

# AIIMS Paramedical Mathematics Sample Paper – 7

Duration: 30 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 30

## Instructions

- This paper contains **30** Multiple Choice Questions (Single Correct Answer), modelled on the Mathematics portion of **AIIMS Paramedical** entrance.
- Each correct answer carries **+1 mark**. Each incorrect answer attracts a **penalty of  $-\frac{1}{3}$  mark**. Unattempted questions carry **0** marks.
- Only **one** option is correct. Choose carefully.
- Syllabus level: **Class 11 & 12 NCERT Mathematics**
- Use of mobile phones, calculators, or electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited.

**Q1.** If a set  $A$  has 4 elements and a set  $B$  has 3 elements, then the total number of relations that can be defined from  $A$  to  $B$  is

- (A)  $2^{12}$
- (B)  $2^7$
- (C) 12
- (D)  $4^3$

**Q2.** The range of the function  $f(x) = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$ ,  $x \neq 3$ , is

- (A)  $\mathbb{R}$
- (B)  $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$
- (C)  $\mathbb{R} - \{1\}$
- (D)  $\mathbb{R} - \{3\}$

**Q3.** Using a product-to-sum transformation, the value of  $2 \sin 75^\circ \cos 15^\circ$  is



- (A)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (B)  $\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$
- (C)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
- (D)  $1 + \sqrt{3}$

**Q4.** The principal value of  $\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) + \cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$  is

- (A)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- (B)  $\frac{2\pi}{3}$
- (C)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$
- (D)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

**Q5.** One of the square roots of the complex number  $3 + 4i$  is

- (A)  $2 + i$
- (B)  $1 + 2i$
- (C)  $2 - i$
- (D)  $\sqrt{3} + 2i$

**Q6.** The number of ways in which the letters of the word **DELHI** can be arranged so that the two vowels *E* and *I* are never together is

- (A) 48
- (B) 96
- (C) 72
- (D) 120

**Q7.** The 4th term from the end in the expansion of  $(x + 1)^9$  is

- (A)  $126x^4$

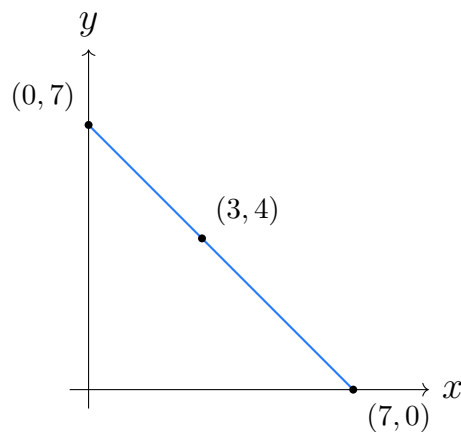


- (B)  $84x^3$
- (C)  $126x^3$
- (D)  $84x^4$

**Q8.** The sum of three numbers in arithmetic progression is 24 and the sum of their squares is 200. The numbers (in increasing order) are

- (A) 4, 8, 12
- (B) 5, 8, 11
- (C) 7, 8, 9
- (D) 6, 8, 10

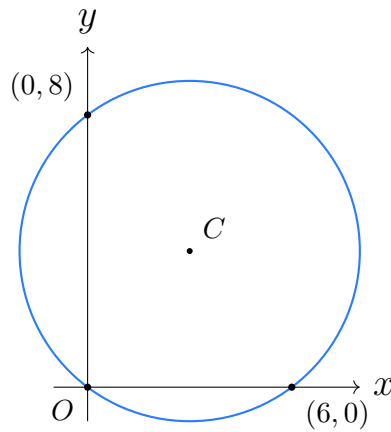
**Q9.** A straight line passes through the point (3, 4) and cuts off equal positive intercepts on the coordinate axes. Its equation is



- (A)  $x + y = 7$
- (B)  $x - y = 7$
- (C)  $x + y = 12$
- (D)  $4x + 3y = 24$

**Q10.** The equation of the circle passing through the points (0, 0), (6, 0) and (0, 8) is





- (A)  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y + 24 = 0$
- (B)  $x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 8y = 0$
- (C)  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y = 0$
- (D)  $x^2 + y^2 - 3x - 4y = 0$

**Q11.** The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{\sin 3x}$  is

- (A) 1
- (B)  $\frac{2}{3}$
- (C)  $\frac{3}{2}$
- (D) 0

**Q12.** Using the first-principle definition of the derivative,  $\frac{d}{dx}(\sqrt{x})$  equals

- (A)  $\frac{1}{x}$
- (B)  $2\sqrt{x}$
- (C)  $\sqrt{x}$
- (D)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$

**Q13.** If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $A^2 - 5A$  equals

- (A)  $-7I$

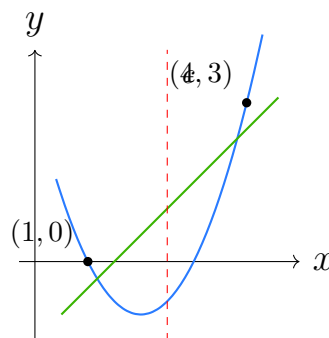


- (B)  $7I$
- (C)  $5I$
- (D)  $-5I$

**Q14.** For the determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$ , the cofactor of the element  $a_{23} = 6$  is

