

# AME CET Mathematics

## Sample Paper – 3

Duration: 20 Minutes

Maximum Marks: 80

### Instructions

- This paper contains **20** Multiple Choice Questions (Single Correct Answer), modelled on the Mathematics section of **AME CET** entrance.
- Each correct answer carries **+4 marks**. Each wrong answer carries **-1 mark**. Unattempted questions carry **0 marks**.
- Only **one** option is correct per question. Choose carefully.
- Syllabus level: **Class 11 and 12 NCERT Mathematics** (Sets and Relations to Probability and Statistics).
- Use of mobile phones, calculators, or any electronic gadget is strictly prohibited.

**Q1.** The value of  $\int_0^1 (2x + 1)^3 dx$  is:

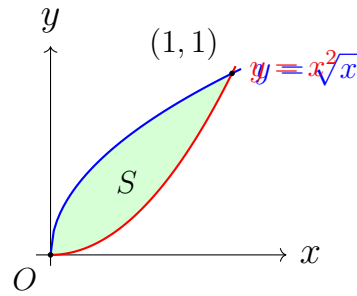
- (A) 10
- (B) 8
- (C) 20
- (D) 40

**Q2.** The value of  $\int_{-2}^2 x^3 dx$  is:

- (A) 8
- (B) 16
- (C) 0
- (D) 4



**Q3.** The area of the region enclosed between the curves  $y = \sqrt{x}$  and  $y = x^2$  from  $x = 0$  to  $x = 1$ , shaded below, is:

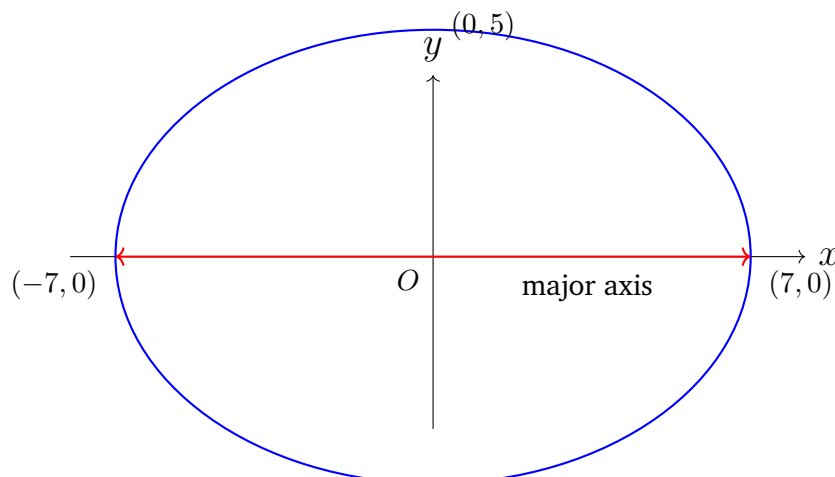


- (A)  $\frac{1}{6}$
- (B)  $\frac{2}{3}$
- (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (D)  $\frac{1}{3}$

**Q4.** The centre and radius of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 12 = 0$  are:

- (A) centre  $(-2, 3)$ , radius 5
- (B) centre  $(2, -3)$ , radius 5
- (C) centre  $(2, -3)$ , radius 25
- (D) centre  $(-2, 3)$ , radius  $\sqrt{12}$

**Q5.** The length of the major axis of the ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{49} + \frac{y^2}{25} = 1$ , sketched below, is:



- (A) 14
- (B) 7
- (C) 10
- (D) 24

**Q6.** The equation of the directrix of the parabola  $y^2 = 8x$  is:

- (A)  $x = 2$
- (B)  $y = -2$
- (C)  $x = -4$
- (D)  $x = -2$

**Q7.** If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $\det(A)$  equals:

- (A) 17
- (B) 13
- (C) -13
- (D) 7

**Q8.** If  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , then  $A^2$  equals:

- (A)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 4 \\ 9 & 16 \end{pmatrix}$
- (B)  $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 10 \\ 10 & 22 \end{pmatrix}$
- (C)  $\begin{pmatrix} 7 & 10 \\ 15 & 22 \end{pmatrix}$
- (D)  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 \end{pmatrix}$

