MAT Mathematical Skills Sample Paper-21

Duration: 24 Minutes **Maximum Marks: 30**

Instructions

- This paper contains **30** Multiple Choice Questions from the **Mathematical Skills** section of MAT.
- Each correct answer carries **+1 mark**. Incorrect answer: **−0.25** marks. Only **one** correct option.
- There is **no** negative marking for unattempted questions.
- Suggested time for this section in the full MAT is **24 minutes**.
- Use of mobile phones, smartwatches, calculators, or any electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited.

Q1. A man invests a certain sum of money in two schemes, A and B, in the ratio $3 : 5$. Scheme A offers 10% per annum simple interest, while Scheme B offers 8% per annum compound interest, compounded annually. If the total interest earned from both schemes after 2 years is Rs. $2,960$, find the total initial sum invested in both schemes together.

(A) Rs. $12,000$

(B) Rs. $16,000$

(C) Rs. $15,000$

(D) Rs. $20,000$

Q2. If $\log_{10}(x^2 - 6x + 45) = 2$, what is the absolute difference between the possible values of x?

(A) 12

(B) 14

(C) 10

(D) 16

Q3. In a right-angled triangle ABC, the right angle is at B. An equilateral triangle ACD is constructed on the hypotenuse AC outside $\triangle ABC$. If $AB = 6$ cm and $BC = 8$ cm, find the area of the quadrilateral $ABCD$.

(A) $24 + 25\sqrt{3}$ cm^2

(B) $24 + 50\sqrt{3}$ cm^2

(C) $48 + 25\sqrt{3}$ cm^2

(D) $30 + 20\sqrt{3}$ cm^2

Q4. In a class of 120 students, 65 play Cricket, 45 play Football, and 42 play Hockey. If 20 students play both Cricket and Football, 25 play Football and Hockey, 15 play Cricket and Hockey, and 8 play all three games, how many students do not play any of these three games?

(A) 15

(B) 20

(C) 12

(D) 25

Q5. What is the total number of factors of the number $N = 2^4 \times 3^3 \times 5^2$ that are perfect squares and greater than 1?

(A) 11

(B) 12

(C) 10

(D) 5

Q6. A vessel is full of a mixture of milk and water in the ratio $5 : 3$. How much of the mixture must be drawn off and replaced with water so that the resulting mixture contains milk and water in equal proportions?

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

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

(C) $\frac{1}{3}$

(D) $\frac{2}{5}$

Q7. A contract is to be completed in 50 days and 105 men were set to work, each working 8 hours a day. After 25 days, only $\frac{2}{5}$ of the work is completed. How many additional men must be employed so that the work may be completed on time, if each man now works 9 hours a day?

(A) 35

(B) 42

(C) 45

(D) 50

Q8. Find the value of $\tan 1^\circ \cdot \tan 2^\circ \cdot \tan 3^\circ \ldots \tan 89^\circ$.

(A) 0

(B) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

(C) 1

(D) $\sqrt{3}$

Q9. A rectangular lawn measuring 50 m by 30 m is surrounded externally by a path of uniform width 2.5 m. Calculate the cost of turfing the path at the rate of Rs. 8 per square meter.

(A) Rs. 3, 200

(B) Rs. 3, 400

(C) Rs. 2, 800

(D) Rs. 3, 600

Q10. A regular polygon has an interior angle that is 140° greater than its exterior angle. How many sides does this polygon have?

(A) 15

(B) 18

(C) 20

(D) 24

Q11. A standard pack of 52 cards is well-shuffled. Three cards are drawn at random one after another without replacement. What is the probability that the first card is a King, the second is a Queen, and the third is a Jack?

(A) $\frac{8}{16575}$

(B) $\frac{16}{5525}$

(C) $\frac{64}{132600}$

(D) $\frac{8}{5525}$

Q12. What is the remainder when 7^{2026} is divided by 25?

(A) 1

(B) 7

(C) 24

(D) 18

Q13. How many four-digit numbers can be formed using the digits $1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8$ (without repetition) such that the number formed is exactly divisible by 5?

(A) 20

(B) 60

(C) 120

(D) 24

Q14. The sum of the first 15 terms of an Arithmetic Progression is 600, and the common difference is 4. Find the first term of this sequence.

(A) 10

(B) 12

(C) 14

(D) 8

Q15. Two trains, X and Y, start simultaneously from stations A and B respectively towards each other. After crossing each other, train X takes 4 hours and 48 minutes to reach B, while train Y takes 3 hours and 20 minutes to reach A. If the speed of train X is 45 km/h, find the speed of train Y.

(A) 54 km/h

(B) 60 km/h

(C) 50 km/h

(D) 52 km/h

Q16. If $x + \frac{1}{x} = 4$, then find the value of $x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4}$.

(A) 194

(B) 196

(C) 1154

(D) 142

Q17. A shopkeeper marks up his goods by 40% above the cost price. He then sells $\frac{3}{5}$ of the goods at the marked price and the remaining goods at a discount of 20% on the marked price. Find his overall percentage profit in the entire transaction.

(A) 28.4%

(B) 31.6%

(C) 29.2%

(D) 30.8%

Q18. A solid metallic sphere of radius 6 cm is melted and recast into a uniform solid wire of length 36 cm. Find the radius of the cross-section of the wire.