- (A)  $-6$
- (B)  $0$
- (C)  $6$
- (D)  $-3$

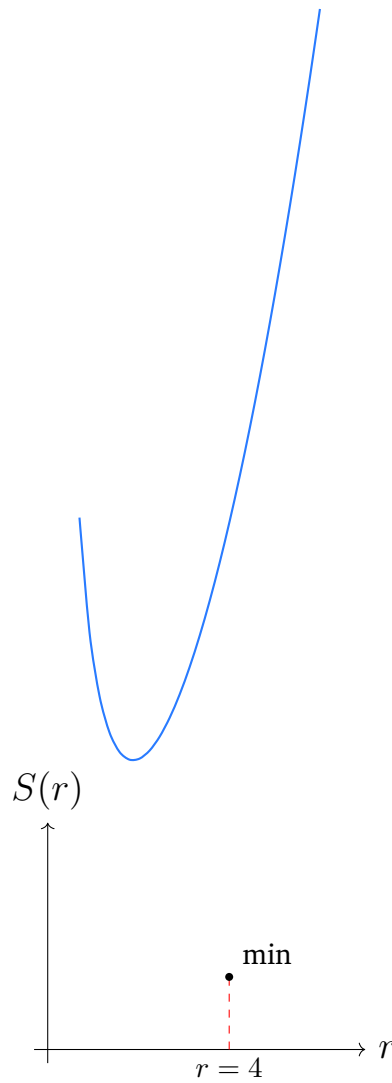
**Q15.** For the function  $f(x) = x^2 - 4x + 3$  on the interval  $[1, 4]$ , the value of  $c$  guaranteed by Lagrange’s mean value theorem is



- (A)  $2$
- (B)  $\frac{5}{2}$
- (C)  $3$
- (D)  $\frac{3}{2}$

**Q16.** A manufacturer wants a closed right circular cylinder of volume  $128\pi \text{ cm}^3$  to be made using the least possible sheet metal. The radius  $r$  (in cm) that minimises the total surface area is





- (A) 8
- (B) 2
- (C) 6
- (D) 4

**Q17.** The value of the integral  $\int e^x \left( \frac{1}{x} + \log x \right) dx$  is (where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant)

- (A)  $e^x \log x + C$
- (B)  $\frac{e^x}{x} + C$
- (C)  $e^x \left( \log x - \frac{1}{x} \right) + C$
- (D)  $e^x + \log x + C$



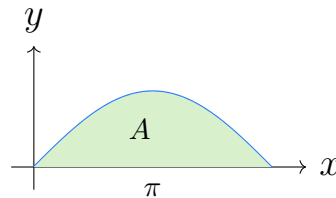
**Q18.** Using a suitable substitution,  $\int \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx$  equals (where  $C$  is an arbitrary constant)

- (A)  $\frac{1}{1+x^2} + C$
- (B)  $\tan^{-1} x + C$
- (C)  $\log(1+x^2) + C$
- (D)  $2\log(1+x^2) + C$

**Q19.** The value of the definite integral  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x dx$  is

- (A) 0
- (B) 1
- (C)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$
- (D) -1

**Q20.** The area bounded by the curve  $y = \sin x$ , the  $x$ -axis and the ordinates  $x = 0$  and  $x = \pi$  is



- (A) 0
- (B)  $\pi$
- (C) 1
- (D) 2

**Q21.** The integrating factor of the linear differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{y}{x} = x^2$  is

- (A)  $x$
- (B)  $\frac{1}{x}$
- (C)  $x^2$



(D)  $e^x$

**Q22.** The particular solution of  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x$  satisfying  $y(1) = 3$  is

(A)  $y = x^2 + 3$

(B)  $y = 2x^2 + 1$

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

(D)  $y = x^2 - 2$

**Q23.** The magnitude of the vector  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - 3\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  is

(A) 5

(B) 7

(C)  $\sqrt{11}$

(D) 11

**Q24.** The scalar projection (component) of the vector  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  along  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  is

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

(B) 3

(C)  $\frac{10}{3}$

(D)  $\frac{8}{3}$

**Q25.** The points  $A(1, 2, 3)$ ,  $B(2, 4, 5)$  and  $C(4, 8, 9)$  are collinear if the value of the  $z$ -coordinate replaced by  $\lambda$  at  $C(4, 8, \lambda)$  equals

