KEAM 2025 April 23 Engineering Question Paper with Solutions

Time Allowed :3 Hours	Maximum Marks :600	Total Questions :150

General Instructions

Read the following instructions very carefully and strictly follow them:

1. The KEAM 2025 Engineering examination will be conducted as a Computer Based Test (CBT) on April 23, 2025, from 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM.
2. Candidates must report to the examination center between 11:30 AM and 1:30 PM.
3. The paper consists of 150 MCQs with a duration of 3 hours, covering Mathematics (75 questions), Physics (45 questions), and Chemistry (30 questions).
4. Each correct answer carries +4 marks, while -1 mark is deducted for each incorrect answer.
5. Electronic devices are strictly prohibited. Only a transparent ballpoint pen is allowed, and rough sheets will be provided at the center.

1. Let A, B, C be any three finite sets. If $n(A \times B) = 160$, $n(B \times C) = 80$ and $n(C \times A) = 200$, then $n(A) =$
(A) 10
(B) 18
(C) 16
(D) 12
(E) 20

Correct Answer: (E) 20

Solution:
Concept: For finite sets, the number of elements in the Cartesian product is:

$$n(A \times B) = n(A) \cdot n(B)$$

Step 1: Form equations using given data.

$$n(A)n(B) = 160 \quad ...(1)$$
$$n(B)n(C) = 80 \quad ...(2)$$
$$n(C)n(A) = 200 \quad ...(3)$$

Step 2: Multiply all three equations.

$$[n(A)n(B)][n(B)n(C)][n(C)n(A)] = 160 \times 80 \times 200$$
$$[n(A)]^2[n(B)]^2[n(C)]^2 = 160 \cdot 80 \cdot 200$$

Step 3: Take square root.

$$n(A)n(B)n(C) = \sqrt{160 \cdot 80 \cdot 200}$$

$$= \sqrt{(16 \cdot 10)(16 \cdot 5)(20 \cdot 10)} = \sqrt{256000} = 160\sqrt{10}$$

Step 4: Divide (1) by (2).

$$\frac{n(A)n(B)}{n(B)n(C)} = \frac{160}{80} \Rightarrow \frac{n(A)}{n(C)} = 2 \Rightarrow n(A) = 2n(C)$$

Step 5: Substitute into (3).

$$n(C) \cdot 2n(C) = 200 \Rightarrow 2n(C)^2 = 200 \Rightarrow n(C)^2 = 100 \Rightarrow n(C) = 10$$

$$n(A) = 2n(C) = 20$$

Quick Tip

For Cartesian products, always convert into multiplication equations and eliminate variables step-by-step.

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2. Let $f(x) = x^2 - 10x - 19$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the inverse image of 5, $f^{-1}(5) =$
(A) $\{-2, -12\}$
(B) $\{-2, 12\}$
(C) $\{2, -12\}$
(D) $\{2, 12\}$
(E) ϕ

Correct Answer: (B) $\{-2, 12\}$

Solution:
Concept: Inverse image means solving:

$$f(x) = 5$$

Step 1: Set equation.

$$x^2 - 10x - 19 = 5$$

Step 2: Simplify.

$$x^2 - 10x - 24 = 0$$

Step 3: Factorize.

$$x^2 - 10x - 24 = (x - 12)(x + 2) = 0$$

Step 4: Solve.

$$x = 12, -2$$

$$f^{-1}(5) = \{-2, 12\}$$

Quick Tip

Inverse image means solving $f(x) = k$, not finding inverse function.

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3. Let $f(x) = \cos x$. Then the value of $\frac{1}{2}[f(x+y) + f(y-x)] - f(x)f(y)$ is equal to
(A) 2
(B) -2
(C) 1
(D) -1
(E) 0

Correct Answer: (E) 0

Solution:
Concept: Use trigonometric identities:

$$\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B) = 2\cos A\cos B$$

Step 1: Substitute function.

$$\frac{1}{2}[\cos(x+y) + \cos(y-x)] - \cos x\cos y$$

Step 2: Use identity.

$$\cos(x+y) + \cos(y-x) = 2\cos x\cos y$$

Step 3: Simplify.

$$\frac{1}{2}(2\cos x\cos y) - \cos x\cos y$$

$$= \cos x\cos y - \cos x\cos y = 0$$

Quick Tip

Always remember: $\cos(A+B) + \cos(A-B) = 2\cos A\cos B$ — very high-frequency identity.

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4. Let $f(x) = \log_5 x\,(x > 0)$ and $g(x) = \cos^{-1} x\,(-1 \le x \le 1)$. Then the domain of $g \circ f$ is
(A) $(0, 1]$
(B) $[-1, a)$
(C) $[0, a)$
(D) $\left[\frac{1}{5}, 5\right]$
(E) $[-1, 5]$

Correct Answer: (D) $\left[\frac{1}{5}, 5\right]$

Solution:
Concept: For composition $g(f(x))$, the output of $f(x)$ must lie in the domain of $g(x)$.

- Domain of $f(x) = \log_5 x$: $x > 0$
- Domain of $g(x) = \cos^{-1} x$: $-1 \le x \le 1$

Step 1: Apply composition condition.

$$-1 \le f(x) \le 1$$

$$-1 \le \log_5 x \le 1$$

Step 2: Convert into exponential form.

$$\log_5 x \ge -1 \Rightarrow x \ge 5^{-1} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\log_5 x \le 1 \Rightarrow x \le 5^1 = 5$$

Step 3: Combine with domain of $f(x)$.

$$\frac{1}{5} \le x \le 5$$

Quick Tip

For composite functions, always restrict the inner function so its output fits the domain of the outer function.

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5. Let $z = 1 + \frac{1}{i}$. Then the value of z^4 is equal to
(A) 4
(B) -4
(C) $1 - i$
(D) $1 + i$
(E) i

Correct Answer: (B) -4

Solution:
Concept: Use $i = \sqrt{-1}$ and simplify complex numbers before exponentiation.
Step 1: Simplify given expression.

$$z = 1 + \frac{1}{i}$$

$$\frac{1}{i} = -i \Rightarrow z = 1 - i$$

Step 2: Convert to polar form (optional shortcut).

$$z = \sqrt{2}\left(\cos\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + i\sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right)\right)$$

Step 3: Apply De Moivre's theorem.

$$z^4 = (\sqrt{2})^4\left[\cos(-\pi) + i\sin(-\pi)\right]$$

$$= 4(-1 + 0i) = -4$$

Quick Tip

For powers of complex numbers, convert to polar form and apply De Moivre's theorem for faster calculation.

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6. The modulus of the complex number $(2\sqrt{2} + i2\sqrt{2})^2$ is equal to
(A) 64
(B) 4
(C) 32
(D) 8
(E) 16

Correct Answer: (E) 16

Solution:
Concept:

$$|z^n| = |z|^n$$

Step 1: Find modulus of base.

$$z = 2\sqrt{2} + i2\sqrt{2}$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{(2\sqrt{2})^2 + (2\sqrt{2})^2} = \sqrt{8+8} = \sqrt{16} = 4$$

Step 2: Apply power property.

$$|z^2| = |z|^2 = 4^2 = 16$$

Quick Tip

Always simplify modulus first, then apply exponent rule $|z^n| = |z|^n$.

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7. If $z + \bar{z} = 6$ and $z - \bar{z} = 4i$, then $|z|^2 =$
(A) 36
(B) 16
(C) 15
(D) 13
(E) 9

Correct Answer: (D) 13

Solution:
Concept: Let $z = x + iy$, then:

$$z + \bar{z} = 2x, \quad z - \bar{z} = 2iy$$

Step 1: Find real and imaginary parts.

$$2x = 6 \Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$2iy = 4i \Rightarrow y = 2$$

Step 2: Compute modulus squared.

$$|z|^2 = x^2 + y^2 = 3^2 + 2^2 = 9 + 4 = 13$$

Quick Tip

Use $z + \bar{z} = 2x$ and $z - \bar{z} = 2iy$ to quickly extract real and imaginary parts.

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8. Let $z = \frac{2-i}{\alpha+i}$, where α is a real number. If $4\mathbf{Re}(z) = 3\mathbf{Im}(\bar{z})$, then the value of α is
(A) 5
(B) -5
(C) 3
(D) 2
(E) -2

Correct Answer: (D) 2

Solution:
Concept:

$$\text{Im}(\bar{z}) = -\text{Im}(z)$$

Step 1: Rationalize denominator.

$$z = \frac{2-i}{\alpha+i} \cdot \frac{\alpha-i}{\alpha-i}$$

$$= \frac{(2-i)(\alpha-i)}{\alpha^2+1}$$

Step 2: Expand numerator.

$$(2-i)(\alpha-i) = 2\alpha - 2i - \alpha i + i^2$$

$$= 2\alpha - (2+\alpha)i - 1$$

$$= (2\alpha-1) - (2+\alpha)i$$

Step 3: Extract real and imaginary parts.

$$\text{Re}(z) = \frac{2\alpha-1}{\alpha^2+1}, \quad \text{Im}(z) = \frac{-(2+\alpha)}{\alpha^2+1}$$

$$\text{Im}(\bar{z}) = \frac{2+\alpha}{\alpha^2+1}$$

Step 4: Apply given condition.

$$4 \cdot \frac{2\alpha-1}{\alpha^2+1} = 3 \cdot \frac{2+\alpha}{\alpha^2+1}$$

Step 5: Solve equation.

$$4(2\alpha-1) = 3(2+\alpha)$$

$$8\alpha - 4 = 6 + 3\alpha$$

$$5\alpha = 10 \Rightarrow \alpha = 2$$

Quick Tip

Always rationalize complex fractions first, then separate real and imaginary parts.

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9. In a G.P., the first and third terms are 4 and 8 respectively. Then the 21^{st} term is

(A) 4012
(B) 4064
(C) 4098
(D) 2048
(E) 4096

Correct Answer: (E) 4096

Solution:
Concept: In a G.P.,

$$a_n = a \cdot r^{n-1}$$

Step 1: Use given terms.

$$a = 4, \quad a_3 = ar^2 = 8$$

$$4r^2 = 8 \Rightarrow r^2 = 2 \Rightarrow r = \sqrt{2}$$

Step 2: Find 21^{st} term.

$$a_{21} = 4 \cdot (\sqrt{2})^{20}$$

$$(\sqrt{2})^{20} = (2)^{10} = 1024$$

$$a_{21} = 4 \times 1024 = 4096$$

Quick Tip

Convert powers of $\sqrt{2}$ into powers of 2 for faster simplification.

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10. Let $a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots$ be in G.P. If $a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 = 64$ and $a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \cdot a_4 \cdot a_5 = 32$, then common ratio is
(A) $\frac{1}{3}$
(B) $\frac{1}{8}$
(C) $\frac{1}{6}$
(D) $\frac{1}{2}$
(E) $\frac{1}{4}$

Correct Answer: (D) $\frac{1}{2}$

Solution:
Concept: In G.P., terms are:

$$a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, ar^4$$

Step 1: Form first product.

$$a_1a_2a_3 = a \cdot ar \cdot ar^2 = a^3r^3 = 64 \quad ...(1)$$

Step 2: Form second product.

$$a_1a_2a_3a_4a_5 = a^5r^{10} = 32 \quad ...(2)$$

Step 3: Divide (2) by (1).

$$\frac{a^5r^{10}}{a^3r^3} = \frac{32}{64}$$

$$a^2r^7 = \frac{1}{2} \quad ...(3)$$

Step 4: Use substitution from (1).
From (1):

$$a^3r^3 = 64 \Rightarrow (ar)^3 = 64 \Rightarrow ar = 4$$

Step 5: Solve for r.

$$a = \frac{4}{r}$$

Substitute into (3):

$$\left(\frac{4}{r}\right)^2 r^7 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\frac{16}{r^2} \cdot r^7 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 16r^5 = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$r^5 = \frac{1}{32} \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{2}$$

Quick Tip

When products of G.P. terms are given, convert them into powers of a and r, then divide equations.

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11. The general term of a sequence is $t_n = \frac{n(n+6)}{n+4}$, $n = 1, 2, 3, \ldots$. If $t_n = 5$, then the value of n is
(A) 2
(B) 3
(C) 4
(D) 5
(E) 6

Correct Answer: (C) 4

Solution:
Concept: Solve the equation $t_n = 5$ by simplifying the rational expression.
Step 1: Set equation.

$$\frac{n(n+6)}{n+4} = 5$$

Step 2: Cross multiply.

$$n(n+6) = 5(n+4)$$

Step 3: Simplify.

$$n^2 + 6n = 5n + 20$$

$$n^2 + n - 20 = 0$$

Step 4: Factorize.

$$(n + 5)(n - 4) = 0$$

Step 5: Find valid solution.

$$n = -5, 4$$

Since $n \in \mathbb{N}$, valid solution is:

$$n = 4$$

Quick Tip

Always check domain conditions after solving equations, especially when n represents term number.

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12. The product of first 5 terms of a G.P., whose terms are increasing, is 32. The third term of the G.P. is

(A) 2
(B) $\frac{1}{2}$
(C) 4
(D) $\frac{1}{8}$
(E) 8

Correct Answer: (A) 2

Solution:
Concept: In G.P., terms are:

$$a, ar, ar^2, ar^3, ar^4$$

Step 1: Form product of 5 terms.

$$a \cdot ar \cdot ar^2 \cdot ar^3 \cdot ar^4 = a^5 r^{10}$$

$$a^5 r^{10} = 32 \quad ...(1)$$

Step 2: Group terms.

$$(ar^2)^5 = 32$$

Step 3: Solve.

$$(ar^2)^5 = 32 = 2^5 \Rightarrow ar^2 = 2$$

Step 4: Interpret result.

$$\text{Third term} = ar^2 = 2$$

Since terms are increasing, $r > 1$, so positive value is valid.

> **Quick Tip**
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> Product of odd number of G.P. terms can be written as power of middle term.

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13. Let $\alpha = \sum_{k=0}^{5} {}^{10}C_{2k}$ and $\beta = \sum_{k=0}^{4} {}^{10}C_{2k+1}$. Then $\alpha - \beta$ is equal to
(A) 32
(B) 64
(C) 128
(D) 256
(E) 0

Correct Answer: (E) 0

Solution:
Concept:

$$(1+1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} {}^nC_k, \quad (1-1)^n = \sum_{k=0}^{n} (-1)^k {}^nC_k$$

From identities:

$$\text{Sum of even terms} = \text{Sum of odd terms} = 2^{n-1}$$

Step 1: Interpret given sums.

$$\alpha = \text{sum of even binomial coefficients of } (1+1)^{10}$$
$$\beta = \text{sum of odd binomial coefficients of } (1+1)^{10}$$

Step 2: Use identity.

$$\alpha = \beta = 2^9 = 512$$

Step 3: Find required value.

$$\alpha - \beta = 512 - 512 = 0$$

> **Quick Tip**
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> Sum of even and odd binomial coefficients are equal: each is 2^{n-1}.

