

PHYSICS

SECTION-A

1. A rubber ball is released from a height of 5 m above the floor. It bounces back repeatedly, always rising to $\frac{81}{100}$ of the height through which it falls. Find the average speed of the ball.

(Take $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$)

- (1) 3.0 ms^{-1} (2) 3.50 ms^{-1}
 (3) 2.0 ms^{-1} (4) 2.50 ms^{-1}

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. (4) $v_0 = \sqrt{2gh}$

$v = e\sqrt{2gh} = \sqrt{2gh}$

$\Rightarrow e = 0.9$

$S = h + 2e^2h + 2e^4h + \dots$

$t = \sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} + 2e\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} + 2e^2\sqrt{\frac{2h}{g}} + \dots$

$v_{av} = \frac{S}{t} = 2.5 \text{ m/s}$

2. If one mole of the polyatomic gas is having two vibrational modes and β is the ratio of molar specific heats for polyatomic gas $\left(\beta = \frac{C_p}{C_v} \right)$ then

the value of β is :

- (1) 1.02 (2) 1.2
 (3) 1.25 (4) 1.35

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. (2) $f = 4 + 3 + 3 = 10$
 assuming non linear

$\beta = \frac{C_p}{C_v} = 1 + \frac{2}{f} = \frac{12}{10} = 1.2$

3. A block of mass 1 kg attached to a spring is made to oscillate with an initial amplitude of 12 cm. After 2 minutes the amplitude decreases to 6 cm. Determine the value of the damping constant for this motion. (take $\ln 2 = 0.693$)
 (1) $0.69 \times 10^2 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$ (2) $3.3 \times 10^2 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$
 (3) $1.16 \times 10^2 \text{ kg s}^{-1}$ (4) $5.7 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg s}^{-1}$

Official Ans. by NTA (NA)

Official Ans. by ETOOS (Bonus)

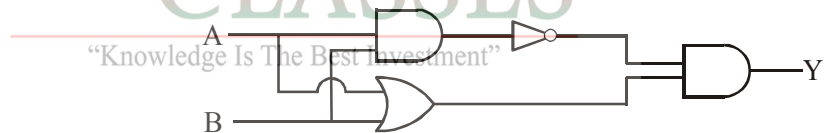
Sol. $A = A_0 e^{-\gamma t}$

$\ln 2 = \frac{b}{2m} \times 120$

$\frac{0.693 \times 2 \times 1}{120} = b$

$1.16 \times 10^{-2} \text{ kg/sec.}$

4. Which one of the following will be the output of the given circuit ?



- (1) NOR Gate (2) NAND Gate
 (3) AND Gate (4) XOR Gate

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. (4) Conceptual

5. An object is located at 2 km beneath the surface of the water. If the fractional compression $\frac{\Delta V}{V}$ is 1.36% , the ratio of hydraulic stress to the corresponding hydraulic strain will be _____.

[Given : density of water is 1000 kg m^{-3} and $g = 9.8 \text{ ms}^{-2}$.]

- (1) $1.96 \times 10^7 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$ (2) $1.44 \times 10^7 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$
 (3) $2.26 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$ (4) $1.44 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^{-2}$

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. (4) $P = h\rho g$

$$\beta = \frac{p}{\frac{\Delta V}{V}} = \frac{2 \times 10^3 \times 10^3 \times 9.8}{1.36 \times 10^{-2}}$$

$$= 1.44 \times 10^9 \text{ N/m}^2$$

6. A geostationary satellite is orbiting around an arbitrary planet 'P' at a height of $11R$ above the surface of 'P', R being the radius of 'P'. The time period of another satellite in hours at a height of $2R$ from the surface of 'P' is _____. 'P' has the time period of 24 hours.

- (1) $6\sqrt{2}$ (2) $\frac{6}{\sqrt{2}}$ (3) 3 (4) 5

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. (3) $T \propto R^{3/2}$

$$\frac{24}{T} = \left(\frac{12R}{3R}\right)^{3/2} \Rightarrow T = 3\text{hr}$$

7. A sound wave of frequency 245 Hz travels with the speed of 300 ms^{-1} along the positive x-axis. Each point of the wave moves to and fro through a total distance of 6 cm. What will be the mathematical expression of this travelling wave ?

- (1) $Y(x,t) = 0.03 [\sin 5.1 x - (0.2 \times 10^3)t]$
 (2) $Y(x,t) = 0.06 [\sin 5.1 x - (1.5 \times 10^3)t]$
 (3) $Y(x,t) = 0.06 [\sin 0.8 x - (0.5 \times 10^3)t]$
 (4) $Y(x,t) = 0.03 [\sin 5.1 x - (1.5 \times 10^3)t]$

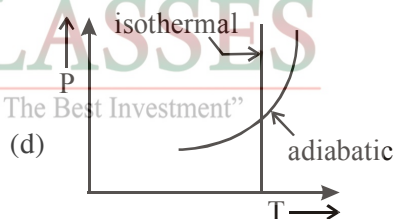
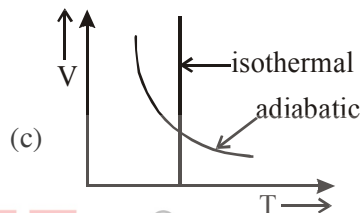
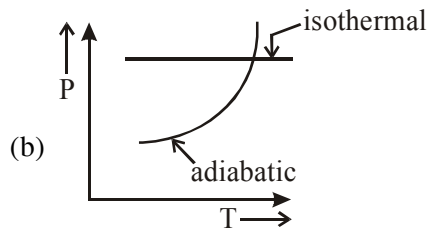
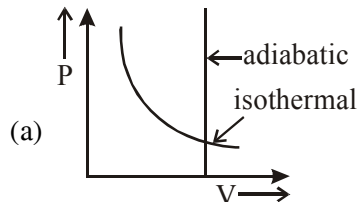
Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. (4) $\omega = 2\pi f$

$$= 1.5 \times 10^3$$

$$A = \frac{6}{2} = 3 \text{ cm} = 0.03 \text{ m}$$

8. Which one is the correct option for the two different thermodynamic processes ?



- (1) (c) and (a) (2) (c) and (d)
 (3) (a) only (4) (b) and (c)

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. (2) Option (a) is wrong ; since in adiabatic process $V \neq \text{constant}$.

Option (b) is wrong, since in isothermal process $T = \text{constant}$

Option (c) & (d) matches isothermes & adiabatic formula :

$$TV^{\gamma-1} = \text{constant} \quad \& \quad \frac{T^\gamma}{p^{\gamma-1}} = \text{constant}$$

9. The velocity of a particle is $v = v_0 + gt + Ft^2$. Its position is $x = 0$ at $t = 0$; then its displacement after time ($t = 1$) is :

(1) $v_0 + g + F$ (2) $v_0 + \frac{g}{2} + \frac{F}{3}$
 (3) $v_0 + \frac{g}{2} + F$ (4) $v_0 + 2g + 3F$

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. (2) $v = v_0 + gt + Ft^2$

$$\frac{ds}{dt} = v_0 + gt + Ft^2$$

$$\int ds = \int_0^1 (v_0 + gt + Ft^2) dt$$

$$s = \left[v_0 t + \frac{gt^2}{2} + \frac{Ft^3}{3} \right]_0^1$$

$$s = v_0 + \frac{g}{2} + \frac{F}{3}$$

10. A carrier signal $C(t) = 25 \sin(2.512 \times 10^{10} t)$ is amplitude modulated by a message signal $m(t) = 5 \sin(1.57 \times 10^8 t)$ and transmitted through an antenna. What will be the bandwidth of the modulated signal ?

- (1) 8 GHz
 (2) 2.01 GHz
 (3) 1987.5 MHz
 (4) 50 MHz

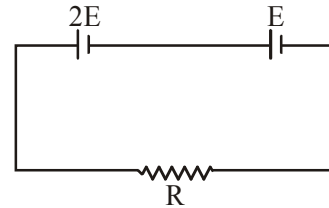
Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. (4) Band width = $2 f_m$

$$\omega_m = 1.57 \times 10^8 = 2\pi f_m$$

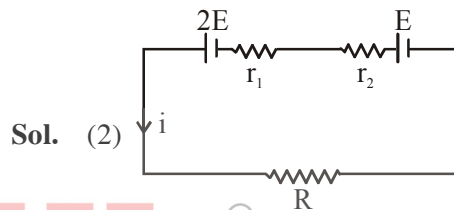
$$BW = 2f_m = \frac{10^8}{2} \text{ Hz} = 50 \text{ MHz}$$

11. Two cells of emf $2E$ and E with internal resistance r_1 and r_2 respectively are connected in series to an external resistor R (see figure). The value of R , at which the potential difference across the terminals of the first cell becomes zero is



- (1) $r_1 + r_2$ (2) $\frac{r_1}{2} - r_2$
 (3) $\frac{r_1}{2} + r_2$ (4) $r_1 - r_2$

Official Ans. by NTA (2)



$$i = \frac{3E}{R + r_1 + r_2}$$

$$\text{TPD} = 2E - ir_1 = 0$$

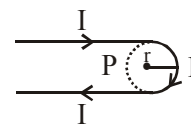
$$2E = ir_1$$

$$2E = \frac{3E \times r_1}{R + r_1 + r_2}$$

$$2R + 2r_1 + 2r_2 = 3r_1$$

$$R = \frac{r_1}{2} - r_2$$

12. A hairpin like shape as shown in figure is made by bending a long current carrying wire. What is the magnitude of a magnetic field at point P which lies on the centre of the semicircle ?



