

## MATHEMATICS

### SECTION - A

**Multiple Choice Questions:** This section contains 20 multiple choice questions. Each question has 4 choices (1), (2), (3) and (4), out of which ONLY ONE is correct.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The shortest distance between the lines

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-1}{4} \text{ and}$$

$$\frac{x+2}{7} = \frac{y-2}{8} = \frac{z+1}{2} \text{ is}$$

- (1)  $\frac{88}{\sqrt{1277}}$       (2)  $\frac{78}{\sqrt{1277}}$   
 (3)  $\frac{66}{\sqrt{1277}}$       (4)  $\frac{55}{\sqrt{1277}}$

Answer (1)

Sol.  $d = \frac{|(a_2 - a_1) \cdot (b_1 \times b_2)|}{|b_1 \times b_2|}$

$$b_1 \times b_2 = \begin{vmatrix} i^{\hat{}} & j^{\hat{}} & k^{\hat{}} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} i^{\hat{}} + \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} j^{\hat{}} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix} k^{\hat{}} = 3i^{\hat{}} + 2k^{\hat{}}$$

$$= -26i^{\hat{}} + 24j^{\hat{}} - 5k^{\hat{}}, \quad a_2 - a_1 = 3i^{\hat{}} + 2k^{\hat{}}$$

$$d = \frac{|(3i^{\hat{}} + 2k^{\hat{}}) \cdot (-26i^{\hat{}} + 24j^{\hat{}} - 5k^{\hat{}})|}{\sqrt{26^2 + 24^2 + 5^2}}$$

$$= \frac{|-78 - 10|}{\sqrt{1277}} = \frac{88}{\sqrt{1277}}$$

2. In a bag there are 6 white and 4 black balls two balls are drawn at random, then the probability that both ball are white are

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

Answer (2)

$$\text{Sol. } P(E) = \frac{\binom{6}{2}}{\binom{10}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{15}{45} = \frac{1}{3}$$

3. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3\}$  number of non-empty equivalence relations from  $A$  to  $A$  are

- (1) 4      (2) 5  
 (3) 6      (4) 8

Answer (2)

Sol. The partitions for a set with 3 elements,  $\{1, 2, 3\}$   
 $\{\{1\}, \{2\}, \{3\}\}$  – Every element is in its own subset  
 $\{\{1, 2\}, \{3\}\}$  – Two elements are together, one separate  
 $\{\{1, 3\}, \{2\}\}$  – Two elements are together, one separate  
 $\{\{2, 3\}, \{1\}\}$  – Two elements are together, one separate  
 $\{\{1, 2, 3\}\}$  – All elements are together in one subset  
 $\therefore$  Therefore, total possible equivalence relation = 5

4. If  $f(x) = 16(\sec^{-1}x)^2 + (\cosec^{-1}x)^2$ . Then the maximum and minimum value of  $f(x)$  is

- (1)  $\frac{1001\pi^2}{33}$  and  $\frac{2\pi^2}{9}$       (2)  $\frac{1105\pi^2}{68}$  and  $\frac{4\pi^2}{17}$   
 (3)  $\frac{1117\pi^2}{59}$  and  $\frac{6\pi^2}{19}$       (4)  $\frac{1268\pi^2}{27}$  and  $\frac{3\pi^2}{16}$

Answer (2)

