpha A + 3\alpha I$   
 $A^4 = (9 + \alpha)A^2 + 3\alpha A$   
 $= (9 + \alpha)(3A + \alpha I) + 3\alpha A$   
 $= A(27 + 6\alpha) + \alpha(9 + \alpha)$   
 $\Rightarrow 27 + 6\alpha = 21 \Rightarrow \alpha = -1$   
 $\Rightarrow \beta = \alpha(9 + \alpha) = -8$

67. Let  $x = 2$  be a root of the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$

and  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1 - \cos(x^2 - 4px + q^2 + 8q + 16)}{(x - 2p)^4}, & x \neq 2p \\ 0, & x = 2p \end{cases}$

Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2p^+} [f(x)]$

where  $[ \cdot ]$  denotes greatest integer function, is

- (1) 2 (2) 1  
 (3) 0 (4) -1

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Ans. (3)**

**Sol.**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2p^+} \left( \frac{1 - \cos(x^2 - 4px + q^2 + 8q + 16)}{(x^2 - 4px + q^2 + 8q + 16)^2} \right) \left( \frac{(x^2 - 4px + q^2 + 8q + 16)^2}{(x - 2p)^2} \right)$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{(2p+h)^2 - 4p(2p+h) + q^2 + 8q + 16}{h^2} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2}$$

Using L'Hospital's

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2p^+} [f(x)] = 0$$

68. Let  $f(x) = x + \frac{a}{\pi^2 - 4} \sin x + \frac{b}{\pi^2 - 4} \cos x$ ,

$x \in \mathbb{R}$  be a function which satisfies

$$f(x) = x + \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin(x+y) f(y) dy. \text{ Then } (a + b)$$

is equal to

- (1)  $-\pi(\pi + 2)$  (2)  $-2\pi(\pi + 2)$   
 (3)  $-2\pi(\pi - 2)$  (4)  $-\pi(\pi - 2)$

**Official Ans. by NTA (2)**

**Ans. (2)**

**Sol.**  $f(x) = x + \int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin x \cos y + \cos x \sin y) f(y) dy$

$$f(x) = x + \int_0^{\pi/2} ((\cos y f(y) dy) \sin x + (\sin y f(y) dy) \cos x) \dots (1)$$

On comparing with

$$f(x) = x + \frac{a}{\pi^2 - 4} \sin x + \frac{b}{\pi^2 - 4} \cos x, \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \text{ then}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{\pi^2 - 4} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos y f(y) dy \dots (2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{b}{\pi^2 - 4} = \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin y f(y) dy \dots (3)$$

**Add (2) and (3)**

$$\frac{a+b}{\pi^2 - 4} = \int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin y + \cos y) f(y) dy \dots (4)$$

$$\frac{a+b}{\pi^2 - 4} = \int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin y + \cos y) f\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - y\right) dy \dots (5)$$

**Add (4) and (5)**

$$\frac{2(a+b)}{\pi^2 - 4} = \int_0^{\pi/2} (\sin y + \cos y) \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + \frac{(a+b)}{\pi^2 - 4} (\sin y + \cos y) \right) dy$$

$$= \pi + \frac{a+b}{\pi^2 - 4} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} + 1 \right)$$

$$(a+b) = -2\pi(\pi + 2)$$

69. Let  $A = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : y \geq 0, 2x \leq y \leq \sqrt{4 - (x-1)^2}\}$

and  $B = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq y \leq \min\{2x, \sqrt{4 - (x-1)^2}\}\}$

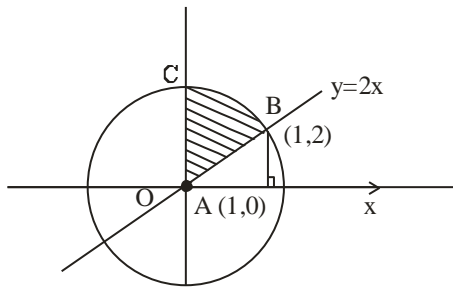
Then the ratio of the area of A to the area of B is