- (1) $\frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi r} (2 - \pi)$ (2) $\frac{\mu_0 I}{4\pi r} (2 + \pi)$
 (3) $\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} (2 + \pi)$ (4) $\frac{\mu_0 I}{2\pi r} (2 - \pi)$

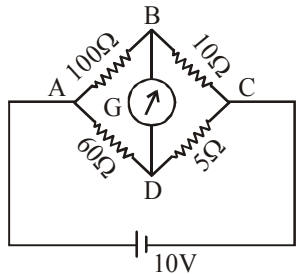
Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. (2) $B = 2 \times B_{\text{st.wire}} + B_{\text{loop}}$

$$B = 2 \times \frac{\mu_0 i}{4\pi r} + \frac{\mu_0 i}{2r} \left(\frac{\pi}{2\pi} \right)$$

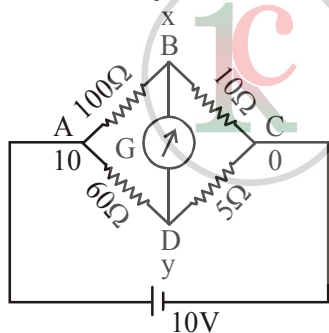
$$B = \frac{\mu_0 i}{4\pi r} (2 + \pi)$$

- 13.** The four arms of a Wheatstone bridge have resistances as shown in the figure. A galvanometer of 15Ω resistance is connected across BD. Calculate the current through the galvanometer when a potential difference of 10V is maintained across AC.



- (1) $2.44 \mu\text{A}$ (2) 2.44 mA
 (3) 4.87 mA (4) $4.87 \mu\text{A}$

Official Ans. by NTA (3)



Sol. (3)

$$\frac{x-10}{100} + \frac{x-y}{15} + \frac{x-0}{10} = 0$$

$$53x - 20y = 30 \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\frac{y-10}{60} + \frac{y-x}{15} + \frac{y-0}{5} = 0$$

$$17y - 4x = 10 \dots\dots(2)$$

on solving (1) & (2)

$$x = 0.865$$

$$y = 0.792$$

$$\Delta V = 0.073 R = 15\Omega$$

$$i = 4.87 \text{ mA}$$

- 14.** Two particles A and B of equal masses are suspended from two massless springs of spring constants K_1 and K_2 respectively. If the maximum velocities during oscillations are equal, the ratio of the amplitude of A and B is

- (1) $\frac{K_2}{K_1}$ (2) $\frac{K_1}{K_2}$ (3) $\sqrt{\frac{K_1}{K_2}}$ (4) $\sqrt{\frac{K_2}{K_1}}$

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. (4) $A_1\omega_1 = A_2\omega_2$

$$A_1\sqrt{\frac{k_1}{m}} = A_2\sqrt{\frac{k_2}{m}}$$

$$\frac{A_1}{A_2} = \sqrt{\frac{k_2}{k_1}}$$

- 15.** Match List-I with List-II

List-I

List-II

- (a) Phase difference between current and voltage in a purely resistive AC circuit (i) $\frac{\pi}{2}$; current leads voltage

- (b) Phase difference between current and voltage in a pure inductive AC circuit (ii) zero

- (c) Phase difference between current and voltage in a pure capacitive AC circuit (iii) $\frac{\pi}{2}$; current lags voltage

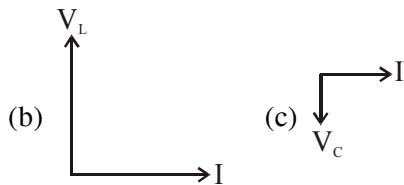
- (d) Phase difference between current and voltage in an LCR series circuit (iv) $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{X_C - X_L}{R}\right)$

Choose the most appropriate answer from the options given below :

(1) (a)–(i), (b)–(iii), (c)–(iv), (d)–(ii)
 (2) (a)–(ii), (b)–(iv), (c)–(iii), (d)–(i)
 (3) (a)–(ii), (b)–(iii), (c)–(iv), (d)–(i)
 (4) (a)–(ii), (b)–(iii), (c)–(i), (d)–(iv)

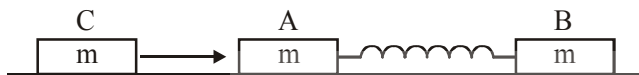
- Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

Sol. (4) (a) $\xrightarrow{I} V = V_R$



(d) $\tan \phi = \frac{V_L - V_C}{V_R} = \frac{X_L - X_C}{R}$

16. Two identical blocks A and B each of mass m resting on the smooth horizontal floor are connected by a light spring of natural length L and spring constant K . A third block C of mass m moving with a speed v along the line joining A and B collides with A. The maximum compression in the spring is



(1) $v\sqrt{\frac{M}{2K}}$

(2) $\sqrt{\frac{mv}{2K}}$

(3) $\sqrt{\frac{mv}{K}}$

(4) $\sqrt{\frac{m}{2K}}$

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. (1) C comes to rest

$$V_{cm} \text{ of A \& B} = \frac{v}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \text{ is } v_{ret}^2 = \frac{1}{2} kx^2$$

$$x = \sqrt{\frac{\mu \times v^2}{k}} = \sqrt{\frac{m}{2k}} v$$

17. The atomic hydrogen emits a line spectrum consisting of various series. Which series of hydrogen atomic spectra is lying in the visible region ?

- (1) Brackett series (2) Paschen series
(3) Lyman series (4) Balmer series

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. (4) Conceptual

18. Two identical photocathodes receive the light of frequencies f_1 and f_2 respectively. If the velocities of the photo-electrons coming out are v_1 and v_2 respectively, then

(1) $v_1^2 - v_2^2 = \frac{2h}{m} [f_1 - f_2]$

(2) $v_1^2 + v_2^2 = \frac{2h}{m} [f_1 + f_2]$

(3) $v_1 + v_2 = \left[\frac{2h}{m} (f_1 + f_2) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

(4) $v_1 - v_2 = \left[\frac{2h}{m} (f_1 - f_2) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. (1) $\frac{1}{2} m v_1^2 = h f_1 - \phi$

$\frac{1}{2} m v_2^2 = h f_2 - \phi$

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 $v_1 - v_2 = \left[\frac{2h}{m} (f_1 - f_2) \right]^{\frac{1}{2}}$

19. What happens to the inductive reactance and the current in a purely inductive circuit if the frequency is halved ?

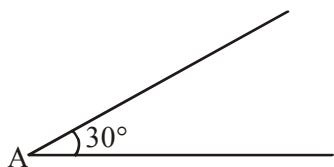
- (1) Both, inductive reactance and current will be halved.
(2) Inductive reactance will be halved and current will be doubled.
(3) Inductive reactance will be doubled and current will be halved.
(4) Both, inducting reactance and current will be doubled.

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. (2) $X_L = \omega L$

$$i = \frac{V_0}{\omega L}$$

20. A sphere of mass 2kg and radius 0.5 m is rolling with an initial speed of 1 ms^{-1} goes up an inclined plane which makes an angle of 30° with the horizontal plane, without slipping. How low will the sphere take to return to the starting point A ?



- (1) 0.60 s (2) 0.52 s
 (3) 0.57 s (4) 0.80 s

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. (3) $a = \frac{g \sin \theta}{1 + \frac{I}{mR^2}} = \frac{5}{7} \times \frac{10}{2} = \frac{25}{7}$

$$t = \frac{2v_0}{a} = \frac{2 \times 1 \times 7}{25}$$

$$= 0.56$$

SECTION-B

1. The electric field intensity produced by the radiation coming from a 100 W bulb at a distance of 3m is E. The electric field intensity produced by the radiation coming from 60 W

at the same distance is $\sqrt{\frac{x}{5}}E$. Where the value

of x = _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. $c \epsilon_0 E^2 = \frac{100}{4\pi \times 3^2}$

$$c \epsilon_0 \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{5}} E \right)^2 = \frac{60}{4\pi \times 3^2}$$

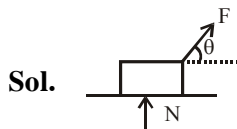
$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{5} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

2. A body of mass 1 kg rests on a horizontal floor with which it has a coefficient of static friction $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$. It is desired to make the body move by applying the minimum possible force F N. The value of F will be _____. (Round off to the Nearest Integer)

[Take $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$]

Official Ans. by NTA (5)



$$F \cos \theta = \mu N$$

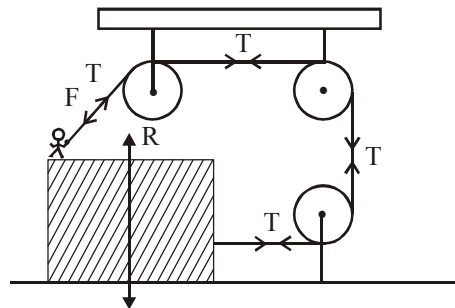
$$F \sin \theta + N = mg$$

$$\Rightarrow F = \frac{\mu mg}{\cos \theta + \mu \sin \theta}$$

$$F_{\min} = \frac{\mu mg}{\sqrt{1 + \mu^2}} = \frac{\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \times 10}{\sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{3}}} = 5$$

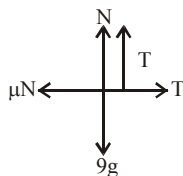
3. A boy of mass 4 kg is standing on a piece of wood having mass 5kg . If the coefficient of friction between the wood and the floor is 0.5, the maximum force that the boy can exert on the rope so that the piece of wood does not move from its place is _____N.(Round off to the Nearest Integer)

[Take $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$]



Official Ans. by NTA (30)

Sol.



$$N + T = 90$$

$$T = \mu N = 0.5 (90 - T)$$

$$1.5 T = 45$$

$$T = 30$$

4. Suppose you have taken a dilute solution of oleic acid in such a way that its concentration becomes 0.01 cm^3 of oleic acid per cm^3 of the solution. Then you make a thin film of this solution (monomolecular thickness) of area 4 cm^2 by considering 100 spherical drops of

radius $\left(\frac{3}{40\pi}\right)^{\frac{1}{3}} \times 10^{-3} \text{ cm}$. Then the thickness of oleic acid layer will be $x \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}$.