$$\text{Sol. } f(x) = (4\sec^{-1}x)^2 + (\cosec^{-1}x)^2$$

$$= (4\sec^{-1}x + \cosec^{-1}x)^2 - 8\sec^{-1}x \cosec^{-1}x$$

$$= 16\sec^{-2}x + 16\cosec^{-2}x - 8\sec^{-1}x \cosec^{-1}x$$

$$\begin{aligned}
&= 9(\sec^{-1} x)^2 + \frac{\pi^2}{4} + 3\sec^{-1} x - 4\sec^{-1} x + \\
&\quad 8(\sec^{-1} x)^2 \\
&= 17(\sec^{-1} x)^2 - \sec^{-1} x \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{4} \\
&= 17 \left( \sec^{-1} x \right)^2 - \frac{\pi}{17} (\sec^{-1} x) + \frac{\pi^2}{34^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{17\pi^2}{34^2} \\
&= 17 \sec^{-1} x - \frac{\pi^2}{34^2} + \frac{\pi^2}{4} - \frac{\pi^2}{68} \\
&= 17 \sec^{-1} x - \frac{\pi^2}{34^2} + \frac{4\pi^2}{17} \\
&\text{Min } \frac{4\pi^2}{17} \\
&\text{Max if } \sec^{-1} x = \pi \\
&17 \cdot \frac{\pi^2}{34^2} + 4\pi^2 \\
&1089 \\
&\frac{68}{17} \pi^2 + \frac{4\pi^2}{17} = \frac{1105\pi^2}{68}
\end{aligned}$$

5. If  $8 = 3 + \frac{1}{4}(3 + p) + \frac{1}{4}(3 + p)^2 + \dots \infty$  then the value of  $p$  is
- (1)  $\frac{14}{5}$       (2)  $\frac{16}{5}$   
 (3)  $\frac{3}{5}$       (4)  $\frac{4}{5}$

Answer (2)

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{Sol. } 8 &= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{42} + \dots + \frac{p}{4} + \frac{p^2}{42} + \dots + \infty \\
8 &= 3 \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{42} + \dots + \frac{p}{4} + \frac{p^2}{42} + \dots + \infty \right) \\
8 &= 3 \left( \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{p}{4} \right)
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
8 &= 3 \left( \frac{4}{3} \right) + \frac{p}{4} \\
4 &= \frac{p}{4-p} \\
\Rightarrow 16 - 4p &= p \\
\Rightarrow 5p &= 16 \\
\Rightarrow p &= \frac{16}{5}
\end{aligned}$$

6. If  $\frac{dx}{dy} + \frac{x_2}{y} = \frac{1}{y^3}$ ,  $x(1) = 1$ . Then  $x \left|_{y=2}^{y=1} \right.$  equals to
- (1)  $2 - e$       (2)  $3 - e$   
 (3)  $5 - e$       (4)  $7 - e$

Answer (2)

$$\text{Sol. } \int e^{\frac{1}{y^2}} dy$$

$$\begin{aligned}
I.F &= e^{\frac{-1}{y}} \\
\therefore x \cdot e^{\frac{-1}{y}} &= \int e^{\frac{-1}{y}} \cdot \frac{1}{y^3} dy \\
x \cdot e^{\frac{-1}{y}} &= \int e^{\frac{-1}{y}} \cdot \frac{1}{y^2} dy
\end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Put } \frac{1}{y} = t$$

$$-\frac{1}{y^2} dy = dt$$

$$\therefore xe^{-t} = - \int e^{-t} \cdot t dt$$

$$xe^{-t} = - \int t e^{-t} - \int \frac{d(t)}{dt} \cdot \int e^{-t} \cdot dt dt$$

$$xe^{-t} = - \int t e^{-t} - e^{-t} + C$$

$$xe^{-t} = t e^{-t} + e^{-t} + C \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Given } x(1) = 1$$

$$e^{-1} = e e^{-1} - 1 + C$$

$$-e^{-1} = C$$

∴ from (1)

$$x = t + 1 (e^{-t} \cdot et)$$

$$y = 1$$

$$\text{Put } 3 = z$$

$$x = -e$$

7. Let  $Tr = \frac{(2r-1)(2r+1)(2r+3)(2r+5)}{64}$ , then

$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{Tr}$  is equal to

- |                     |                     |
|---------------------|---------------------|
| (1) $\frac{22}{45}$ | (2) $\frac{32}{35}$ |
| (3) $\frac{27}{45}$ | (4) $\frac{32}{45}$ |

