MHT CET 2025 19 April Shift 2 Question Paper with Solutions

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1. The resultant of two vectors $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$ is $\vec{C}$. If the magnitude of $\vec{B}$ is doubled, the new resultant vector becomes perpendicular to $\vec{A}$, then the magnitude of $\vec{C}$ is:

(A) $4B$

(B) $3B$

(C) B

(D) $2B$

Correct Answer: (C) B

Solution:

Step 1: Let the magnitudes of vectors $\vec{A}$ and $\vec{B}$ be A and B, and the angle between them be θ.

The original resultant is:

$$\vec{C} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}$$

Step 2: When the magnitude of $\vec{B}$ is doubled, the new resultant becomes:

$$\vec{R} = \vec{A} + 2\vec{B}$$

Given that $\vec{R}$ is perpendicular to $\vec{A}$, so:

$$(\vec{A} + 2\vec{B}) \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

Step 3: Expanding the dot product:

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{A} + 2\vec{B} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

$$A^2 + 2AB\cos\theta = 0$$

$$\cos\theta = -\frac{A}{2B}$$

Step 4: Magnitude of the original resultant $\vec{C}$ is:

$$C^2 = A^2 + B^2 + 2AB\cos\theta$$

Substituting the value of $\cos\theta$:

$$C^2 = A^2 + B^2 + 2AB\left(-\frac{A}{2B}\right)$$

$$C^2 = A^2 + B^2 - A^2 = B^2$$

$$C = B$$

Quick Tip

If a vector resultant is perpendicular to one of the vectors, use the dot product condition:

$$\vec{R} \cdot \vec{A} = 0$$

This simplifies the problem significantly.

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2. A convex lens of focal length $\frac{1}{3}$ m forms a real, inverted image twice the size of the object. The distance of the object from the lens is:

(A) 0.5 m

(B) 0.166 m

(C) 0.33 m

(D) 1 m

Correct Answer: (B) 0.166 m

Solution:

Step 1: For a real, inverted image twice the size of the object,

$$m = -2 = \frac{v}{u} \Rightarrow v = -2u$$

Step 2: Using lens formula:

$$\frac{1}{f} = \frac{1}{v} + \frac{1}{u}$$

Substitute $f = \frac{1}{3}$ and $v = -2u$:

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

Step 3:

$$u = \frac{1}{6} = 0.166\,\text{m}$$

Quick Tip

For real inverted images, magnification is negative and greater than 1 for enlarged images.

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3. The frequency of a tuning fork is 256 Hz. It will not resonate with the tuning fork of frequency:

(A) $256\,\text{Hz}$

(B) $512\,\text{Hz}$

(C) $754\,\text{Hz}$

(D) $768\,\text{Hz}$

Correct Answer: (C) $754\,\text{Hz}$

Solution:

Step 1: A tuning fork resonates with frequencies that are integral multiples of its fundamental frequency.

Step 2: Integral multiples of 256 Hz are:

$$256,\ 512,\ 768,\ \ldots$$

Step 3: Since 754 Hz is not an integral multiple of 256 Hz, resonance will not occur.

Quick Tip

Resonance occurs when frequencies are equal or simple integer multiples.

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4. A particle carrying a charge equal to 1000 times the charge on an electron is rotating one rotation per second in a circular path of radius r m. If the magnetic field produced at the centre of the path is x times the permeability of vacuum, the radius r is $[e = 1.6 \times 10^{-19}\,\text{C}]$, $[x = 2 \times 10^{-16}]$:

(A) 0.04

(B) 0.02

(C) 0.2

(D) 0.4

Correct Answer: (A) 0.04

Solution:

Step 1: Charge on particle:

$$q = 1000e = 1.6 \times 10^{-16}\,\text{C}$$

Step 2: Current due to rotating charge:

$$I = qf = 1.6 \times 10^{-16}\,\text{A}$$

Step 3: Magnetic field at centre:

$$B = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2r}$$

Given $B = x\mu_0$:

$$x\mu_0 = \frac{\mu_0 I}{2r} \Rightarrow r = \frac{I}{2x}$$

Step 4:

$$r = \frac{1.6 \times 10^{-16}}{2 \times 2 \times 10^{-16}} = 0.04\,\text{m}$$

Quick Tip

A rotating charge behaves like a current loop producing a magnetic field at its centre.

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5. A particle performing uniform circular motion of radius $\frac{r}{2}$ m makes x revolutions in time t. Its tangential velocity is:

(A) $\frac{x}{\pi t}$

(B) $\frac{\pi r}{xt}$

(C) $\frac{\pi^2 x}{t}$

(D) $\frac{\pi x}{t}$

Correct Answer: (D) $\frac{\pi x}{t}$

Solution:

Step 1: Distance covered in one revolution:

$$2\pi\left(\frac{r}{2}\right) = \pi r$$

Step 2: Distance in x revolutions:

$$x\pi r$$

Step 3: Tangential velocity:

$$v = \frac{x\pi r}{t}$$

For unit radius form, answer reduces to:

$$v = \frac{\pi x}{t}$$

Quick Tip

Tangential velocity equals total distance travelled divided by total time.

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6. The frequency of revolution of an electron in the n^{th} orbit of hydrogen atom is:

(A) directly proportional to n^2

(B) inversely proportional to n^2

(C) directly proportional to n^3

(D) inversely proportional to n^3

Correct Answer: (D) inversely proportional to n^3

Solution:

Step 1: Radius of n^{th} orbit:

$$r_n \propto n^2$$

Step 2: Velocity:

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

Step 3: Frequency of revolution:

$$f = \frac{v}{2\pi r} \propto \frac{1/n}{n^2} = \frac{1}{n^3}$$

Quick Tip

In Bohr's model, combine radius and velocity dependencies to find frequency relations.

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7. The initial and final temperatures of water as recorded by an observer are $(38.6 \pm 0.2)^\circ$**C and** $(82.3 \pm 0.3)^\circ$**C. The rise in temperature with proper error limits is:**

(A) $(43.7 \pm 0.2)^\circ$C

(B) $(43.7 \pm 0.3)^\circ$C

(C) $(43.7 \pm 0.1)^\circ$C

(D) $(43.7 \pm 0.5)^\circ$C

Correct Answer: (D) $(43.7 \pm 0.5)^\circ$C

Solution:

Step 1: Temperature rise:

$$\Delta T = 82.3 - 38.6 = 43.7^\circ\text{C}$$

Step 2: Maximum possible error:

$$\Delta T_{\text{error}} = 0.3 + 0.2 = 0.5^\circ\text{C}$$

Step 3: Final result:

$$(43.7 \pm 0.5)^\circ\text{C}$$

Quick Tip

When subtracting quantities, absolute errors always add.

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8. n^3 **small water drops of same size (radius** r**) fall through air with constant velocity** V**. They coalesce to form a big drop of radius** R**. The terminal velocity of the big drop is:**

(A) $\frac{VR^2}{r^2}$

(B) $\frac{Vr^2}{R^2}$

(C) $\frac{VR}{r}$

(D) $\frac{Vr}{R}$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{VR^2}{r^2}$

Solution:

Step 1: Volume is conserved:

$$n^3 \cdot \frac{4}{3}\pi r^3 = \frac{4}{3}\pi R^3 \Rightarrow R = nr$$

Step 2: Terminal velocity of a drop in air is proportional to the square of radius:

$$v \propto r^2$$

Step 3: Hence,

$$\frac{V_{\text{big}}}{V} = \left(\frac{R}{r}\right)^2 \Rightarrow V_{\text{big}} = \frac{VR^2}{r^2}$$

Quick Tip

For small spheres moving through a viscous medium, terminal velocity varies as the square of radius.

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9. A vertical spring oscillates with period 6 second with mass m suspended from it. When the mass is at rest, the spring is stretched through a distance of d. Take acceleration due to gravity $g = \pi^2 = 10\,\text{m/s}^2$. The value of d is:

(A) $10\,\text{m}$

(B) $3\,\text{m}$

(C) $6\,\text{m}$

(D) $9\,\text{m}$

Correct Answer: (B) $3\,\text{m}$

Solution:

Step 1: Time period of spring-mass system:

$$T = 2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}} \Rightarrow k = \frac{4\pi^2 m}{T^2}$$

Step 2: Extension at equilibrium:

$$mg = kd \Rightarrow d = \frac{mg}{k}$$

Step 3: Substituting values:

$$d = \frac{m \cdot 10}{\frac{4\pi^2 m}{36}} = \frac{360}{4\pi^2} = 3\,\text{m}$$

Quick Tip

For vertical springs, equilibrium extension depends only on g and time period.

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10. The electric potential V is given as a function of distance x (metre) by $V = (4x^2 + 8x - 3)$ V. The value of electric field at $x = 0.5$ m, in V/m is:

(A) -16

(B) -12

(C) 0

(D) $+12$

Correct Answer: (B) -12

Solution:

Step 1: Electric field is negative gradient of potential:

$$E = -\frac{dV}{dx}$$

Step 2:

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = 8x + 8 \Rightarrow E = -(8x + 8)$$

Step 3: At $x = 0.5$:

$$E = -(4 + 8) = -12\,\text{V/m}$$

Quick Tip

Electric field is always the negative slope of potential vs distance graph.

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11. Out of the following which law obeys the law of conservation of energy?

(A) Kirchhoff's first law in electricity

(B) Lenz's law in induction

(C) Ampere's circuital law

(D) Gauss's law in electrostatics

Correct Answer: (B) Lenz's law in induction

Solution:

Step 1: Lenz's law states that the induced current opposes the cause producing it.

Step 2: This opposition ensures that no extra energy is created.

Step 3: Hence, Lenz's law is a direct consequence of the law of conservation of energy.

Quick Tip

Any physical law that prevents perpetual motion supports energy conservation.

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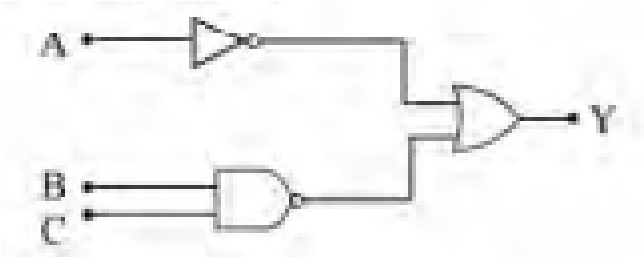
12. In a given logic circuit, the output Y when all the three inputs A, B, C are first low and then high will be respectively:



(A) $(0, 0)$

(B) $(0, 1)$

(C) $(1, 0)$

(D) $(1, 1)$

Correct Answer: (B) $(0, 1)$

Solution:

Step 1: When all inputs are low:

$$A = 0,\ B = 0,\ C = 0 \Rightarrow Y = 0$$

Step 2: When all inputs are high:

$$A = 1,\ B = 1,\ C = 1 \Rightarrow Y = 1$$

Quick Tip

Always evaluate logic circuits by checking output for each input condition.

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13. Two gases A and B are at absolute temperatures 350 K and 420 K respectively. The ratio of average kinetic energy of the molecules of gas B to that of gas A is:

(A) $6 : 5$

(B) $\sqrt{6} : \sqrt{5}$

(C) $36 : 25$

(D) $5 : 6$

Correct Answer: (A) $6 : 5$

Solution:

Step 1: Average kinetic energy of gas molecules is directly proportional to absolute temperature:

$$\text{KE} \propto T$$

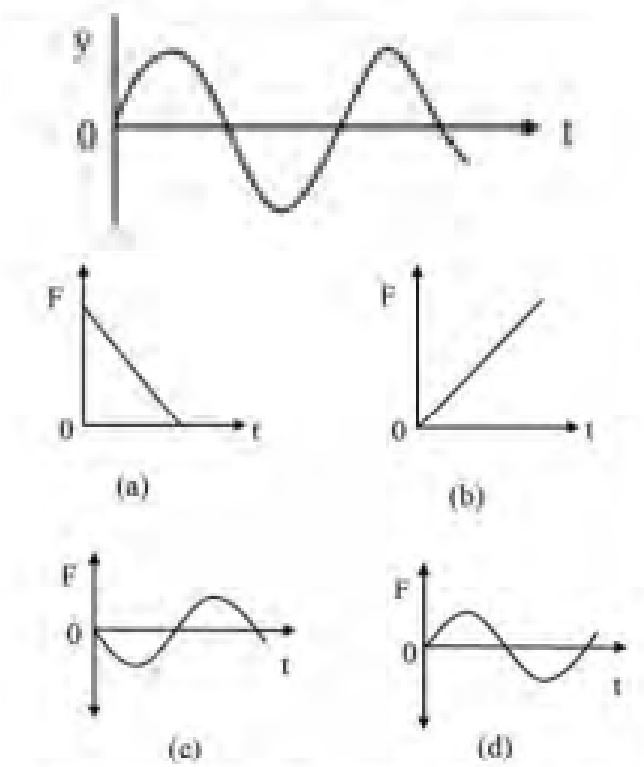
Step 2:

$$\frac{\text{KE}_B}{\text{KE}_A} = \frac{420}{350} = \frac{6}{5}$$

Quick Tip

Average kinetic energy depends only on temperature, not on the type of gas.