Where x is _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (25)

Sol. $4t_T = 100 \times \frac{4}{3} \pi r^3$

$$= 100 \times \frac{4\pi}{3} \times \frac{3}{40\pi} \times 10^{-9} = 10^{-8} \text{ cm}^3$$

$$t_T = 25 \times 10^{-10} \text{ cm}$$

$$= 25 \times 10^{-12} \text{ m}$$

$$t_0 = 0.01 t_T = 25 \times 10^{-14} \text{ m}$$

$$= 25$$

5. A particle of mass m moves in a circular orbit in a central potential field $U(r) = U_0 r^4$. If Bohr's quantization conditions are applied, radii of possible orbitals r_n vary with $n^{1/\alpha}$, where α is _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. $F = \frac{-dU}{dr} = -4U_0 r^3 = \frac{mv^2}{r}$

$$mv^2 = 4U_0 r^4$$

$$v \propto r^2$$

$$mvr = \frac{nh}{2\pi}$$

$$r^3 \propto n$$

$$r \propto n^{1/3}$$

$$= 3$$

6. The electric field in a region is given by

$$\vec{E} = \frac{2}{5} E_0 \hat{i} + \frac{3}{5} E_0 \hat{j} \text{ with } E_0 = 4.0 \times 10^3 \frac{\text{N}}{\text{C}}.$$

The flux of this field through a rectangular surface area 0.4 m^2 parallel to the $Y - Z$ plane is _____ Nm^2C^{-1} .

Official Ans. by NTA (640)

Sol. $\phi = E_x A \Rightarrow \frac{2}{5} \times 4 \times 10^3 \times 0.4 = 640$

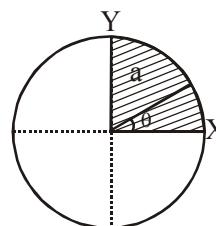
7. The disc of mass M with uniform surface mass density σ is shown in the figure. The centre of mass of the quarter disc (the shaded area) is at

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the position $\frac{x}{3} \frac{a}{\pi}, \frac{x}{3} \frac{a}{\pi}$ where x is _____.

(Round off to the Nearest Integer)

[a is an area as shown in the figure]



Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. C.O.M of quarter disc is at $\frac{4a}{3\pi}, \frac{4a}{3\pi}$

$$= 4$$

8. The image of an object placed in air formed by a convex refracting surface is at a distance of 10 m behind the surface. The image is real and is at $\frac{2^{\text{nd}}}{3}$ of the distance of the object from the surface. The wavelength of light inside the surface is $\frac{2}{3}$ times the wavelength in air. The

radius of the curved surface is $\frac{x}{13}$ m. the value of 'x' is _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (30)

Sol. $\lambda_m = \frac{\lambda_a}{\mu} \Rightarrow \mu = \frac{3}{2}$

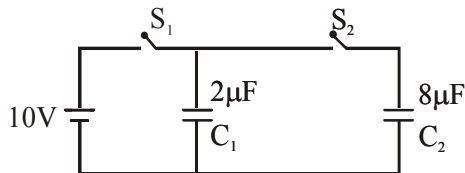
$$\frac{\mu}{v} - \frac{1}{u} = \frac{\mu - 1}{R}$$

$$\frac{3}{2 \times 10} + \frac{1}{15} = \frac{\frac{3}{2} - 1}{R}$$

$$R = \frac{30}{13}$$

$$= 30$$

9. A 2 μF capacitor C_1 is first charged to a potential difference of 10 V using a battery. Then the battery is removed and the capacitor is connected to an uncharged capacitor C_2 of 8 μF . The charge in C_2 on equilibrium condition is _____ μC . (Round off to the Nearest Integer)



Official Ans. by NTA (16)

Sol. $20 = (C_1 + C_2) V \Rightarrow V = 2$ volt.

$$Q_2 = C_2 V = 16 \mu\text{C}$$

$$= 16$$

10. Seawater at a frequency $f = 9 \times 10^2$ Hz, has permittivity $\epsilon = 80\epsilon_0$ and resistivity $\rho = 0.25 \Omega\text{m}$. Imagine a parallel plate capacitor is immersed in seawater and is driven by an alternating voltage source $V(t) = V_0 \sin(2\pi ft)$. Then the conduction current density becomes 10^x times the displacement current density after time $t = \frac{1}{800}$ s. The value of x is _____

(Given: $\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} = 9 \times 10^9 \text{ Nm}^2\text{C}^{-2}$)

Official Ans. by NTA (6)

Sol. $J_c = \frac{E}{\rho} = \frac{V}{\rho d}$

$$J_d = \frac{1}{A} \frac{dq}{dt}$$

$$= \frac{C dV}{A dt}$$

$$= \frac{\epsilon dV_c}{d dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{V_0 \sin 2\pi ft}{\rho d} = 10^x \times \frac{80\epsilon_0}{d} V_0 (2\pi f) \cos 2\pi ft$$

$$\tan \left(2\pi \times \frac{900}{800} \right) = 10^x \times \frac{40}{9 \times 10^9} \times 900$$

$$= x = 6$$

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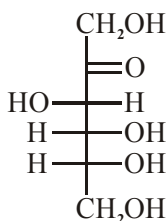
SECTION-A

1. Fructose is an example of :-

- (1) Pyranose
- (2) Ketohehexose
- (3) Aldohexose
- (4) Heptose

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. Fructose is a ketohehexose.



2. The set of elements that differ in mutual relationship from those of the other sets is :

- (1) Li – Mg
- (2) B – Si
- (3) Be – Al
- (4) Li – Na

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. Li–Mg, B–Si, Be–Al show diagonal relationship but Li and Na do not show diagonal relationship as both belongs to same group and not placed diagonally.

3. The functional groups that are responsible for the ion-exchange property of cation and anion exchange resins, respectively, are :

- (1) $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ and $-\text{NH}_2$
- (2) $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ and $-\text{COOH}$
- (3) $-\text{NH}_2$ and $-\text{COOH}$
- (4) $-\text{NH}_2$ and $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. Cation exchanger contains $-\text{SO}_3\text{H}$ or $-\text{COOH}$ groups while anion exchanger contains basic groups like $-\text{NH}_2$.

4. Match List-I and List-II :

List-I	List-II
(a) Haematite	(i) $\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$
(b) Bauxite	(ii) Fe_2O_3
(c) Magnetite	(iii) $\text{CuCO}_3 \cdot \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$
(d) Malachite	(iv) Fe_3O_4

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) (a)-(ii), (b)-(iii), (c)-(i), (d)-(iv)
- (2) (a)-(iv), (b)-(i), (c)-(ii), (d)-(iii)
- (3) (a)-(i), (b)-(iii), (c)-(ii), (d)-(iv)
- (4) (a)-(ii), (b)-(i), (c)-(iv), (d)-(iii)

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol.	Ore	Formula
(a)	Haematite	Fe_2O_3
(b)	Bauxite	$\text{Al}_2\text{O}_3 \cdot x\text{H}_2\text{O}$
(c)	Magnetite	Fe_3O_4
(d)	Malachite	$\text{CuCO}_3 \cdot \text{Cu}(\text{OH})_2$

5. The correct pair(s) of the ambident nucleophiles is (are) :

- (A) AgCN/KCN
- (B) $\text{RCOOAg}/\text{RCOOK}$
- (C) $\text{AgNO}_2/\text{KNO}_2$
- (D) AgI/KI

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

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. Ambident nucleophile

- (A) KCN & AgCN
- (C) AgNO_2 & KNO_2

6. The set that represents the pair of neutral oxides of nitrogen is :

- (1) NO and N_2O
- (2) N_2O and N_2O_3
- (3) N_2O and NO_2
- (4) NO and NO_2

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. N_2O and NO are neutral oxides of nitrogen NO_2 and N_2O_3 are acidic oxides.