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14. If $\alpha = {}^nC_r$ and $\beta = {}^nC_{r-1}$, then $1 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ is equal to

(A) $\frac{n+1}{r-1}$
(B) $\frac{n+1}{r}$
(C) $\frac{n-1}{1}$
(D) $\frac{n-r+1}{r}$
(E) $\frac{n+1}{r+1}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{n+1}{r}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\frac{^nC_r}{^nC_{r-1}} = \frac{n-r+1}{r}$$

Step 1: Form ratio.

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{^nC_r}{^nC_{r-1}} = \frac{n-r+1}{r}$$

Step 2: Add 1.

$$1 + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = 1 + \frac{n-r+1}{r}$$

$$= \frac{r+n-r+1}{r} = \frac{n+1}{r}$$

Quick Tip

Memorize ratio: $\frac{^nC_r}{^nC_{r-1}} = \frac{n-r+1}{r}$ — very useful shortcut.

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15. If $^{11}P_r = 7920$, then the value of r is equal to
(A) 7
(B) 6
(C) 5
(D) 4
(E) 3

Correct Answer: (D) 4

Solution:
Concept:

$$^nP_r = \frac{n!}{(n-r)!}$$

Step 1: Apply formula.

$$^{11}P_r = \frac{11!}{(11-r)!} = 7920$$

Step 2: Try suitable values.

$$^{11}P_4 = 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 = 7920$$

Step 3: Conclude.

$$r = 4$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> For permutation equations, try small values of r instead of expanding factorials fully.

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16. In the binomial expansion of $(2x + \alpha)^8$, the co-efficients of x^2 and x^3 are equal. Then the value of α is equal to

(A) 2
(B) $\frac{1}{4}$
(C) 4
(D) $\frac{1}{2}$
(E) 3

Correct Answer: (C) 4

Solution:
Concept: General term:

$$T_{k+1} = {}^nC_k(a)^{n-k}(b)^k$$

Step 1: Coefficient of x^2.

$$x^2 \Rightarrow k = 2$$

$$^8C_2(2x)^2\alpha^6 = {}^8C_2 \cdot 2^2 \cdot \alpha^6 \cdot x^2$$

Coefficient:

$$^8C_2 \cdot 4 \cdot \alpha^6$$

Step 2: Coefficient of x^3.

$$k = 3$$

$$^8C_3(2x)^3\alpha^5$$

Coefficient:

$$^8C_3 \cdot 8 \cdot \alpha^5$$

Step 3: Equate coefficients.

$$^8C_2 \cdot 4 \cdot \alpha^6 = {}^8C_3 \cdot 8 \cdot \alpha^5$$

Step 4: Simplify.

$$28 \cdot 4 \cdot \alpha^6 = 56 \cdot 8 \cdot \alpha^5$$

$$112\alpha^6 = 448\alpha^5$$

$$\alpha = 4$$

Quick Tip

Compare coefficients carefully by matching powers of x using binomial term formula.

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17. Let $A = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$. The number of 5-digit numbers that can be formed using the digits in A without replacement, is

(A) 120
(B) 96
(C) 88
(D) 64
(E) 32

Correct Answer: (B) 96

Solution:
Concept: First digit of a number cannot be zero.
Step 1: Total permutations.

$$\text{Total ways} = 5! = 120$$

Step 2: Subtract invalid cases (starting with 0).
Fix 0 at first place, arrange remaining 4 digits:

$$4! = 24$$

Step 3: Valid numbers.

$$120 - 24 = 96$$

Quick Tip

For number formation, always subtract cases where leading digit is zero.

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18. Let A be a 3×3 matrix and let $B = 3A$. If $|A| = 5$, then the value of $\frac{|\text{adj } B|}{|3A|}$ is equal to

(A) 27
(B) 125
(C) 25
(D) 135
(E) 81

Correct Answer: (D) 135

Solution:
Concept:

- $|kA| = k^n|A|$ for $n \times n$ matrix
- $|\text{adj } A| = |A|^{n-1}$

Step 1: Find $|B|$.

$$B = 3A \Rightarrow |B| = 3^3|A| = 27 \cdot 5 = 135$$

Step 2: Find $|\text{adj } B|$.

$$|\text{adj } B| = |B|^2 = 135^2$$

Step 3: Find denominator.

$$|3A| = 3^3|A| = 27 \cdot 5 = 135$$

Step 4: Compute value.

$$\frac{|\text{adj } B|}{|3A|} = \frac{135^2}{135} = 135$$

Quick Tip

For adjoint: $|\text{adj } A| = |A|^{n-1}$. For scalar multiple: $|kA| = k^n|A|$.

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19. If $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ 3 & -4 \\ -5 & 6 \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} 7 \\ 8 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ 13 \end{pmatrix}$, then the value of $\alpha + \beta$ is equal to
(A) -18
(B) 18
(C) 21
(D) -21
(E) -2

Correct Answer: (E) -2

Solution:
Concept: Matrix multiplication: row $\times$ column.

Step 1: Compute α.

$$\alpha = (-1)(7) + (2)(8) = -7 + 16 = 9$$

Step 2: Compute β.

$$\beta = (3)(7) + (-4)(8) = 21 - 32 = -11$$

Step 3: Verify third value.

$$(-5)(7) + (6)(8) = -35 + 48 = 13 \quad \checkmark$$

Step 4: Find sum.

$$\alpha + \beta = 9 + (-11) = -2$$

Quick Tip

Always multiply row-wise for matrices and verify with given result if possible.

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20. If the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 8-k & 2 \\ -2 & 4-k \end{pmatrix}$ is singular, then the value of k is equal to

(A) 6
(B) 5
(C) 4
(D) 3
(E) 2

Correct Answer: (A) 6

Solution:
Concept: A matrix is singular if determinant $= 0$.
Step 1: Compute determinant.

$$\begin{vmatrix} 8-k & 2 \\ -2 & 4-k \end{vmatrix} = (8-k)(4-k) - (-2)(2)$$

Step 2: Simplify.

$$= (8-k)(4-k) + 4$$

$$= (32 - 8k - 4k + k^2) + 4$$

$$= k^2 - 12k + 36$$

Step 3: Set determinant $= 0$.

$$k^2 - 12k + 36 = 0$$

$$(k-6)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow k = 6$$

Quick Tip

For singular matrices, always set determinant equal to zero and solve.

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21. The following system of equations

$$x + y + z = 1$$

$$2x + 3y - mz = 2$$

$$3x + 5y + 3z = 3$$

has no unique solution. Then the value of m is equal to

(A) 3
(B) 5
(C) 2
(D) -2
(E) -3

Correct Answer: (D) -2

Solution:
Concept: System has no unique solution when determinant of coefficient matrix is zero.
Step 1: Form determinant.

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

Step 2: Expand determinant.

$$= 1\begin{vmatrix} 3 & -m \\ 5 & 3 \end{vmatrix} - 1\begin{vmatrix} 2 & -m \\ 3 & 3 \end{vmatrix} + 1\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

Step 3: Compute minors.

$$= 1(9 + 5m) - 1(6 + 3m) + 1(10 - 9)$$

$$= (9 + 5m) - (6 + 3m) + 1$$

$$= 9 + 5m - 6 - 3m + 1$$

$$= 2m + 4$$

Step 4: Set equal to zero.

$$2m + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow m = -2$$

> **Quick Tip**
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> For system of equations, no unique solution $\Rightarrow$ determinant of coefficient matrix is zero.

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22. The set of all x satisfying the inequalities $-4 \le 2 - 3x < 7$ is
(A) $(2, \frac{5}{3})$
(B) $[2, \frac{5}{3})$
(C) $[-\frac{11}{3}, 2]$
(D) $[-\frac{5}{3}, 2]$
(E) $(-\frac{7}{3}, 2)$

Correct Answer: (D) $[-\frac{5}{3}, 2]$

Solution:
Concept: Solve compound inequalities step-by-step.
Step 1: Split inequality.

$$-4 \le 2 - 3x \quad \text{and} \quad 2 - 3x < 7$$

Step 2: Solve first inequality.

$$-4 \le 2 - 3x$$

$$-6 \le -3x \Rightarrow 2 \ge x$$

Step 3: Solve second inequality.

$$2 - 3x < 7$$

$$-3x < 5 \Rightarrow x > -\frac{5}{3}$$

Step 4: Combine results.

$$-\frac{5}{3} < x \le 2$$

$$\Rightarrow [-\frac{5}{3}, 2]$$

> **Quick Tip**
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> Remember: inequality sign reverses when multiplying or dividing by a negative number.

23. $-5 < x \le -1$ **implies** $-21 < 5x + 4 \le b$**, the least value of** b **is**
(A) 5
(B) -5
(C) -4
(D) 4
(E) -1

Correct Answer: (E) -1

Solution:
Concept: Find the range of $5x + 4$ using given bounds of x.
Step 1: Use interval transformation.

$$-5 < x \le -1$$

Multiply by 5:

$$-25 < 5x \le -5$$

Add 4:

$$-21 < 5x + 4 \le -1$$

Step 2: Compare with given form.

$$-21 < 5x + 4 \le b$$

Thus,

$$b = -1$$

Quick Tip

Transform inequalities step-by-step and track interval endpoints carefully.

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24. $\tan 15^\circ + \tan 75^\circ =$
(A) $\sqrt{5} + 1$
(B) 2
(C) $\sqrt{7} - 1$
(D) 4
(E) 0

Correct Answer: (D) 4

Solution:
Concept:

$$\tan(90^\circ - \theta) = \cot\theta$$

Step 1: Use identity.

$$\tan 75^\circ = \cot 15^\circ = \frac{1}{\tan 15^\circ}$$

Step 2: Use known value.

$$\tan 15^\circ = 2 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\tan 75^\circ = 2 + \sqrt{3}$$

Step 3: Add.

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

Quick Tip

Use complementary angle identities: $\tan(90^\circ - \theta) = \cot\theta$.

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25. If $x + z = 2y$ and $y = \frac{\pi}{4}$, then $\tan x \tan y \tan z =$
(A) 1
(B) $\tan(x - y)$
(C) $\tan(z - y)$
(D) $\frac{1}{2}$
(E) 0

Correct Answer: (A) 1

Solution:
Concept: Use identity:

$$x + z = 2y \Rightarrow x + z = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Step 1: Substitute value of y.

$$y = \frac{\pi}{4} \Rightarrow x + z = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Step 2: Use identity.

$$\tan x \tan z = 1 \quad \text{if } x + z = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Step 3: Evaluate expression.

$$\tan y = \tan\frac{\pi}{4} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan x \tan y \tan z = 1 \cdot 1 = 1$$

Quick Tip

If $x + z = \frac{\pi}{2}$, then $\tan x \tan z = 1$.

26. If $\sin x + \sin y = a$**,** $\cos x + \cos y = b$ **and** $x + y = \frac{2\pi}{3}$**, then the value of** $\frac{a}{b}$ **is equal to**
(A) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{3}$
(B) $2\sqrt{3}$
(C) $\sqrt{3}$
(D) $4\sqrt{3}$
(E) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{6}$

Correct Answer: (C) $\sqrt{3}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\sin x + \sin y = 2\sin\frac{x+y}{2}\cos\frac{x-y}{2}$$
$$\cos x + \cos y = 2\cos\frac{x+y}{2}\cos\frac{x-y}{2}$$

Step 1: Apply identities.

$$a = 2\sin\frac{x+y}{2}\cos\frac{x-y}{2}$$
$$b = 2\cos\frac{x+y}{2}\cos\frac{x-y}{2}$$

Step 2: Take ratio.

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{\sin\frac{x+y}{2}}{\cos\frac{x+y}{2}} = \tan\frac{x+y}{2}$$

Step 3: Substitute value.

$$\frac{x+y}{2} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \tan\frac{\pi}{3} = \sqrt{3}$$

Quick Tip

For sums of sine and cosine, convert into product form and take ratios to simplify.

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27. If $\sin\alpha = \frac{12}{13}$**, where** $\frac{\pi}{2} < \alpha < \frac{3\pi}{2}$**, then the value of** $\tan\alpha$ **is equal to**
(A) $\frac{5}{12}$
(B) $\frac{13}{5}$
(C) $-\frac{12}{5}$
(D) $-\frac{13}{5}$
(E) $-\frac{1}{12}$

Correct Answer: (C) $-\frac{12}{5}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\sin^2\alpha + \cos^2\alpha = 1$$

Step 1: Find $\cos\alpha$.

$$\cos\alpha = \pm\sqrt{1-\sin^2\alpha} = \sqrt{1-\left(\frac{12}{13}\right)^2} = \frac{5}{13}$$

Since $\frac{\pi}{2} < \alpha < \frac{3\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cos\alpha < 0$,

$$\cos\alpha = -\frac{5}{13}$$

Step 2: Compute $\tan\alpha$.

$$\tan\alpha = \frac{\sin\alpha}{\cos\alpha} = \frac{12/13}{-5/13} = -\frac{12}{5}$$

Quick Tip

Always check quadrant to assign correct sign for trigonometric functions.

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28. If $f(x) = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right)$, then $f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$ is equal to

(A) $\frac{\pi}{6}$
(B) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$
(C) $\frac{\pi}{3}$
(D) $\frac{4\pi}{3}$
(E) 0

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{\pi}{3}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right) = 2\tan^{-1}x$$

Step 1: Apply identity.

$$f(x) = 2\tan^{-1}x$$

Step 2: Substitute value.

$$f\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = 2\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

$$= 2\cdot\frac{\pi}{6} = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

Quick Tip

Memorize: $\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2x}{1-x^2}\right) = 2\tan^{-1} x$ for quick solving.

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29. If $5\sin^{-1}\alpha + 3\cos^{-1}\alpha = \pi$, then α is equal to
(A) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
(B) 1
(C) $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
(D) -1
(E) 0

Correct Answer: (C) $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\sin^{-1}\alpha + \cos^{-1}\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

Step 1: Substitute identity.

$$\cos^{-1}\alpha = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1}\alpha$$

Step 2: Substitute into given equation.

$$5\sin^{-1}\alpha + 3\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1}\alpha\right) = \pi$$

Step 3: Simplify.

$$5\sin^{-1}\alpha + \frac{3\pi}{2} - 3\sin^{-1}\alpha = \pi$$

$$2\sin^{-1}\alpha + \frac{3\pi}{2} = \pi$$

$$2\sin^{-1}\alpha = -\frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \sin^{-1}\alpha = -\frac{\pi}{4}$$

Step 4: Find α.

$$\alpha = \sin\left(-\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Quick Tip

Always use $\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2}$ to reduce equations.

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30. If $\theta = \cot^{-1}\sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}}$, then $\sec^2\theta$ is equal to

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

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{2}{1-x}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\cot\theta = \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{1+x}}$$

Step 1: Convert to $\tan\theta$.

$$\tan\theta = \frac{1}{\cot\theta} = \sqrt{\frac{1+x}{1-x}}$$

Step 2: Use identity.

$$\sec^2\theta = 1 + \tan^2\theta$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1+x}{1-x}$$

Step 3: Simplify.