(A) 9

(B) 8

(C) 7

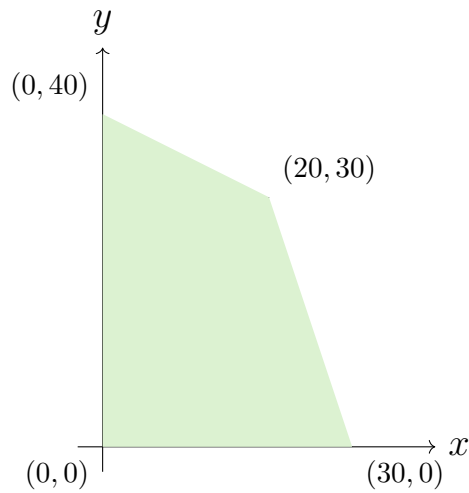
(D) 11



- Q26.** The plane  $2x + 3y + 4z = 12$  cuts intercepts on the coordinate axes of lengths
- (A) 2, 3, 4
  - (B) 12, 12, 12
  - (C) 6, 4, 3
  - (D) 3, 4, 6
- Q27.** The probability that a student passes in Mathematics is 0.7 and in English is 0.6, with the two events independent. The probability that the student passes in at least one subject is
- (A) 0.42
  - (B) 0.76
  - (C) 0.30
  - (D) 0.88
- Q28.** A fair coin is tossed 5 times. The probability of getting exactly 3 heads is
- (A)  $\frac{3}{16}$
  - (B)  $\frac{5}{16}$
  - (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - (D)  $\frac{10}{32}$
- Q29.** For a data set the mean is 40 and the standard deviation is 8. The coefficient of variation is
- (A) 20%
  - (B) 32%
  - (C) 5%
  - (D) 48%



**Q30.** A factory makes two products  $X$  and  $Y$ . Each unit of  $X$  gives a profit of Rs. 40 and each unit of  $Y$  gives Rs. 50. The feasible region of the LPP has corner points  $(0, 0)$ ,  $(30, 0)$ ,  $(20, 30)$  and  $(0, 40)$ . The maximum profit (in rupees) is



- (A) 1200
- (B) 2000
- (C) 2300
- (D) 2700



## Detailed Solutions

Q1.

## Solution

**Concept — Number of relations:** A relation from  $A$  to  $B$  is any subset of  $A \times B$ . If  $A \times B$  has  $m$  ordered pairs, the number of subsets (relations) is  $2^m$ .

**Step 1 — Count ordered pairs:**  $n(A) = 4$  and  $n(B) = 3$ , so  $n(A \times B) = 4 \times 3 = 12$ .

**Step 2 — Count subsets:** number of relations =  $2^{n(A \times B)} = 2^{12}$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $2^7$ : would need 7 ordered pairs, not 12.
- 12: that is only the count of ordered pairs, not relations.
- $4^3$ : that is the number of *functions* from  $A$  to  $B$ , not relations.

**Final Answer:** The number of relations is  $2^{12}$ .

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q 1](#)

Q2.

## Solution

**Concept — Range of a rational function:** Set  $y = f(x)$ , solve for  $x$  in terms of  $y$ , and exclude any  $y$  for which no real  $x$  exists.

**Step 1 — Put  $y$  equal to the function:**  $y = \frac{x-2}{x-3}$ .

**Step 2 — Cross-multiply:**  $y(x-3) = x-2$ , so  $yx-3y = x-2$ .

**Step 3 — Collect  $x$  terms:**  $yx-x = 3y-2$ , so  $x(y-1) = 3y-2$ .

**Step 4 — Solve for  $x$ :**  $x = \frac{3y-2}{y-1}$ .

**Step 5 — Identify excluded value:**  $x$  is undefined when  $y-1=0$ , i.e.  $y=1$ . So  $y=1$  is not attained.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $\mathbb{R}$ : misses the excluded value  $y=1$ .
- $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$  and  $\mathbb{R} - \{3\}$ : those are not the values blocked by the algebra.

**Final Answer:** Range =  $\mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ .

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q 2](#)



Q3.

**Solution**

**Concept — Product to sum:**  $2 \sin A \cos B = \sin(A + B) + \sin(A - B)$ .

**Step 1 — Apply the formula:** with  $A = 75^\circ$ ,  $B = 15^\circ$ ,

$$2 \sin 75^\circ \cos 15^\circ = \sin(75^\circ + 15^\circ) + \sin(75^\circ - 15^\circ).$$

**Step 2 — Simplify the angles:**  $= \sin 90^\circ + \sin 60^\circ$ .

**Step 3 — Substitute known values:**  $\sin 90^\circ = 1$  and  $\sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

**Step 4 — Add:**  $= 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  and  $\frac{1}{2}$ : drop one of the two sine terms.
- $1 + \sqrt{3}$ : doubles the second term incorrectly.

**Final Answer:**  $\frac{2 + \sqrt{3}}{2}$ .

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q 3](#)

Q4.

**Solution**

**Concept — Principal values:**  $\sin^{-1}$  has range  $[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}]$  and  $\cos^{-1}$  has range  $[0, \pi]$ .

**Step 1 — First term:**  $\sin^{-1}\left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right) = -\frac{\pi}{3}$ , since  $\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$  and  $-\frac{\pi}{3}$  lies in the range.