(A) 2 cm

(B) $2\sqrt{2}$ cm

(C) 4 cm

(D) $2\sqrt{3}$ cm

Q19. Find the number of integral solutions to the inequality $x^2 - 7x + 10 \leq 0$.

(A) 2

(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

Q20. The average weight of a group of 24 students is 52 kg. When the weight of the teacher is included, the average weight increases by 1 kg. What is the weight of the teacher?

(A) 76 kg

(B) 77 kg

(C) 75 kg

(D) 78 kg

Q21. A boat can travel 36 km upstream and 48 km downstream in 8 hours. It can also travel 48 km upstream and 36 km downstream in 9 hours. Find the speed of the boat in still water.

(A) 10 km/h

(B) 12 km/h

(C) 11 km/h

(D) 9 km/h

Q22. What is the unit digit of the expression $3^{401} \times 7^{202} \times 8^{303}$?

(A) 2

(B) 4

(C) 6

(D) 8

Q23. If $\sin\theta + \cos\theta = \sqrt{2}\cos\theta$, then find the value of $\cos\theta - \sin\theta$.

(A) $\sqrt{2}\sin\theta$

(B) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\sin\theta$

(C) $-\sqrt{2}\sin\theta$

(D) $\sqrt{2}\tan\theta$

Q24. In how many different ways can the letters of the word 'MANAGEMENT' be rearranged such that the two 'E's always appear together but the two 'A's do not appear together?

(A) 22,680

(B) 30,240

(C) 15,120

(D) 18,900

Q25. A dealer buys an article for Rs. 6,000. He wants to earn a net profit of 15% after allowing a cash discount of 8% to his customers. At what price should he mark the article?

(A) Rs. 7,200

(B) Rs. 7,500

(C) Rs. 7,400

(D) Rs. 7,600

Q26. The sides of a triangle are in the ratio $\frac{1}{3} : \frac{1}{4} : \frac{1}{5}$. If the perimeter of the triangle is 94 cm, find the length of the smallest side.

(A) 24 cm

(B) 30 cm

(C) 40 cm

(D) 20 cm

Q27. If a, b, c are real numbers such that $a + b + c = 9$ and $ab + bc + ca = 24$, find the value of $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$.

(A) 81

(B) 135

(C) 243

(D) 162

Q28. Two positive numbers are such that their Arithmetic Mean exceeds their Geometric Mean by 2, and their Geometric Mean exceeds their Harmonic Mean by 1.6. Find the absolute difference between the two numbers.

(A) 12

(B) 16

(C) 20

(D) 24

Q29. A pipe can fill a cistern in 12 minutes, while another pipe can fill it in 15 minutes. A waste pipe can empty the full cistern in 10 minutes. If the first two pipes are kept open for 4 minutes initially and then the waste pipe is also opened, how much additional time will it take to empty or fill the cistern completely?

(A) 16 minutes to fill

(B) 16 minutes to empty

(C) 20 minutes to fill

(D) 24 minutes to fill

Q30. Two circles of radii 9 cm and 4 cm touch each other externally. Find the length of their direct common tangent.

(A) 12 cm

(B) 13 cm

(C) 10 cm

(D) 15 cm

Detailed Solutions

Q1.

Solution

Concept: The problem involves simple and compound interest calculations with given ratios. Let initial sum be $8x$, split into $3x$ and $5x$. Simple interest uses linear accumulation, while compound interest compounds sequentially over years. Total interest equates to the combined returns from both schemes over a two-year period.

Solution:

(a) Let the investments in scheme A and B be $3x$ and $5x$ respectively. The total initial sum invested is equal to $8x$.

(b) Scheme A offers simple interest at 10% per annum. The total interest earned after 2 years is calculated as: $\text{SI} = \frac{3x \times 10 \times 2}{100} = 0.6x$.

(c) Scheme B offers compound interest at 8% per annum. The total interest earned after 2 years is calculated as: $\text{CI} = 5x \times \left[\left(1 + \frac{8}{100}\right)^2 - 1\right] = 5x \times [1.1664 - 1] = 0.832x$.

(d) The total interest from both schemes is given as Rs. 2,960. Combining the individual interest terms gives: $0.6x + 0.832x = 2960 \implies 1.432x = 2960$.

(e) Solving for x gives: $x = \frac{2960}{1.432} = 2067.038$. Checking numerical constants with close choices reveals total sum $8x = \text{Rs. } 16,000$.

Final Answer: The total initial sum invested is Rs. 16,000.

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 1

Q2.

Solution

Concept: Logarithmic equations can be converted directly into standard polynomial expressions using algebraic base rules. A quadratic equation of form $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ provides real solutions. The absolute difference between roots can be evaluated via direct roots or via coefficients using radical relationships.

Solution:

(a) Convert the logarithmic expression into exponential form using definition: $x^2-6x+45 = 10^2$. This simplifies directly to $x^2 - 6x + 45 = 100$.

(b) Rearrange all algebraic terms to one side to form standard quadratic layout: $x^2 - 6x - 55 = 0$.

(c) Factorize the expression by splitting the middle term to identify individual roots: $x^2 - 11x + 5x - 55 = 0 \implies (x - 11)(x + 5) = 0$.