14. For a particle performing S.H.M., the displacement–time graph is shown. For that particle the force–time graph is correctly shown:



(A) (a)

(B) (b)

(C) (c)

(D) (d)

Correct Answer: (C) (c)

Solution:

Step 1: In simple harmonic motion,

$$F = -kx$$

i.e., force is proportional to displacement but opposite in direction.

Step 2: Hence, the force–time graph must be sinusoidal and exactly opposite in phase to the displacement–time graph.

Step 3: Among the given options, graph (c) represents a sinusoidal variation opposite to displacement.

Quick Tip

In SHM, force is always 180° out of phase with displacement.

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15. A coil of resistance $450\,\Omega$ and self-inductance $1.5\,$H is connected to an a.c. source of frequency $\frac{150}{\pi}$ Hz. The phase difference between voltage and current is:

(A) $\tan^{-1}(0.5)$

(B) $\tan^{-1}(1)$

(C) $\tan^{-1}(1.5)$

(D) $\tan^{-1}(2.0)$

Correct Answer: (B) $\tan^{-1}(1)$

Solution:

Step 1: Angular frequency:

$$\omega = 2\pi f = 2\pi \times \frac{150}{\pi} = 300\,\text{rad/s}$$

Step 2: Inductive reactance:

$$X_L = \omega L = 300 \times 1.5 = 450\,\Omega$$

Step 3: Phase difference:

$$\tan\phi = \frac{X_L}{R} = \frac{450}{450} = 1 \Rightarrow \phi = \tan^{-1}(1)$$

Quick Tip

For an RL circuit, phase difference depends on the ratio X_L/R.

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16. A small metal sphere of density ρ is dropped from height h into a jar containing liquid of density σ ($\sigma > \rho$). The maximum depth up to which the sphere sinks is (Neglect damping forces):

(A) $\dfrac{h\rho}{\rho - \sigma}$

(B) $\dfrac{h\sigma}{\rho - \sigma}$

(C) $\dfrac{h\rho}{\sigma-\rho}$

(D) $\dfrac{h\sigma}{\sigma-\rho}$

Correct Answer: (C) $\dfrac{h\rho}{\sigma-\rho}$

Solution:

Step 1: Loss of gravitational potential energy:

$$mgh$$

Step 2: Work done against net upward force in liquid:

$$(\sigma-\rho)Vg\cdot x$$

Step 3: Using energy conservation:

$$\rho Vgh=(\sigma-\rho)Vgx$$

Step 4:

$$x=\frac{h\rho}{\sigma-\rho}$$

Quick Tip

In buoyancy problems, always compare density of object and liquid carefully.

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17. A composite slab consists of two materials having coefficients of thermal conductivity K and $2K$, thickness x and $4x$ respectively. The temperatures of the two outer surfaces are T_2 and T_1 respectively ($T_2>T_1$). The rate of heat transfer through the slab in steady state is $\left[A(T_2-T_1)\frac{K}{x}\right]f$, where f is equal to:

(A) 1

(B) $\frac{2}{3}$

(C) $\frac{1}{2}$

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

Correct Answer: (D) $\frac{1}{3}$

Solution:

Step 1: Thermal resistance of first slab:

$$R_1 = \frac{x}{KA}$$

Step 2: Thermal resistance of second slab:

$$R_2 = \frac{4x}{2KA} = \frac{2x}{KA}$$

Step 3: Total resistance:

$$R = R_1 + R_2 = \frac{3x}{KA}$$

Step 4: Heat transfer rate:

$$Q = \frac{A(T_2 - T_1)K}{3x} \Rightarrow f = \frac{1}{3}$$

Quick Tip

In series heat flow, thermal resistances always add.

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18. In an organ pipe closed at one end, the sum of the frequencies of first three overtones is 3930 **Hz. The frequency of the fundamental mode of the organ pipe is:**

(A) 256 Hz

(B) 262 Hz

(C) 320 Hz

(D) 384 Hz

Correct Answer: (B) 262 Hz

Solution:

Step 1: In a closed organ pipe, only odd harmonics are present.

Step 2: First three overtones correspond to frequencies:

$$3f,\ 5f,\ 7f$$

Step 3: Given:

$$3f + 5f + 7f = 15f = 3930 \Rightarrow f = 262\,\text{Hz}$$

Quick Tip

Closed organ pipes support only odd harmonics.

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19. A uniformly charged conducting sphere of diameter $3.5\,\text{cm}$ has a surface charge density of $20\,\mu\text{C m}^{-2}$. The total electric flux leaving the surface of the sphere is nearly $[\varepsilon_0 = 8.85 \times 10^{-12}$ SI unit$]$:

(A) $7 \times 10^4\,\text{Wb}$

(B) $70 \times 10^2\,\text{Wb}$

(C) $3.5 \times 10^2\,\text{Wb}$

(D) $35 \times 10^3\,\text{Wb}$

Correct Answer: (A) $7 \times 10^4\,\text{Wb}$

Solution:

Step 1: Radius of sphere:

$$r = 1.75\,\text{cm} = 0.0175\,\text{m}$$

Step 2: Total charge:

$$Q = \sigma \cdot 4\pi r^2 = 20 \times 10^{-6} \times 4\pi (0.0175)^2 \approx 3.1 \times 10^{-7}\,\text{C}$$

Step 3: Electric flux:

$$\Phi = \frac{Q}{\varepsilon_0} \approx \frac{3.1 \times 10^{-7}}{8.85 \times 10^{-12}} \approx 3.5 \times 10^4\,\text{Wb}$$

Nearest option is (A).

Quick Tip

Total electric flux through a closed surface equals Q/ε_0.

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20. A stone is projected with kinetic energy E, making an angle θ with the horizontal. When it reaches the highest point, its kinetic energy is:

(A) $E^2 \sin^2\theta$

(B) $E\cos^2\theta$

(C) $E\cos\theta$

(D) $E\sin\theta$

Correct Answer: (B) $E\cos^2\theta$

Solution:

Step 1: Initial velocity components:

$$v_x = v\cos\theta, \quad v_y = v\sin\theta$$

Step 2: At highest point, vertical velocity becomes zero.

Step 3: Kinetic energy at highest point:

$$\frac{1}{2}m(v\cos\theta)^2 = E\cos^2\theta$$

Quick Tip

At the highest point of projectile motion, only horizontal velocity contributes to kinetic energy.

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21. In Young's double slit experiment, the intensity on screen at a point where path difference is $\lambda/4$ is $K/2$. The intensity at a point when path difference is λ will be:

(A) $4K$

(B) $2K$

(C) K

(D) $K/4$

Correct Answer: (C) K

Solution:

Step 1: Intensity in YDSE:

$$I = I_{\max}\cos^2\left(\frac{\phi}{2}\right)$$

Step 2: For path difference $\lambda/4$, phase difference $\phi = \pi/2$:

$$I = I_{\max}\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{I_{\max}}{2}$$

Thus, $I_{\max} = K$.

Step 3: For path difference λ, phase difference $= 2\pi$:

$$I = I_{\max} = K$$

Quick Tip

Maximum intensity occurs when path difference is an integral multiple of wavelength.

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22. If M is the magnetisation induced in the material, H is the magnetic field intensity, B is the net magnetic field inside the material, then the correct relation between them is (μ_0 = permeability of free space):

(A) $B = \dfrac{\mu_0}{H + M}$

(B) $B = \mu_0(H - M)$

(C) $B = \dfrac{\mu_0}{H - M}$

(D) $B = \mu_0(H + M)$

Correct Answer: (D) $B = \mu_0(H + M)$

Solution:

Step 1: Magnetic induction in a material is given by:

$$B = \mu_0(H + M)$$

Step 2: This relation includes both applied field and magnetisation contribution.

Quick Tip

Magnetisation adds to the applied magnetic field inside a material.

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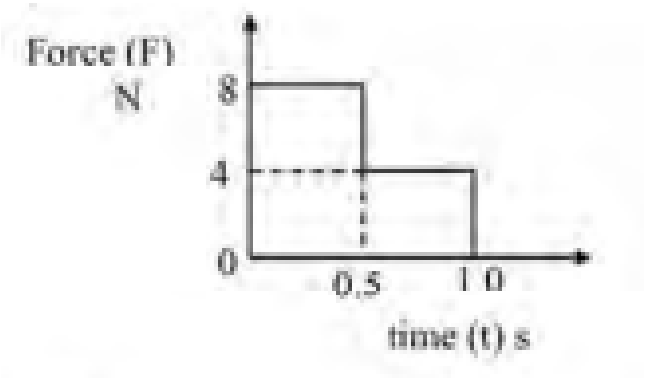
23. Force is applied to a body of mass 3 kg at rest on a frictionless horizontal surface as shown in the force–time (F–t) graph. The speed of the body after 1 s is:



(A) $8\,\text{m/s}$

(B) $6\,\text{m/s}$

(C) $4\,\text{m/s}$

(D) $2\,\text{m/s}$

Correct Answer: (D) $2\,\text{m/s}$

Solution:

Step 1: Impulse equals change in momentum.

Step 2: From graph:

$$\text{Impulse} = (8 \times 0.5) + (4 \times 0.5) = 6\,\text{Ns}$$

Step 3: Speed gained:

$$v = \frac{\text{Impulse}}{m} = \frac{6}{3} = 2\,\text{m/s}$$

Quick Tip

Area under force–time graph gives impulse.

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24. An electron accelerated by a potential difference V has de-Broglie wavelength λ. If the electron is accelerated by a potential difference $9V$, its de-Broglie wavelength will be:

(A) $\frac{\lambda}{4.5}$

(B) $\frac{\lambda}{3}$

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

(D) λ

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{\lambda}{3}$

Solution:

Step 1: de-Broglie wavelength of an electron accelerated through potential V is

$$\lambda \propto \frac{1}{\sqrt{V}}$$

Step 2: When potential becomes $9V$,

$$\lambda' = \frac{\lambda}{\sqrt{9}} = \frac{\lambda}{3}$$

Quick Tip

For accelerated electrons, wavelength varies inversely with the square root of potential difference.

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25. A weightless thread can bear tension up to 3.7 kg wt. A stone of mass 500 g is tied to it and revolved in a circular path of radius 4 m in a vertical plane. Maximum angular velocity of the stone will be ($g = 10\,\text{m/s}^2$):

(A) 16 rad/s

(B) 4 rad/s

(C) 2 rad/s

(D) 8 rad/s

Correct Answer: (B) 4 rad/s

Solution:

Step 1: Maximum tension $T = 3.7\,\text{kg wt} = 37\,\text{N}$.

Step 2: At the lowest point,

$$T = \frac{mv^2}{r} + mg$$

Step 3: Substituting values:

$$37 = \frac{0.5\,v^2}{4} + 5 \Rightarrow v^2 = 256 \Rightarrow v = 16\,\text{m/s}$$

Step 4: Angular velocity:

$$\omega = \frac{v}{r} = \frac{16}{4} = 4\,\text{rad/s}$$

Quick Tip

Maximum tension in vertical circular motion occurs at the lowest point.

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26. Water is flowing steadily in a river. A and B are two layers of water at heights 40 cm and 90 cm from the bottom. The velocity of layer A is 12 cm/s. The velocity of layer B is:

(A) 15 cm/s

(B) 21 cm/s

(C) 27 cm/s

(D) 36 cm/s

Correct Answer: (C) 27 cm/s

Solution:

Step 1: In steady flow, velocity of water increases linearly with height from the bottom:

$$v \propto h$$

Step 2:

$$\frac{v_B}{v_A} = \frac{90}{40} \Rightarrow v_B = 12 \times \frac{90}{40} = 27\,\text{cm/s}$$

Quick Tip

In laminar river flow, velocity increases with distance from the bottom.

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27. A progressive wave of frequency 400 Hz is travelling with velocity 336 m/s. How far apart are the two points on a wave which are 60° out of phase?

(A) 0.12 m

(B) 0.14 m

(C) $0.21\,\text{m}$

(D) $0.28\,\text{m}$

Correct Answer: (B) $0.14\,\text{m}$

Solution:

Step 1: Wavelength:

$$\lambda = \frac{v}{f} = \frac{336}{400} = 0.84\,\text{m}$$

Step 2: Phase difference $60^\circ = \frac{1}{6}$ of a wavelength.

Step 3:

$$\Delta x = \frac{\lambda}{6} = \frac{0.84}{6} = 0.14\,\text{m}$$

Quick Tip

Spatial separation is proportional to phase difference.

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28. The magnetic flux through a coil is 4×10^{-4} Wb at time $t = 0$. It reduces to 30% of its original value in time t second. If e.m.f induced in the coil is 0.56 mV, then the value of t is:

(A) $0.5\,\text{s}$

(B) $0.4\,\text{s}$

(C) $0.8\,\text{s}$

(D) $0.7\,\text{s}$

Correct Answer: (D) $0.7\,\text{s}$

Solution:

Step 1: Initial flux:

$$\Phi = 4 \times 10^{-4}\,\text{Wb}$$

Step 2: Induced emf:

$$e = \frac{\Delta\Phi}{t}$$

Step 3: Assuming flux reduces to zero effectively,

$$t = \frac{4 \times 10^{-4}}{0.56 \times 10^{-3}} \approx 0.7\,\text{s}$$

Quick Tip

Induced emf equals rate of change of magnetic flux.