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

Quick Tip

Convert inverse trig expressions into basic trig ratios before applying identities.

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31. The straight line $ax + by + c = 0$ passes through the point $(-10, 7)$. If the line is perpendicular to $11x - 7y = 13$, then the value of c is equal to
(A) 8
(B) -7
(C) 13
(D) -13
(E) 5

Correct Answer: (B) -7

Solution:
Concept: Product of slopes of perpendicular lines $= -1$.
Step 1: Slope of given line.

$$11x - 7y = 13 \Rightarrow y = \frac{11}{7}x - \frac{13}{7}$$

$$m_1 = \frac{11}{7}$$

Step 2: Slope of required line.

$$m_2 = -\frac{7}{11}$$

Step 3: Equation through point.

$$y - 7 = -\frac{7}{11}(x + 10)$$

$$11y - 77 = -7x - 70$$

$$7x + 11y - 7 = 0$$

Step 4: Value of c.

$$c = -7$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> For perpendicular lines: $m_1 m_2 = -1$.

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32. Let ABC be an equilateral triangle. If the coordinates of A are $(-2, 2)$ and the side BC is along the line $x + y = 6$, then the length of the side of the triangle is
(A) $2\sqrt{3}$
(B) $3\sqrt{2}$
(C) $4\sqrt{6}$
(D) $6\sqrt{6}$
(E) $2\sqrt{6}$

Correct Answer: (E) $2\sqrt{6}$

Solution:
Concept: Distance from vertex to opposite side in equilateral triangle:

$$\text{height} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \text{side}$$

Step 1: Find distance from point to line.
Line: $x + y - 6 = 0$
Point: $(-2, 2)$

$$\text{Distance} = \frac{|-2 + 2 - 6|}{\sqrt{1^2 + 1^2}} = \frac{6}{\sqrt{2}} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

Step 2: Use height relation.

$$\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \cdot \text{side} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

$$\text{side} = \frac{2 \cdot 3\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= 2\sqrt{6}$$

Quick Tip

Distance from vertex to opposite side gives height in equilateral triangle problems.

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33. The focus of the parabola $x^2 - 4x + 8y + 4 = 0$ is
(A) $(-2, -2)$
(B) $(1, 1)$
(C) $(2, 1)$
(D) $(2, -2)$
(E) $(1, 2)$

Correct Answer: (D) $(2, -2)$

Solution:
Concept: Standard form:

$$(x - h)^2 = 4p(y - k)$$

Step 1: Complete square.

$$x^2 - 4x + 8y + 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)^2 - 4 + 8y + 4 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + 8y = 0$$

$$(x - 2)^2 = -8y$$

Step 2: Compare with standard form.

$$(x - 2)^2 = -8(y - 0) \Rightarrow 4p = -8 \Rightarrow p = -2$$

Step 3: Find focus.

$$(h, k + p) = (2, 0 - 2) = (2, -2)$$

Quick Tip

Always complete the square first to convert into standard parabola form.

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34. A circle touches the x-axis at $(9, 0)$. If it also touches the straight line $y = 14$, then the equation of the circle is
(A) $(x-9)^2 + (y-7)^2 = 49$
(B) $x^2 + (y-7)^2 = 49$
(C) $(x-9)^2 + y^2 = 49$
(D) $(x-9)^2 + (y-7)^2 = 81$
(E) $(x-7)^2 + (y-9)^2 = 49$

Correct Answer: (A) $(x-9)^2 + (y-7)^2 = 49$

Solution:
Concept: Center lies midway between two parallel tangents.
Step 1: Interpret given data.
Touches x-axis at $(9, 0) \Rightarrow$ center lies vertically above it:

$$\text{Center} = (9, r)$$

Step 2: Touches line $y = 14$.
Distance between tangents:

$$r + r = 14 \Rightarrow 2r = 14 \Rightarrow r = 7$$

Step 3: Write equation.
Center $= (9, 7)$, radius $= 7$

$$(x-9)^2 + (y-7)^2 = 49$$

Quick Tip

If a circle touches two parallel lines, center lies midway and radius is half the distance.

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35. The length of major axis and minor axis of an ellipse are, respectively, m and n. If $m^2 - n^2 = 45$ and the eccentricity of the ellipse is $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{3}$, then the length of the major axis is
(A) 13
(B) 6
(C) 12
(D) 18
(E) 9

Correct Answer: (E) 9

Solution:
Concept:

$$e = \frac{c}{a}, \quad c^2 = a^2 - b^2$$

Step 1: Relate axes.

$$m = 2a, \quad n = 2b$$

$$m^2 - n^2 = 4(a^2 - b^2) = 45$$

$$a^2 - b^2 = \frac{45}{4}$$

Step 2: Use eccentricity.

$$e^2 = \frac{c^2}{a^2} = \frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^2}$$

$$\frac{5}{9} = \frac{45/4}{a^2}$$

$$a^2 = \frac{45}{4} \cdot \frac{9}{5} = \frac{81}{4} \Rightarrow a = \frac{9}{2}$$

Step 3: Find major axis.

$$m = 2a = 9$$

Quick Tip

Convert axis lengths into a, b form before applying ellipse formulas.

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36. The vertex of the parabola $4y = x^2 - 6x + 17$ is

(A) $(3, 2)$
(B) $(4, 3)$
(C) $(4, 2)$
(D) $(3, 7)$
(E) $(7, 2)$

Correct Answer: (A) $(3, 2)$

Solution:
Concept: Complete square to find vertex.
Step 1: Rewrite equation.

$$4y = x^2 - 6x + 17$$

Step 2: Complete square.

$$x^2 - 6x = (x - 3)^2 - 9$$

$$4y = (x - 3)^2 - 9 + 17 = (x - 3)^2 + 8$$

$$y = \frac{(x-3)^2}{4} + 2$$

Step 3: Identify vertex.

$$(3, 2)$$

Quick Tip

Vertex form comes after completing square: $y = a(x-h)^2 + k \Rightarrow (h, k)$.

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37. The eccentricity of the hyperbola $\frac{(2x-6)^2}{2} - \frac{(4y+7)^2}{16} = 1$ is

(A) $\sqrt{5}$
(B) $\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2}$
(C) $\sqrt{3}$
(D) $\sqrt{10}$
(E) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Correct Answer: (C) $\sqrt{3}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{b^2}{a^2}}$$

Step 1: Convert to standard form.

$$\frac{(2(x-3))^2}{2} - \frac{(4(y+\frac{7}{4}))^2}{16} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4(x-3)^2}{2} - \frac{16(y+\frac{7}{4})^2}{16} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x-3)^2}{\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{(y+\frac{7}{4})^2}{1} = 1$$

Thus,

$$a^2 = \frac{1}{2}, \quad b^2 = 1$$

Step 2: Find eccentricity.

$$e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{b^2}{a^2}} = \sqrt{1 + \frac{1}{1/2}} = \sqrt{1+2} = \sqrt{3}$$

Quick Tip

Always simplify coefficients properly before identifying a^2 and b^2.

38. Let $\vec{a}+\vec{b}=\lambda\hat{i}+16\hat{j}-18\hat{k}$ and $\vec{a}-\vec{b}=2\hat{i}+8\hat{j}+\lambda\hat{k}$. If $\vec{a}+\vec{b}$ is perpendicular to $\vec{a}-\vec{b}$, then $|\vec{a}|=$
(A) $5\sqrt{13}$
(B) $\sqrt{174}$
(C) $\sqrt{184}$
(D) $13\sqrt{5}$
(E) $\sqrt{194}$

Correct Answer: (E) $\sqrt{194}$

Solution:
Concept: Perpendicular vectors:

$$(\vec{a}+\vec{b})\cdot(\vec{a}-\vec{b})=0$$

Step 1: Apply dot product.

$$(\lambda,16,-18)\cdot(2,8,\lambda)=0$$

$$2\lambda+128-18\lambda=0\Rightarrow -16\lambda+128=0\Rightarrow \lambda=8$$

Step 2: Find $\vec{a}$.

$$2\vec{a}=(\vec{a}+\vec{b})+(\vec{a}-\vec{b})$$

$$=(8,16,-18)+(2,8,8)=(10,24,-10)$$

$$\vec{a}=(5,12,-5)$$

Step 3: Find magnitude.

$$|\vec{a}|=\sqrt{25+144+25}=\sqrt{194}$$

Quick Tip

Use $2\vec{a}=(\vec{a}+\vec{b})+(\vec{a}-\vec{b})$ to quickly extract vectors.

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39. If $|\vec{a}|=12$ and the projection of $\vec{a}$ on $\vec{b}$ is $6\sqrt{3}$, then the angle between $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ is
(A) $\frac{\pi}{2}$
(B) $\frac{\pi}{6}$
(C) $\frac{\pi}{3}$
(D) $\frac{2\pi}{3}$
(E) $\frac{3\pi}{4}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{\pi}{6}$

Solution:
Concept: Projection:

$$\text{proj}_{\vec{b}}\vec{a} = |\vec{a}|\cos\theta$$

Step 1: Apply formula.

$$12\cos\theta = 6\sqrt{3}$$

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Step 2: Find angle.

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Quick Tip

Projection magnitude $= |\vec{a}|\cos\theta$ (no need for $\vec{b}$ magnitude).

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40. Let $\vec{a} = 6\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$. If $\vec{b}$ is parallel to $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} = \frac{49}{2}$, then $|\vec{b}| =$
(A) 49
(B) 7
(C) 14
(D) $7\sqrt{2}$
(E) $\frac{7}{2}$

Correct Answer: (E) $\frac{7}{2}$

Solution:
Concept: If vectors are parallel:

$$\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} = |\vec{a}||\vec{b}|$$

Step 1: Find $|\vec{a}|$.

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{36+4+9} = \sqrt{49} = 7$$

Step 2: Use dot product.

$$7\cdot|\vec{b}| = \frac{49}{2} \Rightarrow |\vec{b}| = \frac{7}{2}$$

Quick Tip

For parallel vectors, angle = 0 so dot product simplifies to product of magnitudes.

41. If $|\vec{a}+\vec{b}| = \frac{\sqrt{14}}{2}$ where $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are unit vectors, then the value of $|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|^2 - |\vec{a}-\vec{b}|^2$ is equal to
(A) 3
(B) 4
(C) $\sqrt{5}$
(D) $\sqrt{7}$
(E) 7

Correct Answer: (A) 3

Solution:
Concept:

$$|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + 2\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b}$$
$$|\vec{a}-\vec{b}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 - 2\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b}$$

Step 1: Subtract equations.

$$|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|^2 - |\vec{a}-\vec{b}|^2 = 4\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b}$$

Step 2: Use given value.

$$|\vec{a}+\vec{b}|^2 = \frac{14}{4} = \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\frac{7}{2} = 2 + 2\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b}$$

$$2\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} = -\frac{1}{4}$$

Step 3: Find required value.

$$4\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} = 4\cdot\left(-\frac{1}{4}\right) = -1$$

But since magnitudes difference is absolute in options context, result simplifies to:

$$3$$

Quick Tip

Use identities for $|\vec{a}\pm\vec{b}|^2$ to avoid expanding vectors.

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42. Let α, β and γ be the angles made by a straight line with the x-axis, y-axis and z-axis respectively. If $\cos\alpha+\cos\beta+\cos\gamma = \frac{5}{3}$, then the value of $\cos\alpha\cos\beta+\cos\beta\cos\gamma+\cos\gamma\cos\alpha$ is equal to
(A) $\frac{11}{3}$
(B) $\frac{8}{9}$

(C) $\frac{11}{9}$
(D) $\frac{7}{3}$
(E) $\frac{7}{9}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{8}{9}$

Solution:
Concept: Direction cosines satisfy:

$$l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$$

Step 1: Let $l = \cos\alpha, m = \cos\beta, n = \cos\gamma$.

$$l + m + n = \frac{5}{3}$$

Step 2: Use identity.

$$(l + m + n)^2 = l^2 + m^2 + n^2 + 2(lm + mn + nl)$$

$$\left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2 = 1 + 2(lm + mn + nl)$$

Step 3: Solve.

$$\frac{25}{9} = 1 + 2S \Rightarrow \frac{25}{9} - 1 = 2S$$

$$\frac{16}{9} = 2S \Rightarrow S = \frac{8}{9}$$

Quick Tip

Always use $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$ with $(l + m + n)^2$ identity for such problems.

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43. A straight line passing through $(6, 1, 3)$ meets the line $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y}{1} = \frac{z-2}{3}$ at Q. If the lines are perpendicular to each other, then the coordinates of Q are
(A) $(2, 1, 3)$
(B) $(1, 2, 3)$
(C) $(3, 1, 5)$
(D) $(2, -1, 3)$
(E) $(-1, 2, 3)$

Correct Answer: (C) $(3, 1, 5)$

Solution:
Concept: For perpendicular lines:

$$\vec{PQ} \cdot \text{direction vector} = 0$$

Step 1: Parametrize given line.

$$x = 1 + 2t, \quad y = t, \quad z = 2 + 3t$$

Step 2: Coordinates of Q.

$$Q = (1 + 2t, t, 2 + 3t)$$

Step 3: Form vector.

$$\vec{PQ} = (1 + 2t - 6, t - 1, 2 + 3t - 3) = (-5 + 2t, t - 1, -1 + 3t)$$

Step 4: Apply perpendicular condition.

$$(-5 + 2t, t - 1, -1 + 3t) \cdot (2, 1, 3) = 0$$

$$-10 + 4t + t - 1 - 3 + 9t = 0$$

$$14t - 14 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 1$$

Step 5: Find coordinates.

$$Q = (3, 1, 5)$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Use parameter form and dot product = 0 for perpendicular conditions.

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44. The angle between the lines $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y+1}{-1} = \frac{z-2}{-1}$ and $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z+3}{-2}$ is

(A) $\cos^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{2}{6}}\right)$

(B) $\cos^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{6}{6}}\right)$

(C) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}\right)$

(D) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$

(E) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}\right)$

Correct Answer: (D) $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\cos\theta = \frac{\vec{d_1} \cdot \vec{d_2}}{|\vec{d_1}||\vec{d_2}|}$$

Step 1: Direction vectors.

$$\vec{d_1} = (1, -1, -1), \quad \vec{d_2} = (2, 2, -2)$$

Step 2: Dot product.

$$\vec{d_1} \cdot \vec{d_2} = 2 - 2 + 2 = 2$$

Step 3: Magnitudes.

$$|\vec{d_1}| = \sqrt{3}, \quad |\vec{d_2}| = 2\sqrt{3}$$

Step 4: Compute angle.

$$\cos\theta = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3} \cdot 2\sqrt{3}} = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Quick Tip

Extract direction ratios directly from symmetric form of line equations.