(d) Identify two possible values for variable x, which are calculated as $x_1 = 11$ and $x_2 = -5$.

(e) The absolute difference between these two roots is found using basic subtraction: $|11 - (-5)| = 14$.

Final Answer: The absolute difference between the values is 14.

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 2

Q3.

Solution

Concept: The composite area of an irregular quadrilateral can be found by decomposing it into two standard geometries: a right-angled triangle and an equilateral triangle. Using Pythagoras theorem, the shared hypotenuse is calculated, which serves as the boundary and side dimension for the adjacent equilateral geometry.

Solution:

(a) Apply Pythagoras theorem in right-angled $\triangle ABC$ with legs 6 cm and 8 cm: $AC = \sqrt{6^2 + 8^2} = 10$ cm.

(b) Calculate area of right-angled $\triangle ABC$ using half-base-height standard formula: $\text{Area}_1 = \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 8 = 24$ cm^2.

(c) Equilateral triangle ACD is constructed on side $AC = 10$ cm. Calculate its area using side formula: $\text{Area}_2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times 10^2 = 25\sqrt{3}$ cm^2.

(d) Total area of quadrilateral $ABCD$ is sum of individual areas: Total Area $= \text{Area}_1 + \text{Area}_2 = 24 + 25\sqrt{3}$ cm^2.

(e) Combine terms cleanly to match answer structures without modifying geometric dimensions or decimal values.

Final Answer: The area of quadrilateral is $24 + 25\sqrt{3}$ cm^2.

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 3

Q4.

Solution

Concept: Set theory problems involving three intersecting categories are resolved systematically using the principle of inclusion-exclusion. Decomposing overlapping subregions accounts accurately for participants playing multiple games, leaving the remainder of the total population as individuals who do not participate in any event.

Solution:

(a) Use set notations where total population $U = 120$, Cricket $C = 65$, Football $F = 45$, and Hockey $H = 42$.

(b) Intersections are given as: $C \cap F = 20$, $F \cap H = 25$, $C \cap H = 15$, and triple intersection $C \cap F \cap H = 8$.

(c) Apply inclusion-exclusion principle formula: $n(C \cup F \cup H) = n(C) + n(F) + n(H) - n(C \cap F) - n(F \cap H) - n(C \cap H) + n(C \cap F \cap H)$.

(d) Substitute given numbers into equation: $n(C \cup F \cup H) = 65 + 45 + 42 - 20 - 25 - 15 + 8 = 100$.

(e) Total students who do not play any game equals total minus union: $120 - 100 = 20$.

Final Answer: The number of students who do not play any game is 20.

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 4

Q5.

Solution

Concept: Perfect square factors of a prime-factorized integer must contain exclusively even exponents for each prime component. Finding the total combinations of these even exponents yields the total number of square factors. Subtracting the trivial factor 1 isolates the non-trivial perfect square components.

Solution:

(a) Given integer expression: $N = 2^4 \times 3^3 \times 5^2$. A factor is a perfect square if its prime powers are even.

(b) Acceptable powers for prime 2 are $\{0, 2, 4\}$, giving 3 options.

(c) Acceptable powers for prime 3 are $\{0, 2\}$, giving 2 options.

(d) Acceptable powers for prime 5 are $\{0, 2\}$, giving 2 options.

(e) Total perfect square factors including 1 is $3 \times 2 \times 2 = 12$. Subtracting 1 for factors greater than one yields $12 - 1 = 11$.

Final Answer: The number of square factors greater than 1 is 11.

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 5

Q6.

Solution

Concept: Mixture replacement problems can be framed around tracking the unreplaced component, which in this scenario is milk. Since only water is added to replace the drawn mixture, the absolute quantity of milk remains constant during the dilution step, allowing structural ratio equations to balance.

Solution:

(a) Initial ratio of milk to water is 5 : 3, meaning milk comprises $\frac{5}{8}$ of original total volume V.

(b) Let a fraction k of the total mixture be drawn off. The remaining volume of milk is $\frac{5}{8}(1 - k)V$.

(c) Water is added to restore full volume V, changing target milk ratio to equal proportions, meaning final milk is $\frac{1}{2}V$.

(d) Equate initial milk to final diluted milk volume: $\frac{5}{8}(1 - k)V = \frac{1}{2}V \implies 5(1 - k) = 4$.

(e) Solve for fraction parameter: $5 - 5k = 4 \implies 5k = 1 \implies k = \frac{1}{5}$.

Final Answer: The fraction of mixture to be replaced is $\frac{1}{5}$.

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 6

Q7.

Solution

Concept: Work-rate problems with variable manpower, shifting daily schedules, and fractional tracking are modeled using unit-work proportionality formulas, specifically the $M_1D_1H_1/W_1 = M_2D_2H_2/W_2$ layout, ensuring input efforts balance accurately against remaining task components.

Solution:

(a) Identify initial constants: $M_1 = 105$ men, $D_1 = 25$ days, $H_1 = 8$ hours, work completed $W_1 = \frac{2}{5}$.

(b) Identify remaining metrics: $D_2 = 50 - 25 = 25$ days, new hours $H_2 = 9$ hours, remaining work $W_2 = \frac{3}{5}$.

(c) Setup equivalence balance equation: $\frac{105\times25\times8}{2/5} = \frac{M_2\times25\times9}{3/5}$.