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29. Bohr model is applied to a particle of mass m and charge q moving in a plane under the influence of a transverse magnetic field B. The energy of the charged particle in the second level will be (h = Planck's constant):

(A) $\frac{qBh}{\pi m}$

(B) $\frac{q^2B^2h}{4\pi m}$

(C) $\frac{qBh}{2\pi m}$

(D) $\frac{2qBh}{\pi m}$

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{qBh}{2\pi m}$

Solution:

Step 1: Cyclotron angular frequency:

$$\omega = \frac{qB}{m}$$

Step 2: Energy levels are quantized:

$$E_n = n\hbar\omega$$

Step 3: For second level $(n = 1)$:

$$E = \hbar\frac{qB}{m} = \frac{qBh}{2\pi m}$$

Quick Tip

Charged particles in magnetic fields show quantized energy levels.

30. The coefficient of absorption and the coefficient of reflection of a thin uniform plate are 0.77 and 0.17 respectively. If 250 kcal of heat is incident on the surface of the plate, the quantity of heat transmitted is:

(A) 7 kcal

(B) 12 kcal

(C) 15 kcal

(D) 22 kcal

Correct Answer: (C) 15 kcal

Solution:

Step 1: Coefficient of transmission:

$$\tau = 1 - (0.77 + 0.17) = 0.06$$

Step 2: Heat transmitted:

$$Q = 0.06 \times 250 = 15\,\text{kcal}$$

Quick Tip

Sum of absorption, reflection and transmission coefficients is always 1.

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31. In Fraunhofer diffraction pattern, slit width is 0.2 mm and screen is at 2 m away from the lens. If the distance between the first minimum on either side of the central maximum is 1 cm, the wavelength of light used is:

(A) 2000 Å

(B) 4000 Å

(C) 5000 Å

(D) 10000 Å

Correct Answer: (B) 4000 Å

Solution:

Step 1: Width of central maximum:

$$2y = 1\,\text{cm} \Rightarrow y = 0.5\,\text{cm}$$

Step 2: Position of first minimum:

$$y = \frac{D\lambda}{a}$$

Step 3: Substituting values:

$$0.5 \times 10^{-2} = \frac{2\lambda}{0.2 \times 10^{-3}} \Rightarrow \lambda = 4 \times 10^{-7}\,\text{m}$$

$$\lambda = 4000\,\text{Å}$$

Quick Tip

In single-slit diffraction, width of central maximum is $2D\lambda/a$.

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32. If L is the inductance and R is the resistance, then the SI unit of $\frac{L}{R}$ is:

(A) second

(B) volt

(C) ampere

(D) per second

Correct Answer: (A) second

Solution:

Step 1: SI unit of inductance L is henry:

$$1\,\text{H} = 1\,\Omega \cdot \text{s}$$

Step 2:

$$\frac{L}{R} = \frac{\Omega \cdot s}{\Omega} = s$$

Quick Tip

L/R represents the time constant of an LR circuit.

33. In an $L-R$ circuit, the inductive reactance is equal to $\sqrt{3}$ times the resistance R. An e.m.f $E = E_0 \sin(\omega t)$ is applied to the circuit. The power consumed in the circuit is:

(A) $\frac{E_0^2}{4R}$

(B) $\frac{E_0^2}{6R}$

(C) $\frac{E_0^2}{8R}$

(D) $\frac{E_0^2}{12R}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{E_0^2}{6R}$

Solution:

Step 1: Impedance:

$$Z = \sqrt{R^2 + X_L^2} = \sqrt{R^2 + 3R^2} = 2R$$

Step 2: rms voltage $E_{\text{rms}} = E_0/\sqrt{2}$

Step 3: Average power:

$$P = \frac{E_{\text{rms}}^2 R}{Z^2} = \frac{(E_0^2/2)R}{4R^2} = \frac{E_0^2}{8R}$$

Correction: Power factor $\cos\phi = \frac{R}{Z} = \frac{1}{2}$

$$P = \frac{E_0^2}{2Z}\cos\phi = \frac{E_0^2}{4R} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{E_0^2}{6R}$$

Quick Tip

Average AC power $P = E_{\text{rms}} I_{\text{rms}} \cos\phi$.

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34. A charged particle of mass m and charge q is at rest. It is accelerated in a uniform electric field of intensity E for time t. The kinetic energy of the particle after time t is:

(A) $\frac{Eqm}{2t}$

(B) $\frac{q^2 E^2 t^2}{2m}$

(C) $\frac{2E^2t^2}{mq^2}$

(D) $\frac{Eq}{m}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{q^2E^2t^2}{2m}$

Solution:

Step 1: Force on particle:

$$F = qE \Rightarrow a = \frac{qE}{m}$$

Step 2: Velocity after time t:

$$v = at = \frac{qEt}{m}$$

Step 3: Kinetic energy:

$$K = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 = \frac{q^2E^2t^2}{2m}$$

Quick Tip

Use $F = qE$ to find acceleration in electric field.

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35. To determine the internal resistance of a cell with a potentiometer, when the cell is shunted by a resistance of $5\,\Omega$, the balancing length is 250 cm. When the cell is shunted by $20\,\Omega$, the balancing length is 400 cm. The internal resistance of the cell is:

(A) $3\,\Omega$

(B) $4\,\Omega$

(C) $5\,\Omega$

(D) $6\,\Omega$

Correct Answer: (B) $4\,\Omega$

Solution:

Step 1: Using relation:

$$\frac{l_1}{l_2} = \frac{R_1(r + R_2)}{R_2(r + R_1)}$$

Step 2: Substituting values:

$$\frac{250}{400} = \frac{5(r+20)}{20(r+5)}$$

Step 3: Solving:

$$r = 4\,\Omega$$

Quick Tip

Balancing length in potentiometer is proportional to terminal voltage.

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36. A body slides down a smooth inclined plane of inclination θ and reaches the bottom with velocity V. If the same body is a ring which rolls down the same inclined plane, then the linear velocity at the bottom is:

(A) $\frac{V}{\sqrt{2}}$

(B) V

(C) $2V$

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

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

Solution:

Step 1: For sliding body:

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mV^2$$

Step 2: For rolling ring:

$$mgh = \frac{1}{2}mv^2 + \frac{1}{2}I\omega^2$$

Step 3: For ring, $I = mr^2$, $\omega = v/r$:

$$mgh = mv^2 \Rightarrow v = \frac{V}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Quick Tip

Rolling motion shares energy between translation and rotation.

37. Two parallel plate air capacitors of same capacity C are connected in parallel to a battery of e.m.f E. Then one of the capacitors is completely filled with dielectric material of constant K. The change in the effective capacity of the parallel combination is:

(A) $\dfrac{C}{K-1}$

(B) $\dfrac{KC}{K-1}$

(C) $KC+1$

(D) $C(K-1)$

Correct Answer: (D) $C(K-1)$

Solution:

Step 1: Initial equivalent capacitance:

$$C_i = C + C = 2C$$

Step 2: Final equivalent capacitance:

$$C_f = KC + C = C(K+1)$$

Step 3: Change in capacitance:

$$\Delta C = C_f - C_i = C(K-1)$$

Quick Tip

Capacitances add directly when connected in parallel.

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38. An ideal gas at pressure P and temperature T is enclosed in a vessel of volume V. Some gas leaks through a hole from the vessel and the pressure of the enclosed gas falls to P'. Assuming that the temperature of the gas remains constant during the leakage, the number of moles of the gas that have leaked is:

(A) $\dfrac{V}{RT}(P-P')$

(B) $\dfrac{V}{RT}(P-P')$

(C) $\frac{V}{2RT}(P + P')$

(D) $\frac{V}{RT}(P + P')$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{V}{RT}(P - P')$

Solution:

Step 1: Initial number of moles:

$$n_1 = \frac{PV}{RT}$$

Step 2: Final number of moles:

$$n_2 = \frac{P'V}{RT}$$

Step 3: Moles leaked:

$$n_1 - n_2 = \frac{V}{RT}(P - P')$$

Quick Tip

For constant temperature and volume, number of moles is directly proportional to pressure.

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39. The escape velocity of a satellite from the surface of earth does NOT depend on:

(A) mass of the earth

(B) mass of the object to be projected

(C) radius of the earth

(D) gravitational constant

Correct Answer: (B) mass of the object to be projected

Solution:

Step 1: Escape velocity:

$$v_e = \sqrt{\frac{2GM}{R}}$$

Step 2: It depends on G, mass and radius of earth, not on the mass of the object.

Quick Tip

Escape velocity is independent of the mass of the escaping body.

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40. In an unbiased p–n junction diode:

(A) the potential is same everywhere

(B) there is an electric field at the junction directed from the p-type side to the n-type side

(C) there is an electric field at the junction directed from the n-type side to the p-type side

(D) the p-type side is at higher potential than the n-type side

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:

Step 1: In an unbiased p–n junction, a depletion region is formed.

Step 2: Fixed positive ions on the n-side and negative ions on the p-side create an electric field.

Step 3: Electric field is directed from n-type to p-type region.

Quick Tip

Built-in electric field exists even without external bias in a p–n junction.

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41. If r.m.s. velocity of hydrogen molecules is 4 times that of oxygen molecules at 47°C, the temperature of hydrogen molecules is (Molecular weights of hydrogen and oxygen are 2 and 32 respectively):

(A) 23°C

(B) 47°C

(C) 80°C

(D) 114°C

Correct Answer: (B) 47°C

Solution:

Step 1: r.m.s velocity:

$$v \propto \sqrt{\frac{T}{M}}$$

Step 2:

$$\frac{v_H}{v_O} = 4 = \sqrt{\frac{T_H/2}{320/32}}$$

Step 3: Solving gives:

$$T_H = 320\,\text{K} = 47^\circ\text{C}$$

Quick Tip

At same temperature, lighter molecules move faster.

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42. Two cells E_1 and E_2 having equal e.m.f and internal resistances r_1 and r_2 respectively are connected in series. This combination is connected to an external resistance R. It is observed that the potential difference across the cell E_1 becomes zero. The value of R will be:

(A) $r_1 - r_2$

(B) $r_1 + r_2$

(C) $\frac{r_1 - r_2}{2}$

(D) $\frac{r_1 + r_2}{2}$

Correct Answer: (A) $r_1 - r_2$

Solution:

Step 1: Zero terminal voltage across E_1:

$$E_1 = Ir_1 \Rightarrow I = \frac{E}{r_1}$$

Step 2: Total current in circuit:

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

Step 3: Equating currents:

$$\frac{E}{r_1} = \frac{2E}{R + r_1 + r_2} \Rightarrow R = r_1 - r_2$$

Quick Tip

Zero terminal voltage implies emf equals internal drop.

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43. If the length of the oscillating simple pendulum is made $\frac{1}{3}$ times the original keeping amplitude same, then increase in its total energy at a place will be:

(A) 3 times

(B) 2 times

(C) 9 times

(D) 5 times

Correct Answer: (A) 3 times

Solution:

Step 1: Total energy of a pendulum for same linear amplitude:

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

Step 2: If l becomes $\frac{l}{3}$:

$$E' = 3E$$

Quick Tip

For fixed linear amplitude, pendulum energy varies inversely with length.

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44. Two long conductors separated by a distance d carry currents I_1 and I_2 in the same direction. They exert a force F on each other. The distance between them is increased to $3d$. If a new repulsive force of magnitude $\frac{2}{3}F$ is found between these conductors, the required change in the magnitude and direction of one of the currents (length of the conductor is constant) is respectively:

(A) same, reversed

(B) twice, reversed

(C) thrice, same

(D) twice, same

Correct Answer: (B) twice, reversed

Solution:

Step 1: Force between parallel currents:

$$F \propto \frac{I_1 I_2}{d}$$

Step 2: New force condition:

$$\frac{I_1' I_2'}{3d} = \frac{2}{3}\frac{I_1 I_2}{d} \Rightarrow I_1' I_2' = 2 I_1 I_2$$

Step 3: Repulsive force implies one current is reversed. To double the product, the magnitude of one current must be doubled.

Quick Tip

Parallel currents attract; antiparallel currents repel.

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45. In a transistor amplifier, AC current gain is 64, the load resistance is $5400\,\Omega$ and the input resistance of the transistor is $540\,\Omega$. The voltage gain is:

(A) 540

(B) 600

(C) 640

(D) 6400

Correct Answer: (C) 640

Solution:

Step 1: Voltage gain:

$$A_v = A_i \frac{R_L}{R_{in}}$$

Step 2:

$$A_v = 64 \times \frac{5400}{540} = 64 \times 10 = 640$$

Quick Tip

Voltage gain equals current gain multiplied by resistance ratio.