**Q9.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 4x}{3x}$  equals:



- (A)  $\frac{3}{4}$
- (B)  $\frac{4}{3}$
- (C) 4
- (D)  $\frac{1}{3}$

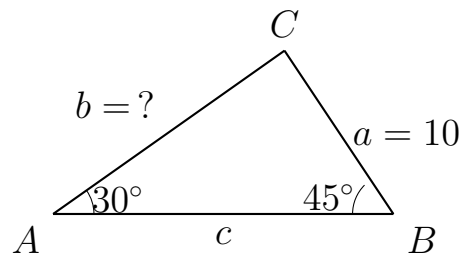
**Q10.** If  $y = \tan x$ , then  $\frac{dy}{dx}$  is:

- (A)  $\sec^2 x$
- (B)  $-\csc^2 x$
- (C)  $\sec x \tan x$
- (D)  $\cot x$

**Q11.** The value of  $\sin 75^\circ$  is:

- (A)  $\frac{\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}}{4}$
- (B)  $\frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2}$
- (C)  $\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$
- (D)  $\frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{2}$

**Q12.** In triangle  $ABC$ , side  $a = 10$ ,  $\angle A = 30^\circ$  and  $\angle B = 45^\circ$ . The length of side  $b$  is:



- (A)  $5\sqrt{2}$
- (B) 20
- (C) 10



(D)  $10\sqrt{2}$

**Q13.** A card is drawn at random from a well-shuffled pack of 52 playing cards. The probability that it is a King is:

(A)  $\frac{1}{52}$

(B)  $\frac{1}{26}$

(C)  $\frac{1}{13}$

(D)  $\frac{4}{13}$

**Q14.** Two cards are drawn at random, without replacement, from a pack of 52 cards. The probability that both are aces is:

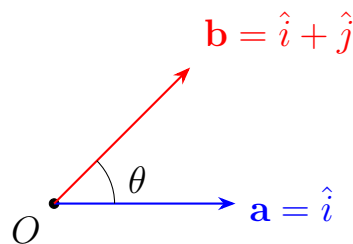
(A)  $\frac{1}{169}$

(B)  $\frac{1}{221}$

(C)  $\frac{2}{221}$

(D)  $\frac{1}{13}$

**Q15.** The angle between the vectors  $\mathbf{a} = \hat{i}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j}$  is:



(A)  $30^\circ$

(B)  $60^\circ$

(C)  $90^\circ$

(D)  $45^\circ$

**Q16.** If  $\mathbf{a} = \hat{i}$  and  $\mathbf{b} = \hat{j}$ , then  $\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b}$  equals:



- (A)  $\hat{k}$
- (B)  $\hat{i}$
- (C)  $\hat{j}$
- (D)  $-\hat{k}$

**Q17.** The number of ways to arrange 3 objects taken from 6 distinct objects (i.e.  ${}^6P_3$ ) is:

- (A) 18
- (B) 216
- (C) 20
- (D) 120

**Q18.** The 10th term of the arithmetic progression 3, 7, 11, ... is:

- (A) 39
- (B) 43
- (C) 40
- (D) 36

**Q19.** The direction ratios of the line joining the points (1, 2, 3) and (4, 5, 6), in simplest form, are:

- (A) (3, 3, 3)
- (B) (5, 7, 9)
- (C) (1, 1, 1)
- (D) (4, 5, 6)

**Q20.** The general solution of the differential equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^x$  is:

- (A)  $y = \frac{e^x}{2} + C$
- (B)  $y = e^x + C$



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

(D)  $y = e^x$



## Detailed Solutions

Q1.