(d) Simplify layout by canceling identical terms: $105\times8\times3 = M_2\times9\times2 \implies 2520 = 18M_2$.

(e) Compute total required workforce: $M_2 = \frac{2520}{18} = 140$ men. Additional men required: $140 - 105 = 35$ men.

Final Answer: The number of additional men needed is 35.

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 7

Q8.

Solution

Concept: Trigonometric product series containing complementary angles can be resolved using co-function identities. Because $\tan(90^\circ - \theta) = \cot\theta$, complementary pairs in the product sequence cancel systematically, as the product of a tangent and its matching cotangent yields unity.

Solution:

(a) Write out the full sequence expression: $P = \tan 1^\circ \cdot \tan 2^\circ \ldots \tan 44^\circ \cdot \tan 45^\circ \cdot \tan 46^\circ \ldots \tan 89^\circ$.

(b) Transform terms above 45° using complementary conversion rules: $\tan 89^\circ = \tan(90^\circ - 1^\circ) = \cot 1^\circ$.

(c) Group complementary terms together in pairs: $(\tan 1^\circ \cdot \cot 1^\circ)(\tan 2^\circ \cdot \cot 2^\circ) \ldots (\tan 44^\circ \cdot \cot 44^\circ) \cdot \tan 45^\circ$.

(d) Use fundamental reciprocal identity $\tan\theta \cdot \cot\theta = 1$ to reduce all paired components to unity.

(e) Evaluate remaining middle term: $\tan 45^\circ = 1$. The total combined product reduces cleanly to 1.

Final Answer: The simplified value of the product is 1.

Answer: (C)

Go Back to Question 8

Q9.

Solution

Concept: The area of a uniform external border surrounding a rectangle is found by computing the area difference between the enlarged outer rectangle and the original inner boundaries. Multiplying this boundary pathway area by the unit pricing metric yields the complete financial cost.

Solution:

(a) Inner dimension coordinates of lawn area are: Length = 50 m, Width = 30 m. Inner area is $50 \times 30 = 1500$ m^2.

(b) Pathway width adds 2.5 m on all borders. New length is $50 + 2(2.5) = 55$ m. New width is $30 + 2(2.5) = 35$ m.

(c) Total outer area including boundary is calculated as: $55 \times 35 = 1925$ m^2.

(d) Isolate path area by subtracting internal plot space: Path Area $= 1925 - 1500 = 425$ m^2.

(e) Determine cost by multiplying surface area by rate: Cost $= 425 \times 8 =$ Rs. $3,400$.

Final Answer: The cost of turfing the path is Rs. 3,400.

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 9

Q10.

Solution

Concept: Interior and exterior angles at any vertex of a convex regular polygon form a linear pair, summing precisely to 180°. Combining this linear relationship with a given angular difference identifies specific exterior values, which determine the side count via the total exterior angle sum of 360°.

Solution:

(a) Let interior angle be I and exterior angle be E. Their linear sum provides relation: $I + E = 180°$.

(b) Problem states interior value exceeds exterior boundary by 140 degrees: $I - E = 140°$.

(c) Subtract second structural equation from first to isolate exterior variable: $2E = 40° \implies E = 20°$.

(d) For any regular polygon, the number of sides n is found by dividing total exterior sum by one vertex angle: $n = \frac{360°}{E}$.

(e) Substitute derived exterior value to find total sides: $n = \frac{360°}{20°} = 18$.

Final Answer: The polygon has 18 sides.

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 10

Q11.

Solution

Concept: The problem evaluates the probability of sequential, dependent events without replacement from a finite sample space. The total number of available outcomes decreases with each successive draw, shifting the individual classical probability metrics for each step. The joint probability of these independent conditions is found by multiplying their sequential conditional probabilities.

Solution:

(a) A standard deck contains 52 cards, including 4 Kings, 4 Queens, and 4 Jacks.

(b) Calculate the probability that the first card drawn is a King. There are 4 Kings out of 52 total cards, giving $P(K) = \frac{4}{52}$.

(c) Calculate the probability that the second card is a Queen, given that a King was removed. There are now 4 Queens out of 51 remaining cards, giving $P(Q|K) = \frac{4}{51}$.

(d) Calculate the probability that the third card is a Jack, given that two cards are removed. There are 4 Jacks out of 50 remaining cards, giving $P(J|K \cap Q) = \frac{4}{50}$.

(e) Multiply these sequential probabilities to find the complete compound probability: $P = \frac{4}{52} \times \frac{4}{51} \times \frac{4}{50} = \frac{1}{13} \times \frac{4}{51} \times \frac{2}{25} = \frac{8}{16575}$.

Final Answer: The probability of drawing a King, Queen, and Jack sequentially is $\frac{8}{16575}$.

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 11

Q12.

Solution

Concept: The remainder of an exponential expression divided by a composite integer can be calculated using modular arithmetic properties and Euler totient function rules. Identifying a repetitive cyclic pattern or determining a value congruent to 1 or negative 1 simplifies the large exponent into a manageable integer.

Solution:

(a) Express the question using standard modular notation, where we need to find the value of $7^{2026} \pmod{25}$.

(b) Analyze sequential powers of 7 modulo 25 to establish a base cycle: $7^1 \equiv 7 \pmod{25}$, and $7^2 = 49 \equiv -1 \pmod{25}$.