Answer (4)

$$\text{Sol. } Tr = \frac{r-1)(2r+1)(2r+3)(2r+5)}{64}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{Tr} = \frac{64}{16r - \frac{1}{2} + r + \frac{1}{2} + r + \frac{3}{2} + r + \frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{Tr} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}r + \frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{3}r - \frac{1}{2}}{r - \frac{1}{2} + r + \frac{1}{2} + r + \frac{3}{2} + r + \frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{Tr} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}r + \frac{5}{2} - \frac{1}{3}r - \frac{1}{2}}{r + \frac{1}{2} + r + \frac{3}{2} + r + \frac{5}{2}}$$

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{Tr} = \frac{\frac{4}{3} \cdot 1 - \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2}} - \frac{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{7}{2}}{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{9}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{4}{3} \cdot 8 - 32}{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{5}{2} \cdot \frac{9}{2}} = \frac{32}{45}$$

8. Coefficient of  $x$  in  $(1-x)2008(1+x+x^2)2007$

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

Answer (1)

Sol.  $(1-x)[(1-x)(1+x+x^2)]2007$

$$= (1-x)(1-x^3)2007$$

$(1-x^3)2007$  contains  $3\lambda$  types of exponents while  $x(1-x^3)2007$  will have  $(3\lambda + 1)$  type while 2012 is  $(3\lambda + 2)$  type] that is not possible  $\Rightarrow 0$

Coefficient of  $x2012$  in  $(1-x^3)2007 = 0$

Coefficient of  $x2011$  in  $(1-x^3)2007 = 0$

$\Rightarrow$  Coefficient of  $x2012$  in  $(1-x)2008(1+x+x^2)2007 = 0$

- If the images of the points  $A(1, 3)$ ,  $B(3, 1)$  and  $C(2, 4)$  in the line  $x + 2y = 4$  are  $D$ ,  $E$  and  $F$  respectively, then the centroid of the triangle  $DEF$  is

(1)  $(3, -1)$

(2)  $\left(\frac{3}{5}, -\frac{2}{5}\right)$

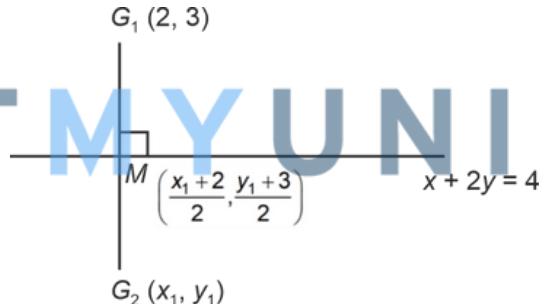
(3)  $\left(\frac{2}{5}, -\frac{1}{5}\right)$

(4)  $\left(\frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}\right)$

Answer (3)

Sol. Centroid of the  $\Delta DEF$  is the mirror image of the centroid of the  $\Delta ABC$  about the line  $x + 2y = 4$ .

$G_1$  = Centroid of  $\Delta ABC \equiv (2, 3)$ ,  $G_2$  = Centroid of  $\Delta DEF$ .



$$\Rightarrow \frac{y_1 - 3}{x_1 - 2} = 2, \frac{x_1 + 2}{2} + (y_1 + 3) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = \frac{2}{5}, y_1 = -\frac{1}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow G_2 = \left(\frac{2}{5}, -\frac{1}{5}\right)$$

10. If  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ .

$$B = \{m, n \mid m, n \in A \text{ and } m < n \text{ and } \text{gcd}(m, n) = 1\}$$

Then number of elements in set  $B$  is

- |        |        |
|--------|--------|
| (1) 30 | (2) 31 |
| (3) 28 | (4) 29 |

Answer (2)

Sol.  $n = 1 \ m \in \varphi$  ...0

$n = 2 \ m = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{m}{n}$  can be  $\frac{1}{2} \dots 1$

$n = 3 \ m = 1, 2 \Rightarrow \frac{m}{n}$  can be  $\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3} \dots 2$