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

**Official Ans. by NTA (1)**

**Ans. (1)**

Sol.  $y^2 + (x-1)^2 = 4$

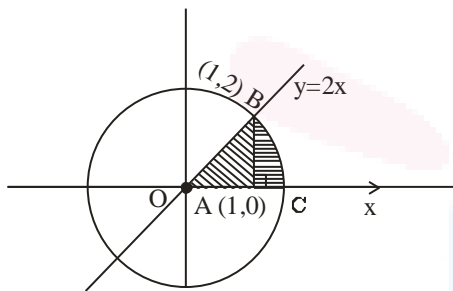


shaded portion = circular (OABC)

$-\text{Ar}(\Delta OAB)$

$= \frac{\pi(4)}{4} - \frac{1}{2}(2)(1)$

$A = (\pi - 1)$



Area B = Ar ( $\Delta AOB$ ) + Area of arc of circle (ABC)

$= \frac{1}{2}(1)(2) + \frac{\pi(2)^2}{4} = \pi + 1$

$\frac{A}{B} = \frac{\pi - 1}{\pi + 1}$

70. Let  $\Delta$  be the area of the region

$\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : x^2 + y^2 \leq 21, y^2 \leq 4x, x \geq 1\}$ . Then

$\frac{1}{2} \left( \Delta - 21 \sin^{-1} \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} \right)$  is equal to

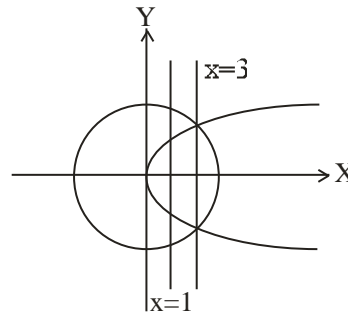
(1)  $2\sqrt{3} - \frac{1}{3}$                       (2)  $\sqrt{3} - \frac{2}{3}$

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

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Ans. (4)

Sol.



Area  $2 \int_1^3 2\sqrt{x} dx + 2 \int_3^{\sqrt{21}} \sqrt{21-x^2} dx$

$\Delta = \frac{8}{3}(3\sqrt{3}-1) + 21 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} \right) - 6\sqrt{3}$

$\frac{1}{2} \left( \Delta - 21 \sin^{-1} \left( \frac{2}{\sqrt{7}} \right) \right) = \frac{2\sqrt{3}-\frac{8}{3}}{2}$

$= \sqrt{3} - \frac{4}{3}$

71. A light ray emits from the origin making an angle  $30^\circ$  with the positive x-axis. After getting reflected by the line  $x + y = 1$ , if this ray intersects x-axis at Q, then the abscissa of Q is

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

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

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Ans. (2)

Sol. slope of reflected ray =  $\tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3}$

Line  $y = \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}$  intersect  $y + x = 1$  at  $\left( \frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}+1}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+1} \right)$

Equation of reflected ray is

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

Put  $y = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{3+\sqrt{3}}$

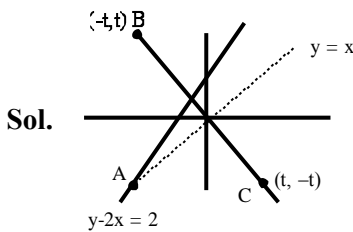


72. Let B and C be the two points on the line  $y + x = 0$  such that B and C are symmetric with respect to the origin. Suppose A is a point on  $y - 2x = 2$  such that  $\Delta ABC$  is an equilateral triangle. Then, the area of the  $\Delta ABC$  is

- (1)  $3\sqrt{3}$                       (2)  $2\sqrt{3}$   
 (3)  $\frac{8}{\sqrt{3}}$                         (4)  $\frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}$

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Ans. (3)



Sol.