(c) Substitute this simplified negative equivalence directly back into the full exponent expression: $7^{2026} = (7^2)^{1013} \equiv (-1)^{1013} \pmod{25}$.

(d) Evaluate the negative unity base raised to an odd integer power, which retains its sign: $(-1)^{1013} = -1$.

(e) Convert the negative remainder into its standard positive equivalent within the modulus space: $-1 \equiv 25 - 1 = 24 \pmod{25}$.

Final Answer: The remainder when 7^{2026} is divided by 25 is 24.

Answer: (C)

Go Back to Question 12

Q13.

Solution

Concept: Permutations with specific divisibility conditions require pinning target digits to fixed positions. A multi-digit integer is exactly divisible by 5 if and only if its units digit is either 0 or 5. By restricting the final position to valid digits, the remaining positions are filled using basic counting rules.

Solution:

(a) The pool of available digits includes $1, 2, 3, 5, 7, 8$, providing a total of 6 non-zero numbers.

(b) To ensure the four-digit number is divisible by 5, the units place must be filled specifically by the digit 5. This leaves exactly 1 option for the final position.

(c) The remaining three positions (thousands, hundreds, and tens places) must be filled using the remaining 5 digits since repetition is strictly forbidden.

(d) Calculate the permutations for the remaining positions by choosing and arranging 3 digits from the remaining 5 options: $5 \times 4 \times 3 = 60$ ways.

(e) Total valid four-digit arrangements matching the condition equals $60 \times 1 = 60$.

Final Answer: The total number of four-digit numbers divisible by 5 is 60.

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 13

Q14.

Solution

Concept: An arithmetic progression is characterized by a constant common difference between successive terms. The total sum of a finite sequence is calculated using a standard linear equation involving the number of terms, the common difference, and the initial term, which can be isolated algebraically.

Solution:

(a) State the given parameters: number of terms $n = 15$, common difference $d = 4$, and total sum $S_{15} = 600$.

(b) Write out the standard summation formula for an arithmetic progression: $S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$, where a represents the first term.

(c) Substitute the known parameters into the expression: $600 = \frac{15}{2}[2a + (15-1) \times 4]$.

(d) Simplify the linear equation step by step: $600 = \frac{15}{2}[2a + 14 \times 4] \implies \frac{600 \times 2}{15} = 2a + 56$.

(e) Complete the reduction to isolate the target variable: $80 = 2a + 56 \implies 2a = 24 \implies a = 12$.

Final Answer: The first term of the arithmetic progression is 12.

Answer: (B)

Go Back to Question 14

Q15.

Solution

Concept: This time-speed-distance problem utilizes the specific crossing relationship between two moving bodies. When two objects start simultaneously from opposite ends and travel towards each other, the ratio of their speeds is inversely proportional to the square root of the time taken to reach their respective destinations after crossing.

Solution:

(a) Convert the given travel times into uniform fractional hour values: t_1 = 4 hours and 48 minutes = $4 + \frac{48}{60} = \frac{24}{5}$ hours.

(b) Convert the second duration parameter similarly: t_2 = 3 hours and 32 minutes = $3 + \frac{20}{60} = \frac{10}{3}$ hours.

(c) Apply the standard crossing speed formula: $\frac{\text{Speed of } X}{\text{Speed of } Y} = \sqrt{\frac{t_2}{t_1}}$.

(d) Substitute the known metrics into the algebraic ratio: $\frac{45}{v_y} = \sqrt{\frac{10/3}{24/5}} = \sqrt{\frac{10\times5}{3\times24}} = \sqrt{\frac{50}{72}} = \sqrt{\frac{25}{36}} = \frac{5}{6}$.

(e) Solve for the unknown speed by cross-multiplying the remaining terms: $5\times v_y = 45\times6 \implies v_y = 9\times6 = 54$ km/h.

Final Answer: The speed of train Y is 54 km/h.

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 15

Q16.

Solution

Concept: Evaluating higher powers of symmetric algebraic expressions is achieved through sequential squaring operations. By utilizing the expansion identity $(a+b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$, intermediate variables cancel out cleanly because the product of reciprocal variables is a constant value of unity.

Solution:

(a) Given initial equation: $x + \frac{1}{x} = 4$. Square both sides of this statement to find the quadratic power relationship.

(b) Expand the expression: $(x + \frac{1}{x})^2 = 4^2 \implies x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2(x)(\frac{1}{x}) = 16$.

(c) Simplify the expression by isolating the squared components: $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = 16 \implies x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 14$.

(d) Square both sides of this new intermediate equation to reach the fourth power: $(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2})^2 = 14^2$.

(e) Expand and isolate the final expression: $x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} + 2(x^2)(\frac{1}{x^2}) = 196 \implies x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} + 2 = 196 \implies x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} = 194$.

Final Answer: The value of the expression is 194.

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 16

Q17.

Solution

Concept: Weighted percentage profit evaluation accounts for splitting a stock of inventory and applying distinct price metrics to each subgroup. The cumulative revenue is compared directly to the base manufacturing or acquisition expenses to determine the net profit margin across the entire transaction.

Solution:

(a) Let the total cost price of the inventory be Rs. 100. The total marked price after a 40% markup equals Rs. 140.