**Step 2 — Second term:**  $\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{2\pi}{3}$ , since  $\cos\frac{2\pi}{3} = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $\frac{2\pi}{3} \in [0, \pi]$ .

**Step 3 — Add:**  $-\frac{\pi}{3} + \frac{2\pi}{3} = \frac{\pi}{3}$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ : forgets the negative first term.
- $\frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\frac{\pi}{6}$ : arise from wrong principal values.



Final Answer:  $\frac{\pi}{3}$ .

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q 4](#)

Q5.

### Solution

**Concept — Square root of a complex number:** Let  $\sqrt{3+4i} = a + bi$ . Then  $a^2 - b^2 = 3$  and  $2ab = 4$ .

**Step 1 — Set up equations:**  $a^2 - b^2 = 3$  and  $ab = 2$ .

**Step 2 — Use the modulus:**  $a^2 + b^2 = \sqrt{3^2 + 4^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$ .

**Step 3 — Solve the pair:** adding  $a^2 - b^2 = 3$  and  $a^2 + b^2 = 5$  gives  $2a^2 = 8$ , so  $a^2 = 4$ ,  $a = 2$ . Then  $b^2 = 1$ ,  $b = 1$ .

**Step 4 — Check the sign:**  $ab = 2 > 0$ , so  $a$  and  $b$  have the same sign; take  $a = 2, b = 1$ . Hence  $\sqrt{3+4i} = 2 + i$ .

**Verification:**  $(2 + i)^2 = 4 + 4i + i^2 = 4 + 4i - 1 = 3 + 4i$ . ✓

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $2 - i$ : squares to  $3 - 4i$ .
- $1 + 2i$ : squares to  $-3 + 4i$ .
- $\sqrt{3} + 2i$ : does not satisfy the equations.

Final Answer:  $2 + i$ .

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q 5](#)

Q6.

### Solution

**Concept — Never-together count:** (Never together) = (Total arrangements) – (Arrangements with the two together).

**Step 1 — Total arrangements:** the word DELHI has 5 distinct letters, so total =  $5! = 120$ .

**Step 2 — Vowels together:** treat  $E$  and  $I$  as one block. Then there are 4 units to arrange:  $4! = 24$ . The two vowels inside the block swap in  $2! = 2$  ways. So together =  $24 \times 2 = 48$ .



**Step 3 — Subtract:** never together =  $120 - 48 = 72$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 48: that is the count *with* the vowels together.
- 120: that is the total without any restriction.
- 96: double-counts the block swap.

**Final Answer:** .

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q 6](#)

Q7.

### Solution

**Concept —  $r$ th term from the end:** In the expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  (which has  $n + 1$  terms), the  $r$ th term from the end is the  $(n - r + 2)$ th term from the beginning.

**Step 1 — Identify the position:** here  $n = 9$  and  $r = 4$ . Term number from the beginning =  $n - r + 2 = 9 - 4 + 2 = 7$ . So we need the 7th term.

**Step 2 — General term:** for  $(x + 1)^9$ ,  $T_{k+1} = \binom{9}{k} x^{9-k} (1)^k = \binom{9}{k} x^{9-k}$ .

**Step 3 — Use  $k = 6$  for the 7th term:**  $T_7 = \binom{9}{6} x^{9-6} = \binom{9}{6} x^3$ .

**Step 4 — Evaluate the coefficient:**  $\binom{9}{6} = \binom{9}{3} = \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} = 84$ . Hence  $T_7 = 84x^3$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $126x^4$  and  $126x^3$ : use  $\binom{9}{4} = 126$ , the wrong term index.
- $84x^4$ : wrong power of  $x$ .

**Final Answer:** .

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q 7](#)



Q8.

**Solution**

**Concept — Three numbers in AP:** Take them as  $a - d$ ,  $a$ ,  $a + d$  to use symmetry.

**Step 1 — Use the sum:**  $(a - d) + a + (a + d) = 3a = 24$ , so  $a = 8$ .

**Step 2 — Use the sum of squares:**  $(a - d)^2 + a^2 + (a + d)^2 = 3a^2 + 2d^2 = 200$ .

**Step 3 — Substitute  $a = 8$ :**  $3(64) + 2d^2 = 200$ , so  $192 + 2d^2 = 200$ .

**Step 4 — Solve for  $d$ :**  $2d^2 = 8$ ,  $d^2 = 4$ ,  $d = 2$ .

**Step 5 — Write the numbers:**  $a - d$ ,  $a$ ,  $a + d = 6, 8, 10$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 4, 8, 12: sum of squares =  $224 \neq 200$ .
- 5, 8, 11: sum of squares =  $210 \neq 200$ .
- 7, 8, 9: sum of squares =  $194 \neq 200$ .

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{6, 8, 10}$ .

**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q 8](#)

Q9.

**Solution**

**Concept — Equal intercepts:** A line with equal intercepts  $a$  on both axes is  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{a} = 1$ , i.e.  $x + y = a$ .