At A  $x = y$

$$Y - 2x = 2$$

$$(-2, -2)$$

Height from line  $x + y = 0$

$$h = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Area of } \Delta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \frac{h^2}{\sin^2 60} = \frac{8}{\sqrt{3}}$$

73. Let the tangents at the points A (4, -11) and B(8, -5) on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 3x + 10y - 15 = 0$ , intersect at the point C. Then the radius of the circle, whose centre is C and the line joining A and B is its tangent, is equal to

- (1)  $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{4}$                               (2)  $2\sqrt{13}$   
 (3)  $\sqrt{13}$                             (4)  $\frac{2\sqrt{13}}{3}$

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Ans. (4)

Sol. Equation of tangent at A (4, -11) on circle is

$$\Rightarrow 4x - 11y - 3 \left( \frac{x+4}{2} \right) + 10 \left( \frac{y-11}{2} \right) - 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 5x - 12y - 152 = 0 \dots (1)$$

Equation of tangent at B (8, -5) on circle is

$$\Rightarrow 8x - 5y - 3 \left( \frac{x+8}{2} \right) + 10 \left( \frac{y-5}{2} \right) - 15 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 13x - 104 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 8$$

put in (1)  $\Rightarrow y = \frac{28}{3}$

$$r = \left| \frac{3 \cdot 8 + \frac{2 \cdot 28}{3} - 34}{\sqrt{13}} \right| = \frac{2\sqrt{13}}{3}$$

74. Let  $[x]$  denote the greatest integer  $\leq x$ . Consider the function  $f(x) = \max \{x^2, 1+[x]\}$ . Then the value

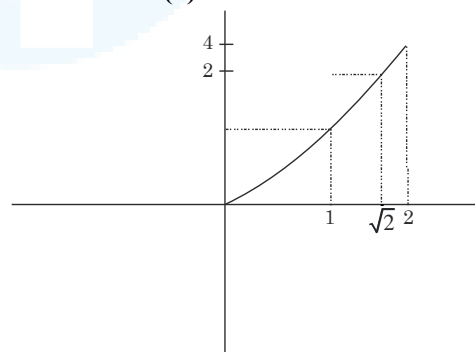
of the integral  $\int_0^2 f(x) dx$  is :

- (1)  $\frac{5+4\sqrt{2}}{3}$                               (2)  $\frac{8+4\sqrt{2}}{3}$   
 (3)  $\frac{1+5\sqrt{2}}{3}$                               (4)  $\frac{4+5\sqrt{2}}{3}$

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Ans. (1)

Sol.



$$\begin{aligned} A &= \int_0^1 1 \cdot dx + \int_1^{\sqrt{2}} 2 dx + \int_{\sqrt{2}}^2 x^2 dx \\ &= 1 + 2\sqrt{2} - 2 + \frac{8}{3} - \frac{2\sqrt{2}}{3} \\ &= \frac{5}{3} + \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{3} \end{aligned}$$



75. If the vectors  $\vec{a} = \lambda\hat{i} + \mu\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = -2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 2\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{c} = 2\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  are coplanar and the projection of  $\vec{a}$  on the vector  $\vec{b}$  is  $\sqrt{54}$  units, then the sum of all possible values of  $\lambda + \mu$  is equal to

- (1) 0 (2) 6  
(3) 24 (4) 18

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Ans. (3)**

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

$$\lambda(10) - \mu(2) + 4(-14) = 0$$

$$10\lambda - 2\mu = 56$$

$$5\lambda - \mu = 28 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|} = \sqrt{54}$$

$$\frac{-2\lambda + 4\mu - 8}{\sqrt{24}} = \sqrt{54}$$

$$-2\lambda + 4\mu - 8 = \sqrt{54 \times 24} \quad \dots(2)$$

By solving equation (1) & (2)

$$\Rightarrow \lambda + \mu = 24$$

76. Fifteen football players of a club-team are given 15 T-shirts with their names written on the backside. If the players pick up the T-shirts randomly, then the probability that at least 3 players pick the correct T-shirt is

- (1)  $\frac{5}{24}$  (2)  $\frac{2}{15}$   
(3)  $\frac{1}{6}$  (4)  $\frac{5}{36}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (DROP)**

**Sol.**

$$\text{Required probability} = 1 - \frac{D_{(15)} + {}^{15}C_1 \cdot D_{(14)} + {}^{15}C_2 \cdot D_{(13)}}{15!}$$