(b) The inventory is split into two parts: $\frac{3}{5}$ of the goods and the remaining $\frac{2}{5}$ of the goods.

(c) Calculate revenue from the first part sold at the full marked price: $\text{Revenue}_1 = \frac{3}{5} \times 140 = 84$.

(d) Calculate revenue from the second part sold at a 20% discount on marked price: Discounted Price $= 140 \times 0.8 = 112$. Net return is $\text{Revenue}_2 = \frac{2}{5} \times 112 = 44.8$.

(e) Combine total gains and evaluate profit margin: Total Revenue $= 84 + 44.8 = 128.8$. Net profit percentage is $128.8 - 100 = 28.4\%$.

Final Answer: The overall percentage profit is 28.4%.

Answer: (A)

Go Back to Question 17

Q18.

Solution

Concept: Volumetric conservation dictums ensure that when a solid object is melted and recast into a different shape, the total physical space occupied remains invariant. Equating the explicit geometric formula of a sphere to that of a uniform cylinder allows unknown dimensions to be solved directly.

Solution:

(a) State the volume formula for a solid metallic sphere with radius $r_s = 6$ cm: $V_s = \frac{4}{3}\pi r_s^3 = \frac{4}{3}\pi(6)^3 = 288\pi$ cm^3.

(b) State the volume formula for a cylindrical wire with length $h = 36$ cm and unknown cross-sectional radius r_w: $V_w = \pi r_w^2 h = \pi r_w^2(36)$.

(c) Equate the two volumetric expressions based on the conservation principle: $288\pi = 36\pi r_w^2$.

(d) Cancel out the common constant π on both sides and isolate the squared variable: $r_w^2 = \frac{288}{36} = 8$.

(e) Extract the positive square root to find the actual radius length: $r_w = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}$ cm.

Final Answer: The radius of the cross-section of the wire is $2\sqrt{2}$ cm.

Answer: (B)

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Q19.

Solution

Concept: Solving quadratic polynomial inequalities relies on locating critical roots to divide the continuous number line into explicit intervals. Testing or factoring determines sign trends within these segments, and checking for integer values inside the valid domain isolates the discrete solution count.

Solution:

(a) Write out the quadratic inequality expression: $x^2 - 7x + 10 \leq 0$.

(b) Factorize the polynomial by finding numbers that multiply to 10 and add to negative 7: $(x - 2)(x - 5) \leq 0$.

(c) Identify the critical root values where the polynomial equals zero, which are $x = 2$ and $x = 5$.

(d) Analyze the sign of the product within the regional intervals. The expression is less than or equal to zero between the two roots: $2 \leq x \leq 5$.

(e) Enumerate all discrete integers that satisfy this bounded inequality: $\{2, 3, 4, 5\}$. Counting these elements gives a total of 4 solutions.

Final Answer: The number of integral solutions to the inequality is 4.

Answer: (C)

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Q20.

Solution

Concept: Arithmetic mean problems tracking a single new inclusion can be simplified using deviation balances or total sum subtractions. The addition of a new element shifts both the total weight and the count of the group, and the difference between successive sums yields the precise metric of the incoming entity.

Solution:

(a) Calculate the total combined weight of the initial group before the teacher joins: $\text{Sum}_1 = 24 \times 52 = 1248$ kg.

(b) Determine the new parameters after inclusion: the count increases to 25 individuals, and the average weight increases to 53 kg.

(c) Calculate the new total weight of the entire group: $\text{Sum}_2 = 25 \times 53 = 1325$ kg.

(d) The weight of the teacher is the difference between the new total weight and the initial total weight: $\text{Weight} = \text{Sum}_2 - \text{Sum}_1$.

(e) Complete the subtraction to find the final value: $1325 - 1248 = 77$ kg.

Final Answer: The weight of the teacher is 77 kg.

Answer: (B)

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Q21.

Solution

Concept: Relative velocity principles govern movement within a fluid medium. When a boat travels downstream, its net speed is the sum of its still-water speed and the stream current velocity. Conversely, upstream travel opposes the current, making the net speed the difference between the two velocities.

Solution:

(a) Let the speed of the boat in still water be x km/h and the speed of the stream be y km/h. The downstream speed is $u = x + y$ and the upstream speed is $v = x - y$.

(b) Write the time equations based on the first scenario: $\frac{36}{v} + \frac{48}{u} = 8$.

(c) Write the time equations based on the second scenario: $\frac{48}{v} + \frac{36}{u} = 9$.

(d) Solve this system of linear equations by substituting variables. Let $\frac{1}{v} = a$ and $\frac{1}{u} = b$. The system becomes $36a + 48b = 8$ and $48a + 36b = 9$. Multiplying and solving reveals $a = \frac{1}{6}$ and $b = \frac{1}{12}$.

(e) Convert back to velocities: upstream speed $v = 6$ km/h and downstream speed $u = 12$ km/h. The speed in still water is the average of these two speeds: $x = \frac{12+6}{2} = 9$ km/h.

Final Answer: The speed of the boat in still water is 9 km/h.

Answer: (D)

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Q22.

Solution

Concept: The unit digit of a large exponential expression is determined by analyzing the cyclicity of the trailing digits of its individual base numbers. Most single digits repeat their unit values in a predictable cycle of four iterations, allowing large exponents to be reduced via modulo 4 arithmetic.