## Solution

**Concept – Substitution for a linear inner function:**For  $\int (ax + b)^n dx$ , substitute  $u = ax + b$  so  $du = a dx$ .**Step 1 – Substitute  $u = 2x + 1$ :**

$$u = 2x + 1 \Rightarrow du = 2 dx \Rightarrow dx = \frac{du}{2}$$

**Step 2 – Change the limits:**

$$x = 0 \Rightarrow u = 1, \quad x = 1 \Rightarrow u = 3$$

**Step 3 – Rewrite the integral:**

$$\int_0^1 (2x + 1)^3 dx = \int_1^3 u^3 \cdot \frac{du}{2} = \frac{1}{2} \int_1^3 u^3 du$$

**Step 4 – Integrate:**

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[ \frac{u^4}{4} \right]_1^3 = \frac{1}{8} [u^4]_1^3$$

**Step 5 – Evaluate:**

$$= \frac{1}{8} (3^4 - 1^4) = \frac{1}{8} (81 - 1) = \frac{80}{8} = 10$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (B) 8: forgetting the  $1^4$  term, giving  $81/8$  rounded wrongly.
- (C) 20: omitting the  $\frac{1}{2}$  from  $dx = \frac{du}{2}$ .
- (D) 40: integrating without dividing by the power-raised 4.

**Answer: (A)** [← Go Back to Q1](#)

Q2.

**Solution****Concept – Symmetry property of definite integrals:**If  $f(x)$  is odd, i.e.  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ , then  $\int_{-a}^a f(x) dx = 0$ .**Step 1 – Test the integrand for oddness:**

$$f(x) = x^3 \Rightarrow f(-x) = (-x)^3 = -x^3 = -f(x)$$

So  $x^3$  is an odd function.**Step 2 – Apply the symmetry property over  $[-2, 2]$ :**

$$\int_{-2}^2 x^3 dx = 0$$

**Step 3 – Verify directly:**

$$\left[ \frac{x^4}{4} \right]_{-2}^2 = \frac{2^4}{4} - \frac{(-2)^4}{4} = \frac{16}{4} - \frac{16}{4} = 0$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) 8: evaluating  $\int_0^2 x^3 dx = 4$  and doubling incorrectly.
- (B) 16: adding the two equal antiderivative values instead of subtracting.
- (D) 4: computing only  $\int_0^2 x^3 dx$ .

**Answer: (C)** [← Go Back to Q2](#)

Q3.

**Solution****Concept – Area between two curves:**

$$A = \int_a^b [f(x) - g(x)] dx \quad \text{where } f(x) \geq g(x) \text{ on } [a, b]$$

**Step 1 – Confirm the intersection points (set  $\sqrt{x} = x^2$ ):**

$$\sqrt{x} = x^2 \Rightarrow x = x^4 \Rightarrow x(x^3 - 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0, x = 1$$

**Step 2 – Identify the upper curve on  $[0, 1]$ :**At  $x = 0.25$ :  $\sqrt{x} = 0.5$ ,  $x^2 = 0.0625$ . So  $y = \sqrt{x}$  is above  $y = x^2$ .

**Step 3 – Set up the integral:**

$$A = \int_0^1 (\sqrt{x} - x^2) dx = \int_0^1 (x^{1/2} - x^2) dx$$

**Step 4 – Integrate:**

$$= \left[ \frac{x^{3/2}}{3/2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1 = \left[ \frac{2}{3}x^{3/2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^1$$

**Step 5 – Evaluate:**

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

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $\frac{1}{6}$ : this is the area between  $y = x$  and  $y = x^2$ , a different region.
- (B)  $\frac{2}{3}$ : computing  $\int_0^1 \sqrt{x} dx$  alone.
- (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$ : an arithmetic slip when subtracting the fractions.

**Answer: (D)** ← [Go Back to Q3](#)

**Q4.**

### Solution

**Concept – General equation of a circle:**

$x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$  has centre  $(-g, -f)$  and radius  $\sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c}$ .