**Step 1 — Write the family:**  $x + y = a$ .

**Step 2 — Pass through  $(3, 4)$ :**  $3 + 4 = a$ , so  $a = 7$ .

**Step 3 — State the equation:**  $x + y = 7$ , with positive intercepts 7 and 7.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $x - y = 7$ : intercepts 7 and  $-7$ , not equal positive.
- $x + y = 12$ : does not pass through  $(3, 4)$ .
- $4x + 3y = 24$ : has unequal intercepts 6 and 8.

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{x + y = 7}$ .

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q 9](#)



Q10.

**Solution**

**Concept — Circle through three points:** Use the general form  $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  and substitute each point.

**Step 1 — Use (0, 0):**  $0 + 0 + 0 + 0 + c = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$ .

**Step 2 — Use (6, 0):**  $36 + 12g + c = 0 \Rightarrow 36 + 12g = 0 \Rightarrow g = -3$ .

**Step 3 — Use (0, 8):**  $64 + 16f + c = 0 \Rightarrow 64 + 16f = 0 \Rightarrow f = -4$ .

**Step 4 — Write the circle:**  $x^2 + y^2 + 2(-3)x + 2(-4)y + 0 = 0$ , i.e.  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y = 0$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y + 24 = 0$ : nonzero  $c$ , so it misses the origin.
- $x^2 + y^2 + 6x + 8y = 0$ : wrong signs for  $g, f$ .
- $x^2 + y^2 - 3x - 4y = 0$ : halves the coefficients incorrectly.

**Final Answer:**  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x - 8y = 0$ .

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q 10](#)

Q11.

**Solution**

**Concept — Standard limits:**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{kx} - 1}{kx} = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin kx}{kx} = 1$ .

**Step 1 — Rewrite with standard forms:**

$$\frac{e^{2x} - 1}{\sin 3x} = \frac{e^{2x} - 1}{2x} \cdot \frac{3x}{\sin 3x} \cdot \frac{2x}{3x}$$

**Step 2 — Take limits factor by factor:**  $\frac{e^{2x} - 1}{2x} \rightarrow 1$ ,  $\frac{3x}{\sin 3x} \rightarrow 1$ , and  $\frac{2x}{3x} = \frac{2}{3}$ .

**Step 3 — Multiply:** limit =  $1 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2}{3}$ .

**Cross-check (L'Hopital):** derivative of top =  $2e^{2x} \rightarrow 2$ ; derivative of bottom =  $3 \cos 3x \rightarrow 3$ ; ratio =  $\frac{2}{3}$ . ✓

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 1: ignores the coefficient ratio.



- $\frac{3}{2}$ : inverts the ratio.
- 0: ignores that both top and bottom vanish.

Final Answer:  $\frac{2}{3}$ .

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q 11](#)

Q12.

### Solution

**Concept — First principle:**  $f'(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x)}{h}$ .

**Step 1 — Write the quotient:** with  $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$ ,

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

**Step 2 — Rationalise:** multiply by  $\frac{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}$ :

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h) - x}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})}.$$

**Step 3 — Simplify the numerator:**  $(x+h) - x = h$ , so

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h}{h(\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x})} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{\sqrt{x+h} + \sqrt{x}}.$$

**Step 4 — Take the limit:**  $= \frac{1}{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $2\sqrt{x}$ : that is an antiderivative, not the derivative.
- $\frac{1}{x}$  and  $\sqrt{x}$ : wrong power rule.

Final Answer:  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$ .

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q 12](#)



Q13.

**Solution**

**Concept — Matrix polynomial:** Compute  $A^2$ , then subtract  $5A$ , and compare with a scalar multiple of  $I$ .

**Step 1 — Compute  $A^2$ :** with  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$ ,

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -5 \\ 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Step 2 — Compute  $5A$ :**  $5A = \begin{bmatrix} 10 & -5 \\ 5 & 15 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Step 3 — Subtract:**  $A^2 - 5A = \begin{bmatrix} 3-10 & -5+5 \\ 5-5 & 8-15 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} -7 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix}$ .

**Step 4 — Recognise the result:**  $\begin{bmatrix} -7 & 0 \\ 0 & -7 \end{bmatrix} = -7I$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $7I$ : sign error.
- $5I$  and  $-5I$ : wrong scalar.

**Final Answer:**  $\boxed{-7I}$ .

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q 13](#)

Q14.

**Solution**

**Concept — Cofactor:**  $C_{ij} = (-1)^{i+j}M_{ij}$ , where  $M_{ij}$  is the minor obtained by deleting row  $i$  and column  $j$ .

**Step 1 — Find the minor  $M_{23}$ :** delete row 2 and column 3 from  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 7 & 8 & 9 \end{vmatrix}$ , leaving

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 7 & 8 \end{vmatrix}.$$

**Step 2 — Evaluate the minor:**  $M_{23} = (1)(8) - (2)(7) = 8 - 14 = -6$ .



**Step 3 — Apply the sign:**  $C_{23} = (-1)^{2+3}M_{23} = (-1)^5(-6) = -(-6) = 6$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $-6$ : that is the minor, before applying the sign.
- $0$ : the determinant of the whole matrix is  $0$ , but that is a different quantity.
- $-3$ : arithmetic slip.