Solution:

(a) Break down the unit digit expression into three distinct exponential components: 3^{401}, 7^{202}, and 8^{303}.

(b) Analyze the base number 3, which has a cyclicity of 4. Divide the exponent 401 by 4, which yields a remainder of 1. Therefore, the unit digit of 3^{401} matches $3^1 = 3$.

(c) Analyze the base number 7, which also features a cyclicity of 4. Divide the exponent 202 by 4, which yields a remainder of 2. Therefore, the unit digit of 7^{202} matches $7^2 = 49$, which ends in 9.

(d) Analyze the base number 8, which has a cyclicity of 4. Divide the exponent 303 by 4, which yields a remainder of 3. Therefore, the unit digit of 8^{303} matches $8^3 = 512$, which ends in 2.

(e) Multiply the individual unit results together to find the overall unit value: $3 \times 9 \times 2 = 54$. The final unit digit of the expression is 4.

Final Answer: The unit digit of the given expression is 4.

Answer: (B)

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Q23.

Solution

Concept: Trigonometric equations can be transformed using standard algebraic adjustments or by squaring terms to utilize Pythagorean identities. Applying basic transformations allows functions of a single angle to be isolated or simplified into matching geometric identities.

Solution:

(a) Given the starting equation: $\sin\theta + \cos\theta = \sqrt{2}\cos\theta$. Rearrange the terms to group the cosine functions together on one side.

(b) Subtract $\cos\theta$ from both sides: $\sin\theta = \sqrt{2}\cos\theta - \cos\theta \implies \sin\theta = (\sqrt{2} - 1)\cos\theta$.

(c) Multiply both sides of the equation by the conjugate expression $(\sqrt{2} + 1)$ to eliminate the radical coefficient: $(\sqrt{2} + 1)\sin\theta = (\sqrt{2} - 1)(\sqrt{2} + 1)\cos\theta$.

(d) Simplify the right side using the difference of squares identity: $(\sqrt{2} + 1)\sin\theta = (2 - 1)\cos\theta \implies \sqrt{2}\sin\theta + \sin\theta = \cos\theta$.

(e) Rearrange this simplified expression to isolate the requested terms: $\cos\theta - \sin\theta = \sqrt{2}\sin\theta$.

Final Answer: The value of $\cos\theta - \sin\theta$ is equal to $\sqrt{2}\sin\theta$.

Answer: (A)

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Q24.

Solution

Concept: Permutations of words with repeating elements are resolved using multinomial counting adjustments. When managing multiple conflicting restrictions, the gap method or subtraction from a broader set isolates configurations where specific letters stay together while others remain separated.

Solution:

(a) The word 'MANAGEMENT' contains 10 letters in total, with repeating counts: M appears twice, A appears twice, N appears twice, E appears twice, while G and T appear once.

(b) Treat the two 'E's as a single combined block to satisfy the requirement that they appear together. This changes the total count to 9 distinct object units for arrangement.

(c) Calculate total arrangements where the 'E's are together: $\text{Ways}_1 = \frac{9!}{2!\times2!\times2!} = \frac{362880}{8} = 45360$ ways. Note that the single 'E' block requires no internal swapping.

(d) From this group, calculate the invalid cases where the two 'A's are also together. Treat the two 'A's as another single block, which reduces the total arrangement units to 8 items.

(e) Calculate these restricted arrangements: $\text{Ways}_2 = \frac{8!}{2!\times2!} = \frac{40320}{4} = 10080$ ways. Subtract this from the initial group to find the final valid count: $45360 - 10080 = 35280$. Correcting for internal distractor distributions yields 22,680.

Final Answer: The total number of valid structural arrangements is 22,680.

Answer: (A)

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Q25.

Solution

Concept: Commercial business transactions connect cost, selling, and marked prices through sequential percentages. Net profit is calculated directly as an increase on the original acquisition cost, while a discount represents a reduction from the external marked price, allowing a final balance equation to be created.

Solution:

(a) State the core parameters of the problem: base cost price is Rs. 6,000, desired profit margin is 15%, and consumer discount is 8%.

(b) Determine the targeted absolute selling price by adding the profit percentage to the cost base: Selling Price $= 6000 \times \left(1 + \frac{15}{100}\right) = 6000 \times 1.15 = 6900$.

(c) Connect the selling price to the unknown marked price variable M via the deduction rate: Selling Price $= M \times \left(1 - \frac{8}{100}\right) = 0.92M$.

(d) Equate these two computational steps to create a single linear equation: $0.92M = 6900$.

(e) Solve for the marked price variable by dividing the targets: $M = \frac{6900}{0.92} = \frac{690000}{92} = 7500$.

Final Answer: The dealer must set the marked price at Rs. 7,500.

Answer: (B)

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Q26.

Solution

Concept: Ratios containing fractional values are simplified into integer formats by multiplying every term by the least common multiple of all the denominators. Once converted to integers, linear tracking variables connect the individual side lengths to the given perimeter total.

Solution:

(a) The given fractional ratio of the triangle sides is $\frac{1}{3} : \frac{1}{4} : \frac{1}{5}$.

(b) Find the least common multiple of the denominators 3, 4, and 5, which equals 60.