**Step 1 – Match coefficients of  $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 12 = 0$ :**

$$2g = -4 \Rightarrow g = -2, \quad 2f = 6 \Rightarrow f = 3, \quad c = -12$$

**Step 2 – Find the centre  $(-g, -f)$ :**

$$(-(-2), -(3)) = (2, -3)$$

**Step 3 – Find the radius  $\sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c}$ :**

$$r = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + 3^2 - (-12)} = \sqrt{4 + 9 + 12}$$

**Step 4 – Simplify:**

$$r = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A): centre signs read directly from coefficients instead of negated.
- (C): radius left as  $r^2 = 25$  rather than  $r$ .



- (D): radius taken as  $\sqrt{4 + 9 - 1}$  with a sign error on the constant.

**Answer: (B)** ← [Go Back to Q4](#)

**Q5.**

### Solution

**Concept – Major axis of  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  (with  $a > b$ ):**

The major axis lies along the  $x$ -axis and has length  $2a$ .

**Step 1 – Read off  $a^2$  and  $b^2$ :**

$$a^2 = 49, \quad b^2 = 25$$

Since  $49 > 25$ , the major axis is along the  $x$ -axis.

**Step 2 – Compute  $a$ :**

$$a = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

**Step 3 – Compute the length of the major axis:**

$$2a = 2 \times 7 = 14$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (B) 7: this is the semi-major axis  $a$ , not the full length  $2a$ .
- (C) 10: using  $2b = 2 \times 5$ , the length of the minor axis.
- (D) 24: using  $2(a + b)/\dots$  or adding  $a^2$  pieces incorrectly.

**Answer: (A)** ← [Go Back to Q5](#)

**Q6.**

### Solution

**Concept – Standard parabola  $y^2 = 4ax$ :**

Its directrix is the line  $x = -a$ .

**Step 1 – Match  $y^2 = 8x$  to  $y^2 = 4ax$ :**

$$4a = 8 \Rightarrow a = 2$$

**Step 2 – Write the directrix:**

$$x = -a = -2$$

**Why other options are wrong:**



- (A)  $x = 2$ : this is the line through the focus, not the directrix.
- (B)  $y = -2$ : directrix of a vertically-opening parabola  $x^2 = 8y$ , not this one.
- (C)  $x = -4$ : using  $a = 4$  from  $4a = 8$  read as  $a = 8/2$  wrongly.

**Answer: (D)**    [← Go Back to Q6](#)

Q7.

**Solution**

**Concept –  $2 \times 2$  determinant:**

$$\det \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} = ad - bc$$

**Step 1 – Identify elements:**

$$a = 3, b = 1, c = 2, d = 5$$

**Step 2 – Apply the formula:**

$$\det(A) = 3 \times 5 - 1 \times 2$$

**Step 3 – Compute:**

$$= 15 - 2 = 13$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) 17: adding instead of subtracting ( $15 + 2$ ).
- (C)  $-13$ : reversing the subtraction order ( $bc - ad$ ).
- (D) 7: subtracting the wrong product pair.

**Answer: (B)**    [← Go Back to Q7](#)

Q8.

**Solution**

**Concept – Matrix multiplication:**

$A^2 = A \cdot A$ ; the  $(i, j)$  entry is the dot product of row  $i$  of  $A$  with column  $j$  of  $A$ .

**Step 1 – Write**  $A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ .

**Step 2 – Compute entry (1, 1):**

$$1 \times 1 + 2 \times 3 = 1 + 6 = 7$$



**Step 3 – Compute entry (1, 2):**

$$1 \times 2 + 2 \times 4 = 2 + 8 = 10$$

**Step 4 – Compute entry (2, 1):**

$$3 \times 1 + 4 \times 3 = 3 + 12 = 15$$

**Step 5 – Compute entry (2, 2):**

$$3 \times 2 + 4 \times 4 = 6 + 16 = 22$$

**Step 6 – Assemble:**

$$A^2 = \begin{pmatrix} 7 & 10 \\ 15 & 22 \end{pmatrix}$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A): squaring each entry individually, not matrix multiplication.
- (B): symmetric guess with  $(2, 1) = 10$  instead of 15.
- (D): this is  $2A$ , not  $A^2$ .