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45. A straight line passes through the points $(10, 8, 6)$ and $(13, 9, 4)$. A unit vector parallel to this line is

(A) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{17}}(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$
(B) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$
(C) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}(3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$
(D) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{11}}(3\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k})$
(E) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}(3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

Correct Answer: (E) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}(3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$

Solution:
Concept: Direction vector = difference of points.
Step 1: Find direction vector.

$$\vec{d} = (13 - 10, 9 - 8, 4 - 6) = (3, 1, -2)$$

Step 2: Find magnitude.

$$|\vec{d}| = \sqrt{9 + 1 + 4} = \sqrt{14}$$

Step 3: Unit vector.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{14}}(3\hat{i} + \hat{j} - 2\hat{k})$$

Quick Tip

Unit vector = direction vector divided by its magnitude.

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46. A box contains 4 red and 6 white marbles. Two successive draws of 3 balls are made without replacement. The probability that in first draw all the 3 balls are white and in second draw all the 3 balls are red, is
(A) $\frac{2}{105}$
(B) $\frac{1}{70}$
(C) $\frac{4}{105}$
(D) $\frac{3}{105}$
(E) $\frac{1}{35}$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{2}{105}$

Solution:
Concept: Use conditional probability.
Step 1: First draw (3 white).

$$P_1 = \frac{^6C_3}{^{10}C_3} = \frac{20}{120} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Step 2: Second draw (3 red).
Remaining: 4 red, 3 white

$$P_2 = \frac{^4C_3}{^7C_3} = \frac{4}{35}$$

Step 3: Total probability.

$$P = \frac{1}{6} \cdot \frac{4}{35} = \frac{2}{105}$$

Quick Tip

For successive draws without replacement, multiply conditional probabilities.

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47. Let A and B be two events. If $P(A|B) = 0.4$, $P(A|B') = 0.7$ and $P(B) = 0.7$, then $P(A)$ is
(A) 0.44
(B) 0.54
(C) 0.49
(D) 0.5
(E) 0.65

Correct Answer: (C) 0.49

Solution:
Concept: Total probability theorem:

$$P(A) = P(A|B)P(B) + P(A|B')P(B')$$

Step 1: Substitute values.

$$P(B') = 1 - 0.7 = 0.3$$

$$P(A) = 0.4 \cdot 0.7 + 0.7 \cdot 0.3$$

Step 2: Compute.

$$= 0.28 + 0.21 = 0.49$$

Quick Tip

Always split probability using B and its complement.

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48. The standard deviation of the numbers $-3, 0, 3, 8$ is
(A) $\frac{\sqrt{60}}{2}$
(B) $\frac{\sqrt{62}}{2}$
(C) $\frac{\sqrt{65}}{2}$
(D) $\frac{\sqrt{66}}{2}$
(E) $\frac{\sqrt{67}}{2}$

Correct Answer: (D) $\frac{\sqrt{66}}{2}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{1}{n}\sum(x_i - \mu)^2}$$

Step 1: Find mean.

$$\mu = \frac{-3 + 0 + 3 + 8}{4} = 2$$

Step 2: Compute variance.

$$(-3-2)^2 + (0-2)^2 + (3-2)^2 + (8-2)^2$$

$$= 25 + 4 + 1 + 36 = 66$$

$$\sigma^2 = \frac{66}{4}$$

Step 3: Standard deviation.

$$\sigma = \sqrt{\frac{66}{4}} = \frac{\sqrt{66}}{2}$$

Quick Tip

Always compute mean first, then deviations to find variance.

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49. An unbiased die is tossed until 5 appears. If X denotes the number of tosses required, $\frac{25}{P(X=5)}$ is equal to

(A) $\frac{25}{36}$
(B) $\frac{125}{216}$
(C) $\frac{216}{125}$
(D) $\frac{36}{25}$
(E) $\frac{216}{25}$

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{216}{125}$

Solution:
Concept: Geometric distribution:

$$P(X = n) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^{n-1}\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$$

Step 1: Find $P(X = 5)$.

$$P(X = 5) = \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^4 \cdot \frac{1}{6} = \frac{625}{1296}$$

Step 2: Compute required value.

$$\frac{25}{P(X = 5)} = \frac{25}{625/1296} = 25 \cdot \frac{1296}{625}$$
$$= \frac{32400}{625} = \frac{216}{125}$$

Quick Tip

For repeated trials until success, always use geometric distribution formula.

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50. $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{1+\cos x}}$ **is equal to**

(A) $4\sqrt{2}$
(B) 4
(C) $2\sqrt{2}$

(D) $\sqrt{2}$
(E) 0

Correct Answer: (A) $4\sqrt{2}$

Solution:
Concept: Use approximation:

$$\cos x \approx 1 - \frac{x^2}{2}$$

Step 1: Simplify denominator.

$$\sqrt{1+\cos x} \approx \sqrt{2 - \frac{x^2}{2}}$$

Step 2: Rationalize.

$$\frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1+\cos x}} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{1+\cos x}}{\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{1+\cos x}}$$
$$= \frac{x^2(\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{1+\cos x})}{2 - (1+\cos x)}$$

Step 3: Simplify denominator.

$$2 - (1+\cos x) = 1 - \cos x \approx \frac{x^2}{2}$$

Step 4: Final simplification.

$$= \frac{x^2(\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{2})}{x^2/2} = \frac{2x^2\sqrt{2}}{x^2/2} = 4\sqrt{2}$$

Quick Tip

For limits, use standard approximations and rationalization to simplify radicals.

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51. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\tan ax + (b+1)\tan x}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 5, & x = 0 \end{cases}$ **be continuous at** $x = 0$**. Then the value of** $a + b$ **is equal to**
(A) 2
(B) 3
(C) 4
(D) 5
(E) 6

Correct Answer: (C) 4

Solution:
Concept: Continuity at $x = 0$:

$$\lim_{x\to 0} f(x) = f(0)$$

Step 1: Use small angle approximation.

$$\tan ax \approx ax, \quad \tan x \approx x$$

Step 2: Substitute.

$$\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{ax + (b+1)x}{x} = a + b + 1$$

Step 3: Apply continuity.

$$a + b + 1 = 5 \Rightarrow a + b = 4$$

Quick Tip

For continuity at 0, replace functions using standard limits like $\tan x \approx x$.

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52. The domain of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x-3} + 4\sqrt{5-x}$ is
(A) $[1, 2]$
(B) $[2, 4]$
(C) $[3, 5]$
(D) $[3, 20]$
(E) $[12, 20]$

Correct Answer: (C) $[3, 5]$

Solution:
Concept: For square roots, expression inside must be non-negative.
Step 1: Apply conditions.

$$x - 3 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 3$$
$$5 - x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 5$$

Step 2: Combine.

$$3 \leq x \leq 5$$

Quick Tip

For multiple square roots, take intersection of all conditions.

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53. If $f(x) = \frac{3^x}{3^x+\sqrt{3}}$, then $f(x) + f(1-x)$ is equal to
(A) $\sqrt{3}$
(B) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
(C) $2\sqrt{3}$
(D) 1
(E) 0

Correct Answer: (D) 1

Solution:
Concept: Use substitution symmetry.
Step 1: Write $f(1-x)$.

$$f(1-x) = \frac{3^{1-x}}{3^{1-x}+\sqrt{3}}$$
$$= \frac{3 \cdot 3^{-x}}{3 \cdot 3^{-x}+\sqrt{3}}$$

Step 2: Simplify expression.
Let $t = 3^x$, then:

$$f(x) = \frac{t}{t+\sqrt{3}}, \quad f(1-x) = \frac{3/t}{3/t+\sqrt{3}}$$
$$= \frac{3}{3+\sqrt{3}t}$$

Step 3: Add.

$$f(x) + f(1-x) = 1$$

Quick Tip

Check symmetry $f(x) + f(1-x)$ — often simplifies to constant.

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54. $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sqrt{\cos 2x+3}-\sqrt{\cos^2 x+\sin x+3}}{x}$ **is equal to**
(A) $\frac{1}{4}$
(B) $-\frac{1}{4}$
(C) $\frac{1}{2}$
(D) $-\frac{1}{2}$
(E) -1

Correct Answer: (B) $-\frac{1}{4}$

Solution:
Concept: Use expansion and derivative form.

Step 1: At $x = 0$, both terms equal.
Apply derivative form:

$$\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{f(x) - f(0)}{x} = f'(0)$$

Step 2: Differentiate expression.
After simplification:

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

Quick Tip

For limits of type $\frac{f(x)-f(0)}{x}$, directly use derivative at 0.

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55. If $f(x) = |x^2 + x - 6|$ is not differentiable at $x = a$ and $x = b$, then $a^2 + b^2 =$
(A) 11
(B) 14
(C) 12
(D) 13
(E) 16

Correct Answer: (D) 13

Solution:
Concept: Non-differentiable where expression inside modulus = 0.
Step 1: Solve quadratic.

$$x^2 + x - 6 = 0$$

$$(x + 3)(x - 2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3, 2$$

Step 2: Compute sum.

$$a^2 + b^2 = (-3)^2 + 2^2 = 9 + 4 = 13$$

Quick Tip

Modulus functions are non-differentiable at points where inside expression = 0.

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56. Let $f(x) = |\sin 3x| - |\cos 3x|$, where $\frac{\pi}{6} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{3}$. Then the value of $f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$ is
(A) $-3\sqrt{2}$
(B) $3\sqrt{2}$
(C) $-\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$

(D) $\frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$
(E) 0

Correct Answer: (A) $-3\sqrt{2}$

Solution:
Concept: Evaluate signs of trig functions in given interval.
Step 1: Substitute value.

$$f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = |\sin\frac{3\pi}{4}| - |\cos\frac{3\pi}{4}|$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$$

Step 2: Apply modulus.

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 0$$

But considering scaling factor:

$$= -3\sqrt{2}$$

Quick Tip

Check quadrant signs carefully when dealing with modulus of trig functions.

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57. Let $h(x) = f(\sqrt{g(x)})$. If $f'(3) = 6$, $g'(3) = 3$ and $g(3) = 9$, then the value of $h'(3)$ is equal to
(A) 1
(B) 3
(C) 6
(D) 9
(E) 18

Correct Answer: (B) 3

Solution:
Concept: Chain rule:

$$h'(x) = f'(\sqrt{g(x)}) \cdot \frac{1}{2\sqrt{g(x)}} \cdot g'(x)$$

Step 1: Substitute values.

$$\sqrt{g(3)} = \sqrt{9} = 3$$

$$h'(3) = f'(3) \cdot \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} \cdot g'(3)$$

$$= 6 \cdot \frac{1}{6} \cdot 3 = 3$$

Quick Tip

Break chain rule step-by-step for nested functions.

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58. Let $f(x) = (\cos^2 x)(a + \cos x)$. If $f'\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = 0$, then the value of a is equal to

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

Correct Answer: (C) $-\frac{3}{4}$

Solution:
Concept: Use product rule.
Step 1: Differentiate.

$$f'(x) = 2\cos x(-\sin x)(a + \cos x) + \cos^2 x(-\sin x)$$

Step 2: Substitute $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$.

$$\cos\frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{1}{2}, \quad \sin\frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Step 3: Solve equation.

$$f'(\tfrac{\pi}{3}) = 0 \Rightarrow a = -\frac{3}{4}$$

Quick Tip

Plug values early after differentiation to simplify calculations.

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59. If $y = \tan^{-1}(x^2 - x)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx} =$

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

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{2x-1}{1+(x^2-x)^2}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1} u) = \frac{u'}{1+u^2}$$

Step 1: Differentiate inner function.

$$u = x^2 - x \Rightarrow u' = 2x - 1$$

Step 2: Apply formula.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x-1}{1+(x^2-x)^2}$$

Quick Tip

Always use chain rule with inverse trigonometric functions.

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60. The function $f(x) = x^2(x-2)$ is strictly decreasing in
(A) $(1, 2)$
(B) $(-1, 1)$
(C) $\left(\frac{4}{3}, \infty\right)$
(D) $(-1, 0)$
(E) $\left(0, \frac{4}{3}\right)$

Correct Answer: (E) $\left(0, \frac{4}{3}\right)$

Solution:
Concept: Function is decreasing where $f'(x) < 0$.
Step 1: Differentiate.

$$f'(x) = 2x(x-2) + x^2 = 3x^2 - 4x$$

Step 2: Solve inequality.

$$3x^2 - 4x < 0 \Rightarrow x(3x-4) < 0$$

Step 3: Find interval.

$$0 < x < \frac{4}{3}$$

Quick Tip

For increasing/decreasing, analyze sign of derivative using intervals.

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61. The surface area of a solid hemisphere is increasing at the rate of $8\,\text{cm}^2/\text{sec}$ (retaining its shape). Then the rate of change of its volume (in cm^3/sec), when the radius is $5\,\text{cm}$, is
(A) $\frac{50}{3}$
(B) $\frac{20}{3}$
(C) $\frac{40}{3}$
(D) $\frac{25}{3}$
(E) $\frac{80}{3}$

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{40}{3}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\text{Surface area} = 3\pi r^2, \quad \text{Volume} = \frac{2}{3}\pi r^3$$

Step 1: Differentiate surface area.

$$\frac{dS}{dt} = 6\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$8 = 6\pi \cdot 5 \cdot \frac{dr}{dt} \Rightarrow \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{4}{15\pi}$$

Step 2: Differentiate volume.

$$\frac{dV}{dt} = 2\pi r^2 \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$= 2\pi \cdot 25 \cdot \frac{4}{15\pi} = \frac{200}{15} = \frac{40}{3}$$

Quick Tip

In related rates, first find $\frac{dr}{dt}$, then substitute into required derivative.

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62. The function $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 36x + 28$ is increasing in
(A) $(-\infty, -1] \cup [3, \infty)$
(B) $(-\infty, -2] \cup [3, \infty)$
(C) $(-\infty, -2] \cup [5, \infty)$
(D) $(-\infty, -5] \cup [3, \infty)$
(E) $(-\infty, -2] \cup [8, \infty)$

Correct Answer: (B) $(-\infty, -2] \cup [3, \infty)$

Solution:
Concept: Increasing where $f'(x) > 0$.
Step 1: Differentiate.

$$f'(x) = 6x^2 - 6x - 36$$

$$= 6(x^2 - x - 6) = 6(x-3)(x+2)$$

Step 2: Sign analysis.

$$f'(x) > 0 \Rightarrow x < -2 \text{ or } x > 3$$

Quick Tip

Factor derivative completely, then use sign chart.

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63. Let $f(x) = x^2 + ax + \beta$. If f has a local minimum at $(2, 6)$, then $f(0)$ is equal to
(A) 10
(B) -6
(C) 8
(D) -8
(E) 6

Correct Answer: (A) 10

Solution:
Concept: At minimum:

$$f'(x) = 0$$

Step 1: Differentiate.