7. Match List-I with List-II :

List-I	List-II
(a) $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_6]$ $[\text{Cr}(\text{CN})_6]$	(i) Linkage isomerism
(b) $[\text{Co}(\text{NH}_3)_3(\text{NO}_2)_3]$	(ii) Solvate isomerism
(c) $[\text{Cr}(\text{H}_2\text{O})_6]\text{Cl}_3$	(iii) Co-ordination isomerism
(d) $\text{cis}-[\text{CrCl}_2(\text{ox})_2]^{3-}$	(iv) Optical isomerism

Choose the correct answer from the options given below :

- (1) (a)-(iii), (b)-(i), (c)-(ii), (d)-(iv)
- (2) (a)-(iv), (b)-(ii), (c)-(iii), (d)-(i)
- (3) (a)-(ii), (b)-(i), (c)-(iii), (d)-(iv)
- (4) (a)-(i), (b)-(ii), (c)-(iii), (d)-(iv)

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol.	Complex	Type of Isomerism
(a)	[Co(NH ₃) ₆] [Cr(CN) ₆]	Co-ordination isomerism
(b)	[Co(NH ₃) ₃ (NO ₂) ₃]	Linkage isomerism
(c)	[Cr(H ₂ O) ₆]Cl ₃	Solvate isomerism
(d)	<i>cis</i> -[CrCl ₂ (ox) ₂] ³⁻	Optical isomerism

8. Primary, secondary and tertiary amines can be separated using :-

- (1) Para-Toluene sulphonyl chloride
- (2) Chloroform and KOH
- (3) Benzene sulphonic acid
- (4) Acetyl amide

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. Primary amines react with Para Toluene sulphonyl chloride to form a precipitate that is soluble in NaOH.

Secondary amines reacts with para toluene sulphonyl chloride to give a precipitate that is insoluble in NaOH.

Tertiary amines do not react with para toluene.

9. The common positive oxidation states for an element with atomic number 24, are :

- (1) +2 to +6
- (2) +1 and +3 to +6
- (3) +1 and +3
- (4) +1 to +6

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. Cr(Z=24)
[Ar] 4s¹3d⁵ Cr shows common oxidation states starting from +2 to +6.

10. Match List-I with List-II :

List-I Chemical Compound	List-II Used as
(a) Sucralose	(i) Synthetic detergent
(b) Glyceryl ester of stearic acid	(ii) Artificial sweetener
(c) Sodium benzoate	(iii) Antiseptic
(d) Bithionol	(iv) Food preservative

Choose the correct match :

- (1) (a)-(iv), (b)-(iii), (c)-(ii), (d)-(i)
- (2) (a)-(ii), (b)-(i), (c)-(iv), (d)-(iii)
- (3) (a)-(iii), (b)-(ii), (c)-(iv), (d)-(i)
- (4) (a)-(i), (b)-(ii), (c)-(iv), (d)-(iii)

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. Artificial sweetner : Sucralose

Antiseptic : Bithionol

Preservative : Sodium Benzoate

Glyceryl ester of stearic acid : Sodium steasate

11. Given below are two statements :

Statement-I : 2-methylbutane on oxidation with KMnO₄ gives 2-methylbutan-2-ol.

Statement-II : n-alkanes can be easily oxidised to corresponding alcohol with KMnO₄.

Choose the correct option :

- (1) Both statement I and statement II are correct
- (2) Both statement I and statement II are incorrect
- (3) Statement I is correct but Statement II is incorrect
- (4) Statement I is incorrect but Statement II is correct

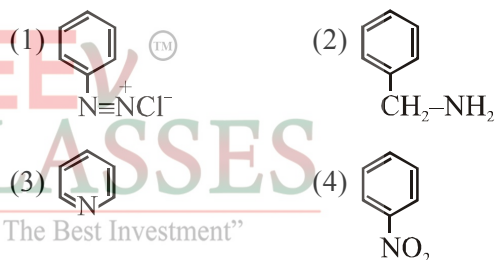
Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. Alkane are very less reactive, tertiary hydrogen can oxidise to alcohol with KMnO₄.



2-methyl-butane

12. Nitrogen can be estimated by Kjeldahl's method for which of the following compound ?



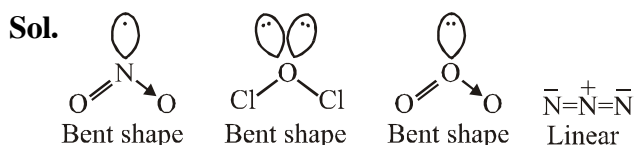
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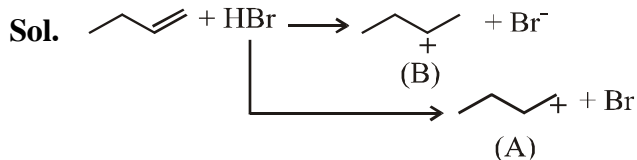
Sol. Kjeldahl method is not applicable to compounds containing nitrogen in nitrogroup, Azo groups and nitrogen present in the ring (e.g Pyridine) as nitrogen of these compounds does not change to Ammonium sulphate under these conditions.

13. Amongst the following, the linear species is :

- (1) NO₂
- (2) Cl₂O
- (3) O₃
- (4) N₃⁻

Official Ans. by NTA (4)





This is more stable due to secondary cation formation and formed with faster rate due to low activation energy.

20. During which of the following processes, does entropy decrease ?

- (A) Freezing of water to ice at 0°C
 (B) Freezing of water to ice at -10°C
 (C) $\text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 3\text{H}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$
 (D) Adsorption of CO(g) and lead surface
 (E) Dissolution of NaCl in water

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

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

- Sol. (A) Water $\xrightarrow{0^\circ\text{C}}$ ice; $\Delta S = -ve$
 (B) Water $\xrightarrow{-10^\circ\text{C}}$ ice; $\Delta S = -ve$
 (C) $\text{N}_2(\text{g}) + 3\text{H}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2\text{NH}_3(\text{g})$; $\Delta S = -ve$
 (D) Adsorption; $\Delta S = -ve$
 (E) $\text{NaCl}(\text{s}) \rightarrow \text{Na}^+(\text{aq}) + \text{Cl}^-(\text{aq})$; $\Delta S = +ve$

SECTION-B

1. A KCl solution of conductivity 0.14 S m^{-1} shows a resistance of 4.19Ω in a conductivity cell. If the same cell is filled with an HCl solution, the resistance drops to 1.03Ω . The conductivity of the HCl solution is $____ \times 10^{-2} \text{ S m}^{-1}$. (Round off to the Nearest Integer).

Official Ans. by NTA (57)

Sol. $\kappa = \frac{1}{R} \cdot G^*$

For same conductivity cell, G^* is constant and hence $\kappa \cdot R = \text{constant}$.

$$\therefore 0.14 \times 4.19 = \kappa \times 1.03$$

$$\text{or, } \kappa \text{ of HCl solution} = \frac{0.14 \times 4.19}{1.03}$$

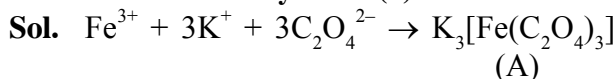
$$= 0.5695 \text{ Sm}^{-1}$$

$$= 56.95 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Sm}^{-1} \approx 57 \times 10^{-2} \text{ Sm}^{-1}$$

2. On complete reaction of FeCl_3 with oxalic acid in aqueous solution containing KOH, resulted in the formation of product A. The secondary valency of Fe in the product A is $____$.

(Round off to the Nearest Integer).

Official Ans. by NTA (6)



Secondary valency of Fe in 'A' is 6.

3. The reaction $2\text{A} + \text{B}_2 \rightarrow 2\text{AB}$ is an elementary reaction.

For a certain quantity of reactants, if the volume of the reaction vessel is reduced by a factor of 3, the rate of the reaction increases by a factor of $____$. (Round off to the Nearest Integer).

Official Ans. by NTA (27)



As the reaction is elementary, the rate of reaction is

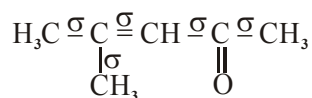
$$r = k \cdot [\text{A}]^2[\text{B}_2]$$

on reducing the volume by a factor of 3, the concentrations of A and B_2 will become 3 times and hence, the rate becomes $3^2 \times 3 = 27$ times of initial rate.

4. The total number of C-C sigma bond/s in mesityl oxide ($\text{C}_6\text{H}_{10}\text{O}$) is $____$. (Round off to the Nearest Integer).

Official Ans. by NTA (5)

Sol. Mesityl oxide

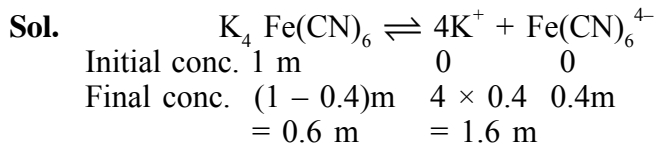


$$\therefore \text{C} \overset{\sigma}{\text{C}} = 5$$

5. A 1 molal $\text{K}_4\text{Fe}(\text{CN})_6$ solution has a degree of dissociation of 0.4. Its boiling point is equal to that of another solution which contains 18.1 weight percent of a non electrolytic solute A. The molar mass of A is $____ \text{ u}$. (Round off to the Nearest Integer).

[Density of water = 1.0 g cm^{-3}]

Official Ans. by NTA (85)



Effective molality = 0.6 + 1.6 + 0.4 = 2.6 m
 For same boiling point, the molality of another solution should also be 2.6 m.

Now, 18.1 weight percent solution means 18.1 gm solute is present in 100 gm solution and hence, (100 - 18.1 =) 81.9 gm water.

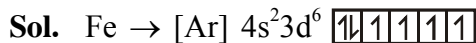
$$\text{Now, } 2.6 = \frac{18.1/M}{81.9/1000}$$

∴ Molar mass of solute, M = 85

6. In the ground state of atomic Fe (Z = 26), the spin-only magnetic moment is _____ × 10⁻¹ BM. (Round off to the Nearest Integer).