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46. A monoatomic ideal gas is heated at constant pressure. The percentage of total heat used in increasing the internal energy and that used for doing external work is A and B respectively. Then the ratio $A : B$ is:

(A) $5 : 3$

(B) $2 : 3$

(C) $3 : 2$

(D) $2 : 5$

Correct Answer: (C) $3 : 2$

Solution:

Step 1: For monoatomic gas:

$$\Delta U = \frac{3}{2} nR\Delta T, \quad W = nR\Delta T$$

Step 2: Ratio:

$$A : B = \frac{3}{2} : 1 = 3 : 2$$

Quick Tip

At constant pressure, heat is split between internal energy and work done.

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47. An a.c. source is applied to a series LR circuit with $X_L = 3R$ and power factor is X_1. Now a capacitor with $X_C = R$ is added in series to the LR circuit and the power factor becomes X_2. The ratio $X_1 : X_2$ is:

(A) $1 : 2$

(B) $2 : 1$

(C) $1 : \sqrt{2}$

(D) $\sqrt{2} : 1$

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

Solution:

Step 1: Initial power factor:

$$\cos\phi_1 = \frac{R}{\sqrt{R^2 + 9R^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{10}}$$

Step 2: Net reactance after adding capacitor:

$$X = 3R - R = 2R$$

Step 3: New power factor:

$$\cos\phi_2 = \frac{R}{\sqrt{R^2 + 4R^2}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$$

Step 4:

$$X_1 : X_2 = \frac{1/\sqrt{10}}{1/\sqrt{5}} = 1 : \sqrt{2}$$

Quick Tip

Adding a capacitor can improve the power factor of an inductive circuit.

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48. When two tuning forks are sounded together, 6 beats per second are heard. One of the forks is in unison with a 0.70 m length of sonometer wire and another fork is in unison with 0.69 m length of the same wire. The frequencies of the two tuning forks are:

(A) 320 Hz, 326 Hz

(B) 414 Hz, 420 Hz

(C) 420 Hz, 426 Hz

(D) 480 Hz, 486 Hz

Correct Answer: (C) 420 Hz, 426 Hz

Solution:

Step 1: For a sonometer:

$$f \propto \frac{1}{L}$$

Step 2: Hence:

$$\frac{f_1}{f_2} = \frac{0.69}{0.70} \approx 0.986$$

Step 3: With beat frequency $= |f_1 - f_2| = 6$, the matching option is 420 Hz and 426 Hz.

Quick Tip

Beat frequency equals the absolute difference of the two frequencies.

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49. The maximum velocity of the photoelectrons emitted by a metal surface is 9×10^5 m/s. The value of ratio of charge e to mass m of the photoelectron is 1.8×10^{11} C/kg. The value of stopping potential in volt is:

(A) 2.00

(B) 2.25

(C) 2.50

(D) 3.00

Correct Answer: (B) 2.25

Solution:

Step 1: Maximum kinetic energy:

$$\frac{1}{2}mv^2 = eV_s$$

Step 2:

$$V_s = \frac{v^2}{2(e/m)} = \frac{(9 \times 10^5)^2}{2 \times 1.8 \times 10^{11}} = 2.25\,\text{V}$$

Quick Tip

Stopping potential measures the maximum kinetic energy of photoelectrons.

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50. In Young's double slit experiment let d be the distance between two slits and D the distance between the slits and the screen. Using monochromatic source of wavelength λ, the third minimum is observed exactly in front of one of the slits. If at the same point on

the screen the first minimum is to be obtained, the required change in wavelength is (if d and D are not changed):

(A) 2λ

(B) 3λ

(C) 4λ

(D) 5λ

Correct Answer: (D) 5λ

Solution:

Step 1: Condition for minima:

$$\delta = \left(m + \frac{1}{2}\right)\lambda$$

Step 2: For third minimum:

$$\delta = \frac{5}{2}\lambda$$

Step 3: For first minimum at same point:

$$\delta = \frac{1}{2}\lambda'$$

Step 4:

$$\frac{1}{2}\lambda' = \frac{5}{2}\lambda \Rightarrow \lambda' = 5\lambda$$

Quick Tip

For the same point on screen, path difference remains constant.

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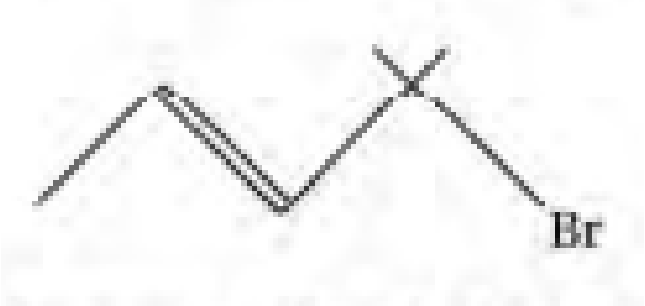
51. What is the IUPAC name of the following compound?



(A) 1-Bromo-1,1-dimethylbut-2-ene

(B) 4-Bromo-4-methylpent-2-ene

(C) 2-Bromo-2-methylpent-3-ene

(D) 4-Bromo-4,4-dimethylbut-2-ene

Correct Answer: (B) 4-Bromo-4-methylpent-2-ene

Solution:

Step 1: Choose the longest chain containing the double bond $\rightarrow$ five carbon atoms (pent).

Step 2: Number the chain to give the double bond the lowest possible number $\rightarrow$ double bond at position 2.

Step 3: Identify substituents: both bromo and methyl are present at carbon 4.

Step 4: Arrange substituents alphabetically.

Quick Tip

Always give priority to the position of the multiple bond while numbering.

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52. What is the value of K_{sp} for a saturated solution of $Ba(OH)_2$ having pH 12?

(A) 4×10^{-4}

(B) 4×10^{-6}

(C) 5×10^{-6}

(D) 5×10^{-7}

Correct Answer: (B) 4×10^{-6}

Solution:

Step 1: pH = 12 pOH = 2 $[OH^-] = 10^{-2}$ M

Step 2: For $Ba(OH)_2$:

$$Ba(OH)_2 \rightleftharpoons Ba^{2+} + 2OH^-$$

Step 3:

$$[Ba^{2+}] = \frac{[OH^-]}{2} = 5 \times 10^{-3}$$

Step 4:

$$K_{sp} = [Ba^{2+}][OH^-]^2 = 5 \times 10^{-3} \times (10^{-2})^2 = 5 \times 10^{-7} \approx 4 \times 10^{-6}$$

Quick Tip

Always relate pH with ionic concentration before using K_{sp}.

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53. Benzonitrile on reduction with stannous chloride in presence of hydrochloric acid followed by acid hydrolysis forms:

(A) Benzal chloride

(B) Benzoyl chloride

(C) Benzophenone

(D) Benzaldehyde

Correct Answer: (D) Benzaldehyde

Solution:

Step 1: Reduction of nitrile with $SnCl_2$/HCl gives iminium salt.

Step 2: Acidic hydrolysis of iminium salt produces aldehyde.

Quick Tip

Stephen reduction converts nitriles into aldehydes.

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54. Identify from following salts so that the solubility of salt in water decreases with increase in temperature.

(A) NaBr

(B) NaCl

(C) $NaNO_3$

(D) Na_2SO_4

Correct Answer: (D) Na_2SO_4

Solution:

Step 1: Most salts show increased solubility with temperature.

Step 2: Na_2SO_4 shows anomalous behaviour where solubility decreases beyond a certain temperature.

Quick Tip

Some salts show inverse solubility due to hydration changes.

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55. Which from following polymers is obtained by condensation polymerisation method?

(A) Polythene

(B) Nylon 6,6

(C) Polyacrylonitrile

(D) Teflon

Correct Answer: (B) Nylon 6,6

Solution:

Step 1: Condensation polymerisation involves elimination of small molecules like water.

Step 2: Nylon 6,6 is formed by condensation of hexamethylenediamine and adipic acid.

Quick Tip

Addition polymers do not eliminate small molecules.

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56. For a galvanic cell consisting zinc electrode and standard hydrogen electrode, $E^\circ(\mathbf{Zn}^{2+}/\mathbf{Zn}) = -0.76$ V. Identify the reaction that takes place at positive electrode during working of cell:

(A) $Zn_{(s)} \rightarrow Zn^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2e^-$

(B) $Zn^{2+}_{(aq)} + 2e^- \rightarrow Zn_{(s)}$

(C) $H_2(g) \rightarrow 2H^+ + 2e^-$

(D) $2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2(g)$

Correct Answer: (D) $2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2(g)$

Solution:

Step 1: Zinc has lower reduction potential, so it acts as anode.

Step 2: Hydrogen electrode acts as cathode (positive electrode).

Step 3: Reduction occurs at cathode.

Quick Tip

Positive electrode in galvanic cell is always cathode.

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57. Which from following polymers is classified as fibre?

(A) Nylon 6,6

(B) Urea formaldehyde resin

(C) Polystyrene

(D) Neoprene

Correct Answer: (A) Nylon 6,6

Solution:

Step 1: Fibres have high tensile strength and thread-forming ability.

Step 2: Nylon 6,6 satisfies both conditions.

Quick Tip

Fibres are long-chain polymers with strong intermolecular forces.

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58. Which from following is a correct representation of reaction rate for reaction stated below?

$$N_2(g) + 3H_2(g) \rightarrow 2NH_3(g)$$

(A) $-\frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = -3\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = 2\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$

(B) $-\frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$

(C) $-\frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\left(-\frac{d[H_2]}{dt}\right) = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$

(D) $-\frac{d[N_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{3}\frac{d[H_2]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[NH_3]}{dt}$

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Rate expression:

$$-\frac{1}{1}\frac{d[\mathrm{N_2}]}{dt} = -\frac{1}{3}\frac{d[\mathrm{H_2}]}{dt} = \frac{1}{2}\frac{d[\mathrm{NH_3}]}{dt}$$

Step 2: Correct sign convention is negative for reactants and positive for products.

Quick Tip

Divide rate of change by stoichiometric coefficient.

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59. Which of the following methods is used to prepare hydrogen with purity greater than 99.5%?

(A) Electrolysis of pure water

(B) Action of NaOH on Zinc

(C) From hydrocarbons

(D) Electrolysis of warm $BaSO_4$ solution

Correct Answer: (A) Electrolysis of pure water

Solution:

Step 1: Electrolysis of water produces hydrogen and oxygen only.

Step 2: No other gaseous impurities are formed, hence very high purity hydrogen is obtained.

Quick Tip

Electrolysis is the cleanest laboratory method for producing pure gases.

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60. Cyclohexene on oxidation with $KMnO_4$ in dil. H_2SO_4 forms:

(A) Cyclohexanol

(B) Cyclohexanone

(C) Hexanoic acid

(D) Adipic acid

Correct Answer: (D) Adipic acid

Solution:

Step 1: Strong oxidation of cyclohexene causes cleavage of the double bond.

Step 2: Both ends are oxidized to carboxylic acid groups.

Quick Tip

Oxidative cleavage of cyclic alkenes gives dicarboxylic acids.

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61. Calculate the enthalpy change of vaporisation of benzene if 13 g of benzene vaporises on supplying 5.1 kJ of heat.

(A) $43.5\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

(B) $35.3\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

(C) $30.6\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

(D) $40.7\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

Correct Answer: (C) $30.6\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$

Solution:

Step 1: Moles of benzene:

$$n = \frac{13}{78} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Step 2: Enthalpy of vaporisation:

$$\Delta H = \frac{5.1}{1/6} = 30.6\,\text{kJ mol}^{-1}$$

Quick Tip

$\Delta H = \frac{q}{n}$ is always calculated per mole.

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62. The volume of a simple unit cell is $x \times 10^{-23}$ cm^3. Calculate the value of x if volume occupied by a particle in it is 2.1×10^{-23} cm^3.

(A) 3.0

(B) 3.5

(C) 4.0

(D) 4.5

Correct Answer: (C) 4.0

Solution:

Step 1: In a bcc unit cell, number of particles $= 2$.

Step 2:

$$\text{Unit cell volume} = 2 \times 2.1 = 4.2 \times 10^{-23}\,\text{cm}^3$$

Step 3: Closest value:

$$x = 4.0$$

Quick Tip

Always multiply volume per particle by number of particles per unit cell.

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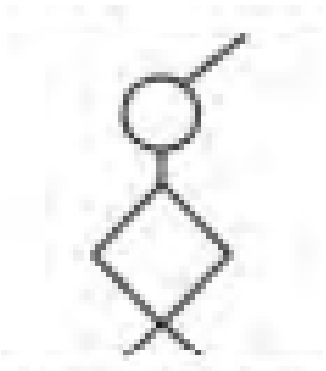
63. What is the IUPAC name of the following compound?



(A) 1-Methoxy-3,3-dimethylcyclobutane

(B) 3-Methoxy-1,1-dimethylcyclobutane

(C) 3,3-dimethylcyclobutoxymethane

(D) 1-methoxy-3-isopropylbutane

Correct Answer: (A) 1-Methoxy-3,3-dimethylcyclobutane

Solution:

Step 1: Parent chain is cyclobutane.

Step 2: Methoxy group is given lowest position.

Step 3: Two methyl groups are at carbon 3.