Taking  $D_{(15)}$  as  $\frac{15!}{e}$

$$D_{(14)} \text{ as } \frac{14!}{e}$$

$$D_{(13)} \text{ as } \frac{13!}{e}$$

$$\text{We get, } 1 - \left( \frac{\frac{15!}{e} + 15 \cdot \frac{14!}{e} + \frac{15 \times 14}{2} \times \frac{13!}{e}}{15!} \right)$$

$$= 1 - \left( \frac{1}{e} + \frac{1}{e} + \frac{1}{2e} \right) = 1 - \frac{5}{2e} \approx .08$$

77. Let  $f(\theta) = 3\left(\sin^4\left(\frac{3\pi}{2} - \theta\right) + \sin^4(3\pi + \theta)\right) - 2(1 - \sin^2 2\theta)$  and

$$S = \left\{ \theta \in [0, \pi] : f'(\theta) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\}. \text{ If } 4\beta = \sum_{\theta \in S} \theta,$$

then  $f(\beta)$  is equal to

- (1)  $\frac{11}{8}$  (2)  $\frac{5}{4}$   
(3)  $\frac{9}{8}$  (4)  $\frac{3}{2}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (2)**

**Ans. (2)**

**Sol.**

$$f(\theta) = 3\left(\sin^4\left(\frac{3\pi}{2} - \theta\right) + \sin^4(3\pi + \theta)\right) - 2(1 - \sin^2 2\theta)$$

$$S = \left\{ \theta \in [0, \pi] : f'(\theta) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\theta) = 3(\cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta) - 2\cos^2 2\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\theta) = 3\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\sin^2 2\theta\right) - 2\cos^2 2\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow f(\theta) = 3 - \frac{3}{2}\sin^2 2\theta - 2\cos^2 \theta$$

$$= \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\cos^2 2\theta = \frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{2}\left(\frac{1 + \cos 4\theta}{2}\right)$$

$$f(\theta) = \frac{5}{4} - \frac{\cos 4\theta}{4}$$

$$f'(\theta) = \sin 4\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow f'(\theta) = \sin 4\theta = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\theta = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \frac{n\pi}{4} + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{12}$$





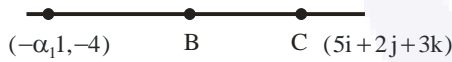
**SECTION-B**

81. Let the co-ordinates of one vertex of  $\Delta ABC$  be  $A(0, 2, \alpha)$  and the other two vertices lie on the line  $\frac{x+\alpha}{5} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z+4}{3}$ . For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Z}$ , if the area of  $\Delta ABC$  is 21 sq. units and the line segment BC has length  $2\sqrt{21}$  units, then  $\alpha^2$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Official Ans. by NTA (9)**

**Ans. (9)**

**Sol.** A.  $(0, 2, \alpha)$



$$\left| \frac{1}{2} \cdot 2\sqrt{21} \cdot \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ \alpha & 1 & \alpha+4 \\ 5 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} \frac{1}{\sqrt{25+4+9}} \right| = 21\sqrt{21}$$

$$\sqrt{(2\alpha+5)^2 + (2\alpha+20)^2 + (2\alpha-5)^2} = \sqrt{21}\sqrt{38}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12\alpha^2 + 80\alpha + 450 = 798$$

$$\Rightarrow 12\alpha^2 + 80\alpha - 348 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 3 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 = 9$$

82. Let the equation of the plane P containing the line  $x+10 = \frac{8-y}{2} = z$  be  $ax + by + 3z = 2(a+b)$  and the distance of the plane P from the point  $(1, 27, 7)$  be c. Then  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Official Ans. by NTA (355)**