**Final Answer:** .

**Answer:** (C) [Go Back to Q 14](#)

**Q15.**

### Solution

**Concept — Lagrange's MVT:** If  $f$  is continuous on  $[a, b]$  and differentiable on  $(a, b)$ , there is  $c \in (a, b)$  with  $f'(c) = \frac{f(b) - f(a)}{b - a}$ .

**Step 1 — Endpoint values:**  $f(1) = 1 - 4 + 3 = 0$  and  $f(4) = 16 - 16 + 3 = 3$ .

**Step 2 — Average slope:**  $\frac{f(4) - f(1)}{4 - 1} = \frac{3 - 0}{3} = 1$ .

**Step 3 — Derivative:**  $f'(x) = 2x - 4$ .

**Step 4 — Solve  $f'(c) = 1$ :**  $2c - 4 = 1$ , so  $2c = 5$ ,  $c = \frac{5}{2}$ .

**Step 5 — Check the interval:**  $\frac{5}{2} = 2.5 \in (1, 4)$ . ✓

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $2$  and  $3$ : do not satisfy  $2c - 4 = 1$ .
- $\frac{3}{2}$ : gives  $f'(c) = -1$ , the wrong slope.

**Final Answer:** .

**Answer:** (B) [Go Back to Q 15](#)



Q16.

**Solution**

**Concept — Minimum-surface cylinder:** For fixed volume  $V = \pi r^2 h$ , minimise total surface  $S = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r h$  by differentiating in  $r$ .

**Step 1 — Express  $h$ :**  $V = 128\pi = \pi r^2 h \Rightarrow h = \frac{128}{r^2}$ .

**Step 2 — Surface in one variable:**  $S = 2\pi r^2 + 2\pi r \cdot \frac{128}{r^2} = 2\pi r^2 + \frac{256\pi}{r}$ .

**Step 3 — Differentiate:**  $\frac{dS}{dr} = 4\pi r - \frac{256\pi}{r^2}$ .

**Step 4 — Set to zero:**  $4\pi r = \frac{256\pi}{r^2} \Rightarrow r^3 = \frac{256}{4} = 64 \Rightarrow r = 4$ .

**Step 5 — Confirm minimum:**  $\frac{d^2S}{dr^2} = 4\pi + \frac{512\pi}{r^3} > 0$ , so  $r = 4$  gives a minimum.

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 8, 2, 6: do not satisfy  $r^3 = 64$ .

**Final Answer:**  $r = 4 \text{ cm}$ .

**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q 16](#)

Q17.

**Solution**

**Concept —  $\int e^x(f + f') dx$ :**  $\int e^x(f(x) + f'(x))dx = e^x f(x) + C$ .

**Step 1 — Identify  $f$  and  $f'$ :** take  $f(x) = \log x$ . Then  $f'(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .

**Step 2 — Match the integrand:**  $\frac{1}{x} + \log x = f'(x) + f(x)$ , which is exactly the required form.

**Step 3 — Apply the rule:**  $\int e^x \left( \frac{1}{x} + \log x \right) dx = e^x \log x + C$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $\frac{e^x}{x} + C$ : that is  $\int e^x \left( \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2} \right) dx$ , a different integrand.
- $e^x \left( \log x - \frac{1}{x} \right) + C$ : wrong sign pairing.
- $e^x + \log x + C$ : not an antiderivative of the product.



**Final Answer:**  $e^x \log x + C$ .

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q 17](#)

Q18.

### Solution

**Concept — Substitution:** When the numerator is the derivative of the denominator,  $\int \frac{g'(x)}{g(x)} dx = \log |g(x)| + C$ .

**Step 1 — Choose substitution:** let  $t = 1 + x^2$ . Then  $dt = 2x dx$ .

**Step 2 — Rewrite the integral:**  $\int \frac{2x}{1+x^2} dx = \int \frac{dt}{t}$ .

**Step 3 — Integrate:**  $= \log |t| + C$ .

**Step 4 — Back-substitute:**  $= \log(1 + x^2) + C$  (positive, so modulus dropped).

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $\tan^{-1} x + C$ : that is  $\int \frac{1}{1+x^2} dx$ , missing the  $2x$ .
- $\frac{1}{1+x^2} + C$ : differentiates wrongly.
- $2\log(1+x^2) + C$ : extra factor of 2.

**Final Answer:**  $\log(1 + x^2) + C$ .

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q 18](#)

Q19.

### Solution

**Concept — Fundamental theorem:**  $\int_a^b f(x) dx = F(b) - F(a)$ , where  $F' = f$ .

**Step 1 — Antiderivative:**  $\int \cos x dx = \sin x$ .

**Step 2 — Apply limits:**  $\int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x dx = [\sin x]_0^{\pi/2} = \sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0$ .