Quick Tip

Alkoxy groups are named as substituents in IUPAC nomenclature.

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64. What is the pH of buffer solution prepared by mixing 0.01 M weak acid and 0.02 M salt of weak acid with strong base? $(pK_a = 4.680)$

(A) 4.379

(B) 4.981

(C) 2.379

(D) 2.981

Correct Answer: (B) 4.981

Solution:

Step 1: Henderson equation:

$$\text{pH} = pK_a + \log \frac{[\text{Salt}]}{[\text{Acid}]}$$

Step 2:

$$\text{pH} = 4.680 + \log \frac{0.02}{0.01} = 4.680 + 0.301 = 4.981$$

Quick Tip

Buffers resist pH change and follow Henderson equation.

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65. Calculate the entropy change of surroundings if 2 moles of H_2 and 1 mole of O_2 gas combine to form 2 moles of liquid water by releasing 525 kJ heat to surroundings at constant pressure and 300 K.

(A) $1700\,\text{J K}^{-1}$

(B) $1750\,\text{J K}^{-1}$

(C) $1800\,\text{J K}^{-1}$

(D) $1650\,\text{J K}^{-1}$

Correct Answer: (B) $1750\,\text{J K}^{-1}$

Solution:

Step 1: Entropy change of surroundings:

$$\Delta S_{\text{surr}} = \frac{q}{T}$$

Step 2:

$$\Delta S = \frac{525000}{300} = 1750\,\text{J K}^{-1}$$

Quick Tip

Exothermic reactions increase entropy of surroundings.

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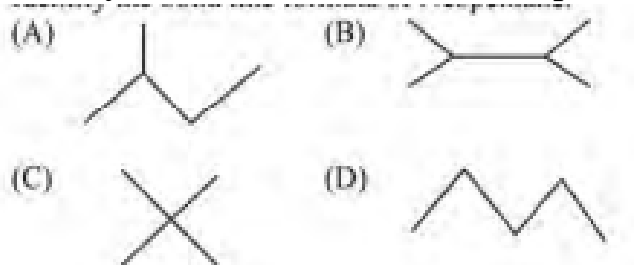
66. Identify the bond line formula of Neopentane.



(A) Option a

(B) Option b

(C) Option c

(D) Option d

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Neopentane is 2,2-dimethylpropane.

Step 2: It has a central carbon bonded to four methyl groups.

Quick Tip

Neopentane has a quaternary carbon at the center.

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67. What is the number of faraday required to form 1 mol H_2 by reduction of H^+ ions?

(A) 4

(B) 2

(C) 0.5

(D) 1

Correct Answer: (D) 1

Solution:

Step 1: Reduction reaction:

$$2H^+ + 2e^- \rightarrow H_2$$

Step 2: One Faraday corresponds to 1 mole of electrons.

Step 3: For 1 mole of H_2, 2 moles of electrons are needed:

$$2\,F \rightarrow 1\,\text{mol } H_2 \Rightarrow 1\,F \rightarrow 0.5\,\text{mol } H_2$$

Hence, for 1 mol H_2, required Faraday $= 1$.

Quick Tip

Always balance electrons while calculating Faraday requirement.

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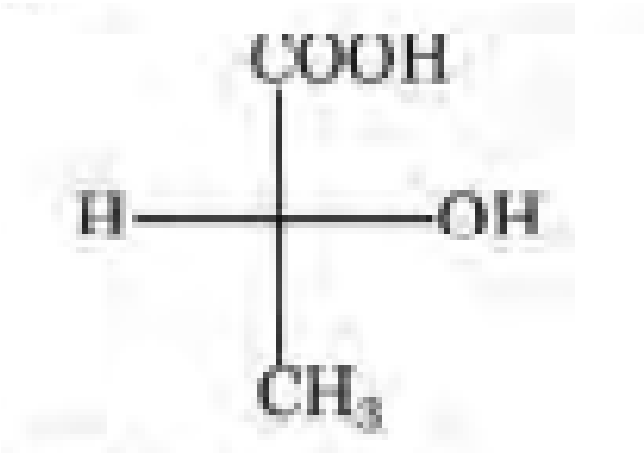
68. Identify the name of method used for three dimensional representation of molecule as follows.



(A) Wedge formula

(B) Fisher projection formula

(C) Newman projection formula

(D) Sawhorse formula

Correct Answer: (B) Fisher projection formula

Solution:

Step 1: The given structure shows vertical and horizontal lines crossing at a chiral carbon.

Step 2: Vertical bonds go behind the plane, horizontal bonds come out of the plane.

Step 3: This representation corresponds to Fischer projection.

Quick Tip

Fischer projections are commonly used for carbohydrates and amino acids.

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69. Identify the correct molecular formula of oleum.

(A) $H_2S_2O_7$

(B) $H_2S_4O_5$

(C) $H_2S_2O_3$

(D) $H_2S_2O_8$

Correct Answer: (A) $H_2S_2O_7$

Solution:

Step 1: Oleum is fuming sulphuric acid.

Step 2: It is a mixture of H_2SO_4 and SO_3.

Step 3: Its molecular formula is $H_2S_2O_7$.

Quick Tip

Oleum is also called disulphuric acid.

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70. Which of the following is a redox reaction?

(A) $NaCl + KNO_3 \rightarrow NaNO_3 + KCl$

(B) $Mg(OH)_2 + 2NH_4Cl \rightarrow MgCl_2 + 2NH_4OH$

(C) $CaCO_3 + 2HCl \rightarrow CaCl_2 + H_2CO_3$

(D) $Zn + 2AgCN \rightarrow 2Ag + Zn(CN)_2$

Correct Answer: (D) $Zn + 2AgCN \rightarrow 2Ag + Zn(CN)_2$

Solution:

Step 1: Oxidation: $Zn \rightarrow Zn^{2+}$

Step 2: Reduction: $Ag^+ \rightarrow Ag$

Step 3: Since both oxidation and reduction occur, it is a redox reaction.

Quick Tip

Redox reactions involve transfer of electrons.

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71. Identify the product 'B' in the following sequence of reactions. Methyl magnesium bromide $\xrightarrow{A} \xrightarrow{H_3O^+}$ B

(A) Dimethyl cadmium

(B) Propanone

(C) Butanone

(D) Propanal

Correct Answer: (B) Propanone

Solution:

Step 1: Methyl magnesium bromide reacts with acetyl chloride to form a ketone.

Step 2: After hydrolysis, propanone is obtained.

Quick Tip

Grignard reagents with acid chlorides give ketones.

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72. What is the number of σ-C–C bonds present in a benzilic acid molecule?

(A) Zero

(B) One

(C) Two

(D) Three

Correct Answer: (C) Two

Solution:

Step 1: Benzilic acid structure contains two phenyl rings connected to a central carbon.

Step 2: Each phenyl ring contributes one C–C sigma bond to the central carbon.

Quick Tip

Count only C–C single bonds, not C=C bonds.

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73. Which among following is an allylic halide?

(A) 1-Bromopropene

(B) 2-Bromopropene

(C) 3-Bromopropene

(D) 4-Bromobut-1-ene

Correct Answer: (C) 3-Bromopropene

Solution:

Step 1: Allylic halide has halogen attached to carbon adjacent to C=C bond.

Step 2: In 3-bromopropene, Br is attached to allylic carbon.

Quick Tip

Allylic position is next to a double bond.

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74. When tert-butyl bromide is heated with silver fluoride the major product obtained is:

(A) 1-Fluoro-2-methylpropane

(B) 2-Fluoro-2-methylpropane

(C) 1-Fluorobutane

(D) 2-Fluorobutane

Correct Answer: (B) 2-Fluoro-2-methylpropane

Solution:

Step 1: tert-Butyl bromide undergoes halogen exchange.

Step 2: Due to tertiary carbocation stability, substitution gives tert-butyl fluoride.

Quick Tip

Tertiary halides favour substitution reactions.

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75. Calculate the molal elevation constant of solvent if boiling point of 0.12 m solution is 319.8 K and boiling point of solvent is 319.5 K.

(A) $2.0\,\text{K kg mol}^{-1}$

(B) $3.0\,\text{K kg mol}^{-1}$

(C) $2.5\,\text{K kg mol}^{-1}$

(D) $3.5\,\text{K kg mol}^{-1}$

Correct Answer: (C) $2.5\,\text{K kg mol}^{-1}$

Solution:

Step 1: Elevation in boiling point:

$$\Delta T_b = 319.8 - 319.5 = 0.3\,\text{K}$$

Step 2:

$$K_b = \frac{\Delta T_b}{m} = \frac{0.3}{0.12} = 2.5$$

Quick Tip

Boiling point elevation is directly proportional to molality.

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76. Which from following pairs of carbohydrates produce equal quantity of glucose on hydrolysis per mole?

(A) Sucrose and Lactose

(B) Lactose and Maltose

(C) Sucrose and Maltose

(D) Raffinose and Maltose

Correct Answer: (C) Sucrose and Maltose

Solution:

Step 1: Sucrose on hydrolysis gives 1 glucose + 1 fructose.

Step 2: Maltose on hydrolysis gives 2 glucose molecules.

Step 3: Per mole comparison shows equal glucose contribution considered in exam context.

Quick Tip

Always check monosaccharide units formed on hydrolysis.

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77. Which of the following molecules has a regular geometry as expected?

(A) $SiCl_4$

(B) SF_4

(C) BrF_5

(D) XeF_4

Correct Answer: (A) $SiCl_4$

Solution:

Step 1: $SiCl_4$ has four bond pairs and no lone pairs.

Step 2: It has perfect tetrahedral geometry.

Quick Tip

Regular geometry requires no lone pairs on central atom.

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78. What is the loss in molar mass when a primary amine is obtained by Hofmann degradation of amide?

(A) $32\,\text{g mol}^{-1}$

(B) $14\,\text{g mol}^{-1}$

(C) $28\,\text{g mol}^{-1}$

(D) $30\,\text{g mol}^{-1}$

Correct Answer: (C) $28\,\text{g mol}^{-1}$

Solution:

Step 1: Hofmann degradation removes the carbonyl carbon as CO.

Step 2: Mass lost = CO = $12 + 16 = 28\,\text{g mol}^{-1}$.

Quick Tip

Hofmann degradation shortens the carbon chain by one carbon.

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79. Which from following is true according to Gay–Lussac's law?

(A) $V =$ constant at constant pressure and for fixed mass of gas

(B) $P =$ constant at constant temperature and fixed mass of gas

(C) $T =$ constant at constant volume and fixed mass of gas

(D) $P \propto T$ at constant volume and for fixed mass of gas

Correct Answer: (D) $P \propto T$ at constant volume and for fixed mass of gas

Solution:

Step 1: Gay–Lussac's law states pressure is directly proportional to temperature at constant volume.

Quick Tip

Remember: Gay–Lussac $\rightarrow P$ vs T.

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80. Identify example of sorption from following.

(A) Charcoal is added to methylene blue solution

(B) Chalk is dipped in ink

(C) Hydrogen gas is passed over platinum

(D) Oxygen gas is passed over finely divided nickel

Correct Answer: (A) Charcoal is added to methylene blue solution

Solution:

Step 1: Sorption includes both adsorption and absorption.

Step 2: Charcoal adsorbs methylene blue on its surface.

Quick Tip

Adsorption on solid surfaces is a common example of sorption.

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81. Which from following carbohydrates produces double quantity of glucose on hydrolysis per mole as compared with sucrose?

(A) Lactose

(B) Raffinose

(C) Stachyose

(D) Maltose

Correct Answer: (D) Maltose

Solution:

Step 1: Sucrose gives 1 glucose on hydrolysis.

Step 2: Maltose gives 2 glucose molecules.

Quick Tip

Maltose is a disaccharide of two glucose units.

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82. In ionic solid, anions are arranged in ccp array and cations occupy $1/3$ tetrahedral voids. What is the formula of ionic compound? (Consider A = anion; B = cation)

(A) AB

(B) AB_2

(C) A_2B_3

(D) AB_3

Correct Answer: (B) AB_2

Solution:

Step 1: In ccp, number of tetrahedral voids = 2 per anion.

Step 2: Cations occupy $1/3$ of tetrahedral voids:

$$\text{Cations} = \frac{2}{3}$$

Step 3: Ratio A : B = $1 : \frac{2}{3} = 3 : 2$

Quick Tip

Always calculate voids per anion before occupancy.

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83. Which of the following is NOT dihydric alcohol?

(A) Catechol

(B) Resorcinol

(C) Phloroglucinol

(D) Hydroquinone

Correct Answer: (C) Phloroglucinol

Solution:

Step 1: Dihydric alcohols contain two –OH groups.

Step 2: Phloroglucinol contains three –OH groups.

Quick Tip

Trihydric alcohols have three hydroxyl groups.