[Given : $\sqrt{3} = 1.73$, $\sqrt{2} = 1.41$]

Official Ans. by NTA (49)



Number of unpaired e⁻ = 4

$$\mu = \sqrt{4(4+2)} \text{ B.M.}$$

$$\mu = \sqrt{24} \text{ B.M.}$$

$$\mu = 4.89 \text{ B.M.}$$

$$\mu = 48.9 \times 10^{-1} \text{ B.M.}$$

Nearest integer value will be 49.

7. The number of chlorine atoms in 20 mL of chlorine gas at STP is _____ 10²¹. (Round off to the Nearest Integer).

[Assume chlorine is an ideal gas at STP

$$R = 0.083 \text{ L bar mol}^{-1} \text{ K}^{-1}, N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{23}]$$

Official Ans. by NTA (1)



$$1.0 \times \frac{20}{1000} = \frac{N}{6.023 \times 10^{23}} \times 0.083 \times 273$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of Cl}_2 \text{ molecules, } N = 5.3 \times 10^{20}$$

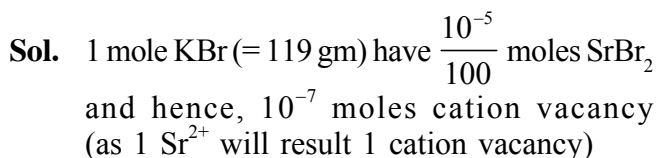
$$\text{Hence, Number of Cl-atoms} = 1.06 \times 10^{21} \approx 1 \times 10^{21}$$

8. KBr is doped with 10⁻⁵ mole percent of SrBr₂. The number of cationic vacancies in 1 g of KBr crystal is _____ 10¹⁴. (Round off to the Nearest Integer).

[Atomic Mass : K : 39.1 u, Br : 79.9 u,

$$N_A = 6.023 \times 10^{23}]$$

Official Ans. by NTA (5)



∴ Required number of cation vacancies

$$= \frac{10^{-7} \times 6.023 \times 10^{23}}{119} = 5.06 \times 10^{14} \approx 5 \times 10^{14}$$

9. Consider the reaction $N_2O_4(g) \rightleftharpoons 2NO_2(g)$. The temperature at which $K_C = 20.4$ and $K_P = 600.1$, is _____ K. (Round off to the Nearest Integer).

[Assume all gases are ideal and R = 0.0831 L bar K⁻¹ mol⁻¹]

Official Ans. by NTA (354)

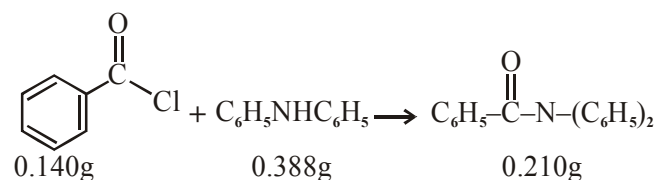


$$\text{Now, } K_p = K_c \cdot (RT)^{\Delta n_g}$$

$$\text{or, } 600.1 = 20.4 \times (0.0831 \times T)^1$$

$$\therefore T = 353.99 \text{ K} = 354 \text{ K}$$

- 10.



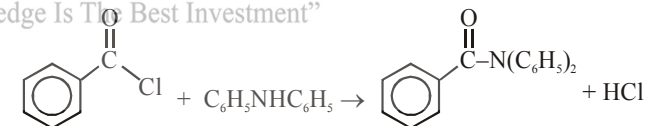
Consider the above reaction. The percentage yield of amide product is _____. (Round off to the Nearest Integer).

(Given : Atomic mass : C : 12.0 u, H : 1.0u, N : 14.0 u, O : 16.0 u, Cl : 35.5 u)

Official Ans. by NTA (77)

Sol.

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1 mole

$$= 140.5 \text{ gm}$$

1 mole

$$= 169 \text{ gm}$$

1 mole

$$= 273 \text{ gm}$$

$$\therefore 0.140 \text{ gm} \times \frac{169}{140.5} \times 0.140$$

$$\text{L.R.} = 0.168 \text{ gm} < 0.388 \text{ gm} \text{ excess}$$

∴ Theoretical amount of given product formed

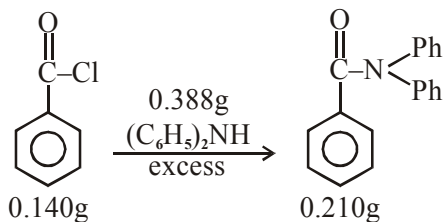
$$= \frac{273}{140.5} \times 0.140 = 0.272 \text{ gm}$$

But its actual amount formed is 0.210 gm.

Hence, the percentage yield of product.

$$= \frac{0.210}{0.272} \times 100 = 77.20 \approx 77$$

OR



$$\text{Mole of Ph - CoCl} = \frac{0.140}{140} = 10^{-3} \text{ mol}$$

Mole of $\text{Ph}-\overset{\text{O}}{\parallel}{\text{C}}-\text{N}(\text{Ph})_2$, that should be obtained

by mol-mol analysis = 10^{-3} mol.

Theoretical mass of product = $10^{-3} \times 273 = 273 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g}$

Observed mass of product = $210 \times 10^{-3} \text{ g}$

$$\% \text{ yield of product} = \frac{210 \times 10^{-3}}{273 \times 10^{-3}} \times 100 = 76.9\% \approx 77$$



MATHEMATICS

SECTION-A

1. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = e^{-x} \sin x$. If $F : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is a differentiable function

such that $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt$, then the value of

$\int_0^1 (F'(x) + f(x)) e^x dx$ lies in the interval

(1) $\left[\frac{327}{360}, \frac{329}{360} \right]$ (2) $\left[\frac{330}{360}, \frac{331}{360} \right]$

(3) $\left[\frac{331}{360}, \frac{334}{360} \right]$ (4) $\left[\frac{335}{360}, \frac{336}{360} \right]$

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $f(x) = e^{-x} \sin x$

Now, $F(x) = \int_0^x f(t) dt \Rightarrow F'(x) = f(x)$

$I = \int_0^1 (F'(x) + f(x)) e^x dx = \int_0^1 (f(x) + f(x)) \cdot e^x dx$

$= 2 \int_0^1 f(x) \cdot e^x dx = 2 \int_0^1 e^{-x} \sin x \cdot e^x dx$

$= 2 \int_0^1 \sin x dx$

$= 2(1 - \cos 1)$

$I = 2 \left\{ 1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{6} + \frac{1}{8} \dots \dots \right) \right\}$

$I = 1 - \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{6} - \frac{2}{9} + \dots$

$1 - \frac{2}{4} < I < 1 - \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2}{6}$

$\frac{11}{12} < I < \frac{331}{360}$

$\Rightarrow I \in \left[\frac{11}{12}, \frac{331}{360} \right]$

$\Rightarrow I \in \left[\frac{330}{360}, \frac{331}{360} \right]$

Ans. (2)

2. If the integral $\int_0^{10} \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{x-[x]}} dx = \alpha e^{-1} + \beta e^{-\frac{1}{2}} + \gamma$,

where α, β, γ are integers and $[x]$ denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to x , then the value of $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ is equal to :

- (1) 0 (2) 20 (3) 25 (4) 10

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. Let $I = \int_0^{10} \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{x-[x]}} dx = \int_0^{10} \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{(x)}} dx$

Function $f(x) = \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{(x)}}$ is periodic with

period '1'

Therefore

$I = 10 \int_0^1 \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^{(x)}} dx$

$= 10 \int_0^1 \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^x} dx$

$= 10 \left(\int_0^{1/2} \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^x} dx + \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{[\sin 2\pi x]}{e^x} dx \right)$

$= 10 \left(0 + \int_{1/2}^1 \frac{(-1)}{e^x} dx \right)$

$= -10 \int_{1/2}^1 e^{-x} dx$

$= 10(e^{-1} - e^{-1/2})$

Now,

$10 \cdot e^{-1} - 10 \cdot e^{-1/2} = \alpha e^{-1} + \beta e^{-1/2} + \gamma$ (given)

$\Rightarrow \alpha = 10, \beta = -10, \gamma = 0$

$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$

Ans. (1)

3. Let $y = y(x)$ be the solution of the differential equation

$$\cos x (3 \sin x + \cos x + 3) dy = (1 + y \sin x (3 \sin x + \cos x + 3)) dx,$$

$0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$, $y(0) = 0$. Then, $y\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right)$ is equal to:

(1) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3} + 9}{6} \right)$ (2) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3} + 10}{11} \right)$

(3) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{\sqrt{3} + 7}{2} \right)$ (4) $2 \log_e \left(\frac{3\sqrt{3} - 8}{4} \right)$

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $\cos x (3 \sin x + \cos x + 3) dy = (1 + y \sin x (3 \sin x + \cos x + 3)) dx$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - (\tan x)y = \frac{1}{(3 \sin x + \cos x + 3) \cos x}$$

I.F. = $e^{\int -\tan x dx} = e^{\ell n |\cos x|} = |\cos x|$

$$= \cos x \quad \forall x \in \left[0, \frac{\pi}{2} \right)$$

Solution of D.E.

$$y(\cos x) = \int (\cos x) \cdot \frac{1}{\cos x (3 \sin x + \cos x + 3)} dx + C$$

$$y(\cos x) = \int \frac{dx}{3 \sin x + \cos x + 3} dx + C$$

$$y(\cos x) = \int \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{x}{2} \right)}{2 \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} + 6 \tan \frac{x}{2} + 4} dx + C$$