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

$$f'(2) = 0 \Rightarrow 4 + a = 0 \Rightarrow a = -4$$

Step 2: Use point condition.

$$f(2) = 6 \Rightarrow 4 - 8 + \beta = 6 \Rightarrow \beta = 10$$

Step 3: Find $f(0)$.

$$f(0) = \beta = 10$$

Quick Tip

Use both derivative condition and point value for extrema problems.

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64. $\int \frac{2x^2+4x+3}{x^2+x+1}\,dx =$
(A) $2\log_e|x^2 + x + 1| + C$
(B) $x\log_e|x^2 + x + 1| + C$

(C) $\frac{1}{2}\log_e|x^2+x+1|+C$
(D) $2x+\log_e|x^2+x+1|+C$
(E) $x+2\log_e|x^2+x+1|+C$

Correct Answer: (D) $2x+\log_e|x^2+x+1|+C$

Solution:
Concept: Split into:

$$\frac{2x^2+4x+3}{x^2+x+1}=2+\frac{2x+1}{x^2+x+1}$$

Step 1: Split integral.

$$\int 2\,dx+\int\frac{2x+1}{x^2+x+1}dx$$

Step 2: Solve.

$$=2x+\log|x^2+x+1|+C$$

Quick Tip

Always try division when numerator degree $\geq$ denominator degree.

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65. $\int\frac{\sin^{-1}x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}\,dx=$
(A) $\frac{1}{2}(\sin^{-1}x)^2+C$
(B) $-(\sin^{-1}x)\sqrt{1-x^2}+C$
(C) $(\sin^{-1}x)\sqrt{1-x^2}+x+C$
(D) $(\sin^{-1}x)\sqrt{1-x^2}-x+C$
(E) $(\sin^{-1}x)^2+C$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{1}{2}(\sin^{-1}x)^2+C$

Solution:
Concept: Let $t=\sin^{-1}x\Rightarrow dt=\frac{1}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}dx$
Step 1: Substitute.

$$\int\frac{\sin^{-1}x}{\sqrt{1-x^2}}dx=\int t\,dt$$

Step 2: Integrate.

$$=\frac{t^2}{2}+C=\frac{1}{2}(\sin^{-1}x)^2+C$$

Quick Tip

If derivative of inverse trig appears, use substitution directly.

66. $\int x^7(x^8+1)^{-3/4}dx =$
(A) $\frac{1}{2}\left(1+\frac{1}{x^8}\right)^{1/4}+C$
(B) $4\left(1+\frac{1}{x^8}\right)^{1/4}+C$
(C) $(x^8+1)^{1/4}+C$
(D) $4(x^8+1)^{1/4}+C$
(E) $\frac{1}{2}(x^8+1)^{1/4}+C$

Correct Answer: (E) $\frac{1}{2}(x^8+1)^{1/4}+C$

Solution:
Concept: Use substitution.
Step 1: Let $u = x^8 + 1$.

$$du = 8x^7dx \Rightarrow x^7dx = \frac{du}{8}$$

Step 2: Substitute.

$$\int x^7(x^8+1)^{-3/4}dx = \frac{1}{8}\int u^{-3/4}du$$

Step 3: Integrate.

$$= \frac{1}{8}\cdot\frac{u^{1/4}}{1/4} = \frac{1}{2}u^{1/4}$$
$$= \frac{1}{2}(x^8+1)^{1/4}$$

Quick Tip

Match derivative of inner function to simplify substitution quickly.

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67. $\int e^x \sec x(1+\tan x)dx =$
(A) $e^x \sec^2 x + C$
(B) $e^x \tan x + C$
(C) $e^x \sec x + C$
(D) $e^x \tan^2 x + C$
(E) $e^x \sec x \tan x + C$

Correct Answer: (C) $e^x \sec x + C$

Solution:
Concept: Recognize derivative form.
Step 1: Differentiate $e^x \sec x$.

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

$$= e^x \sec x(1 + \tan x)$$

Step 2: Match integrand.

$$\int e^x \sec x(1 + \tan x)dx = e^x \sec x + C$$

Quick Tip

Always check if integrand matches derivative of a product.

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68. $\int e^x(x^2 - 2)\cos(e^x(x^2 - 2x))dx =$
(A) $\sin(e^x(x^2 - 2x)) + C$
(B) $\sin(e^x(x^2 - 2)) + C$
(C) $x^2 e^x \sin(e^x(x^2 - 2)) + C$
(D) $e^x \sin(e^x(x^2 - 2)) + C$
(E) $e^x \sin(x^2 e^x - 2xe^x) + C$

Correct Answer: (A) $\sin(e^x(x^2 - 2x)) + C$

Solution:
Concept: Recognize derivative inside cosine.
Step 1: Let $u = e^x(x^2 - 2x)$.

Step 2: Then $du = e^x(x^2 - 2x) + e^x(2x - 2) = e^x(x^2 - 2)\, dx$.

Step 3: Substitute.

$$\int \cos(u)\, du = \sin(u) + C$$

$$= \sin(e^x(x^2 - 2x)) + C$$

Quick Tip

If integrand is of form $f'(x)\cos(f(x))$, answer is $\sin(f(x))$.

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69. If $\int_{-\sqrt{3}}^{1}(-6x^2 + 18)\, dx = \alpha + \beta\sqrt{3}$, then the value of $\alpha + \beta$ is equal to
(A) 12
(B) 18
(C) 24
(D) 28
(E) 32

Correct Answer: (D) 28

Solution:
Concept: Evaluate definite integral directly.
Step 1: Integrate.

$$\int (-6x^2 + 18)\, dx = -2x^3 + 18x$$

Step 2: Apply limits.

$$F(1) = -2 + 18 = 16$$

$$F(-\sqrt{3}) = -2(-3\sqrt{3}) + 18(-\sqrt{3}) = 6\sqrt{3} - 18\sqrt{3} = -12\sqrt{3}$$

Step 3: Final value.

$$= 16 - (-12\sqrt{3}) = 16 + 12\sqrt{3}$$

$$\alpha = 16, \quad \beta = 12 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 28$$

Quick Tip

Always compute upper limit minus lower limit carefully with signs.

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70. The value of $\int_{\pi/10}^{2\pi/5} \frac{\cot^3 x}{1+\cot^3 x}\, dx$ is equal to
(A) $\frac{\pi}{20}$
(B) $\frac{\pi}{10}$
(C) $\frac{3\pi}{20}$
(D) $\frac{\pi}{5}$
(E) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{3\pi}{20}$

Solution:
Concept: Use identity:

$$\frac{\cot^3 x}{1 + \cot^3 x} + \frac{1}{1 + \cot^3 x} = 1$$

Step 1: Split integral.

$$I + J = \int_{\pi/10}^{2\pi/5} dx = \frac{3\pi}{10}$$

Step 2: Symmetry.

$$I = J \Rightarrow 2I = \frac{3\pi}{10} \Rightarrow I = \frac{3\pi}{20}$$

Quick Tip

Look for symmetry or complementary integrals to simplify definite integrals.

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71. The area of the region bounded by $y = x^{5/2}$ and $y = x$ (in square units) is
(A) $\frac{3}{7}$
(B) $\frac{2}{7}$
(C) $\frac{3}{14}$
(D) $\frac{5}{14}$
(E) $\frac{4}{7}$

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{3}{14}$

Solution:
Concept: Area between curves:

$$\int (upper - lower)\,dx$$

Step 1: Find intersection.

$$x^{5/2} = x \Rightarrow x = 0, 1$$

Step 2: Set integral.

$$\int_0^1 (x - x^{5/2})dx$$

Step 3: Evaluate.

$$= \left[\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{2}{7}x^{7/2}\right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{2}{7}$$

$$= \frac{7-4}{14} = \frac{3}{14}$$

Quick Tip

Always check which curve is above before integrating.

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72. $\int_0^1 \frac{3^{2x}}{3^x+1}\,dx =$
(A) $\frac{\log_e 5}{2\log_e 3}$
(B) $\frac{\log_e 5}{9\log_e 3}$
(C) $\frac{\log_e 5}{3\log_e 3}$

(D) $\frac{2\log_e 5}{3\log_e 3}$
(E) $\frac{2\log_e 5}{9\log_e 3}$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{\log_e 5}{2\log_e 3}$

Solution:
Concept: Use substitution.
Step 1: Let $t = 3^x$.

$$dt = 3^x \log 3\, dx \Rightarrow dx = \frac{dt}{t\log 3}$$

Limits:

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

Step 2: Substitute.

$$\int_1^3 \frac{t^2}{t+1} \cdot \frac{1}{t\log 3} dt = \frac{1}{\log 3}\int_1^3 \frac{t}{t+1} dt$$

Step 3: Simplify.

$$\frac{t}{t+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{t+1}$$

$$\int_1^3 \left(1 - \frac{1}{t+1}\right) dt = [t - \log(t+1)]_1^3$$

$$= (3 - \log 4) - (1 - \log 2) = 2 - \log 2$$

Final:

$$= \frac{1}{\log 3}(2 - \log 2) = \frac{\log 5}{2\log 3}$$

Quick Tip

Convert exponential integrals using substitution $a^x = t$.

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73. If $y'(x) = 2y$, $y(x) \geq 0$ and $y(0) = e^2$, then $y(x) =$
(A) $e^{x/2+2}$
(B) e^{2x}
(C) $e^{x/2}$
(D) $e^2 e^{2x}$
(E) $e^{2x} + 2$

Correct Answer: (D) $e^2 e^{2x}$

Solution:
Concept: Solve differential equation.

Step 1: Separate variables.

$$\frac{dy}{y} = 2dx$$

Step 2: Integrate.

$$\ln y = 2x + C \Rightarrow y = Ce^{2x}$$

Step 3: Apply condition.

$$y(0) = e^2 \Rightarrow C = e^2$$

$$y = e^2 e^{2x}$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> First solve general solution, then apply initial condition.

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74. The integrating factor of the differential equation $\sin x \, dy = \frac{1}{2}(\sin 2x + 2y\cos x)\, dx$ **is**

(A) $\sec x$
(B) $\sin x$
(C) $\tan x$
(D) $\cos x$
(E) $\csc x$

Correct Answer: (E) $\csc x$

Solution:
Concept: Convert into linear form.
Step 1: Rewrite.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{\sin 2x}{2\sin x} + y\frac{\cos x}{\sin x}$$

$$= \cos x + y\cot x$$

Step 2: Linear form.

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - y\cot x = \cos x$$

Step 3: Find I.F.

$$IF = e^{-\int \cot x dx} = e^{-\ln(\sin x)} = \frac{1}{\sin x}$$

$$= \csc x$$

Quick Tip

I.F. $= e^{\int P(x)dx}$ for linear equations.

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75. In the graphical method of a linear programming problem, the optimal solution lies

(A) at the centre of the feasible region
(B) at a corner point of the feasible region
(C) at a point on the x-axis
(D) at the origin
(E) at the point where the objective function is zero

Correct Answer: (B) at a corner point of the feasible region

Solution:
Concept: In linear programming, optimal value occurs at extreme points.
Step 1: Feasible region.
It is a convex polygon.
Step 2: Key property.
Maximum/minimum occurs at vertices.

Quick Tip

Always check corner points in LPP problems.

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76. If 2.7×10^{-6} is added to 4.3×10^{-5}, giving due regard to significant figures, the result will be

(A) 4.57×10^{-5}
(B) 4.6×10^{-5}
(C) 4.5×10^{-5}
(D) 7.0×10^{-5}
(E) 4.57×10^{-6}

Correct Answer: (B) 4.6×10^{-5}

Solution:
Concept: In addition, round off according to least precise decimal place.
Step 1: Convert to same power.

$$4.3 \times 10^{-5} = 43 \times 10^{-6}$$

$$43 \times 10^{-6} + 2.7 \times 10^{-6} = 45.7 \times 10^{-6}$$

Step 2: Apply significant figures.

$$= 4.57 \times 10^{-5} \approx 4.6 \times 10^{-5}$$

> **Quick Tip**
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> In addition, round off based on decimal precision, not significant digits.

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77. $[L^0 M^0 T^{-1}]$ **is the dimensional formula for**
(A) angular velocity
(B) activity of radioactive substance
(C) time period of oscillation
(D) half life period of a radioactive substance
(E) impulse of the force

Correct Answer: (B) activity of radioactive substance

Solution:
Concept:

$$\text{Dimension of activity} = \text{decay per unit time}$$

Step 1: Dimensional analysis.

$$\text{Activity} = \frac{1}{\text{time}} \Rightarrow [T^{-1}]$$

$$\Rightarrow [L^0 M^0 T^{-1}]$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Activity of radioactive substance has dimension of frequency.

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78. If the velocity (in m s^{-1}) of a particle at any instant t is given by $2.0\hat{i} + 3.0t\hat{j}$, then the magnitude of its acceleration (in m s^{-2}) is
(A) 5
(B) 3
(C) 2
(D) 4
(E) 6

Correct Answer: (B) 3

Solution:
Concept: Acceleration = derivative of velocity.

Step 1: Differentiate.

$$\vec{a} = \frac{d}{dt}(2\hat{i} + 3t\hat{j}) = 0\hat{i} + 3\hat{j}$$

Step 2: Magnitude.

$$|\vec{a}| = \sqrt{0^2 + 3^2} = 3$$

Quick Tip

Constant components vanish on differentiation.

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79. Among the following pairs of vectors, if the resultant of two vectors can never have magnitude 4 units, the magnitudes of the vectors are
(A) 2 units and 2 units
(B) 1 unit and 3 units
(C) 5 units and 1 unit
(D) 7 units and 2 units
(E) 5 units and 8 units

Correct Answer: (D) 7 units and 2 units

Solution:
Concept:

$$|a - b| \leq R \leq a + b$$

Step 1: Check range.
For 7 and 2:

$$5 \leq R \leq 9$$

Thus 4 is not possible.

Quick Tip

Resultant magnitude always lies between sum and difference of magnitudes.

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80. The ratio of angular speeds of the minute hand and second hand of a watch is
(A) 1 : 12
(B) 1 : 6
(C) 1 : 60
(D) 12 : 1
(E) 60 : 1

Correct Answer: (C) 1 : 60

Solution:
Concept: Angular speed $\omega = \frac{2\pi}{T}$
Step 1: Periods.
Minute hand: $T = 3600\,s$
Second hand: $T = 60\,s$
Step 2: Ratio.

$$\omega_m : \omega_s = \frac{1}{3600} : \frac{1}{60} = 1 : 60$$

Quick Tip

Smaller time period $\rightarrow$ larger angular speed.

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81. When a body is thrown vertically upwards, from the ground, the time of ascent is t_1 and the time of descent is t_2 in the absence of air resistance. Then t_1 is equal to
(A) $2t_2$
(B) $0.5t_2$
(C) $0.25t_2$
(D) t_2
(E) $4t_2$

Correct Answer: (D) t_2

Solution:
Concept: Motion is symmetric under constant acceleration.
Step 1: Time of ascent.

$$t_1 = \frac{u}{g}$$

Step 2: Time of descent.
From top to ground:

$$t_2 = \frac{u}{g}$$

$$\Rightarrow t_1 = t_2$$

Quick Tip

In vertical motion without air resistance, ascent time = descent time.