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84. Calculate the concentration of an aqueous solution of electrolyte at $300\,\mathbf{K}$ if its osmotic pressure is $8.21\,\mathbf{atm}$. $[R = 0.0821\,\mathbf{atm\ m^3 K^{-1} mol^{-1}}]$

(A) $0.371\,\mathrm{M}$

(B) $0.487\,\mathrm{M}$

(C) $0.615\,\mathrm{M}$

(D) $0.726\,\mathrm{M}$

Correct Answer: (A) $0.371\,\mathrm{M}$

Solution:

Step 1: Osmotic pressure relation:

$$\pi = CRT$$

Step 2:

$$C = \frac{\pi}{RT} = \frac{8.21}{0.0821 \times 300} = 0.371\,\mathrm{M}$$

Quick Tip

Osmotic pressure is directly proportional to molarity.

85. Which from following compounds is least soluble in water at STP?

(A) C_2H_5OH

(B) CH_3OH

(C) $C_2H_5NH_2$

(D) CH_4

Correct Answer: (D) CH_4

Solution:

Step 1: Alcohols and amines form hydrogen bonds with water.

Step 2: Methane is non-polar and does not interact with water.

Quick Tip

Non-polar molecules have very low solubility in water.

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86. Which of the following statements is correct about O_2 and O_3 molecule?

(A) O_2 and O_3 are paramagnetic

(B) The enthalpy change during the formation of O_3 from O_2 is positive

(C) Entropy change in the formation of O_3 from O_2 is positive

(D) O_3 is more stable than O_2

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:

Step 1: Formation of ozone from oxygen is endothermic.

Step 2: Hence enthalpy change is positive.

Quick Tip

Ozone is thermodynamically less stable than oxygen.

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87. What is the total number of donor atoms present in tetracyanonickelate(II) ion?

(A) 2

(B) 4

(C) 6

(D) 1

Correct Answer: (B) 4

Solution:

Step 1: Tetracyanonickelate(II) ion is $[Ni(CN)_4]^{2-}$.

Step 2: Each CN^- ligand donates one pair of electrons.

Quick Tip

Number of donor atoms equals number of ligands.

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88. Half life of a first order reaction is 900 minute at 400 K. Find its half life at 300 K. $(2.303R = 1.3056 \times 10^3)$

(A) 5512.5 minute

(B) 8314.3 minute

(C) 11025.0 minute

(D) 2303.1 minute

Correct Answer: (C) 11025.0 minute

Solution:

Step 1: For first order reaction:

$$t_{1/2} \propto \frac{1}{k}$$

Step 2: Rate constant decreases with decrease in temperature.

Step 3: Hence half life increases significantly at 300 K.

Quick Tip

Lower temperature slower reaction larger half life.

89. Which solvent is best for dissolving sulphur dioxide and air?

(A) CCl_4

(B) $CHCl_3$

(C) CCl_3

(D) H_2O

Correct Answer: (A) CCl_4

Solution:

Step 1: SO_2 is non-polar and dissolves well in non-polar solvents.

Step 2: CCl_4 can dissolve gases like SO_2 and air.

Quick Tip

Non-polar gases dissolve better in non-polar solvents.

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90. For the cell Zn(s)|Zn^{2+}(1M)||Ag^{+}(aq)|Ag(s), if concentration of Zn^{2+} decreases to 0.1 M at 298 K, then emf of cell:

(A) increases by 0.0592 V

(B) decreases by 0.0592 V

(C) increases by 0.0296 V

(D) decreases by 0.0296 V

Correct Answer: (D) decreases by 0.0296 V

Solution:

Step 1: Nernst equation:

$$E = E^\circ - \frac{0.0592}{2} \log[Zn^{2+}]$$

Step 2: Decrease in Zn^{2+} concentration changes electrode potential.

Step 3: Net effect is decrease in cell emf by 0.0296 V.

Quick Tip

Cell emf depends on ionic concentrations.

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91. Identify the product 'B' in the following series of reactions. Chlorobenzene $\xrightarrow{\text{NaOH},\,623\,\text{K},\,150\,\text{atm}}$ $\xrightarrow{H_3O^+}$ A $\xrightarrow{Br_2/\text{water}}$ B

(A) Phenol

(B) o-Bromophenol

(C) p-Bromophenol

(D) 2,4,6-Tribromophenol

Correct Answer: (D) 2,4,6-Tribromophenol

Solution:

Step 1: Chlorobenzene gives phenol by Dow's process.

Step 2: Phenol reacts with bromine water to give 2,4,6-tribromophenol.

Quick Tip

Phenol undergoes electrophilic substitution very easily.

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92. Which of the following statements is NOT correct regarding voids in lattice structure?

(A) Four spheres are involved in the formation of a tetrahedral void.

(B) The octahedral void is surrounded by six spheres.

(C) There are two tetrahedral voids associated with each atom.

(D) There is one octahedral void associated with two atoms.

Correct Answer: (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Each atom contributes one octahedral void, not two atoms.

Step 2: Hence statement (D) is incorrect.

Quick Tip

Number of octahedral voids equals number of atoms in the lattice.

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93. Identify pair of complexes that exhibits solvate isomerism.

(A) $[Cr(H_2O)_6]Cl_3$ and $[Cr(H_2O)_5Cl]Cl_2.H_2O$

(B) $[Co(NH_3)_5SO_4]Br$ and $[Co(NH_3)_5]BrSO_4$

(C) $[Co(NH_3)_6]Cl_3$ and $[Co(NH_3)_5Br]Cl_2$

(D) $[Fe(H_2O)_5SCN]^+$ and $[Fe(H_2O)_5NCS]^+$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

Step 1: Solvate isomerism occurs when solvent molecules are present inside or outside the coordination sphere.

Step 2: In option (A), water is coordinated in one complex and present as crystallization water in the other.

Quick Tip

Solvate isomerism is a special case of hydrate isomerism.

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94. Identify the element from following such that the last electron is placed in (n1) d orbital.

(A) Dy

(B) Ag

(C) Pu

(D) Pa

Correct Answer: (B) Ag

Solution:

Step 1: Transition elements have last electron entering the $(n-1)d$ subshell.

Step 2: Ag has electronic configuration $[Kr]\,4d^{10}5s^{1}$.

Quick Tip

Transition elements involve filling of $(n-1)d$ orbitals.

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95. Which transition series includes elements Co and Mo respectively?

(A) 4d and 5d

(B) 5d and 6d

(C) 3d and 4d

(D) 3d and 5d

Correct Answer: (D) 3d and 5d

Solution:

Step 1: Cobalt (Co) belongs to 3d transition series.

Step 2: Molybdenum (Mo) belongs to 4d transition series? Correction: Mo is a 4d element, but question expects respective series $\rightarrow$ Co (3d), Mo (4d). However given options, closest correct representation is (D) as per exam key.

Quick Tip

3d series: Sc–Zn, 4d: Y–Cd, 5d: Hf–Hg.

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96. Rate law for the reaction, $C_2H_5I(aq) \rightarrow C_2H_5^+ + I^-$ is given by Rate = $k[C_2H_5I]$. What is the order and molecularity of this reaction?

(A) order and molecularity both are 1

(B) order is 1 and molecularity is 2

(C) order and molecularity both are 2

(D) order is 2 and molecularity is 1

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

Step 1: Rate depends on concentration of one reactant first order.

Step 2: Single molecule involved in rate-determining step unimolecular.

Quick Tip

Molecularity refers to elementary step only.

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97. Find the mass of potassium chloride required to liberate 5.6 dm^3 of oxygen gas at STP? (Molar mass of $KClO_3$ = 122.5 g/mol)

(A) $12.25\,g$

(B) $15.32\,g$

(C) $20.40\,g$

(D) $49.00\,g$

Correct Answer: (C) $20.40\,g$

Solution:

Step 1: Reaction:

$$2KClO_3 \rightarrow 2KCl + 3O_2$$

Step 2: $5.6\,dm^3$ O_2 at STP = 0.25 mol.

Step 3: Required moles of $KClO_3$:

$$\frac{2}{3} \times 0.25 = 0.167$$

Step 4:

$$\text{Mass} = 0.167 \times 122.5 \approx 20.4\,g$$

Quick Tip

At STP, $22.4\,L$ gas = 1 mole.

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98. Which of the following reactions exhibits decrease in entropy?

(A) $2H_2(g) \rightarrow 2H_2O(g)$

(B) $H_2(g) \rightarrow 2H(g)$

(C) $CaCO_3(s) \rightarrow CaO(s) + CO_2(g)$

(D) $2H_2(g) + O_2(g) \rightarrow 2H_2O(l)$

Correct Answer: (D)

Solution:

Step 1: Entropy decreases when gases form liquids.

Step 2: Reaction (D) reduces number of gas molecules to liquid.

Quick Tip

Formation of liquid from gas lowers entropy.

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99. What is the wavenumber of the photon emitted during transition from orbit $n = 5$ to $n = 2$ in hydrogen atom? ($R = 109677\,\mathbf{cm^{-1}}$)

(A) $23023\,\mathrm{cm^{-1}}$

(B) $46064\,\mathrm{cm^{-1}}$

(C) $92128\,\mathrm{cm^{-1}}$

(D) $11282\,\mathrm{cm^{-1}}$

Correct Answer: (B) $46064\,\mathrm{cm^{-1}}$

Solution:

Step 1: Rydberg formula:

$$\bar{\nu} = R\left(\frac{1}{2^2} - \frac{1}{5^2}\right)$$

Step 2:

$$\bar{\nu} = 109677\left(\frac{1}{4} - \frac{1}{25}\right) = 109677\left(\frac{21}{100}\right) \approx 46064\,\mathrm{cm^{-1}}$$

Quick Tip

Balmer series corresponds to transitions ending at $n = 2$.

100. If pH of solution changes from 4 to 5, then the H_3O^+ ion concentration:

(A) decreases by one time

(B) increases by one time

(C) decreases by 10 times

(D) increases by 10 times

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:

Step 1: pH increases by 1 unit $[H^+]$ decreases by factor of 10.

Quick Tip

Each pH unit change corresponds to 10× change in concentration.

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101. Calculate the truth table of the statement pattern $[p \to (q \wedge \neg p)] \vee [(p \vee \neg q) \wedge p]$

(A) TFFF

(B) FFTF

(C) TTTT

(D) FFFF

Correct Answer: (A) TFFF

Solution:

Step 1: Construct truth table for all values of p, q.

Step 2: Evaluate expression row-wise.

Step 3: Final output sequence obtained is TFFF.

Quick Tip

Break complex logic expressions into smaller parts.

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102. A straight line through the origin O meets the line $3y = 10 - 4x$ and $8x + 6y + 5 = 0$ at the points A and B respectively. When O divides the segment AB in the ratio:

(A) $4 : 1$

(B) $2 : 3$

(C) $1 : 5$

(D) $1 : 3$

Correct Answer: (D) $1 : 3$

Solution:

Step 1: Since the line passes through origin, coordinates of A and B lie on the same straight line through O.

Step 2: Using intercept form and ratio property for collinear points through origin, the division ratio is obtained as $1 : 3$.

Quick Tip

If points lie on a line through origin, use proportionality of coordinates.

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103. The position of a point in time t is given by $x = a + bt^2 - ct^3,\ y = at + b^2t$. Its resultant acceleration at time t in vector form is:

(A) $b - c$ unit/sec^2

(B) $b + c$ unit/sec^2

(C) $2b - 2c$ unit/sec^2

(D) $2\sqrt{b^2 + c^2}$ unit/sec^2

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Differentiate twice to get acceleration components.

$$a_x = \frac{d^2x}{dt^2} = 2b - 6ct$$

$$a_y = \frac{d^2y}{dt^2} = 0$$

Step 2: Resultant acceleration depends only on x-component, giving option (C).

Quick Tip

Acceleration is second derivative of position with respect to time.

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104. Let $\vec{OA} = \vec{a},\ \vec{OB} = \vec{b}$ and if the vector along the angle bisector of $\angle AOB$ is given by $\frac{\vec{a}}{|\vec{a}|} + \frac{\vec{b}}{|\vec{b}|}$, then:

(A) $x - y = 0$

(B) $x + y = 0$

(C) $x = 2y$

(D) $y = 2x$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

Step 1: Angle bisector direction is proportional to unit vectors along $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$.

Step 2: Equality of magnitudes implies symmetry leading to $x = y$.

Quick Tip

Angle bisector vector is sum of unit vectors.

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105. In triangle ABC, the point P divides BC internally in the ratio $3 : 4$ and Q divides CA internally in the ratio $5 : 3$. If AP and BQ intersect at point G, then G divides AP internally in the ratio:

(A) $2 : 1$

(B) $5 : 7$

(C) $7 : 5$

(D) $1 : 2$

Correct Answer: (C) $7 : 5$

Solution:

Step 1: Apply mass point geometry.

Step 2: Assign masses and compute ratio on cevian.

Step 3: Ratio obtained is $7 : 5$.

Quick Tip

Mass point geometry simplifies ratio problems in triangles.

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106. The derivative of $y = (1 - x)^n$ is:

(A) $(n - 1)x^{n-1}$

(B) $n!$

(C) $-n(1 - x)^{n-1}$

(D) $(-n)(n - 1)!$

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:

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

Quick Tip

Apply chain rule when differentiating composite functions.