$n = 4 \ m = 1, 2, 3 \Rightarrow \frac{m}{n}$  can be  $\frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{4} \dots 2$

$n = 5 \ m = 1, 2, 3, 4 \Rightarrow \frac{m}{n} = \frac{1}{5}, \frac{2}{5}, \frac{3}{5}, \frac{4}{5} \dots 4$

$n = 6 \ m = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 \Rightarrow \frac{m}{n} = \frac{1}{6}, \frac{2}{6} \dots 2$

$n = 7 \ m = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 \Rightarrow \frac{m}{n} = \frac{1}{7}, \frac{2}{7}, \frac{3}{7}, \frac{4}{7}, \frac{5}{7}, \frac{6}{7} \dots 6$

$n = 8 \ m = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7 \Rightarrow \frac{m}{n} = \frac{1}{8}, \frac{2}{8}, \frac{3}{8}, \frac{4}{8}, \dots 4$

$n = 9 \ m = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8 \Rightarrow \frac{m}{n} = \frac{1}{9}, \frac{2}{9}, \frac{3}{9}, \frac{4}{9}, \frac{5}{9}, \frac{6}{9}, \frac{7}{9}, \frac{8}{9} \dots 6$

$n = 10 \ m = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 \Rightarrow \frac{m}{n} = \frac{1}{10}, \frac{2}{10}, \frac{3}{10}, \frac{4}{10}, \dots 4$

11. How many ways are there to pick 5 letters from English alphabets such that M is the middle of the letters (repetition not allowed).

(1)  $26C5.5!$

(2)  $25C4.4!$

(3)  $26C4.4!$

(4)  $25C5.5!$

Answer (2)

Sol.  $A_1A_2 \frac{MA_3}{\text{fixed}} A_4$

$^{25}C_4 \times 4!$

12. Let  $|Z_i| = 1$  for  $i = 1, 2, 3$  satisfying

$|\bar{Z}_1Z_2 + \bar{Z}_2Z_3 + \bar{Z}_3Z_1|^2 = a+b2i$ , where  $a, b$  are

rational numbers such that  $\arg(Z_1) = \frac{\pi}{4}$ ,  $\arg(Z_2) = 0$

and  $\arg(Z_3) = -\frac{\pi}{4}$ , then find  $(a, b)$

(1) (5, 2)

(2) (-5, -2)

(3) (5, -2)

(4) (-5, 2)

Answer (3)

$$\text{Sol. } Z_1 = |1| e^{i\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + i \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$Z_2 = |1| e^{-i\frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\bar{Z}_1Z_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (1)$$

$$\bar{Z}_2Z_3 = 1 - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (2)$$

$$\bar{Z}_3Z_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \quad (3)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \bar{Z}_1Z_2 + \bar{Z}_2Z_3 + \bar{Z}_3Z_1 &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{i}{\sqrt{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + 2i \end{aligned}$$

$$= \sqrt{2} - \sqrt{2}i + i$$

$$\Rightarrow |\bar{Z}_1Z_2 + \bar{Z}_2Z_3 + \bar{Z}_3Z_1|^2 = |\sqrt{2} + i(-\sqrt{2} + 1)|^2$$

$$= \sqrt{(\sqrt{2})^2 + (-\sqrt{2} + 1)^2}$$

$$= 5 - 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$(a, b) = (5, -2)$$

13. Let a coin is tossed thrice. Let the random variable  $x$  is tail follows head. Let the mean of  $x$  is  $\mu$  and variance is  $\sigma^2$ . Find  $64(\mu + \sigma^2)$ .

(1) 48

(2) 64

(3) 132

(4) 128

Answer (1)

Sol.