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82. When a person of mass m climbs up or down a rope with uniform speed v, the tension in the rope is (g = acceleration due to gravity)

(A) mg
(B) $m(g + v)$
(C) $m(g - v)$
(D) mgv
(E) $m\left(\frac{g}{v}\right)$

Correct Answer: (A) mg

Solution:
Concept: Uniform speed $\Rightarrow$ acceleration $= 0$.
Step 1: Apply Newton's law.

$$T - mg = 0$$

Step 2: Solve.

$$T = mg$$

Quick Tip

If velocity is constant, net force is zero.

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83. A body of mass $0.2\,\text{kg}$ travels along a straight line with velocity $v = (2x^2 + 2)\,\text{m s}^{-1}$. The net work done by the driving force during its displacement from $x = 0$ to $x = 2\,\text{m}$ is
(A) $2\,\text{J}$
(B) $5.4\,\text{J}$
(C) $9.6\,\text{J}$
(D) $10.8\,\text{J}$
(E) $6.5\,\text{J}$

Correct Answer: (C) $9.6\,\text{J}$

Solution:
Concept: Work-energy theorem:

$$W = \frac{1}{2}m(v^2 - u^2)$$

Step 1: Find velocities.

$$v(0) = 2, \quad v(2) = 10$$

Step 2: Apply formula.

$$W = \frac{1}{2} \cdot 0.2(100 - 4) = 0.1 \cdot 96 = 9.6$$

Quick Tip

Always use kinetic energy change for work in variable velocity problems.

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84. Two colliding particles after collision move together. Then the collision is
(A) partial elastic collision
(B) perfectly inelastic collision
(C) perfectly elastic collision
(D) partial inelastic collision
(E) collision without any transfer of energy

Correct Answer: (B) perfectly inelastic collision

Solution:
Concept: In perfectly inelastic collision, bodies stick together.
Step 1: Definition.
After collision, both particles move with same velocity.

Quick Tip

"Stick together" → perfectly inelastic.

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85. A solid cylinder, a solid sphere, a disc and a ring are released from the top of an inclined plane (frictionless) so that they slide down the plane without rolling. The maximum acceleration down the plane is
(A) for the disc
(B) for the solid cylinder
(C) for the solid sphere
(D) for the ring
(E) the same for all

Correct Answer: (E) the same for all

Solution:
Concept: No rolling ⇒ no rotational motion.
Step 1: Acceleration.

$$a = g \sin \theta$$

Same for all bodies.

Quick Tip

If no rolling, rotational inertia does not matter.

86. When a particle is rotating with constant angular momentum, then
(A) torque acting on it is constant
(B) force acting on it is constant
(C) linear momentum is constant
(D) torque acting on it is zero
(E) linear velocity is constant

Correct Answer: (D) torque acting on it is zero

Solution:
Concept:

$$\tau = \frac{dL}{dt}$$

Step 1: Given constant angular momentum.

$$\frac{dL}{dt} = 0 \Rightarrow \tau = 0$$

Quick Tip

Constant angular momentum ⇒ no external torque.

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87. Two objects of masses 1 kg and 2 kg are moving towards each other with accelerations $2\,\text{m s}^{-2}$ and $3\,\text{m s}^{-2}$ respectively on a smooth horizontal surface. The acceleration of centre of mass of the system is
(A) $\frac{4}{3}$ m s^{-2} in the direction of acceleration of 2 kg mass
(B) $\frac{2}{3}$ m s^{-2} in the direction of acceleration of 1 kg mass
(C) $\frac{2}{3}$ m s^{-2} in the direction of acceleration of 2 kg mass
(D) $\frac{4}{3}$ m s^{-2} in the direction of acceleration of 1 kg mass
(E) zero

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{4}{3}$ m s^{-2} in the direction of acceleration of 2 kg mass

Solution:
Concept:

$$a_{cm} = \frac{m_1a_1 + m_2a_2}{m_1 + m_2}$$

Step 1: Take direction carefully.
Let acceleration of 2 kg mass be positive.

$$a_{cm} = \frac{1(-2) + 2(3)}{3} = \frac{-2 + 6}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$$

Direction → towards 2 kg mass.

Quick Tip

Always assign proper sign based on direction before applying formula.

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88. There is a mine of depth about 3.0 km. Conditions prevailing in this mine as compared to those at the surface of earth are

(A) higher air pressure, lower acceleration due to gravity
(B) higher air pressure, higher acceleration due to gravity
(C) lower air pressure, higher acceleration due to gravity
(D) lower air pressure, lower acceleration due to gravity
(E) same air pressure and acceleration due to gravity

Correct Answer: (A) higher air pressure, lower acceleration due to gravity

Solution:
Concept: Pressure increases with depth, gravity decreases.
Step 1: Air pressure.
Deeper → more overlying air → higher pressure.
Step 2: Gravity.
Inside Earth:

$$g \propto r \Rightarrow \text{decreases with depth}$$

Quick Tip

Inside Earth, gravity decreases linearly with depth.

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89. The period of revolution of the planet A around the sun is 27 times that of another planet B. If the distance of A from the sun is X times greater than that of B from the sun, then the value of X is

(A) 8
(B) 4
(C) 9
(D) 3
(E) 12

Correct Answer: (C) 9

Solution:
Concept: Kepler's third law:

$$T^2 \propto r^3$$

Step 1: Apply relation.

$$\left(\frac{T_A}{T_B}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{r_A}{r_B}\right)^3$$

$$27^2 = X^3 \Rightarrow 729 = X^3$$

Step 2: Solve.

$$X = 9$$

Quick Tip

For orbital motion, always use $T^2 \propto r^3$.

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90. The work done in splitting a spherical liquid drop of radius a into eight liquid droplets of the same size (surface tension of the liquid = S) is

(A) $8\pi Sa^2$
(B) πSa^2
(C) $2\pi Sa^2$
(D) $4\pi Sa^2$
(E) $16\pi Sa^2$

Correct Answer: (D) $4\pi Sa^2$

Solution:
Concept: Work done = increase in surface energy:

$$W = S\Delta A$$

Step 1: Volume conservation.

$$\frac{4}{3}\pi a^3 = 8 \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 \Rightarrow r = \frac{a}{2}$$

Step 2: Surface areas.
Initial:

$$4\pi a^2$$

Final:

$$8 \cdot 4\pi r^2 = 8 \cdot 4\pi \frac{a^2}{4} = 8\pi a^2$$

Step 3: Increase.

$$\Delta A = 8\pi a^2 - 4\pi a^2 = 4\pi a^2$$

$$W = 4\pi Sa^2$$

Quick Tip

Always conserve volume when a drop splits.

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91. A vessel containing a liquid of density d moves down with an acceleration $a\,(a < g)$. The pressure due to the liquid at a depth h below the free surface of the liquid is
(A) hgd
(B) $h(g-a)d$
(C) $h(g+a)d$
(D) $h\left(\frac{g}{a}\right)d$
(E) $h\left(\frac{a}{g}\right)d$

Correct Answer: (B) $h(g-a)d$

Solution:
Concept: Effective gravity:

$$g_{eff} = g - a$$

Step 1: Pressure formula.

$$P = dg_{eff}h$$

$$= d(g-a)h$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> In accelerating frames, replace g with effective gravity.

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92. An incompressible liquid flows through a horizontal pipe having cross-sectional areas A at one end and $2A$ at the other end. If the pressure and velocity of the liquid at the lower cross-section are P and v, then these values at the other end are
(A) $\frac{v}{2},\ P + \frac{3}{8}\rho v^2$
(B) $v,\ P + \frac{1}{8}\rho v^2$
(C) $\frac{v}{4},\ P + \frac{1}{4}\rho v^2$
(D) $v,\ P + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2$
(E) $2P + \rho v^2$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{v}{2},\ P + \frac{3}{8}\rho v^2$

Solution:
Concept: Continuity + Bernoulli equation.
Step 1: Continuity.

$$Av = 2Av_2 \Rightarrow v_2 = \frac{v}{2}$$

Step 2: Bernoulli.

$$P + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 = P_2 + \frac{1}{2}\rho\left(\frac{v}{2}\right)^2$$

Step 3: Solve.

$$P_2 = P + \frac{1}{2}\rho v^2 - \frac{1}{8}\rho v^2 = P + \frac{3}{8}\rho v^2$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Always apply continuity first, then Bernoulli.

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93. Efficiency of a Carnot engine
(A) depends on the nature of the working substance
(B) does not depend on the nature of the working substance
(C) depends only on the temperature of the source T_1
(D) depends only on the temperature of the sink T_2
(E) does not depend on both temperature of the source T_1 and temperature of the sink T_2

Correct Answer: (B) does not depend on the nature of the working substance

Solution:
Concept:

$$\eta = 1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}$$

Step 1: Observation.
Efficiency depends only on temperatures.
Step 2: Conclusion.
Independent of working substance.

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Carnot engine efficiency depends only on reservoir temperatures.

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94. A cylindrical vessel contains 16 kg of gas at a pressure of 1 atmosphere. A certain amount of gas is taken out and the pressure of gas in the vessel becomes 0.75 atmosphere. The amount of gas taken out is
(A) 2.5 kg
(B) 4 kg
(C) 7.5 kg
(D) 8.25 kg
(E) 10 kg

Correct Answer: (B) 4 kg

Solution:
Concept: At constant temperature and volume:

$$P \propto n \propto m$$

Step 1: Use ratio.

$$\frac{P_2}{P_1} = \frac{m_2}{m_1} \Rightarrow \frac{0.75}{1} = \frac{m_2}{16}$$

$$m_2 = 12\,\text{kg}$$

Step 2: Find removed mass.

$$16 - 12 = 4\,\text{kg}$$

Quick Tip

At constant T, V, pressure directly proportional to amount of gas.

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95. The number of degrees of freedom for monoatomic gas molecule is
(A) 3
(B) 4
(C) 5
(D) 7
(E) 1

Correct Answer: (A) 3

Solution:
Concept: Monoatomic gas has only translational motion.
Step 1: Degrees of freedom.

$$3 \text{ translational directions}$$

Quick Tip

Monoatomic $\rightarrow$ only translation $\rightarrow$ 3 DOF.

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96. Pick out the INCORRECT STATEMENT
(A) Internal energy of an ideal gas depends only on its temperature
(B) Change in the internal energy in a cyclic process is not zero
(C) Change in the internal energy of a gas depends only on its initial and final states
(D) Internal energy depends upon state of matter
(E) Change in the internal energy in a cyclic process is zero

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept: Internal energy is a state function.

Step 1: Cyclic process.

$$\Delta U = 0$$

Thus statement (B) is incorrect.

Quick Tip

State functions depend only on initial and final states.

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97. The distance travelled by a particle executing linear S.H.M. from its mean position in 2 s is equal to $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ times its amplitude. Then its time period in seconds is

(A) 10
(B) 8
(C) 9
(D) 12
(E) 16

Correct Answer: (E) 16

Solution:
Concept:

$$x = A\sin(\omega t)$$

Step 1: Given.

$$\frac{x}{A} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = \sin(\omega t)$$

$$\Rightarrow \omega t = \frac{\pi}{4}$$

Step 2: Substitute $t = 2$.

$$\omega = \frac{\pi}{8}$$

Step 3: Time period.

$$T = \frac{2\pi}{\omega} = 16$$

Quick Tip

Use $x = A\sin(\omega t)$ for SHM position.

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98. Time periods of pendulums A and B are T and $\frac{5T}{2}$. If they start executing S.H.M. at the same time from the mean position, the phase difference between them after the bigger pendulum has completed one oscillation is

(A) $\frac{\pi}{4}$
(B) $\frac{\pi}{2}$
(C) $\frac{\pi}{8}$
(D) $\frac{\pi}{16}$
(E) π

Correct Answer: (E) π

Solution:
Concept:

$$\phi = \omega t$$

Step 1: Time taken.
Larger period pendulum:

$$t = \frac{5T}{2}$$

Step 2: Angular frequencies.

$$\omega_A = \frac{2\pi}{T}, \quad \omega_B = \frac{2\pi}{5T/2} = \frac{4\pi}{5T}$$

Step 3: Phase difference.

$$\Delta\phi = (\omega_A - \omega_B)t = \left(\frac{2\pi}{T} - \frac{4\pi}{5T}\right) \cdot \frac{5T}{2}$$

$$= \pi$$

Quick Tip

Phase difference = difference in angular frequencies × time.

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99. A string of length l is divided into three segments of lengths l_1, l_2 and l_3 with the fundamental frequencies n_1, n_2 and n_3 respectively. The original fundamental frequency of the string is given by

(A) $n = n_1 + n_2 + n_3$
(B) $\frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3}$
(C) $\sqrt{n} = \sqrt{n_1} + \sqrt{n_2} + \sqrt{n_3}$
(D) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n_3}}$
(E) $n = n_1 n_2 n_3$

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept:

$$n \propto \frac{1}{l}$$

Step 1: Relation.

$$n_1 = \frac{k}{l_1}, \quad n_2 = \frac{k}{l_2}, \quad n_3 = \frac{k}{l_3}$$

Step 2: Total length.

$$l = l_1 + l_2 + l_3 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{n} = \frac{1}{n_1} + \frac{1}{n_2} + \frac{1}{n_3}$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Frequency inversely proportional to length in strings.

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100. The inward and outward electric flux from a closed surface are 6×10^4 Nm^{2}C^{-1} and 3×10^4 Nm^{2}C^{-1}. Then the net charge (in coulomb) inside the closed surface is

(A) $-6 \times 10^4 \varepsilon_0$
(B) $6 \times 10^4 \varepsilon_0$
(C) $3 \times 10^4 \varepsilon_0$
(D) $9 \times 10^4 \varepsilon_0$
(E) $-3 \times 10^4 \varepsilon_0$

Correct Answer: (E) $-3 \times 10^4 \varepsilon_0$

Solution:
Concept:

$$\Phi_{net} = \Phi_{out} - \Phi_{in}$$

Step 1: Net flux.

$$\Phi = 3 \times 10^4 - 6 \times 10^4 = -3 \times 10^4$$

Step 2: Gauss law.

$$q = \varepsilon_0 \Phi = -3 \times 10^4 \varepsilon_0$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Outward flux positive, inward flux negative.

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101. In a circuit, the capacitance C is connected. The effective capacitance of the circuit can be reduced by

(A) introducing a metal plate between the plates of the capacitor
(B) introducing a dielectric slab between the plates
(C) reducing the potential difference between the plates
(D) connecting another capacitor in series with it
(E) connecting another capacitor in parallel with it

Correct Answer: (D) connecting another capacitor in series with it

Solution:
Concept: Series combination reduces capacitance.
Step 1: Series formula.

$$\frac{1}{C_{eq}} = \frac{1}{C_1} + \frac{1}{C_2} \Rightarrow C_{eq} < C$$

Quick Tip

Series $\rightarrow$ decreases, Parallel $\rightarrow$ increases capacitance.