**Answer: (C)** ← [Go Back to Q8](#)

**Q9.**

### Solution

**Concept – Standard trigonometric limit:**

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan \theta}{\theta} = 1$$

**Step 1 – Introduce  $4x$  in numerator and denominator:**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 4x}{3x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 4x}{4x} \cdot \frac{4x}{3x}$$

**Step 2 – Simplify the  $x$  factor:**

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 4x}{4x} \cdot \frac{4}{3}$$

**Step 3 – Apply the standard limit as  $x \rightarrow 0$ :**

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{4}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$



**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $\frac{3}{4}$ : inverting the ratio of coefficients.
- (C) 4: dropping the denominator coefficient 3.
- (D)  $\frac{1}{3}$ : treating  $\tan 4x/4x$  as if it tends to  $\frac{1}{4}$ .

**Answer: (B)** ← [Go Back to Q9](#)

**Q10.**

### Solution

**Concept – Standard derivative:**

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan x) = \sec^2 x$$

**Step 1 – Write  $\tan x$  as a quotient:**

$$\tan x = \frac{\sin x}{\cos x}$$

**Step 2 – Apply the quotient rule  $\left(\frac{u}{v}\right)' = \frac{u'v - uv'}{v^2}$ :**

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left( \frac{\sin x}{\cos x} \right) = \frac{\cos x \cdot \cos x - \sin x \cdot (-\sin x)}{\cos^2 x}$$

**Step 3 – Simplify the numerator:**

$$= \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^2 x}{\cos^2 x} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} = \sec^2 x$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (B)  $-\csc^2 x$ : this is the derivative of  $\cot x$ .
- (C)  $\sec x \tan x$ : this is the derivative of  $\sec x$ .
- (D)  $\cot x$ : this is the integral-type confusion, not a derivative of  $\tan x$ .

**Answer: (A)** ← [Go Back to Q10](#)



Q11.

**Solution****Concept – Compound angle (sum) formula:**

$$\sin(A + B) = \sin A \cos B + \cos A \sin B$$

**Step 1 – Write  $75^\circ$  as  $45^\circ + 30^\circ$ :**

$$\sin 75^\circ = \sin(45^\circ + 30^\circ)$$

**Step 2 – Apply the formula:**

$$= \sin 45^\circ \cos 30^\circ + \cos 45^\circ \sin 30^\circ$$

**Step 3 – Substitute standard values:**

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{2}$$

**Step 4 – Combine over a common denominator:**

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

**Step 5 – Rationalise by multiplying by  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$ :**

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{3} + 1)\sqrt{2}}{2 \times 2} = \frac{\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2}}{4}$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $\frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{4}$ : this equals  $\sin 15^\circ$ , not  $\sin 75^\circ$ .
- (B)  $\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{2}$ : forgetting to rationalise the  $2\sqrt{2}$  denominator.
- (D)  $\frac{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}}{2}$ : dividing by 2 instead of 4.

**Answer: (C)** ← [Go Back to Q11](#)

Q12.

**Solution****Concept – Sine Rule:**

$$\frac{a}{\sin A} = \frac{b}{\sin B}$$

**Step 1 – Rearrange to solve for  $b$ :**

$$b = \frac{a \sin B}{\sin A}$$

**Step 2 – Substitute  $a = 10$ ,  $A = 30^\circ$ ,  $B = 45^\circ$ :**

$$b = \frac{10 \sin 45^\circ}{\sin 30^\circ}$$

**Step 3 – Insert standard values  $\sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ ,  $\sin 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2}$ :**

$$b = \frac{10 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}{\frac{1}{2}}$$

**Step 4 – Simplify (dividing by  $\frac{1}{2}$  means multiplying by 2):**

$$b = 10 \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot 2 = \frac{20}{\sqrt{2}}$$

**Step 5 – Rationalise:**

$$b = \frac{20}{\sqrt{2}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = \frac{20\sqrt{2}}{2} = 10\sqrt{2}$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $5\sqrt{2}$ : dividing by 2 instead of multiplying when handling  $\sin 30^\circ$ .
- (B) 20: using  $\sin 45^\circ = 1$ .
- (C) 10: taking  $b = a$  by ignoring the differing angles.