**Step 3 — Evaluate:**  $= 1 - 0 = 1$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 0: would be the value of  $\int_0^{\pi} \cos x dx$ .



- $\frac{\pi}{2}$ : confuses the integral of a constant.
- $-1$ : wrong sign.

Final Answer: .

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q 19](#)

Q20.

### Solution

**Concept — Area under a curve:** Since  $\sin x \geq 0$  on  $[0, \pi]$ , area =  $\int_0^{\pi} \sin x \, dx$ .

**Step 1 — Antiderivative:**  $\int \sin x \, dx = -\cos x$ .

**Step 2 — Apply limits:**  $[-\cos x]_0^{\pi} = -\cos \pi - (-\cos 0)$ .

**Step 3 — Evaluate:**  $= -(-1) - (-1) = 1 + 1 = 2$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 0: that is  $\int_0^{2\pi} \sin x \, dx$  where positive and negative areas cancel.
- $\pi$ : confuses area with interval length.
- 1: only half the region.

Final Answer:  square units.

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q 20](#)

Q21.

### Solution

**Concept — Integrating factor:** For  $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$ , the integrating factor is  $\mu = e^{\int P \, dx}$ .

**Step 1 — Identify  $P$ :** here  $P(x) = \frac{1}{x}$ .

**Step 2 — Integrate  $P$ :**  $\int \frac{1}{x} \, dx = \log x$ .

**Step 3 — Form the IF:**  $\mu = e^{\log x} = x$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $\frac{1}{x} = e^{-\log x}$ : uses  $P = -\frac{1}{x}$ .



- $x^2$ : uses  $P = \frac{2}{x}$ .
- $e^x$ : uses  $P = \frac{x}{1}$ .

Final Answer:  $x$ .

Answer: (A) [Go Back to Q 21](#)

Q22.

### Solution

**Concept — Particular solution:** Integrate the differential equation, then use the initial condition to fix the constant.

**Step 1 — Integrate:**  $\int dy = \int 2x dx \Rightarrow y = x^2 + C$ .

**Step 2 — Apply  $y(1) = 3$ :**  $3 = 1^2 + C = 1 + C$ , so  $C = 2$ .

**Step 3 — Write the solution:**  $y = x^2 + 2$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $y = x^2 + 3$ : uses  $C = 3$ , fails at  $x = 1$ .
- $y = 2x^2 + 1$ : wrong integration.
- $y = x^2 - 2$ : wrong sign of constant.

Final Answer:  $y = x^2 + 2$ .

Answer: (C) [Go Back to Q 22](#)

Q23.

### Solution

**Concept — Magnitude of a vector:**  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + a_3^2}$ .

**Step 1 — Square the components:**  $2^2 = 4$ ,  $(-3)^2 = 9$ ,  $6^2 = 36$ .

**Step 2 — Add:**  $4 + 9 + 36 = 49$ .

**Step 3 — Take the square root:**  $|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{49} = 7$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 5: drops the  $\hat{k}$  component.
- 11: adds magnitudes without squaring.
- $\sqrt{11}$ : misadds the squares.



Final Answer:  $\boxed{7}$ .

Answer: (B) [Go Back to Q 23](#)

Q24.

### Solution

**Concept — Scalar projection:** The component of  $\vec{a}$  along  $\vec{b}$  is  $\frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$ .

**Step 1 — Dot product:**  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = (2)(1) + (1)(2) + (2)(2) = 2 + 2 + 4 = 8$ .

**Step 2 — Magnitude of  $\vec{b}$ :**  $|\vec{b}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} = \sqrt{9} = 3$ .

**Step 3 — Divide:** component =  $\frac{8}{3}$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $\frac{4}{3}$ : halves the dot product.
- 3: gives the magnitude of  $\vec{b}$ , not the projection.
- $\frac{10}{3}$ : arithmetic slip in the dot product.

Final Answer:  $\boxed{\frac{8}{3}}$ .

Answer: (D) [Go Back to Q 24](#)

Q25.

### Solution

**Concept — Collinearity in 3D:** Three points are collinear if  $\vec{AB}$  and  $\vec{AC}$  are parallel, i.e. proportional component-wise.

**Step 1 — Form  $\vec{AB}$ :**  $B - A = (2 - 1, 4 - 2, 5 - 3) = (1, 2, 2)$ .

**Step 2 — Form  $\vec{AC}$ :** with  $C = (4, 8, \lambda)$ ,  $C - A = (3, 6, \lambda - 3)$ .

**Step 3 — Impose proportionality:**  $\frac{3}{1} = \frac{6}{2} = \frac{\lambda - 3}{2}$ . The first two ratios are 3, so  $\frac{\lambda - 3}{2} = 3$ .

**Step 4 — Solve:**  $\lambda - 3 = 6 \Rightarrow \lambda = 9$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 8, 7, 11: break the common ratio of 3.



**Final Answer:**  $\lambda = 9$ .

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q 25](#)

**Q26.**

### Solution

**Concept — Intercept form of a plane:** Writing  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} + \frac{z}{c} = 1$  reads the intercepts  $a, b, c$  directly.