Now

$$\text{Let } I_1 = \int \frac{\left(\sec^2 \frac{x}{2} \right)}{2 \left(\tan^2 \frac{x}{2} + 3 \tan \frac{x}{2} + 2 \right)} dx + C$$

Put $\tan \frac{x}{2} = t \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \sec^2 \frac{x}{2} dx = dt$

$$I_1 = \int \frac{dt}{t^2 + 3t + 2} = \int \frac{dt}{(t+2)(t+1)}$$

$$= \int \left(\frac{1}{t+1} - \frac{1}{t+2} \right) dt$$

$$= \ell n \left| \left(\frac{t+1}{t+2} \right) \right| = \ell n \left| \left(\frac{\tan \frac{x}{2} + 1}{\tan \frac{x}{2} + 2} \right) \right|$$

So solution of D.E.

$$y(\cos x) = \ell n \left| \frac{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}}{2 + \tan \frac{x}{2}} \right| + C$$

$$\Rightarrow y(\cos x) = \ell n \left(\frac{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}}{2 + \tan \frac{x}{2}} \right) + C \quad \text{for } 0 \leq x < \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Now, it is given $y(0) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = \ell n \left(\frac{1}{2} \right) + C \Rightarrow \boxed{C = \ell n 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow y(\cos x) = \ell n \left(\frac{1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}}{2 + \tan \frac{x}{2}} \right) + \ell n 2$$

For $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$

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

$$y = 2 \ell n \left(\frac{2\sqrt{3} + 10}{11} \right)$$

Ans.(2)

4. The value of $\sum_{r=0}^6 ({}^6C_r \cdot {}^6C_{6-r})$ is equal to :

- (1) 1124 (2) 1324 (3) 1024 (4) 924

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. $\sum_{r=0}^6 {}^6C_r \cdot {}^6C_{6-r}$
 $= {}^6C_0 \cdot {}^6C_6 + {}^6C_1 \cdot {}^6C_5 + \dots + {}^6C_6 \cdot {}^6C_0$

Now,

$$(1+x)^6 (1+x)^6 = ({}^6C_0 + {}^6C_1 x + {}^6C_2 x^2 + \dots + {}^6C_6 x^6)$$

$$= ({}^6C_0 + {}^6C_1 x + {}^6C_2 x^2 + \dots + {}^6C_6 x^6)$$

Comparing coefficient of x^6 both sides

$${}^6C_0 \cdot {}^6C_6 + {}^6C_1 + {}^6C_5 + \dots + {}^6C_6 \cdot {}^6C_0 = {}^{12}C_6 = 924$$

Ans.(4)

Sol. $\frac{1}{\text{odd place}} \frac{0}{\text{even place}} \frac{0}{\text{odd place}} \frac{1}{\text{even place}}$

or $\frac{1}{\text{even place}} \frac{0}{\text{odd place}} \frac{0}{\text{even place}} \frac{1}{\text{odd place}}$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{2}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{9}$$

8. The number of solutions of the equation

$$x + 2 \tan x = \frac{\pi}{2} \text{ in the interval } [0, 2\pi] \text{ is :}$$

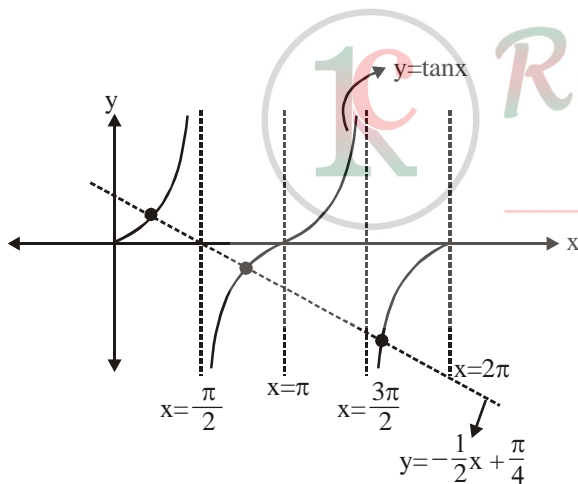
- (1) 3 (2) 4 (3) 2 (4) 5

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $x + 2 \tan x = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \tan x = \frac{\pi}{2} - x$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x = -\frac{1}{2}x + \frac{\pi}{4}$$



Number of solutions of the given equation is '3'.

Ans. (1)

9. Let S_1, S_2 and S_3 be three sets defined as

$$S_1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z-1| \leq \sqrt{2}\}$$

$$S_2 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re}((1-i)z) \geq 1\}$$

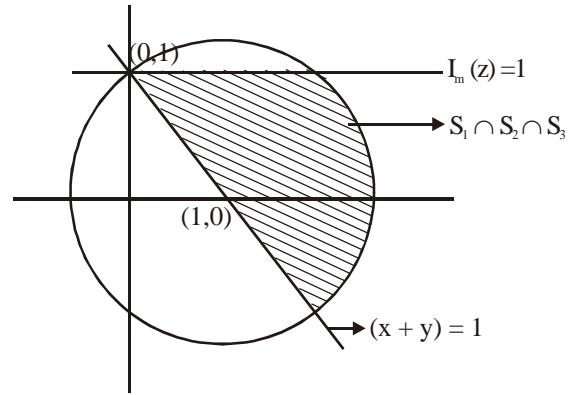
$$S_3 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Im}(z) \leq 1\}$$

Then the set $S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$

- (1) is a singleton
 (2) has exactly two elements
 (3) has infinitely many elements
 (4) has exactly three elements

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. For $|z-1| \leq \sqrt{2}$, z lies on and inside the circle of radius $\sqrt{2}$ units and centre $(1, 0)$.



For S_2

Let $z = x + iy$

$$\text{Now, } (1-i)(z) = (1-i)(x+iy)$$

$$\text{Re}((1-i)z) = x + y$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y \geq 1$$

$\Rightarrow S_1 \cap S_2 \cap S_3$ has infinity many elements

Ans. (3)

10. If the curve $y = y(x)$ is the solution of the differential equation

$$2(x^2 + x^{5/4})dy - y(x + x^{1/4})dx = 2x^{9/4} dx, \quad x > 0$$

which passes through the point

$\left(\frac{4}{3}, \frac{1}{3} \log_e 2\right)$, then the value of $y(16)$ is equal to :

(1) $4\left(\frac{31}{3} + \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$ (2) $\left(\frac{31}{3} + \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$

(3) $4\left(\frac{31}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$ (4) $\left(\frac{31}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \log_e 3\right)$

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. $\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y}{2x} = \frac{x^{9/4}}{x^{5/4}(x^{3/4} + 1)}$

$$\text{IF} = e^{-\int \frac{dx}{2d}} = e^{-\frac{1}{2} \ln x} = \frac{1}{x^{1/2}}$$

$$y \cdot x^{-1/2} = \int \frac{x^{9/4} \cdot x^{-1/2}}{x^{5/4}(x^{3/4} + 1)} dx$$

$$\int \frac{x^{1/2}}{(x^{3/4} + 1)} dx$$

$$x = t^4 \Rightarrow dx = 4t^3 dt$$

$$\int \frac{t^2 \cdot 4t^3 dt}{(t^3 + 1)}$$

$$4 \int \frac{t^2(t^3 + 1 - 1)}{(t^3 + 1)} dt$$

$$4 \int t^2 dt - 4 \int \frac{t^2}{t^3 + 1} dt$$

$$\frac{4t^3}{3} - \frac{4}{3} \ln(t^3 + 1) + C$$

$$yx^{-1/2} = \frac{4x^{3/4}}{3} - \frac{4}{3} \ln(x^{3/4} + 1) + C$$

$$1 - \frac{4}{3} \log_e 2 = \frac{4}{3} - \frac{4}{3} \log_e 2 + C$$

$$\Rightarrow C = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{4}{3} x^{5/4} - \frac{4}{3} \sqrt{x} \ln(x^{3/4} + 1) - \frac{\sqrt{x}}{3}$$

$$y(16) = \frac{4}{3} \times 32 - \frac{4}{3} \times 4 \ln 9 - \frac{4}{3}$$

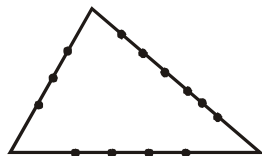
$$= \frac{124}{3} - \frac{32}{3} \ln 3 = 4 \left(\frac{31}{3} - \frac{8}{3} \ln 3 \right)$$

11. If the sides AB, BC and CA of a triangle ABC have 3, 5 and 6 interior points respectively, then the total number of triangles that can be constructed using these points as vertices, is equal to :

(1) 364 (2) 240 (3) 333 (4) 360

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol.