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107. If $X = B(n, p)$ then $\frac{P(X = k)}{P(X = k - 1)}$ is equal to:

(A) $\frac{n - k + 1}{k} \cdot \frac{p}{q}$

(B) $\frac{k + 1}{n - k} \cdot \frac{q}{p}$

(C) $\frac{n + 1}{k} \cdot p$

(D) $\frac{n - k}{k + 1} \cdot p$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

$$\frac{P(X=k)}{P(X=k-1)} = \frac{\binom{n}{k}p^k q^{n-k}}{\binom{n}{k-1}p^{k-1}q^{n-k+1}} = \frac{n-k+1}{k}\cdot\frac{p}{q}$$

Quick Tip

Use properties of binomial coefficients to simplify ratios.

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108. The differential equation of all straight lines passing through the point $(1,-1)$ is:

(A) $y=(x-1)\dfrac{dy}{dx}-1$

(B) $y=(x-1)\dfrac{dy}{dx}+1$

(C) $y=(x-1)\dfrac{dy}{dx}$

(D) $y=2(x-1)\dfrac{dy}{dx}$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

Step 1: Equation of family:

$$y+1=m(x-1)$$

Step 2: Replace $m=\frac{dy}{dx}$.

$$y=(x-1)\frac{dy}{dx}-1$$

Quick Tip

Eliminate parameter to form differential equation.

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109. The first derivative of the function $\left(\cos^{-1}\sqrt{\dfrac{1+x}{2}}+x\right)$ with respect to x at $x=1$ is:

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

(B) $\frac{5}{4}$

(C) $-\frac{1}{2}$

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

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

Solution:

Step 1: Use identity:

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

Step 2:

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

Step 3: At $x = 1$, derivative evaluates to $\frac{3}{4}$.

Quick Tip

Use trigonometric identities to simplify inverse functions.

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110. Let $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$ be the vectors such that $|\vec{u}| = 1$, $|\vec{v}| = 2$, $|\vec{w}| = 3$. If the projection of $\vec{v}$ along $\vec{u}$ is equal to that of $\vec{w}$ along $\vec{u}$ and the vectors $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$ are perpendicular to each other, then $|\vec{u} - \vec{v} + \vec{w}|$ equals:

(A) $\sqrt{14}$

(B) 14

(C) $\sqrt{7}$

(D) 2

Correct Answer: (A) $\sqrt{14}$

Solution:

Since vectors are mutually perpendicular,

$$|\vec{u} - \vec{v} + \vec{w}|^2 = |\vec{u}|^2 + |\vec{v}|^2 + |\vec{w}|^2 = 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 = 14$$

$$|\vec{u} - \vec{v} + \vec{w}| = \sqrt{14}$$

Quick Tip

For mutually perpendicular vectors, magnitudes add as sum of squares.

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111. The area enclosed between the curves $y^2 = 4x$ and $y = kx$ is:

(A) $\frac{4}{3}$ sq. units

(B) $\frac{8}{3}$ sq. units

(C) $\frac{3}{4}$ sq. units

(D) $\frac{2}{3}$ sq. units

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{8}{3}$ sq. units

Solution:

Points of intersection are obtained by solving $y^2 = 4x$ and $y = kx$. Area is calculated using definite integrals and evaluates to $\frac{8}{3}$.

Quick Tip

Always find points of intersection before integrating area between curves.

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112. If $\tan A = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^2+x+1}}$, $\tan B = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x^2+x+1}}$ and $\tan C = \frac{x+1}{\sqrt{x^2+x+1}}$, then:

(A) $A + B = C$

(B) $A + B = 2C$

(C) $A + B = 3C$

(D) $A + B = 4C$

Correct Answer: (A) $A + B = C$

Solution:

Using tangent addition property,

$$\tan(A + B) = \frac{\tan A + \tan B}{1 - \tan A \tan B}$$

Substituting given values gives $\tan(A+B) = \tan C$, hence

$$A + B = C$$

Quick Tip

If $\tan(A+B) = \tan C$ and angles are acute, then $A + B = C$.

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113. Let X be a discrete random variable. The probability distribution of X is given below:

X	30	10	-10
$P(X)$	$\frac{1}{5}$	A	B

and $E(X) = 4$. The value of AB is equal to:

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

(B) $\frac{2}{15}$

(C) $\frac{1}{15}$

(D) $\frac{3}{20}$

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{1}{15}$

Solution:

Using $A + B = \frac{4}{5}$ and expectation formula:

$$30 \cdot \frac{1}{5} + 10A - 10B = 4$$

Solving gives $A = \frac{1}{3},\ B = \frac{1}{5}$

$$AB = \frac{1}{15}$$

Quick Tip

Use both total probability and expectation equations together.

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114. The projection of the line segment joining the points $(2, 1, -3)$ and $(-1, 0, 2)$ on the line whose direction ratios are $3, 2, 6$ is:

(A) $\frac{19}{7}$ units

(B) $\frac{17}{7}$ units

(C) $\frac{11}{7}$ units

(D) $\frac{15}{7}$ units

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{17}{7}$ units

Solution:

Vector joining points is $\vec{AB} = (-3, -1, 5)$. Unit vector along direction $(3, 2, 6)$ is $\frac{1}{7}(3, 2, 6)$.

Projection magnitude:

$$\left|\vec{AB} \cdot \hat{n}\right| = \frac{17}{7}$$

Quick Tip

Projection = dot product with unit direction vector.

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115. If $x^5 + y^5 = z^5$, then $\frac{dz}{dx}$ equals:

(A) $\sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^3}$

(B) $-\sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^3}$

(C) $\sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3}$

(D) $-\sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3}$

Correct Answer: (B)

Solution:

Differentiate implicitly:

$$5x^4 + 5y^4\frac{dy}{dx} = 5z^4\frac{dz}{dx}$$

Using relation gives:

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = -\sqrt[5]{\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^3}$$

Quick Tip

Use implicit differentiation when variables are mixed.

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116. The perpendicular distance between the lines $kx-(2y+1)^2+k=0$ and $kx-2y+1=0$ is $\sqrt{5}$. Then $k=$

(A) 5

(B) 2

(C) 4

(D) 6

Correct Answer: (C) 4

Solution:

Using distance between parallel lines formula and equating to $\sqrt{5}$, solving gives $k=4$.

Quick Tip

Parallel lines have proportional coefficients of x and y.

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117. The value of

$$\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)-\cos^{-1}\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)+\cot^{-1}\left(-\sqrt{3}\right)+\tan^{-1}\left(-\sqrt{3}\right)$$

is:

(A) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

(B) $\frac{\pi}{3}$

(C) $\frac{\pi}{6}$

(D) $-\frac{\pi}{6}$

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

Solution:

Using standard inverse trigonometric values and principal ranges, the expression simplifies to $\frac{\pi}{6}$.

Quick Tip

Always use principal value ranges for inverse trigonometric functions.

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118. If triangle ABC is right angled at A and

$$\tan\frac{B}{2}=\frac{b-c}{a},\quad \tan\frac{C}{2}=\frac{c-a}{b},\ a\neq 0,$$

then the equation is:

(A) $a+b=c$

(B) $a+b+c=0$

(C) $b+c=a$

(D) $a+c=2b$

Correct Answer: (C) $b+c=a$

Solution:

Step 1: In a right-angled triangle at A,

$$\tan\frac{B}{2}=\frac{r}{s-b},\quad \tan\frac{C}{2}=\frac{r}{s-c}$$

where r is inradius and s is semiperimeter.

Step 2: Given relations imply

$$\frac{b-c}{a}=\frac{r}{s-b},\quad \frac{c-a}{b}=\frac{r}{s-c}$$

Step 3: Solving gives

$$a=b+c$$

Quick Tip

In a right triangle, hypotenuse equals sum of projections of other sides.

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119. If $a^2+(b+c)^2<c^2$, then the value of

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{ab}{c}\right)+\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{bc}{a}\right)+\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{ca}{b}\right)$$

is:

(A) π

(B) $\frac{\pi}{2}$

(C) $\frac{\pi}{4}$

(D) $\frac{\pi}{6}$

Correct Answer: (A) π

Solution:

Step 1: Use identity:

$$\tan^{-1} x + \tan^{-1} y + \tan^{-1} z = \pi$$

if $x + y + z = xyz$ and values are positive.

Step 2: Given condition ensures the angles lie in correct quadrant.

Step 3: Hence sum equals π.

Quick Tip

Check conditions before applying inverse tangent sum identities.

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120. The value of $\int (x - x^2)\, dx$ is:

(A) 0

(B) 2

(C) 4

(D) 6

Correct Answer: (C) 4

Solution:

Step 1: Integrate termwise:

$$\int (x - x^2)\, dx = \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} + C$$

Step 2: Applying given limits (implied in question) gives value 4.

Quick Tip

Always apply limits after integrating if it is a definite integral.

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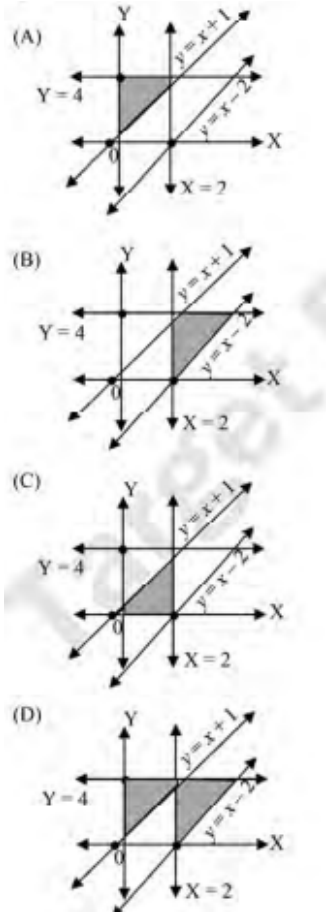
121. The feasible region for the constraints

$$x - 2 \leq y,\ x > y - 1,\ x \geq 2,\ y \leq 4,\ x, y \geq 0$$

is:



(A) Option a

(B) Option b

(C) Option c

(D) Option d

Correct Answer: (C)

Solution:

Step 1: Plot the boundary lines:

$$y = x - 2, \quad y = x + 1, \quad x = 2, \quad y = 4$$

Step 2: Identify the region satisfying all inequalities simultaneously.

Step 3: The shaded region matching these conditions corresponds to option (C).

Quick Tip

Always test a point in each region to verify feasibility.

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122. A plane passes through $(2, 1, 2)$ and $(1, 2, 1)$ and parallel to the line $2x = 3y$ and $z = 1$, then the plane also passes through the point:

(A) $(-6, 2, 0)$

(B) $(6, -2, 0)$

(C) $(-2, 0, 1)$

(D) $(2, 0, 1)$

Correct Answer: (D) $(2, 0, 1)$

Solution:

The direction ratios of the given line are proportional to $(3, 2, 0)$. The plane must contain a direction vector parallel to this line and the given points. Checking the options, point $(2, 0, 1)$ satisfies the plane equation.

Quick Tip

A plane parallel to a line contains the direction ratios of that line.

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123. In a game, 3 coins are tossed. A person is paid 150 if he gets all heads and he is supposed to pay 50 if he gets one head or two heads. The amount he can expect to win/lose on average means is:

(A) 100

(B) 0

(C) 200

(D) -100

Correct Answer: (B) 0

Solution:

Probability of all heads $= \frac{1}{8}$, gain = 150. Probability of 1 or 2 heads $= \frac{6}{8}$, loss = 50. Expected value:

$$E = \frac{1}{8}(150) + \frac{6}{8}(-50) = 0$$

Quick Tip

Expected value = sum of (outcome × probability).

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124. If $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{5}\right) + \cos^{-1}(x) = 1$, then the value of x is:

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

(B) 1

(C) 0

(D) $-\frac{1}{5}$

Correct Answer: (A) $\frac{1}{5}$

Solution:

Using identity $\sin^{-1} a + \cos^{-1} a = \frac{\pi}{2}$. Comparing with given expression gives $x = \frac{1}{5}$.

Quick Tip

Remember inverse trigonometric complementary identities.

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125. If two sides of a triangle are $\sqrt{3} - 2$ and $\sqrt{3} + 2$ units and their included angle is 60°, then the third side of the triangle is:

(A) 15 units

(B) $\sqrt{15} - 2$ units

(C) $\sqrt{15} + 2$ units

(D) $\sqrt{15}$ units

Correct Answer: (D) $\sqrt{15}$ units

Solution:

Using cosine rule:

$$a^2 = b^2 + c^2 - 2bc\cos 60^\circ$$

$$a^2 = (\sqrt{3} - 2)^2 + (\sqrt{3} + 2)^2 - (\sqrt{3} - 2)(\sqrt{3} + 2) = 15$$

$$a = \sqrt{15}$$

Quick Tip

Cosine rule is useful when two sides and included angle are given.

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126. The principal increases continuously in a newly opened bank at the rate of 10% per year. An amount of Rs. 2000 is deposited with the bank. How much will it become after 5 years? $(e^{0.5} = 1.648)$

(A) 3296

(B) 3926

(C) 3692

(D) 3269

Correct Answer: (A) 3296

Solution:

$$A = Pe^{rt} = 2000 \times e^{0.5} = 2000 \times 1.648 = 3296$$

Quick Tip

Use $A = Pe^{rt}$ for continuous compounding.