**Answer: (D)**   [← Go Back to Q12](#)

Q13.

**Solution****Concept – Classical probability:**

$$P(E) = \frac{\text{number of favourable outcomes}}{\text{total number of outcomes}}$$

**Step 1 – Count total outcomes:**

There are 52 cards, so 52 equally likely outcomes.

**Step 2 – Count favourable outcomes:**

A standard pack has 4 Kings.

**Step 3 – Compute the probability:**

$$P(\text{King}) = \frac{4}{52}$$

**Step 4 – Simplify:**

$$= \frac{1}{13}$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $\frac{1}{52}$ : counting only one King instead of all four.
- (B)  $\frac{1}{26}$ : counting only two Kings.
- (D)  $\frac{4}{13}$ : leaving 4 in the numerator while reducing the 52 to 13.

**Answer: (C)**   ← [Go Back to Q13](#)

Q14.

**Solution****Concept – Probability with combinations:**

$$P = \frac{\text{favourable selections}}{\text{total selections}}$$

**Step 1 – Total ways to choose 2 cards from 52:**

$$\binom{52}{2} = \frac{52 \times 51}{2} = 1326$$

**Step 2 – Ways to choose 2 aces from the 4 aces:**

$$\binom{4}{2} = \frac{4 \times 3}{2} = 6$$



**Step 3 – Compute the probability:**

$$P = \frac{6}{1326}$$

**Step 4 – Simplify:**

$$= \frac{1}{221}$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $\frac{1}{169}$ : using  $(\frac{1}{13})^2$ , valid only *with* replacement.
- (C)  $\frac{2}{221}$ : doubling the favourable count by mistreating order.
- (D)  $\frac{1}{13}$ : probability of just one ace on a single draw.

**Answer: (B)**    [← Go Back to Q14](#)

**Q15.**

### Solution

**Concept – Angle between two vectors:**

$$\cos \theta = \frac{\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b}}{|\mathbf{a}| |\mathbf{b}|}$$

**Step 1 – Write components:**

$$\mathbf{a} = (1, 0), \quad \mathbf{b} = (1, 1)$$

**Step 2 – Compute the dot product:**

$$\mathbf{a} \cdot \mathbf{b} = 1 \times 1 + 0 \times 1 = 1$$

**Step 3 – Compute the magnitudes:**

$$|\mathbf{a}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 0^2} = 1, \quad |\mathbf{b}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{2}$$

**Step 4 – Substitute into the formula:**

$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{1 \cdot \sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

**Step 5 – Solve for  $\theta$ :**

$$\theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 45^\circ$$



**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $30^\circ$ : would need  $\cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , not  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .
- (B)  $60^\circ$ : would need  $\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2}$ .
- (C)  $90^\circ$ : would require a zero dot product, but here it is 1.

**Answer: (D)** [← Go Back to Q15](#)

**Q16.**

### Solution

**Concept – Cross products of standard unit vectors:**

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}, \quad \hat{j} \times \hat{k} = \hat{i}, \quad \hat{k} \times \hat{i} = \hat{j}$$

**Step 1 – Identify the vectors:**

$$\mathbf{a} = \hat{i}, \quad \mathbf{b} = \hat{j}$$

**Step 2 – Apply the right-hand rule cyclic identity:**

$$\mathbf{a} \times \mathbf{b} = \hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \hat{k}$$

**Step 3 – Verify using the determinant form:**

$$\hat{i} \times \hat{j} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(0 - 0) - \hat{j}(0 - 0) + \hat{k}(1 - 0) = \hat{k}$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (B)  $\hat{i}$  and (C)  $\hat{j}$ : these lie in the plane of  $\mathbf{a}$ ,  $\mathbf{b}$ ; the cross product is perpendicular to that plane.
- (D)  $-\hat{k}$ : this is  $\hat{j} \times \hat{i}$ , the reverse order, which flips the sign.