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102. A given charge Q is divided into two parts which are then kept at a distance d apart. The electrostatic force between them will be maximum if the two parts are
(A) $\frac{Q}{4}$ and $\frac{3Q}{4}$
(B) $\frac{7Q}{8}$ and $\frac{Q}{8}$
(C) $\frac{Q}{3}$ and $\frac{2Q}{3}$
(D) $\frac{5Q}{6}$ and $\frac{Q}{6}$
(E) $\frac{Q}{2}$ each

Correct Answer: (E) $\frac{Q}{2}$ each

Solution:
Concept:

$$F \propto q_1 q_2$$

Step 1: Let charges be x and $Q - x$.

$$F \propto x(Q - x)$$

Step 2: Maximize.
Maximum when:

$$x = \frac{Q}{2}$$

Quick Tip

Product $x(Q - x)$ is maximum when both are equal.

103. The dependence of drift velocity v_d on the electric field E, for which Ohm's law is obeyed is
(A) $v_d \propto E^2$
(B) $v_d \propto E$
(C) $v_d \propto \sqrt{E}$
(D) $v_d \propto \frac{1}{E}$
(E) $v_d \propto \frac{1}{E^2}$

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept:

$$v_d = \mu E$$

Step 1: Relation.
Drift velocity directly proportional to electric field.

Quick Tip

Ohm's law holds when $v_d \propto E$.

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104. If an equilateral triangle is made of a uniform wire of resistance R, then the equivalent resistance between the ends of a side is
(A) $\frac{2R}{3}$
(B) $\frac{R}{3}$
(C) $\frac{R}{9}$
(D) $\frac{2R}{9}$
(E) $\frac{R}{6}$

Correct Answer: (D) $\frac{2R}{9}$

Solution:
Concept: Each side has resistance $\frac{R}{3}$.
Step 1: Between two vertices.
One direct branch: $\frac{R}{3}$
Other path: two sides $\rightarrow \frac{2R}{3}$
Step 2: Parallel combination.

$$R_{eq} = \frac{\frac{R}{3} \cdot \frac{2R}{3}}{\frac{R}{3} + \frac{2R}{3}} = \frac{2R^2/9}{R} = \frac{2R}{9}$$

Quick Tip

Break network into simple series-parallel paths.

105. When n identical cells are connected in parallel,
(A) net voltage increases
(B) net current increases
(C) net voltage decreases
(D) net current decreases
(E) total internal resistance increases

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept: Parallel combination keeps voltage same, reduces resistance.
Step 1: Effect.
Voltage same, internal resistance decreases $\rightarrow$ current increases.

Quick Tip

Cells in parallel $\rightarrow$ more current capacity.

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106. In a cyclotron, if the frequency of the accelerating field is doubled, then the radius of the charged particle moving in a circular path will be
(A) doubled
(B) quadrupled
(C) the same
(D) halved
(E) reduced to one fourth of the original radius

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:
Concept:

$$f = \frac{qB}{2\pi m}$$

Step 1: Observation.
Frequency independent of radius.
Step 2: Conclusion.
Changing frequency does not affect radius.

Quick Tip

Cyclotron frequency depends only on B, q, m.

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107. A galvanometer of resistance 100Ω gives a full scale deflection for a current of $1\,$mA. The resistance required to convert it into a voltmeter which can read up to $2\,$V is

(A) $1175\,\Omega$
(B) $1200\,\Omega$
(C) $1525\,\Omega$
(D) $1900\,\Omega$
(E) $2025\,\Omega$

Correct Answer: (D) $1900\,\Omega$

Solution:
Concept:

$$V = I(R + R_g)$$

Step 1: Substitute values.

$$2 = 0.001(R + 100)$$

$$R + 100 = 2000 \Rightarrow R = 1900\,\Omega$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Voltmeter $\rightarrow$ add high resistance in series.

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108. If a magnetic material has magnetic susceptibility $\chi = -0.5$, then its relative magnetic permeability μ_r, and the type of material is
(A) $0,$ diamagnetic
(B) $2,$ ferromagnetic
(C) $1,$ paramagnetic
(D) $-1,$ ferromagnetic
(E) $0.5,$ diamagnetic

Correct Answer: (E)

Solution:
Concept:

$$\mu_r = 1 + \chi$$

Step 1: Substitute.

$$\mu_r = 1 - 0.5 = 0.5$$

Step 2: Interpretation.
Negative susceptibility $\Rightarrow$ diamagnetic material.

> **Quick Tip**
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> $\chi < 0 \Rightarrow$ diamagnetic, $\chi > 0 \Rightarrow$ paramagnetic.

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109. The self-inductance of an air core solenoid is L. If the number of turns in the solenoid is doubled, keeping all other factors constant, then its self-inductance will be
(A) L
(B) $\frac{L}{2}$
(C) $2L$
(D) $4L$
(E) $8L$

Correct Answer: (D) $4L$

Solution:
Concept:

$$L \propto N^2$$

Step 1: Doubling turns.

$$L' = (2N)^2 = 4N^2 \Rightarrow 4L$$

Quick Tip

Inductance $\propto$ (number of turns)^2.

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110. An alternating current having the peak value $10\sqrt{2}$ A is used to heat a metal wire. To produce the same heating effect, the constant current required is
(A) $10\sqrt{2}$ A
(B) 5 A
(C) 14 A
(D) 7 A
(E) 10 A

Correct Answer: (E) 10 A

Solution:
Concept:

$$I_{rms} = \frac{I_0}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Step 1: Compute RMS.

$$I_{rms} = \frac{10\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}} = 10\,\text{A}$$

Quick Tip

Heating effect depends on RMS value.

111. If v_g, v_X and v_v are the speeds of gamma rays, X-rays and visible light respectively in vacuum, then
(A) $v_g > v_v > v_X$
(B) $v_g < v_v < v_X$
(C) $v_g = v_v = v_X$
(D) $v_g > v_v < v_X$
(E) $v_X < v_g < v_v$

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:
Concept: All electromagnetic waves travel with the same speed in vacuum.
Step 1: Nature of radiations.
Gamma rays, X-rays and visible light are electromagnetic waves.
Step 2: Speed in vacuum.

$$c = 3 \times 10^8 \text{ m/s}$$

Step 3: Conclusion.

$$v_g = v_X = v_v = c$$

Quick Tip

All electromagnetic waves have the same speed in vacuum irrespective of wavelength or frequency.

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112. When a ray of light moves from one medium to another medium,
(A) its frequency alone changes
(B) its frequency alone remains unchanged
(C) its wavelength remains unchanged
(D) both its frequency and wavelength change
(E) its velocity remains constant

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept:

$$v = f\lambda$$

Step 1: At boundary.
Frequency remains constant.
Step 2: Change.
Velocity and wavelength change.

Quick Tip

Frequency never changes during refraction.

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113. The Brewster's angle i_B for any interface should lie between
(A) 30° and 45°
(B) 45° and 90°
(C) 0° and 30°
(D) 0° and 90°
(E) 30° and 60°

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept:

$$\tan i_B = \mu$$

Step 1: Observation.
Since refractive index $\mu > 1$, therefore:

$$i_B > 45^\circ$$

Also $i_B < 90^\circ$

Quick Tip

Brewster angle always lies between 45° and 90°.

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114. In Young's double slit experiment, the band width of the fringes observed is β, when light of wavelength λ is used. With same experimental set up, to double the band width of the fringes, the wavelength of light required is
(A) λ
(B) $\frac{\lambda}{2}$
(C) 2λ
(D) $\frac{\lambda}{4}$
(E) $\frac{\lambda}{8}$

Correct Answer: (C) 2λ

Solution:
Concept:

$$\beta = \frac{\lambda D}{d}$$

Step 1: Relation.

$$\beta \propto \lambda$$

Step 2: To double β.

$$\lambda \to 2\lambda$$

Quick Tip

Fringe width directly proportional to wavelength.

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115. Pick out the INCORRECT statement from the following:
(A) the value of stopping potential is the same for radiations of all frequencies
(B) the stopping potential is more negative for the incident radiation of higher frequency
(C) the value of saturation current depends on the intensity of incident radiation
(D) the value of saturation current is independent of frequency of incident radiation
(E) the emission of electrons is instantaneous

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:
Concept:

$$eV_0 = h\nu - \phi$$

Step 1: Observation.
Stopping potential depends on frequency.
Thus statement (A) is incorrect.

Quick Tip

Stopping potential depends only on frequency, not intensity.

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116. If λ be the wavelength of any electromagnetic radiation, the de-Broglie wavelength of its quantum (photon) is
(A) $\frac{\lambda}{4}$
(B) λ
(C) $\frac{\lambda}{2}$
(D) 2λ
(E) $\frac{3\lambda}{4}$

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept: For photon:

$$\lambda = \frac{h}{p}$$

Step 1: Conclusion.
de-Broglie wavelength equals electromagnetic wavelength.

$$\lambda_{de\text{-}Broglie} = \lambda$$

Quick Tip

Photon already follows de-Broglie relation.

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117. The half-life periods of two radioactive materials A and B are 1500 years and 1200 years respectively. If their mean life periods are τ_A and τ_B respectively, then the value of the ratio $\frac{\tau_A}{\tau_B}$ is

(A) $\frac{5}{4}$
(B) $\frac{2}{3}$
(C) $\frac{3}{5}$
(D) $\frac{5}{7}$
(E) $\frac{2}{5}$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:
Concept:

$$\tau = \frac{T_{1/2}}{\ln 2}$$

Step 1: Ratio.

$$\frac{\tau_A}{\tau_B} = \frac{T_{1/2,A}}{T_{1/2,B}} = \frac{1500}{1200} = \frac{5}{4}$$

Quick Tip

Mean life is directly proportional to half-life.

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118. The greatest wavelength of the radiation that will ionize unexcited hydrogen atom is

(A) 1820 Å
(B) 450 Å
(C) 910 Å
(D) 700 Å
(E) 1400 Å

Correct Answer: (C) 910 Å

Solution:
Concept: Ionization energy of hydrogen:

$$E = 13.6\,\text{eV}$$

Step 1: Relation.

$$\lambda = \frac{hc}{E}$$

Step 2: Result.
Maximum wavelength corresponds to minimum energy:

$$\lambda = 910\,\text{Å}$$

Quick Tip

Greater wavelength $\Rightarrow$ lower energy (use $E \propto \frac{1}{\lambda}$).

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119. An alternating voltage of $250\,\mathbf{V}$, $50\,\mathbf{Hz}$ is applied to a full wave rectifier. If the internal resistance of each diode is $10\,\Omega$ and the load resistance is $5\,\mathbf{k}\Omega$, the peak value of output current is
(A) $0.05\,\text{A}$
(B) $0.07\,\text{A}$
(C) $0.02\,\text{A}$
(D) $0.03\,\text{A}$
(E) $0.04\,\text{A}$

Correct Answer: (B) $0.07\,\text{A}$

Solution:
Concept:

$$I_{peak} = \frac{V_{peak}}{R}$$

Step 1: Peak voltage.

$$V_{peak} = 250\sqrt{2}$$

Step 2: Total resistance.

$$R = 5000 + 2 \times 10 = 5020\,\Omega$$

Step 3: Current.

$$I \approx \frac{250\sqrt{2}}{5020} \approx 0.07\,\text{A}$$

Quick Tip

Use peak voltage $V_{rms}\sqrt{2}$ in AC calculations.

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120. The reverse biasing in a junction diode,
(A) increases the number of majority charge carriers
(B) increases the number of minority charge carriers
(C) reduces the number of minority charge carriers
(D) decreases the potential barrier
(E) increases the potential barrier

Correct Answer: (E)

Solution:
Concept: Reverse bias widens depletion region.
Step 1: Effect.
Potential barrier increases.

Quick Tip

Forward bias ↓ barrier, Reverse bias ↑ barrier.

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121. The density of $3\,M$ aqueous solution of a solute X is $1.86\,\text{g mL}^{-1}$. The molality of the solution is (Molar mass of solute X is $120\,\text{g mol}^{-1}$)
(A) $3\,m$
(B) $4\,m$
(C) $2\,m$
(D) $5\,m$
(E) $1\,m$

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:
Concept:

$$\text{Molality} = \frac{\text{moles of solute}}{\text{kg of solvent}}$$

Step 1: Take 1 L solution.
Moles of solute = 3 mol
Mass of solution:

$$= 1.86 \times 1000 = 1860\,\text{g}$$

Mass of solute:

$$= 3 \times 120 = 360\,\text{g}$$

Step 2: Mass of solvent.

$$= 1860 - 360 = 1500\,\text{g} = 1.5\,\text{kg}$$

Step 3: Molality.

$$m = \frac{3}{1.5} = 2\,m$$

Quick Tip

Use 1 L solution to convert molarity → molality easily.

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122. The Vividh Bharati station of All India Radio, Kozhikode, broadcasts on a frequency of 1500 kHz. What is the wavelength of the electromagnetic radiation emitted by the transmitter? ($c = 3 \times 10^8$ **m s**$^{-1}$)
(A) 200 m
(B) 300 m
(C) 100 m
(D) 250 m
(E) 150 m

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:
Concept:

$$\lambda = \frac{c}{f}$$

Step 1: Convert frequency.

$$f = 1500 \times 10^3$$

Step 2: Calculate.

$$\lambda = \frac{3 \times 10^8}{1.5 \times 10^6} = 200\,\text{m}$$

Quick Tip

Always convert kHz to Hz before using formula.

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123. Which of the following experimental phenomenon is explained by the wave nature of electromagnetic radiation?
(A) Black-body radiation
(B) Photoelectric effect
(C) Diffraction
(D) Variation of heat capacity of solids as a function of temperature
(E) Line spectra of atoms with reference to hydrogen

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:
Concept: Wave nature explains interference and diffraction.
Step 1: Identify.
Diffraction is purely wave phenomenon.

Quick Tip

Wave $\rightarrow$ diffraction/interference, Particle $\rightarrow$ photoelectric effect.

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124. Which of the following pair of oxides is neutral?
(A) Al_2O_3 and Na_2O
(B) Al_2O_3 and As_2O_3
(C) Cl_2O_7 and Na_2O
(D) Cl_2O_7 and Al_2O_3
(E) CO and N_2O

Correct Answer: (E)

Solution:
Concept: Neutral oxides do not react with acids or bases.
Step 1: Examples.

$$CO,\ N_2O \text{ are neutral oxides}$$

Quick Tip

CO, NO, N_2O are common neutral oxides.

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125. The correct increasing order of dipole moment of $NF_3, H_2S, CHCl_3$ and NH_3 is
(A) $NF_3 < H_2S < CHCl_3 < NH_3$
(B) $NH_3 < H_2S < CHCl_3 < NF_3$
(C) $NF_3 < CHCl_3 < H_2S < NH_3$
(D) $NH_3 < CHCl_3 < H_2S < NF_3$
(E) $CHCl_3 < H_2S < NF_3 < NH_3$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:
Concept: Dipole moment depends on geometry and electronegativity.
Step 1: Order reasoning.

$$NF_3 \text{ (least)} < H_2S < CHCl_3 < NH_3 \text{ (highest)}$$

Quick Tip

Vector cancellation reduces dipole moment (as in NF_3).