Total Number of triangles formed

$$= {}^{14}C_3 - {}^3C_3 - {}^5C_3 - {}^6C_3$$

$$= 333$$

Option (3)

12. If x, y, z are in arithmetic progression with common difference d , $x \neq 3d$, and the

determinant of the matrix $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 4 & 5\sqrt{2} & y \\ 5 & k & z \end{bmatrix}$ is zero,

then the value of k^2 is

(1) 72 (2) 12 (3) 36 (4) 6

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 4 & 5\sqrt{2} & y \\ 5 & k & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$

$$R_2 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 0 & k - 6\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 5 & k & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (k - 6\sqrt{2})(3z - 5x) = 0$$

$$\text{if } 3z - 5x = 0 \Rightarrow 3(x + 2d) - 5x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3d \text{ (Not possible)}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 6\sqrt{2} \Rightarrow k^2 = 72 \text{ Option (1)}$$

13. Let O be the origin. Let $\overline{OP} = x\hat{i} + y\hat{j} - \hat{k}$ and

$\overline{OQ} = -\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3x\hat{k}$, $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, $x > 0$, be such that

$|\overline{PQ}| = \sqrt{20}$ and the vector \overline{OP} is perpendicular

to \overline{OQ} . If $\overline{OR} = 3\hat{i} + z\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$, $z \in \mathbb{R}$, is coplanar

with \overline{OP} and \overline{OQ} , then the value of $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$

is equal to

(1) 7 (2) 9 (3) 2 (4) 1

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $\overline{OP} \perp \overline{OQ}$

$$\Rightarrow -x + 2y - 3x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 2x \text{(i)}$$

$$|\overline{PQ}|^2 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 + (1 + 3x)^2 = 20$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

$\overline{OP}, \overline{OQ}, \overline{OR}$ are coplanar.

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} x & y & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 3x \\ 3 & z & -7 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & -1 \\ -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 3 & z & -7 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1(-14 - 3z) - 2(7 - 9) - 1(-z - 6) = 0$$

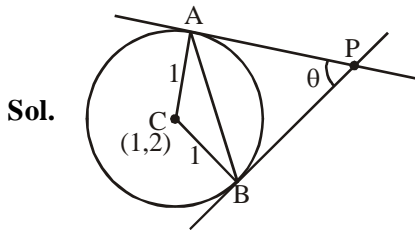
$$\Rightarrow z = -2$$

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1 + 4 + 4 = 9 \text{ Option (2)}$$

14. Two tangents are drawn from a point P to the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y + 4 = 0$, such that the angle between these tangents is $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{5}\right)$, where $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{12}{5}\right) \in (0, \pi)$. If the centre of the circle is denoted by C and these tangents touch the circle at points A and B, then the ratio of the areas of ΔPAB and ΔCAB is :

- (1) 11 : 4 (2) 9 : 4 (3) 3 : 1 (4) 2 : 1

Official Ans. by NTA (2)



$$\tan \theta = \frac{12}{5}$$

$$PA = \cot \frac{\theta}{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{area of } \Delta PAB &= \frac{1}{2} (PA)^2 \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \cot^2 \frac{\theta}{2} \sin \theta \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta} \right) \sin \theta \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1 + \frac{5}{13}}{1 - \frac{5}{13}} \right) \left(\frac{12}{13} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \frac{18}{18} \times \frac{2}{13} = \frac{27}{26}$$

$$\text{area of } \Delta CAB = \frac{1}{2} \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{12}{13} \right) = \frac{6}{13}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\text{area of } \Delta PAB}{\text{area of } \Delta CAB} = \frac{9}{4} \quad \text{Option (2)}$$

15. Consider the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \left(2 - \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right) |x|, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}. \text{ Then } f \text{ is :}$$

- (1) monotonic on $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$
 (2) not monotonic on $(-\infty, 0)$ and $(0, \infty)$
 (3) monotonic on $(0, \infty)$ only
 (4) monotonic on $(-\infty, 0)$ only

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol.
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -x \left(2 - \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right) & x < 0 \\ 0 & x = 0 \\ x \left(2 - \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) \right) & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} -\left(2 - \sin\frac{1}{x} \right) - x \left(-\cos\frac{1}{x} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} \right) \right) & x < 0 \\ \left(2 - \sin\frac{1}{x} \right) + x \left(-\cos\frac{1}{x} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{x^2} \right) \right) & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} -2 + \sin\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x} \cos\frac{1}{x} & x < 0 \\ 2 - \sin\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x} \cos\frac{1}{x} & x > 0 \end{cases}$$

$f'(x)$ is an oscillating function which is non-monotonic in $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$.

Option (2)

16. Let L be a tangent line to the parabola $y^2 = 4x - 20$ at $(6, 2)$. If L is also a tangent to the ellipse

$$\frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{y^2}{b} = 1, \text{ then the value of } b \text{ is equal to :}$$

(1) 11 (2) 14 (3) 16 (4) 20

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. Tangent to parabola

$$2y = 2(x+6) - 20 \\ \Rightarrow y = x - 4$$

Condition of tangency for ellipse.

$$16 = 2(1)^2 + b$$

$$\Rightarrow b = 14$$

Option (2)

17. The value of the limit $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(\pi \cos^2 \theta)}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}$ is equal to :

- (1) $-\frac{1}{2}$ (2) $-\frac{1}{4}$ (3) 0 (4) $\frac{1}{4}$

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol.
$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan(\pi(1 - \sin^2 \theta))}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{-\tan(\pi \sin^2 \theta)}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)}$$

$$= \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} - \left(\frac{\tan(\pi \sin^2 \theta)}{\pi \sin^2 \theta} \right) \left(\frac{2\pi \sin^2 \theta}{\sin(2\pi \sin^2 \theta)} \right) \times \frac{1}{2}$$

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

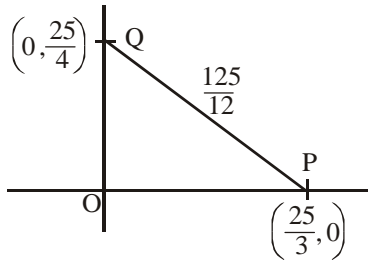
Option (1)

18. Let the tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ at the point $R(3, 4)$ meet x -axis and y -axis at point P and Q , respectively. If r is the radius of the circle passing through the origin O and having centre at the incentre of the triangle OPQ , then r^2 is equal to

(1) $\frac{529}{64}$ (2) $\frac{125}{72}$ (3) $\frac{625}{72}$ (4) $\frac{585}{66}$

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. Tangent to circle $3x + 4y = 25$



$$OP + OQ + OR = 25$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Incentre} &= \left(\frac{\frac{25}{4} \times \frac{25}{3} + \frac{25}{4} \times \frac{25}{3}}{\frac{25}{4} + \frac{25}{3}}, \frac{\frac{25}{4} \times \frac{25}{3} + \frac{25}{4} \times \frac{25}{3}}{\frac{25}{4} + \frac{25}{3}} \right) \\ &= \left(\frac{25}{12}, \frac{25}{12} \right) \\ \therefore r^2 &= 2 \left(\frac{25}{12} \right)^2 = 2 \times \frac{625}{144} = \frac{625}{72} \end{aligned}$$

Option (3)

19. If the Boolean expression $(p \wedge q) \otimes (p \otimes q)$ is a tautology, then \otimes and \otimes are respectively given by

(1) \rightarrow, \rightarrow (2) \wedge, \vee (3) \vee, \rightarrow (4) \wedge, \rightarrow

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. Option (1)

$$\begin{aligned} (p \wedge q) &\longrightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \\ &= \sim(p \wedge q) \vee (\sim p \vee q) \\ &= (\sim p \vee \sim q) \vee (\sim p \vee q) \\ &= \sim p \vee (\sim q \vee q) \\ &= \sim p \vee t \\ &= t \end{aligned}$$

Option (2)

$$(p \wedge q) \wedge (p \vee q) = (p \wedge q) \quad (\text{Not a tautology})$$

Option (3)

$$\begin{aligned} (p \wedge q) \vee (p \rightarrow q) \\ &= (p \wedge q) \vee (\sim p \vee q) \\ &= \sim p \vee q \quad (\text{Not a tautology}) \end{aligned}$$

Option (4)

$$\begin{aligned} (p \wedge q) \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \\ &= (p \wedge q) \wedge (\sim p \vee q) \\ &= p \wedge q \quad (\text{Not a tautology}) \end{aligned}$$

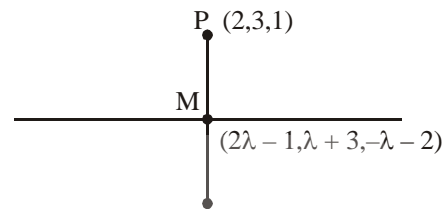
Option (1)

20. If the equation of plane passing through the mirror image of a point $(2, 3, 1)$ with respect to line $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{1} = \frac{z+2}{-1}$ and containing the line $\frac{x-2}{3} = \frac{1-y}{2} = \frac{z+1}{1}$ is $\alpha x + \beta y + \gamma z = 24$, then $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ is equal to :

(1) 20 (2) 19 (3) 18 (4) 21

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. Line $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{1} = \frac{z+2}{-1}$



$$\vec{PM} = (2\lambda - 3, \lambda, -\lambda - 3)$$

$$\vec{PM} \perp (2\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$4\lambda - 6 + \lambda + \lambda + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\vec{M} = \left(\frac{7}{2}, -\frac{5}{2}, \frac{7}{2} \right)$$

$$\therefore \text{Reflection } (-2, 4, -6)$$

$$\text{Plane : } \begin{vmatrix} x-2 & y-1 & z+1 \\ 3 & -2 & 1 \\ 4 & -3 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-2)(-10+3) - (y-1)(15-4) + (z+1)(-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -7x + 14 - 11y + 11 - z - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 7x + 11y + z = 24$$

$$\therefore \alpha = 7, \beta = 11, \gamma = 1$$

$$\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 19$$

Option (2)

SECTION-B

1. If $1, \log_{10}(4^x - 2)$ and $\log_{10}\left(4^x + \frac{18}{5}\right)$ are in arithmetic progression for a real number x , then the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right) & x-1 & x^2 \\ 1 & 0 & x \\ x & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is equal to :}$$