	$x_i$	$P_i$
HHH	0	$\frac{1}{8}$
TTT	0	$\frac{1}{8}$
HHT	1	$\frac{1}{8}$
HTH	1	$\frac{1}{8}$
THH	0	$\frac{1}{8}$
TTH	0	$\frac{1}{8}$
THT	1	$\frac{1}{8}$
HTT	1	$\frac{1}{8}$

$$\mu = \frac{\sum x_i P_i}{P_i} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sigma^2 = \sum_{ii} - \mu^2$$

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

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

$$= \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{2}$$

14. Let  $g(x) = \frac{3f(x)}{3} + f(3-x) \forall x \in (0,3)$  and  
 $f''(x) > 0 \forall x \in (0,3)$  then  $g(x)$  decreases in interval  $(0, a)$ , then  $a$  is

$$(1) \frac{7}{4}$$

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

$$(3) \frac{9}{4}$$

$$(4) \frac{7}{3}$$

Answer (3)

$$\text{Sol. } g(x) = \frac{3f(x)}{3} + f(3-x)$$

$$g'(x) = 3 \frac{1 \cdot f'(x)}{3} - \frac{3}{3} f'(3-x) (3-x)$$

$$= \frac{f'(x)}{3} - \frac{f'(3-x)}{3}$$

$$g''(x) = \frac{f''(x)}{3} + f''(3-x)$$

$$\Rightarrow g'(x) > 0$$

$$f' \begin{vmatrix} 3 \\ 3 \end{vmatrix} - f'(3-x) > 0$$

$$f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow f(x) \text{ is increasing}$$

15. Let  $b = \lambda i + 4k$ ,  $\lambda > 0$  and the projection vector of  $b$  on  $a = 2i + 2j - k$  is  $c$ , if  $|a+c| = 7$ , then the area of the parallelogram formed by vector  $b$  and  $c$  is (in square units)
- (1) 8
  - (2) 16
  - (3) 32
  - (4) 64

Answer (3)

$$\text{Sol. } c = (\underline{b} \cdot \underline{a}) \underline{a} = \frac{2\lambda - 4}{6} \underline{a}$$

$$|a + c| = 7 \Rightarrow \left| \underline{a} + \frac{2\lambda - 4}{6} \underline{a} \right| = 7$$

$$\left| \frac{5 + 2\lambda}{9} \underline{a} \right| \times 3 = 7 \Rightarrow |5 + 2\lambda| = 21$$

$$\lambda > 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{4}{3} \underline{a} \text{ and } b = 4(2i + k)$$

$$\Rightarrow b \times c = \frac{16}{3} \begin{vmatrix} i & j & k \\ 2 & 2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{16}{3} (-2i + 4j + 4k)$$

$$\Rightarrow |b \times c| = \frac{32}{3} |-i + 2j + 2k| = 32$$

$\Rightarrow$  Area of parallelogram formed by  $b$  and  $c$

$$\Rightarrow |b \times c| = 32$$

16. Let the parabola  $y = x^2 + px - 3$  cuts the coordinate axes at  $P, Q$  and  $R$ . A circle with centre  $(-1, -1)$  passes through  $P, Q$  and  $R$ , then the area of triangle  $PQR$ .

(1)  $\frac{5}{2}$   
 (3) 3

(2)  $\frac{3}{2}$   
 (4) 5

Answer (2)

Sol. Since at  $x = 0, y = -3$ , parabola cuts the coordinate  $y$ -axis at  $(0, -3)$   
 $\Rightarrow$  Equation of circle will be  $(x + 1)^2 + (y + 1)^2 = (-1 - 0)^2 + (-1 + 3)^2$

$$= 1 + 4 = 5 \\ x^2 + 2x + y^2 + 2y = -3 = 0 \\ \text{Circle cuts } x\text{-axis at } y = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 + 2x - 3 = 0, (x + 3)(x - 1) = 0 \\ (-3, 0), (1, 0)$$

Area of  $\Delta$

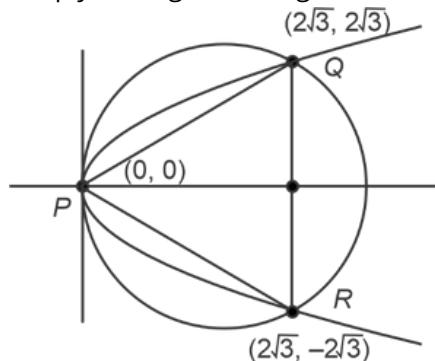
$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} -3 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{1}{2}(3) = \frac{3}{2}$$