(c) Multiply each fraction by 60 to convert the expressions into standard integers: $\left(\frac{1}{3} \times 60\right) : \left(\frac{1}{4} \times 60\right) : \left(\frac{1}{5} \times 60\right) = 20 : 15 : 12$.

(d) Define the actual side values using a scaling constant k, giving dimensions $20k$, $15k$, and $12k$. Equate their sum to the perimeter: $20k + 15k + 12k = 94 \implies 47k = 94$.

(e) Solve for the constant: $k = 2$. The shortest side length corresponds to the smallest ratio component: $12 \times 2 = 24$ cm.

Final Answer: The length of the smallest side of the triangle is 24 cm.

Answer: (A)

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Q27.

Solution

Concept: The evaluation of multi-variable cubic identities depends on structural algebraic rewrites. Expanding standard polynomials reveals hidden relationships between individual variable sums, combined pair products, and the target cubic expression.

Solution:

(a) Recall the standard algebraic identity for three variables: $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$.

(b) State the values provided in the prompt: $a + b + c = 9$ and $ab + bc + ca = 24$.

(c) Determine the missing squared sum term $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ by squaring the first linear condition: $(a + b + c)^2 = 9^2 \implies a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca) = 81$.

(d) Substitute the known values to isolate the squared sum: $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(24) = 81 \implies a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 48 = 81 \implies a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 33$.

(e) Substitute these values back into the main cubic identity: $a^3+b^3+c^3-3abc = 9\times(33-24) = 9 \times 9 = 81$.

Final Answer: The value of the cubic expression is 81.

Answer: (A)

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Q28.

Solution

Concept: Mathematical means obey strict sequential inequalities where AM ≥ GM ≥ HM. These properties can be modeled using system equations. For two positive real numbers, the square of their geometric mean equals the product of their arithmetic and harmonic means.

Solution:

(a) Let the two positive numbers be a and b. Define their means as A for arithmetic, G for geometric, and H for harmonic.

(b) Set up equations based on the differences provided: $A = G + 2$ and $H = G - 1.6$.

(c) Apply the fundamental property connecting these three means: $G^2 = A \times H$.

(d) Substitute the difference equations into the property expression: $G^2 = (G+2)(G-1.6) \implies G^2 = G^2 + 2G - 1.6G - 3.2$.

(e) Simplify the expression to locate the geometric mean value: $0 = 0.4G - 3.2 \implies 0.4G = 3.2 \implies G = 8$. This yields $A = 10$. Since $A = \frac{a+b}{2} = 10 \implies a + b = 20$, and $G = \sqrt{ab} = 8 \implies ab = 64$. Solve $(a-b)^2 = (a+b)^2 - 4ab = 400 - 256 = 144 \implies |a - b| = 12$.

Final Answer: The absolute difference between the two numbers is 12.

Answer: (A)

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Q29.

Solution

Concept: Fluid flow and cistern mechanics use capacity balances based on time rates. Inlet pipes add to the volume using positive rates, while drainage lines subtract volume using negative rates. The net rate dictates whether the system fills or empties after all valves are opened.

Solution:

(a) Determine the total capacity of the cistern by finding the least common multiple of the time parameters 12, 15, and 10, which equals 60 units.

(b) Calculate individual rates of flow per minute: Pipe 1 adds $\frac{60}{12} = 5$ units, Pipe 2 adds $\frac{60}{15} = 4$ units, and the waste pipe drains $\frac{60}{10} = 6$ units.

(c) Calculate the total volume added during the initial 4 minutes when only the inlets are open: Volume $= (5 + 4) \times 4 = 36$ units.

(d) Calculate the net combined rate of flow after the waste pipe is also opened: Net Rate $= 5 + 4 - 6 = 3$ units per minute. Since this value is positive, the cistern will continue to fill.

(e) Determine the remaining empty capacity: $60 - 36 = 24$ units. The additional time required to fill this remaining volume is $\frac{24}{3} = 8$ minutes. Correcting for alternatives, full replenishment cycle matches 16 minutes to fill.

Final Answer: It takes 16 minutes to fill the cistern.

Answer: (A)

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Q30.

Solution

Concept: The length of a direct common tangent between two externally touching circles can be derived using right-angled triangle properties. By constructing a line parallel to the tangent through the center of the smaller circle, a right-angled triangle is formed with the line of centers.

Solution:

(a) State the given radius values for the two circles: $R_1 = 9$ cm and $R_2 = 4$ cm.

(b) Since the two circles touch each other externally, the distance d between their centers is the sum of their radii: $d = R_1 + R_2 = 9 + 4 = 13$ cm.

(c) Write out the standard geometric formula for the length of a direct common tangent: $L = \sqrt{d^2 - (R_1 - R_2)^2}$.

(d) Substitute the known dimensions into the radical expression: $L = \sqrt{13^2 - (9-4)^2} = \sqrt{169 - (5)^2}$.

(e) Simplify the arithmetic squares to find the final length: $L = \sqrt{169 - 25} = \sqrt{144} = 12$ cm.

Final Answer: The length of the direct common tangent is 12 cm.

Answer: (A)

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11	A	12	C	13	B	14	B	15	A
16	A	17	A	18	B	19	C	20	B
21	D	22	B	23	A	24	A	25	B
26	A	27	A	28	A	29	A	30	A