**Answer: (A)** [← Go Back to Q16](#)



Q17.

**Solution****Concept – Permutation (order matters):**

$${}^n P_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!} = n(n-1) \cdots (n-r+1)$$

**Step 1 – Identify  $n = 6, r = 3$ .****Step 2 – Write the product of  $r = 3$  descending factors:**

$${}^6 P_3 = 6 \times 5 \times 4$$

**Step 3 – Compute:**

$$= 120$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) 18: computing  $6 \times 3$  only.
- (B) 216: computing  $6^3$  (arrangements with repetition).
- (C) 20: computing  $\binom{6}{3} = 20$  (combinations, where order does not matter).

**Answer: (D)** [← Go Back to Q17](#)

Q18.

**Solution****Concept –  $n$ th term of an AP:**

$$a_n = a + (n-1)d$$

**Step 1 – Identify the first term and common difference:**

$$a = 3, \quad d = 7 - 3 = 4$$

**Step 2 – Substitute  $n = 10$ :**

$$a_{10} = 3 + (10-1) \times 4$$

**Step 3 – Simplify the bracket:**

$$= 3 + 9 \times 4$$



**Step 4 – Compute:**

$$= 3 + 36 = 39$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (B) 43: using  $n = 11$  (i.e.  $a + 10d$ ) by miscounting the term index.
- (C) 40: computing  $4 \times 10$  and forgetting the first term offset.
- (D) 36: computing  $9 \times 4$  only, omitting  $a = 3$ .

**Answer: (A)** [← Go Back to Q18](#)

**Q19.**

### Solution

**Concept – Direction ratios of a line through two points:**

$$(x_2 - x_1, y_2 - y_1, z_2 - z_1)$$

**Step 1 – Subtract the coordinates of (1, 2, 3) from (4, 5, 6):**

$$(4 - 1, 5 - 2, 6 - 3) = (3, 3, 3)$$

**Step 2 – Reduce to simplest form (divide by the common factor 3):**

$$(3, 3, 3) \div 3 = (1, 1, 1)$$

**Step 3 – Note that direction ratios are defined up to a non-zero scalar, so (1, 1, 1) is the simplest form.**

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A) (3, 3, 3): correct ratios but not in simplest form.
- (B) (5, 7, 9): adding the coordinates instead of subtracting.
- (D) (4, 5, 6): using one endpoint's coordinates, not the difference.

**Answer: (C)** [← Go Back to Q19](#)



Q20.

**Solution****Concept – Direct integration:**If  $\frac{dy}{dx} = f(x)$ , then  $y = \int f(x) dx + C$ .**Step 1 – Separate the variables:**

$$dy = e^x dx$$

**Step 2 – Integrate both sides:**

$$\int dy = \int e^x dx$$

**Step 3 – Evaluate the integrals (recall  $\int e^x dx = e^x$ ):**

$$y = e^x + C$$

**Why other options are wrong:**

- (A)  $y = \frac{e^x}{2} + C$ : dividing by 2 as if integrating  $e^{2x}$ .
- (C)  $y = x e^x + C$ : applying integration by parts where it is not needed.
- (D)  $y = e^x$ : omitting the arbitrary constant  $C$ , so not the *general* solution.

**Answer: (B)** [← Go Back to Q20](#)

**Answer Key**

Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans	Q	Ans
1	A	2	C	3	D	4	B	5	A
6	D	7	B	8	C	9	B	10	A
11	C	12	D	13	C	14	B	15	D
16	A	17	D	18	A	19	C	20	B