17. If the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 12$  and parabola

$y^2 = 23x$  intersects at  $P, Q$  and  $R$ . Then the area of triangle  $PQR$  is  
 (1) 10 sq. units  
 (2) 12 sq. units  
 (3) 14 sq. units  
 (4) 16 sq. units

Answer (2)

Sol. Simply solving both we get  $x = 0, 2\sqrt{3}$



$$\Delta PQR = \frac{1}{2} \times (4\sqrt{3})(2\sqrt{3})$$

18. A hyperbola with foci  $(1, 14)$  and  $(1, -12)$  passes through the point  $(1, 6)$ . The length of the latus rectum of the hyperbola is

(1)  $\frac{144}{5}$

(2) 50

(3)  $\frac{288}{5}$

(4) 100

Answer (3)

Sol.  $|sp - s'p| = 2a, ss' = 2ae$

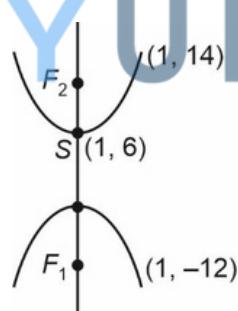
$s(1, 14), s'(1, -12), P(1, 6)$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = |8 - 18|$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 5; 2ae = 26$$

$$\Rightarrow ae = 13$$

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$$\text{Length of latus rectum } l = \frac{2b^2}{a} = \frac{2a^2(e^2 - 1)}{a}$$

$$= \frac{2(169 - 25)}{5} = \frac{288}{5}$$

19.

20.

## SECTION - B

**Numerical Value Type Questions:** This section contains 5 Numerical based questions. The answer to each question should be rounded-off to the nearest integer.

21. If  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  square matrix such that  $\det(A) = -2$ . If  $\det(3 \operatorname{adj}(-6 \operatorname{adj}(3A))) = 2n \cdot 3m$ , where  $m \geq n$ , then  $4m + 2n$  is equal to

Answer (104)

Sol. Concept:  $A \cdot \operatorname{adj}(A) = |A|I$ ,  $\det(\lambda A) = \lambda^n \det(A)$

$$\Rightarrow \det(A) = |A|^{n-1}, \text{ where } n \text{ is order}$$

$$\Rightarrow \det(3 \operatorname{adj}(-6 \operatorname{adj}(3A)))$$

$$= 3^3 \cdot \det(\operatorname{adj}(-6 \operatorname{adj}(3A)))$$

$$= 3^3 \cdot (-6 \operatorname{adj}(3A))^2$$

$$= 3^3 \cdot (-6)^6 |3A|^4$$

$$= 3^3 \cdot 26 \cdot 312 \cdot (-2)^4$$

$$= 321 \cdot 210$$

$$\therefore n = 10, m = 21 \therefore$$

$$4m + 2n = 104$$

22. If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are in geometric progression such that  $a_1a_5 = 28$ ,  $a_2 + a_4 = 29$ , then the value of  $a_6$  is  
 (1) 635                                 (2) 784  
 (3) 872                                     (4) 898

Answer (2)

$$\text{Sol. } a_1a_5 = 28 \Rightarrow a_2r^4 = 28$$

$$a_2 + a_4 = 29 \Rightarrow ar + ar^3 = 29$$

$$ar, ar^3 \text{ are roots of } k^2 - 29k + 28 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 1, k = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow ar = 1, ar^3 = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = 28, a_2 = \frac{1}{28}$$

$$a_6 = ar^5 \Rightarrow a_2r^4 \cdot r = \frac{1}{28} \times (28)^5 = (28)^4$$

$$\Rightarrow a_6 = (28)^2 = 784$$

23.

24.

25.

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