**Ans. (355)**

**Sol.** The line  $\frac{x+10}{1} = \frac{y-8}{-2} = \frac{z}{1}$  have a point  $(-10, 8, 0)$

with d. r.  $(1, -2, 1)$

$\therefore$  the plane  $ax + by + 3z = 2(a+b)$

$$\Rightarrow b = 2a$$

& dot product of d.r.'s is zero

$$\therefore a - 2b + 3 = 0$$

$$\therefore a = 1 \text{ \& } b = 2$$

Distance from  $(1, 27, 7)$  is

$$c = \frac{1+54+21-6}{\sqrt{14}} = \frac{70}{\sqrt{14}} = 5\sqrt{14}$$

$$\therefore a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1 + 4 + 350 = 355$$

83. Suppose f is a function satisfying  $f(x+y) = f(x) + f(y)$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $f(1) = \frac{1}{5}$ . If

$$\sum_{n=1}^m \frac{f(n)}{n(n+1)(n+2)} = \frac{1}{12}, \text{ then } m \text{ is equal to } \underline{\hspace{2cm}}.$$

**Official Ans. by NTA (10)**

**Ans. (10)**

$$\text{Sol. } \therefore f(1) = \frac{1}{5} \therefore f(2) = f(1) + f(1) = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$f(2) = \frac{2}{5} \quad f(3) = f(2) + f(1) = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$f(3) = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\therefore \sum_{n=1}^m \frac{f(n)}{n(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \sum_{n=1}^m \left( \frac{1}{n+1} - \frac{1}{n+2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{m+1} - \frac{1}{m+2} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{m+2} \right) = \frac{m}{10(m+2)} = \frac{1}{12}$$

$$\therefore m = 10$$

84. Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  be a GP of increasing positive numbers. If the product of fourth and sixth terms is 9 and the sum of fifth and seventh terms is 24, then  $a_1 a_9 + a_2 a_4 a_6 + a_5 + a_7$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Official Ans. by NTA (60)**

**Ans. (60)**

$$\text{Sol. } a_4 \cdot a_6 = 9 \Rightarrow (a_5)^2 = 9 \Rightarrow a_5 = 3$$

$$\& a_5 + a_7 = 24 \Rightarrow a_5 + a_5 r^2 = 24 \Rightarrow (1+r^2) = 8 \Rightarrow r = \sqrt{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{3}{49}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 a_9 + a_2 a_4 a_6 + a_5 + a_7 = 9 + 27 + 3 + 21 = 60$$





85. Let  $\vec{a}$ ,  $\vec{b}$  and  $\vec{c}$  be three non-zero non-coplanar vectors. Let the position vectors of four points A, B, C and D be  $\vec{a} - \vec{b} + \vec{c}$ ,  $\lambda\vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 4\vec{c}$ ,  $-\vec{a} + 2\vec{b} - 3\vec{c}$  and  $2\vec{a} - 4\vec{b} + 6\vec{c}$  respectively. If  $\overline{AB}$ ,  $\overline{AC}$  and  $\overline{AD}$  are coplanar, then  $\lambda$  is :

**Official Ans. by NTA (2)**

**Ans. (2)**

Sol.  $\overline{AB} = (\lambda - 1)\vec{a} - 2\vec{b} + 3\vec{c}$

$\overline{AC} = 2\vec{a} + 3\vec{b} - 4\vec{c}$

$\overline{AD} = \vec{a} - 3\vec{b} + 5\vec{c}$

$$\begin{vmatrix} \lambda - 1 & -2 & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & -4 \\ 1 & -3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 1)(15 - 12) + 2(-10 + 4) + 3(6 - 3) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (\lambda - 1) = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = 2$

86. If all the six digit numbers  $x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 x_5 x_6$  with  $0 < x_1 < x_2 < x_3 < x_4 < x_5 < x_6$  are arranged in the increasing order, then the sum of the digits in the 72<sup>th</sup> number is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Official Ans. by NTA (32)**

**Ans. (32)**

Sol.  $\begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \end{matrix} = {}^7C_4 = 35$

$\begin{matrix} 1 & 3 & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \end{matrix} = {}^6C_4 = 15$

$\begin{matrix} 1 & 4 & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \end{matrix} = {}^5C_4 = 5$

$\begin{matrix} 1 & 5 & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \end{matrix} = {}^4C_4 = 1$