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $2\log_{10}(4^x - 2) = 1 + \log_{10}\left(4^x + \frac{18}{5}\right)$

$$(4^x - 2)^2 = 10\left(4^x + \frac{18}{5}\right)$$

$$(4^x)^2 + 4 - 4(4^x) - 32 = 0$$

$$(4^x - 16)(4^x + 2) = 0$$

$$4^x = 16$$

$$x = 2$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 & 4 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 3(-2) - 1(0 - 4) + 4(1)$$

$$= -6 + 4 + 4 = 2$$

2. Let $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined as $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ for all $x \in [-1, 1]$, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(-1) = 2$, $f'(-1) = 1$ and for $x \in (-1, 1)$ the maximum value of $f''(x)$ is $\frac{1}{2}$. If $f(x) \leq \alpha$, $x \in [-1, 1]$, then the least value of α is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (5)

Sol. $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$$

$$f(-1) = a - b + c = 2 \quad \dots(1)$$

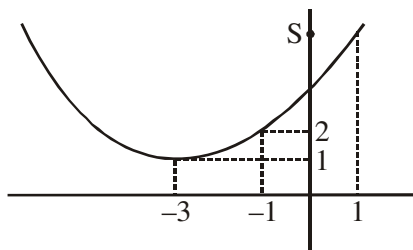
$$f'(-1) = -2a + b = 1 \quad \dots(2)$$

$$f''(x) = 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Max. value of } f''(x) = 2a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{1}{4}; \quad b = \frac{3}{2}; \quad c = \frac{13}{4}$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{13}{4}$$



For, $x \in [-1, 1] \Rightarrow 2 \leq f(x) \leq 5$

\therefore Least value of α is 5

3. Let $f : [-3, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be given as

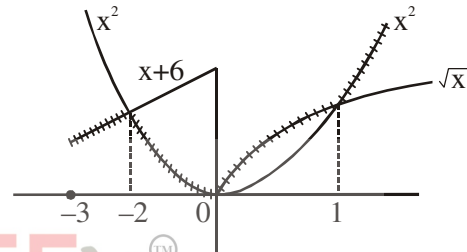
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \min\{(x+6), x^2\}, & -3 \leq x \leq 0 \\ \max\{\sqrt{x}, x^2\}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1. \end{cases}$$

If the area bounded by $y = f(x)$ and x -axis is A , then the value of $6A$ is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (41)

Sol. $f : [-3, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \min\{(x+6), x^2\}, & -3 \leq x \leq 0 \\ \max\{\sqrt{x}, x^2\}, & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$



area bounded by $y = f(x)$ and x -axis

$$= \int_{-3}^{-2} (x+6) dx + \int_{-2}^0 x^2 dx + \int_0^1 \sqrt{x} dx$$

$$A = \frac{41}{6}$$

$$6A = 41$$

4. Let $\tan\alpha$, $\tan\beta$ and $\tan\gamma$; $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \neq \frac{(2n-1)\pi}{2}$,

$n \in \mathbb{N}$ be the slopes of three line segments OA , OB and OC , respectively, where O is origin. If circumcentre of ΔABC coincides with origin and its orthocentre lies on y -axis, then the value

$$\text{of } \left(\frac{\cos 3\alpha + \cos 3\beta + \cos 3\gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma} \right)^2 \text{ is equal to :}$$

Official Ans. by NTA (144)

Sol. Since orthocentre and circumcentre both lies on y-axis

\Rightarrow Centroid also lies on y-axis

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma \cos \alpha = 0$$

$$\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^3 \alpha + \cos^3 \beta + \cos^3 \gamma = 3 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$$

$$\therefore \frac{\cos 3\alpha + \cos 3\beta + \cos 3\gamma}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma}$$

$$= \frac{4(\cos^3 \alpha + \cos^3 \beta + \cos^3 \gamma) - 3(\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma)}{\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma}$$

$$= 12$$

5. Consider a set of $3n$ numbers having variance 4. In this set, the mean of first $2n$ numbers is 6 and the mean of the remaining n numbers is 3. A new set is constructed by adding 1 into each of first $2n$ numbers, and subtracting 1 from each of the remaining n numbers. If the variance of the new set is k , then $9k$ is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (68)

Sol. Let number be $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{2n}, b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_n$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{\sum a^2 + \sum b^2}{3n} - (5)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sum a^2 + \sum b^2 = 87n$$

Now, distribution becomes

$$a_1 + 1, a_2 + 1, a_3 + 1, \dots, a_{2n} + 1, b_1 - 1,$$

$$b_2 - 1, \dots, b_n - 1$$

Variance

$$= \frac{\sum (a+1)^2 + \sum (b-1)^2}{3n} - \left(\frac{12n + 2n + 3n - n}{3n} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{(\sum a^2 + 2n + 2\sum a) + (\sum b^2 + n - 2\sum b)}{3n}$$

$$= \frac{(\sum a^2 + 2n + 2\sum a) + (\sum b^2 + n - 2\sum b)}{3n} - \left(\frac{16}{3} \right)^2$$

$$= \frac{87n + 3n + 2(12n) - 2(3n)}{3n} - \left(\frac{16}{3} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow k = \frac{108}{3} - \left(\frac{16}{3} \right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 9k = 3(108) - (16)^2 = 324 - 256 = 68$$

Ans. 68.00

6. Let the coefficients of third, fourth and fifth terms in the expansion of $\left(x + \frac{a}{x^2}\right)^n$, $x \neq 0$, be in the ratio $12 : 8 : 3$. Then the term independent of x in the expansion, is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

$$\text{Sol. } T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r (x)^{n-r} \left(\frac{a}{x^2}\right)^r$$

$$= {}^n C_r a^r x^{n-3r}$$

$${}^n C_2 a^2 : {}^n C_3 a^3 : {}^n C_4 a^4 = 12 : 8 : 3$$

After solving

$$n = 6, a = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{For term independent of 'x'} \Rightarrow n = 3r \\ r = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient is } {}^6 C_2 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{15}{4}$$

Nearest integer is 4.

Ans. 4

7. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$ such that

$AB = B$ and $a + d = 2021$, then the value of $ad - bc$ is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (2020)

$$\text{Sol. } A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, B = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$AB = B$$

$$\Rightarrow (A - I) B = O$$

$$\Rightarrow |A - I| = O, \text{ since } B \neq O$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} (a-1) & b \\ c & (d-1) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$ad - bc = 2020$$

8. Let \vec{x} be a vector in the plane containing vectors $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}$. If the vector \vec{x} is perpendicular to $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$ and

its projection on \vec{a} is $\frac{17\sqrt{6}}{2}$, then the value of

$|\vec{x}|^2$ is equal to _____.

Sol. Let $\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{a} + \mu\vec{b}$ (λ and μ are scalars)

$$\vec{x} = \hat{i}(2\lambda + \mu) + \hat{j}(2\mu - \lambda) + \hat{k}(\lambda - \mu)$$

$$\text{Since } \vec{x} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$$

$$3\lambda + 8\mu = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

Also Projection of \vec{x} on \vec{a} is $\frac{17\sqrt{6}}{2}$

$$\frac{\vec{x} \cdot \vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} = \frac{17\sqrt{6}}{2}$$

$$6\lambda - \mu = 51 \quad \dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$\lambda = 8, \mu = -3$$

$$\vec{x} = 13\hat{i} - 14\hat{j} + 11\hat{k}$$

$$|\vec{x}|^2 = 486 \quad \text{Ans.}$$

Official Ans. by NTA (486)

9. Let $I_n = \int_1^e x^{19} (\log|x|)^n dx$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$. If

$$(20)I_{10} = \alpha I_9 + \beta I_8, \text{ for natural numbers } \alpha \text{ and } \beta,$$

then $\alpha - \beta$ equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. Let $\vec{x} = \lambda\vec{a} + \mu\vec{b}$ (λ and μ are scalars)

$$\vec{x} = \hat{i}(2\lambda + \mu) + \hat{j}(2\mu - \lambda) + \hat{k}(\lambda - \mu)$$

$$\text{Since } \vec{x} \cdot (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 0$$

$$3\lambda + 8\mu = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

Also Projection of \vec{x} on \vec{a} is $\frac{17\sqrt{6}}{2}$

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10. Let P be an arbitrary point having sum of the squares of the distance from the planes $x + y + z = 0$, $lx - nz = 0$ and $x - 2y + z = 0$, equal to 9. If the locus of the point P is $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$, then the value of $l - n$ is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (0)

Sol. Let point P is (α, β, γ)

$$\left(\frac{\alpha + \beta + \gamma}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\ell\alpha - n\gamma}{\sqrt{\ell^2 + n^2}}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\alpha - 2\beta + \gamma}{\sqrt{6}}\right)^2 = 9$$

Locus is \odot

$$\frac{(x + y + z)^2}{3} + \frac{(\ell x - nz)^2}{\ell^2 + n^2} + \frac{(x - 2y + z)^2}{6} = 9$$

$$x^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{\ell^2}{\ell^2 + n^2} \right) + y^2 + z^2 \left(\frac{1}{2} + \frac{n^2}{\ell^2 + n^2} \right) + 2yz \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{\ell n}{\ell^2 + n^2} \right) - 9 = 0$$

Since its given that $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 9$

After solving $\ell = n$