**Step 1 — Divide by 12:**  $2x + 3y + 4z = 12 \Rightarrow \frac{2x}{12} + \frac{3y}{12} + \frac{4z}{12} = 1$ .

**Step 2 — Simplify each term:**  $\frac{x}{6} + \frac{y}{4} + \frac{z}{3} = 1$ .

**Step 3 — Read intercepts:**  $a = 6, b = 4, c = 3$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 2, 3, 4: those are the coefficients, not the intercepts.
- 12, 12, 12: forgets to divide by each coefficient.
- 3, 4, 6: lists the intercepts in the wrong order for  $x, y, z$ .

**Final Answer:** Intercepts  $[6, 4, 3]$  on the  $x, y, z$  axes.

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q 26](#)

**Q27.**

### Solution

**Concept — At least one:**  $P(\text{at least one}) = 1 - P(\text{none})$ . For independent events,  $P(\text{none}) = P(\bar{M})P(\bar{E})$ .

**Step 1 — Failure probabilities:**  $P(\bar{M}) = 1 - 0.7 = 0.3$  and  $P(\bar{E}) = 1 - 0.6 = 0.4$ .

**Step 2 — Probability of failing both:**  $P(\text{none}) = 0.3 \times 0.4 = 0.12$ .

**Step 3 — Complement:**  $P(\text{at least one}) = 1 - 0.12 = 0.88$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 0.42: that is  $P(M) \cdot P(E)$ , passing both.
- 0.76: misuses the addition rule without subtracting overlap.
- 0.30: only  $P(\bar{M})$ .

**Final Answer:**  $[0.88]$ .



**Answer: (D)** [Go Back to Q 27](#)

**Q28.**

### Solution

**Concept — Binomial probability:**  $P(X = k) = \binom{n}{k} p^k (1 - p)^{n-k}$ , with  $n = 5$ ,  $p = \frac{1}{2}$ .

**Step 1 — Count favourable arrangements:**  $\binom{5}{3} = 10$ .

**Step 2 — Probability of each outcome:**  $\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 = \frac{1}{32}$ .

**Step 3 — Multiply:**  $P(X = 3) = 10 \times \frac{1}{32} = \frac{10}{32} = \frac{5}{16}$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- $\frac{3}{16}$ : uses the wrong binomial coefficient.
- $\frac{1}{2}$ : ignores the binomial structure.
- $\frac{10}{32}$ : numerically equals  $\frac{5}{16}$  but is left unreduced; the standard simplified form is  $\frac{5}{16}$ .

**Final Answer:**  $\frac{5}{16}$ .

**Answer: (B)** [Go Back to Q 28](#)

**Q29.**

### Solution

**Concept — Coefficient of variation:**  $CV = \frac{\sigma}{\bar{x}} \times 100\%$ , where  $\sigma$  is the standard deviation and  $\bar{x}$  the mean.

**Step 1 — Substitute values:**  $\sigma = 8$ ,  $\bar{x} = 40$ .

**Step 2 — Compute the ratio:**  $\frac{8}{40} = \frac{1}{5} = 0.2$ .

**Step 3 — Convert to percent:**  $0.2 \times 100\% = 20\%$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 32%: inverts the ratio or mis-divides.
- 5%: uses  $\frac{2}{40}$  instead of  $\frac{8}{40}$ .



- 48%: unrelated arithmetic.

**Final Answer:** .

**Answer: (A)** [Go Back to Q 29](#)

**Q30.**

### Solution

**Concept — LPP corner-point method:** The maximum of a linear objective over a bounded feasible region occurs at a corner point. Evaluate  $Z$  at each corner.

**Step 1 — Objective function:**  $Z = 40x + 50y$  (profit in rupees).

**Step 2 — Evaluate at each corner:**

- $(0, 0)$ :  $Z = 0$ .
- $(30, 0)$ :  $Z = 40(30) + 50(0) = 1200$ .
- $(20, 30)$ :  $Z = 40(20) + 50(30) = 800 + 1500 = 2300$ .
- $(0, 40)$ :  $Z = 40(0) + 50(40) = 2000$ .

**Step 3 — Pick the largest:** the maximum is  $Z = 2300$  at  $(20, 30)$ .

**Why other options are wrong:**

- 1200: the value at  $(30, 0)$ , not the maximum.
- 2000: the value at  $(0, 40)$ , not the maximum.
- 2700: exceeds every corner value; not attainable in the region.

**Final Answer:** Maximum profit =  at  $(20, 30)$ .

**Answer: (C)** [Go Back to Q 30](#)



## Answer Key

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	A	2	C	3	B	4	D	5	A
6	C	7	B	8	D	9	A	10	C
11	B	12	D	13	A	14	C	15	B
16	D	17	A	18	C	19	B	20	D
21	A	22	C	23	B	24	D	25	A
26	C	27	D	28	B	29	A	30	C