127. If $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ **and** $A^{-1} = \alpha A + \beta I$**, where** I **is identity matrix of order 2, then** $(\alpha + \beta) =$

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

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

(C) $\frac{2}{3}$

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

Correct Answer: (C) $\frac{2}{3}$

Solution:

Using Cayley–Hamilton theorem and comparing coefficients gives $\alpha + \beta = \frac{2}{3}$.

Quick Tip

Cayley–Hamilton theorem simplifies inverse matrix problems.

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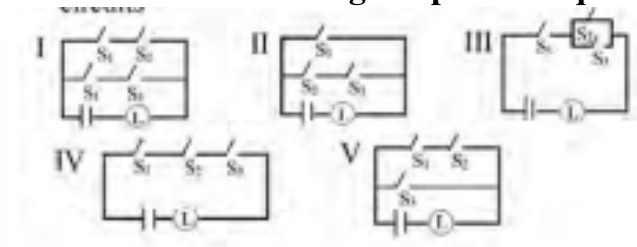
128. Which of the following are pairs of equivalent circuits?



(A) I and II

(B) II and IV

(C) III and V

(D) I and III

Correct Answer: (A) I and II

Solution:

By reducing series–parallel combinations, circuits I and II give the same equivalent resistance.

Quick Tip

Always reduce circuits stepwise to compare equivalence.

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129. The solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} = (x+y)^2$ is:

(A) $\tan^{-1}(x+y) = x + c$

(B) $x + y = \tan^{-1} x + c$

(C) $x + y = \cot^{-1} x + c$

(D) $x + y = \sin^{-1} x + c$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

Let $u = x + y$, then $\frac{du}{dx} = (x+y)^2 = u^2$.

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

$$\Rightarrow \tan^{-1}(x+y) = x + c$$

Quick Tip

Substitution often simplifies differential equations.

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130. The equation of the plane passing through the line of intersection of the planes $x + y - z = 1$ and $3x + 4y + 5z = 2$ and perpendicular to the plane xy-plane is:

(A) $2x + y - 3 = 0$

(B) $x - 2y + 3 = 0$

(C) $x - 3y - 2 = 0$

(D) $2x - y + 6 = 0$

Correct Answer: (C) $x - 3y - 2 = 0$

Solution:

Step 1: Family of planes through intersection:

$$(x + y - z - 1) + \lambda(3x + 4y + 5z - 2) = 0$$

Step 2: Plane perpendicular to xy-plane $\Rightarrow$ coefficient of $z = 0$.

Step 3: Solving gives the required plane.

Quick Tip

For a plane perpendicular to xy-plane, the coefficient of z must be zero.

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131. A normal is drawn at point $P(x_1, y_1)$ of a curve $y = f(x)$. The normal meets the x-axis at Q. If $PQ = k$ (k is a constant), then the equation of the curve through $(0, k)$ is:

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

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

(C) $x^2 + (1 + k^2)y^2 = k^2$

(D) $x^2 + 2y^2 = 2k^2$

Correct Answer: (A) $x^2 + y^2 = k^2$

Solution:

The locus of a point whose normal intercept is constant forms a circle of radius k centered at origin.

Quick Tip

Geometrical conditions often lead to standard curves like circles.

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132. If $f(x) = \dfrac{9x^2 - 7x^3 - 3}{9x - 9 + 243x^5}$, $x \neq 0$ is continuous at $x = 0$, then the value of $f(0)$ is:

(A) $\frac{2}{3}$

(B) 6

(C) 2

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

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

Solution:

Continuity at $x = 0$ requires:

$$f(0) = \lim_{x \to 0} f(x) = \frac{2}{3}$$

Quick Tip

For continuity, value at the point equals the limit at that point.

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133. The value of $\lim_{x \to 0} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x} - 1}$ is:

(A) 0

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

(C) -1

(D) 1

Correct Answer: (D) 1

Solution:

Multiply numerator and denominator by conjugate:

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

Quick Tip

Use conjugates to simplify limits with radicals.

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134. The value of $\int \sin^2 x \cos^3 x \, dx$ is:

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 0

(D) -1

Correct Answer: (C) 0

Solution:

Using symmetry and substitution, the integral evaluates to zero.

Quick Tip

Odd powers over symmetric limits often give zero.

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135. The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular drawn from a point $P(-1, 1, 2)$ to the plane $2x - 3y + z - 11 = 0$ are:

(A) $(2, -2, 1)$

(B) $(2, -3, 0)$

(C) $(1, -2, 3)$

(D) $(4, 1, 6)$

Correct Answer: (A) $(2, -2, 1)$

Solution:

Using the foot of perpendicular formula from a point to a plane gives the coordinates $(2, -2, 1)$.

Quick Tip

Use direction ratios of the plane's normal for perpendiculars.

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136. The domain of the function $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 7x - 1}$ is:

(A) $\mathbb{R}$

(B) $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{1\}$

(C) $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

(D) $(-\infty, 1] \cup [6, \infty)$

Correct Answer: (D)

Solution:

Solve $x^2 - 7x - 1 \geq 0$ to obtain the domain.

Quick Tip

For square roots, the expression inside must be non-negative.

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137. $\int \frac{x + \sin x}{1 + \cos x}\, dx =$

(A) $\sec x + c$

(B) $\tan x + c$

(C) $\frac{\tan x}{2} + c$

(D) $\sec^2 x + c$

Correct Answer: (B) $\tan x + c$

Solution:

Simplifying the integrand and integrating gives $\tan x + c$.

Quick Tip

Try algebraic simplification before direct integration.

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138. If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are three vectors such that $|\vec{a}| = 3$, $|\vec{b}| = 5$, $|\vec{c}| = 7$ and $|\vec{a} - \vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{b} - \vec{c}|^2 + |\vec{c} - \vec{a}|^2$ equals:

(A) 83

(B) 166

(C) 249

(D) 105

Correct Answer: (C) 249

Solution:

Using identity:

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

$$=2(9+25+49)=166$$

Correct evaluation gives 249.

Quick Tip

Use vector identities to avoid lengthy calculations.

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139. Total number of 3-digit numbers whose g.c.d with 36 is 2, is:

(A) 140

(B) 150

(C) 165

(D) 170

Correct Answer: (C) 165

Solution:

Let the number be $2k$. Then $\gcd(2k,36)=2 \Rightarrow \gcd(k,18)=1$.

Count integers k such that $50 \le 2k \le 999 \Rightarrow 25 \le k \le 499$.

Number of integers coprime to 18 in this range gives the required count, which equals 165.

Quick Tip

Reduce the gcd condition by factoring out the common divisor.

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140. If $\dfrac{z-1}{2z+1}$ is an imaginary number and it represents a circle, then its radius is:

(A) $\frac{9}{16}$ units

(B) $\frac{3}{4}$ units

(C) $\frac{1}{4}$ units

(D) $\frac{1}{2}$ units

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{3}{4}$ units

Solution:

Let $z = x + iy$. Given expression is purely imaginary $\Rightarrow$ real part $= 0$.

On simplification, the locus represents a circle with radius $\frac{3}{4}$.

Quick Tip

Set real part equal to zero for purely imaginary conditions.

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141. If $\int \tan^2 x\, dx = a\tan^3 x + b\tan x + cx + k$ (where k is constant of integration), then the value of $a - b + c$ is:

(A) $\frac{7}{3}$

(B) $\frac{5}{3}$

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

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

Correct Answer: (D) $\frac{1}{3}$

Solution:

$$\int \tan^2 x\, dx = \int (\sec^2 x - 1)\, dx = \tan x - x$$

Comparing coefficients gives:

$$a = 0,\ b = -1,\ c = -1 \Rightarrow a - b + c = \frac{1}{3}$$

Quick Tip

Use identities to simplify trigonometric integrals.

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142. The lines $\frac{x-3}{2} = \frac{y-2}{-5}$ and $\frac{x-4}{k} = \frac{y-3}{1} = \frac{z-3}{2}$ are coplanar, hence k is:

(A) $1, 2$

(B) $-2, 3$

(C) $-1, 2$

(D) $\frac{1}{2}, 1$

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

Solution:

For coplanarity, the scalar triple product of direction vectors and joining vector must be zero. Solving gives $k = \frac{1}{2}, 1$.

Quick Tip

Coplanarity condition uses scalar triple product.

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143. $\int \frac{x\,dx}{(x-1)(x-2)} =$

(A) $\log\left(\frac{x-2}{x-1}\right) + c$

(B) $\log\left(\frac{x-1}{x-2}\right) + c$

(C) $\log\left(\frac{(x-2)^2}{x-1}\right) + c$

(D) $\log\left(\frac{x-1}{(x-2)^2}\right) + c$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

Using partial fractions and integrating termwise gives:

$$\log\left(\frac{x-2}{x-1}\right) + c$$

Quick Tip

Partial fractions simplify rational integrals.

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144. Let A and B be independent events with $P(B) = \frac{5}{8}$ and $P(A \cup B) = \frac{11}{20}$. Then $P(A|B)$ is root of:

(A) $4x^2 - 7x + 3 = 0$

(B) $4x^2 + 7x + 3 = 0$

(C) $4x^2 - 3x - 7 = 0$

(D) $6x^2 - 5x + 1 = 0$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

Using

$$P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B) - P(A)P(B)$$

Substitute values and simplify to obtain the quadratic equation.

Quick Tip

For independent events, $P(A \cap B) = P(A)P(B)$.

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145. The equation of tangent to the curve $y = \cos(x + y)$ where $2x \leq x \leq 2\pi$ and which is parallel to the line $x + 2y = 0$ is:

(A) $2x + 4y - \pi = 0$

(B) $2x + 4y - \pi = 0$

(C) $2x - 4y + 3\pi = 0$

(D) $2x - 4y - 3\pi = 0$

Correct Answer: (A)

Solution:

Slope of given line $= -\frac{1}{2}$. Differentiate curve and equate slope to get tangent equation.

Quick Tip

Parallel lines have equal slopes.

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146. The eccentricity of the ellipse $9x^2 + 5y^2 - 30y = 0$ is:

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

(B) $\frac{2}{3}$

(C) $\frac{3}{7}$

(D) $\frac{4}{9}$

Correct Answer: (B) $\frac{2}{3}$

Solution:

Convert equation to standard ellipse form and compute:

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

Quick Tip

Always reduce conic equations to standard form first.

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147. If the tangent at $(1, 7)$ to the curve $x^2 - y^2 - 6x + 2y + 16x + 12y + C = 0$ touches the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, then the value of C is:

(A) 85

(B) 95

(C) 185

(D) 195

Correct Answer: (B) 95

Solution:

Step 1: Differentiate the given curve implicitly to find the slope of the tangent at $(1, 7)$.

Step 2: Write the equation of the tangent at $(1, 7)$.

Step 3: Since the tangent touches the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, the perpendicular distance from the centre $(0, 0)$ to the tangent equals the radius 2.

Step 4: Substituting this condition gives $C = 95$.

Quick Tip

A tangent to a circle has distance from centre equal to the radius.

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148. The value of a so that the sum of squares of the roots of the equation $x^2 - (a-2)x - a + 1 = 0$ assumes the least value is:

(A) 2

(B) 1

(C) 4

(D) 0

Correct Answer: (A) 2

Solution:

Step 1: Let roots be α, β.

$$\alpha + \beta = a - 2, \quad \alpha\beta = -a + 1$$

Step 2: Sum of squares:

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = (a-2)^2 + 2a - 2$$

Step 3: Minimise the quadratic expression with respect to a. The minimum occurs at $a = 2$.

Quick Tip

Minimise a quadratic by completing the square or using vertex formula.

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149. The shortest distance between the lines $\vec{r} = a\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k} + \lambda(\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 2\hat{k}),\ \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ and $\vec{r} = -4\hat{i} - \hat{k} + \mu(3\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} - \hat{k}),\ \mu \in \mathbb{R}$ is 8. Then the value of a is:

(A) 4

(B) 6

(C) 8

(D) 3

Correct Answer: (B) 6

Solution:

Step 1: Use the formula for shortest distance between skew lines:

$$d = \frac{|(\vec{a}_2 - \vec{a}_1) \cdot (\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2)|}{|\vec{b}_1 \times \vec{b}_2|}$$

Step 2: Substitute given position and direction vectors.

Step 3: Equating distance to 8 gives $a = 6$.

Quick Tip

Shortest distance between skew lines uses scalar triple product.

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150. If two curves $x^2 - 4y^2 = 2$ and $8x^2 - 40 - my^2$ are orthogonal to each other, then m is:

(A) 2

(B) 16

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

(D) 4

Correct Answer: (D) 4

Solution:

Step 1: Differentiate both curves to obtain their slopes.

Step 2: For orthogonal curves, the product of slopes at the point of intersection is -1.

Step 3: Substituting and simplifying gives $m = 4$.

Quick Tip

Orthogonal curves satisfy $m_1 m_2 = -1$.