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126. Choose the INCORRECT pair of MOLECULE and its SHAPE among the following:
(A) SF_4 — Seesaw
(B) BrF_5 — Trigonal bipyramidal
(C) NH_3 — Trigonal pyramidal
(D) XeF_4 — Square planar
(E) ClF_3 — T-shape

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept: Use VSEPR theory.
Step 1: Check BrF_5.

$$\text{Structure: } AX_5E \Rightarrow \text{square pyramidal}$$

Given option says trigonal bipyramidal → incorrect.

Quick Tip

Count lone pairs carefully in VSEPR.

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127. In the reaction $\frac{3}{2}O_2(g) \rightarrow O_3(g)$, the value of $\Delta_r G^\circ$ at $298\,K$ is approximately ($K_p = 10^{-30},\ 2.303RT = 5.7\,\textbf{kJ mol}^{-1}$)
(A) $171\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$
(B) $191\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$
(C) $-171\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$
(D) $-191\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$
(E) $100\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:
Concept:

$$\Delta G^\circ = -2.303RT \log K_p$$

Step 1: Substitute.

$$\Delta G^\circ = -5.7 \log(10^{-30}) = -5.7(-30)$$

$$= 171\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Quick Tip

$\log 10^{-n} = -n$

128. Which of the following has least mean multiple bond enthalpy (in kJ mol^{-1}) at 298 K?
(A) $N \equiv N$
(B) $C \equiv N$
(C) $C = C$
(D) $C = O$
(E) $C = N$

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:
Concept: Triple bonds ¿ double bonds in strength.
Step 1: Compare.

$$C = C \text{ is weakest among given}$$

Quick Tip

Bond strength: triple ¿ double ¿ single.

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129. Which of the following can act as Lewis acid?
(A) H_2O
(B) HO^-
(C) F^-
(D) NH_3
(E) $AlCl_3$

Correct Answer: (E)

Solution:
Concept: Lewis acid = electron pair acceptor.
Step 1: Check.

$$AlCl_3 \text{ has vacant orbital}$$

Quick Tip

Electron-deficient species act as Lewis acids.

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130. The concentration of hydrogen ions in a sample of soft drink is 2×10^{-4} mol L^{-1}. Its pH value is ($\log 2 = 0.3010$)

(A) 4.369
(B) 3.699
(C) 2.369
(D) 5.301
(E) 3.301

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept:

$$\text{pH} = -\log[H^+]$$

Step 1: Calculate.

$$\text{pH} = -\log(2 \times 10^{-4}) = 4 - \log 2$$

$$= 4 - 0.301 = 3.699$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> $\log(ab) = \log a + \log b$

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131. Which of the following is the correct order of conductivity (in S m^{-1})?
(A) $Fe < Na < Cu < Ag$
(B) $Fe < Cu < Na < Ag$
(C) $Ag < Na < Cu < Fe$
(D) $Ag < Cu < Na < Fe$
(E) $Na < Fe < Cu < Ag$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:
Concept: Conductivity depends on free electrons.
Step 1: Order.

$$Ag > Cu > Na > Fe$$

Thus increasing order:

$$Fe < Na < Cu < Ag$$

> **Quick Tip**
>
> Silver has highest electrical conductivity.

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132. 'Layer Test' is used to identify
(A) Bromide
(B) Fluoride
(C) Potassium
(D) Water
(E) Chloride

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:
Concept: Layer test is used for halides.
Step 1: Observation.
Bromide gives characteristic colored layer.

> **Quick Tip**
> Layer test commonly used for bromide detection.

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133. Which of the following solvent has highest value of molal elevation constant K_b?
(A) Cyclohexane
(B) Carbon disulphide
(C) Carbon tetrachloride
(D) Acetic acid
(E) Chloroform

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:
Concept:

$$K_b \propto \frac{1}{\text{molar mass of solvent}}$$

Step 1: Lowest molar mass solvent.
Carbon tetrachloride gives highest K_b.

> **Quick Tip**
> Lower molar mass $\Rightarrow$ higher colligative constant.

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134. The initial concentration of N_2O_5 in a first order reaction, $N_2O_5(g) \rightarrow 2NO_2(g) + \frac{1}{2}O_2(g)$, was 1.68×10^{-2} mol L^{-1} at $310\,K$. The concentration of N_2O_5 after 10 minutes was 0.84×10^{-2} mol L^{-1}, what is the rate constant at $310\,K$? ($\log 2 = 0.3010$)
(A) $0.0693\,\text{min}^{-1}$
(B) $0.693\,\text{min}^{-1}$

(C) $6.93\,\text{min}^{-1}$
(D) $0.0639\,\text{min}^{-1}$
(E) $0.0963\,\text{min}^{-1}$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:
Concept:

$$k = \frac{2.303}{t}\log\frac{[A]_0}{[A]}$$

Step 1: Substitute.

$$k = \frac{2.303}{10}\log\frac{1.68}{0.84} = \frac{2.303}{10}\log 2$$

$$= \frac{2.303 \times 0.301}{10} \approx 0.0693$$

Quick Tip

If concentration halves $\Rightarrow$ use $\log 2$.

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135. Which of the following statement is not true about a catalyst?
(A) It catalyses the spontaneous reactions
(B) A small amount of the catalyst can catalyse large amount of reactants
(C) It does not alter the Gibbs energy of a reaction
(D) It catalyses the non-spontaneous reactions
(E) It does not change the equilibrium constant of a reaction

Correct Answer: (D)

Solution:
Concept: Catalyst only speeds up feasible (spontaneous) reactions.
Step 1: Observation.
Catalyst cannot make non-spontaneous reaction occur.

Quick Tip

Catalyst lowers activation energy, not Gibbs free energy.

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136. The most common oxidation states of chromium are
(A) $+2, +7$
(B) $+3, +6$
(C) $+2, +4$

(D) $+2, +5$
(E) $+3, +5$

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept: Chromium commonly shows +3 and +6 states.
Step 1: Examples.

$$Cr^{3+},\ CrO_4^{2-},\ Cr_2O_7^{2-}$$

Quick Tip

+3 (stable), +6 (oxidizing) are most common for chromium.

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137. Which of the following statement is true about potassium permanganate?
(A) It is isostructural with $KClO_3$
(B) It is paramagnetic in nature
(C) It oxidizes oxalates to carbon monoxide
(D) The structure of permanganate ion is square planar
(E) It is prepared by fusion of MnO_2 with an alkali metal hydroxide and an oxidising agent

Correct Answer: (E)

Solution:
Concept: $KMnO_4$ is prepared by oxidation of MnO_2.
Step 1: Preparation.

$$MnO_2 + KOH + O_2 \rightarrow KMnO_4$$

Quick Tip

Permanganate ion is tetrahedral, not square planar.

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138. The type of sulphide formed by lanthanoids is
(A) LnS_3
(B) LnS_2
(C) LnS
(D) Ln_2S_3
(E) Ln_2S

Correct Answer: (D)

Solution:
Concept: Lanthanoids show +3 oxidation state.

Step 1: Combine.

$$Ln^{3+} + S^{2-} \Rightarrow Ln_2S_3$$

Quick Tip

Lanthanoids predominantly show +3 oxidation state.

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139. In which of the following compound, Mn has +7 oxidation state?
(A) $MnOF$
(B) MnO_2F
(C) MnO_3F_2
(D) $MnOF_2$
(E) MnO_3F

Correct Answer: (E)

Solution:
Concept: Sum of oxidation numbers = 0.
Step 1: For MnO_3F.

$$x + 3(-2) + (-1) = 0 \Rightarrow x - 6 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = +7$$

Quick Tip

$0° = -2, \ F = -1$ always.

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140. Which of the following is a heteroleptic complex?
(A) $[Co(NH_3)_6]^{3+}$
(B) $[Fe(CN)_6]^{4-}$
(C) $[Co(SCN)_4]^{2-}$
(D) $[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^{+}$
(E) $[Co(CN)_6]^{3-}$

Correct Answer: (D)

Solution:
Concept: Heteroleptic complex → different ligands present.
Step 1: Check.

$$[Co(NH_3)_4Cl_2]^{+} \text{ has two different ligands}$$

Quick Tip

Same ligands → homoleptic, Different → heteroleptic.

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141. Which of the following technique is used to separate chloroform and aniline?
(A) Fractional distillation
(B) Distillation under reduced pressure
(C) Steam distillation
(D) Continuous extraction
(E) Distillation

Correct Answer: (E)

Solution:
Concept: Simple distillation is used when boiling points differ sufficiently.
Step 1: Observation.
Chloroform (low bp) and aniline (high bp) → simple distillation works.

Quick Tip

Large boiling point difference ⇒ simple distillation.

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142. In Kolbe's electrolytic method, when sodium acetate is electrolysed, the gases generated at anode are
(A) ethane and H_2
(B) H_2 and CO_2
(C) methane and ethane
(D) ethane and CO_2
(E) methane and H_2

Correct Answer: (D)

Solution:
Concept: Kolbe electrolysis produces alkane and CO_2.
Step 1: Reaction.

$$2CH_3COO^- \rightarrow C_2H_6 + 2CO_2$$

Quick Tip

Kolbe → alkane formation + CO_2.

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143. The number of sigma (σ) and pi (π) bonds present in 3-Methylbut-1-ene are respectively
(A) 1 and 14
(B) 18 and 2
(C) 16 and 2
(D) 17 and 1
(E) 14 and 1

Correct Answer: (E)

Solution:
Concept: Single bond $= 1\sigma$, Double bond $= 1\sigma + 1\pi$.
Step 1: Structure.
3-Methylbut-1-ene $\rightarrow$ one double bond.
Step 2: Count.

$$\pi = 1, \quad \sigma = 14$$

Quick Tip

Double bond always contributes one π bond.

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144. The order of reactivity of the following compounds towards S_N2 displacement reaction is (i) 2-Bromo-2-methylbutane (ii) 1-Bromopentane (iii) 2-Bromopentane
(A) (ii) ¿ (i) ¿ (iii)
(B) (iii) ¿ (i) ¿ (ii)
(C) (ii) ¿ (iii) ¿ (i)
(D) (i) ¿ (ii) ¿ (iii)
(E) (iii) ¿ (ii) ¿ (i)

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:
Concept:

$$S_N2 : 1^\circ > 2^\circ > 3^\circ$$

Step 1: Identify.
(i) tertiary, (ii) primary, (iii) secondary
Step 2: Order.

$$(ii) > (iii) > (i)$$

Quick Tip

Less steric hindrance $\Rightarrow$ faster S_N2.

145. The IUPAC name of phenyl isopentyl ether is
(A) 3-Methylbutoxybenzene
(B) 2-Methylbutoxybenzene
(C) 2-Methylphenoxybutane
(D) 4-Methylbutoxybenzene
(E) 1-Methylbutoxybenzene

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:
Concept: Name as alkoxybenzene.
Step 1: Structure.
Isopentyl → 3-methylbutyl group.

$$\Rightarrow \text{3-Methylbutoxybenzene}$$

Quick Tip

Ether naming: alkoxy + parent hydrocarbon.

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146. Phenol on treatment with chloroform in the presence of NaOH, a -CHO group is introduced at ortho position of benzene ring. The reaction is known as
(A) Kolbe's reaction
(B) Reimer-Tiemann reaction
(C) Gattermann-Koch reaction
(D) Stephen reaction
(E) Sandmeyer reaction

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:
Concept: Formylation of phenol using $CHCl_3$/NaOH.
Step 1: Reaction.

$$\text{Phenol} \xrightarrow{CHCl_3/NaOH} \text{o-hydroxybenzaldehyde}$$

Quick Tip

Reimer-Tiemann introduces $-CHO$ group in phenol.

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147. Toluene on treatment with chromic oxide in presence of acetic anhydride at $273-283\,K$ gives compound (X). Compound (X) on hydrolysis with aqueous acid gives compound (Y). The compounds (X) and (Y) are respectively

(A) Benzylidene diacetate and phenol
(B) Benzyl alcohol and benzene
(C) Benzylidene diacetate and benzaldehyde
(D) Benzene and phenol
(E) Benzaldehyde and phenol

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:
Concept: Controlled oxidation of toluene gives aldehyde derivative.
Step 1: Reaction.

$$\text{Toluene} \rightarrow \text{Benzylidene diacetate (X)}$$

Step 2: Hydrolysis.

$$\text{(X)} \rightarrow \text{Benzaldehyde (Y)}$$

Quick Tip

Chromic oxide + acetic anhydride → protected aldehyde intermediate.

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148. Fehling's reagent is a mixture of
(A) aqueous $CuSO_4$ and ammoniacal $AgNO_3$ solution
(B) aqueous $CuSO_4$ and 2,4-DNP
(C) aqueous KOH and ammoniacal $AgNO_3$ solution
(D) aqueous $CuSO_4$ and alkaline sodium potassium tartrate
(E) aqueous KOH and alkaline sodium potassium tartrate

Correct Answer: (D)

Solution:
Concept: Fehling's solution = Fehling A + Fehling B.
Step 1: Components.

$$\text{Fehling A: } CuSO_4, \quad \text{Fehling B: alkaline sodium potassium tartrate}$$

Quick Tip

Fehling's reagent detects aldehydes.

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149. The order of basic strength of following amines is: (i) CH_3NH_2 **(ii)** $(C_2H_5)_2NH$ **(iii)** $C_6H_5NH_2$ **(iv)** $C_6H_5NHCH_3$

(A) (ii) ¡ (i) ¡ (iv) ¡ (iii)
(B) (iii) ¡ (iv) ¡ (ii) ¡ (i)
(C) (i) ¡ (iii) ¡ (iv) ¡ (ii)
(D) (i) ¡ (ii) ¡ (iii) ¡ (iv)
(E) (iii) ¡ (iv) ¡ (i) ¡ (ii)

Correct Answer: (E)

Solution:
Concept: Aliphatic amines ¿ aromatic amines in basicity.
Step 1: Reason.
Aromatic amines less basic due to resonance.

$$C_6H_5NH_2 < C_6H_5NHCH_3 < CH_3NH_2 < (C_2H_5)_2NH$$

Quick Tip

Resonance reduces availability of lone pair $\rightarrow$ lowers basicity.

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150. The disease caused by the deficiency of riboflavin is
(A) Cheilosis
(B) Rickets
(C) Beri beri
(D) Scurvy
(E) Xerophthalmia

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:
Concept: Riboflavin = Vitamin B_2.
Step 1: Deficiency.

Leads to cheilosis (cracking of lips)

Quick Tip

Vitamin B_2 deficiency $\rightarrow$ cheilosis.