$\begin{matrix} 2 & 3 & & & & \\ \hline & & & & & \end{matrix} = {}^6C_4 = 15$

71 words

2 4 5 6 7 8  $\rightarrow$  72<sup>th</sup> word

$2 + 4 + 5 + 6 + 7 + 8 = 32$

87. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a differentiable function that satisfies the relation  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) - 1, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $f'(0) = 2$ , then  $|f(-2)|$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Ans. (3)**

Sol.  $f(x + y) = f(x) + f(y) - 1$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$$

$$f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(h) - f(0)}{h} = f'(0) = 2$$

$f'(x) = 2 \Rightarrow dy = 2dx$

$y = 2x + C$

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

$y = 2x + 1$

$|f(-2)| = |-4 + 1| = |-3| = 3$

88. If the co-efficient of  $x^9$  in  $\left(\alpha x^3 + \frac{1}{\beta x}\right)^{11}$  and the co-efficient of  $x^{-9}$  in  $\left(\alpha x - \frac{1}{\beta x^3}\right)^{11}$  are equal, then

$(\alpha\beta)^2$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Official Ans. by NTA (1)**

**Ans. (1)**

Sol. Coefficient of  $x^9$  in  $\left(\alpha x^3 + \frac{1}{\beta x}\right)^{11} = {}^{11}C_6 \cdot \frac{\alpha^5}{\beta^6}$

$\therefore$  Both are equal

$$\therefore \frac{11}{C_6} \cdot \frac{\alpha^5}{\beta^6} = \frac{11}{C_5} \cdot \frac{\alpha^6}{\beta^5}$$

$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{\beta} = -\alpha$

$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta = -1$

$\Rightarrow (\alpha\beta)^2 = 1$

89. Let the coefficients of three consecutive terms in the binomial expansion of  $(1 + 2x)^n$  be in the ratio 2 : 5 : 8. Then the coefficient of the term, which is in the middle of these three terms, is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Official Ans. by NTA (1120)**

**Ans. (1120)**



Sol.  $t_{r+1} = {}^n C_r (2x)^r$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{{}^n C_{r-1} (2)^{r-1}}{{}^n C_r (2)^r} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!}}{\frac{n!(2)}{r!(n-r)!}} = \frac{2}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r}{n-r+1} = \frac{4}{5} \Rightarrow 5r = 4n - 4r + 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 9r = 4(n+1) \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{{}^n C_r (2)^r}{{}^n C_{r+1} (2)^{r+1}} = \frac{5}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}}{\frac{n!}{(r+1)!(n-r-1)!}} = \frac{5}{4} \Rightarrow \frac{r+1}{n-r} = \frac{5}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4r + 4 = 5n - 5r \Rightarrow 5n - 4 = 9r \quad \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$\Rightarrow 4n + 4 = 5n - 4 \Rightarrow n = 8$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow r = 4$$

so, coefficient of middle term is

$${}^8 C_4 2^4 = 16 \times \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 16 \times 70 = 1120$$

90. Five digit numbers are formed using the digits 1, 2, 3, 5, 7 with repetitions and are written in descending order with serial numbers. For example, the number 77777 has serial number 1. Then the serial number of 35337 is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Official Ans. by NTA (1436)**

**Ans. (1436)**

Sol. No of 5 digit numbers starting with digit 1  
 $= 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 625$

No of 5 digit numbers starting with digit 2  
 $= 5 \times 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 625$

No of 5 digit numbers starting with 31  
 $= 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125$

No of 5 digit numbers starting with 32  
 $= 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125$

No of 5 digit numbers starting with 33  
 $= 5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125$

No of 5 digit numbers starting with 351  
 $= 5 \times 5 = 25$

No of 5 digit numbers starting with 352  
 $= 5 \times 5 = 25$

No of 5 digit numbers starting with 3531  
 $= 5$

No of 5 digit numbers starting with 3532  
 $= 5$

Before 35337 will be 4 numbers,  
 So rank of 35337 will be 1690

So, in descending order serial number will be  
 $3125 - 1690 + 1 = 1436$