# MHT-CET Mathematics Sample Paper-2

**Duration: 90 Minutes** **Maximum Marks: 100**

## Instructions

- This paper contains a total of **50** Multiple Choice Questions.
- Each correct answer carries **+2 marks**.
- No negative marking for incorrect questions.
- Use of mobile phones, smartwatches, or any electronic gadgets is strictly prohibited.
- No marks will be deducted for questions that are left unattempted.

**Q1.** The value of $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\log(1+x^3)}{\sin^3 x}$ is:

(A) 0

(B) 1

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

(D) 3

**Q2.** If $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1+kx}-\sqrt{1-kx}}{x}$ for $x \neq 0$ is continuous at $x = 0$, then $f(0)$ is:

(A) $k$

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

(C) $2k$

(D) 0

**Q3.** The function $f(x) = |x-1| + |x-2|$ is not differentiable at:

(A) $x = 1$ only

(B) $x = 2$ only

(C) $x = 1$ and $x = 2$

(D) $x = 0$

**Q4.** If $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sin x+\cos x}{\cos x-\sin x}\right)$, then $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is:

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) 1/2

(D) 2

**Q5.** If $x = a\cos^3\theta, y = a\sin^3\theta$, then $\frac{dy}{dx}$ at $\theta = \pi/4$ is:

(A) 1

(B) $-1$

(C) 0

(D) $\infty$

**Q6.** The derivative of $\log_{10} x$ with respect to $x^2$ is:

(A) $\frac{1}{2x^2 \log_e 10}$

(B) $\frac{1}{x^2 \log_e 10}$

(C) $\frac{\log_{10} e}{2x^2}$

(D) $\frac{2x^2}{\log_e 10}$

**Q7.** The slope of the tangent to the curve $y = x^2 - x$ at the point where the line $y = 2$ intersects it in the first quadrant is:

(A) 2

(B) 3

(C) 4

(D) 5

**Q8.** The maximum value of $f(x) = xe^{-x}$ is:

(A) $e$

(B) $1/e$

(C) 1

(D) $e^2$

**Q9.** A stone is dropped into a quiet lake and waves move in circles at a speed of 4 cm/s. At the instant when the radius of the circular wave is 10 cm, how fast is the enclosed area increasing?

(A) $40\pi\ \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$

(B) $80\pi\ \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$

(C) $100\pi\ \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$

(D) $20\pi\ \text{cm}^2/\text{s}$

**Q10.** The approximate value of $\sqrt{25.2}$ is:

(A) 5.01

(B) 5.02

(C) 5.03

(D) 5.04

**Q11.** The function $f(x) = 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 36x + 1$ is increasing in the interval:

(A) $(2, 3)$

(B) $(-\infty, 2) \cup (3, \infty)$

(C) $(-\infty, 2)$

(D) $(3, \infty)$

**Q12.** $\int \frac{1}{x(x^5+1)} dx$ is equal to:

(A) $\frac{1}{5} \log \left| \frac{x^5}{x^5+1} \right| + C$

(B) $\log \left| \frac{x^5}{x^5+1} \right| + C$

(C) $\frac{1}{5} \log \left| \frac{x^5+1}{x^5} \right| + C$

(D) $5 \log \left| \frac{x^5}{x^5+1} \right| + C$

**Q13.** $\int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sqrt{\sin x}}{\sqrt{\sin x}+\sqrt{\cos x}} dx$ is:

(A) $\pi$

(B) $\pi/2$

(C) $\pi/4$

(D) 0

**Q14.** $\int e^x(\tan x + \log \sec x)dx$ is:

(A) $e^x \tan x + C$

(B) $e^x \log \sec x + C$

(C) $e^x(\tan x + \sec x) + C$

(D) $e^x \sec^2 x + C$

**Q15.** The value of $\int_{-1}^{1} |x|dx$ is:

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) 2

(D) 1/2

**Q16.** The area bounded by the curve $y^2 = 4x$ and the line $x = 3$ is:

(A) $8\sqrt{3}$ sq. units

(B) $4\sqrt{3}$ sq. units

(C) $12\sqrt{3}$ sq. units

(D) $16\sqrt{3}$ sq. units

**Q17.** The area of the region bounded by the curve $y = \sin x$ between $x = 0$ and $x = \pi$ is:

(A) 1 sq. unit

(B) 2 sq. units

(C) 3 sq. units

(D) 4 sq. units

**Q18.** The order and degree of the differential equation $\left[1+\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2} = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ are respectively:

(A) 2, 2

(B) 2, 3

(C) 1, 2

(D) 2, 1

**Q19.** The general solution of the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} + y\tan x = \sec x$ is:

(A) $y\sec x = \tan x + C$

(B) $y\tan x = \sec x + C$

(C) $y = \sin x + C\cos x$

(D) $y\cos x = \sin x + C$

**Q20.** The solution of $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{x-y} + x^2e^{-y}$ is:

(A) $e^y = e^x + \frac{x^3}{3} + C$

(B) $e^y = e^x + x^3 + C$

(C) $e^{-y} = e^x + \frac{x^3}{3} + C$

(D) $e^x + e^y = \frac{x^3}{3} + C$

**Q21.** If $z = \frac{1+2i}{1-3i}$, then the modulus of $z$ is:

(A) $1/2$

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

(C) $\sqrt{2}$

(D) 2

**Q22.** The value of $(\sqrt{3}+i)^{12} + (\sqrt{3}-i)^{12}$ is:

(A) $2^{12}$

(B) $2^{13}$

(C) $-2^{12}$

(D) 0

**Q23.** The argument of the complex number $z = \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}$ is:

(A) $\pi/3$

(B) $2\pi/3$

(C) $\pi/6$

(D) $4\pi/3$

**Q24.** If the roots of the equation $x^2 - px + q = 0$ differ by unity, then:

(A) $p^2 = 4q + 1$

(B) $p^2 = 4q - 1$

(C) $q^2 = 4p + 1$

(D) $q^2 = 4p - 1$

**Q25.** The value of $k$ for which the sum of the squares of the roots of $x^2-(k-2)x-k-1 = 0$ is minimum is:

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) 2

(D) 3

**Q26.** If $a, b, c$ are in Arithmetic Progression, then the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are real for:

(A) $|b/a| \geq \sqrt{3}$

(B) $|b/a| \geq 2$

(C) All values of $a, b, c$

(D) $|ac/b^2| \leq 1/4$

**Q27.** The sum of the series $1 + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{27} + \ldots \infty$ is:

(A) $3/2$

(B) $2/3$

(C) $4/3$

(D) $1/2$

**Q28.** The $n$-th term of the sequence $5, 11, 19, 29, 41, \ldots$ is:

(A) $n^2 + 3n + 1$

(B) $n^2 + n + 3$

(C) $2n^2 + 3$

(D) $n^2 + 4n$

**Q29.** If the arithmetic mean of two numbers is 10 and their geometric mean is 8, then the numbers are:

(A) $12, 8$

(B) $16, 4$

(C) $15, 5$

(D) $18, 2$

**Q30.** The coefficient of $x^4$ in the expansion of $(1 + x)^{10}$ is:

(A) 210

(B) 120

(C) 45

(D) 252

**Q31.** The number of ways in which 5 boys and 3 girls can be seated in a row such that no two girls are together is:

(A) 14400

(B) 7200

(C) 2400

(D) 4800

**Q32.** Two dice are thrown simultaneously. The probability of getting a sum of 9 is:

(A) $1/6$

(B) $1/9$

(C) $1/12$

(D) $1/4$

**Q33.** The equation of a line passing through $(2, 3)$ and making an angle of $45^\circ$ with the positive direction of the x-axis is:

(A) $x - y + 1 = 0$

(B) $x + y - 5 = 0$

(C) $x - y - 1 = 0$

(D) $2x - y - 1 = 0$

(E) $x - y + 1 = 0$

**Q34.** The radius of the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 12 = 0$ is:

(A) 3

(B) 4

(C) 5

(D) 6

**Q35.** The eccentricity of the ellipse $9x^2 + 25y^2 = 225$ is:

(A) $4/5$

(B) $3/5$

(C) $2/5$

(D) $1/5$

**Q36.** If the vectors $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + m\hat{k}$ are perpendicular, then the value of $m$ is:

(A) 1

(B) $-1$

(C) 2

(D) $-2$

**Q37.** The direction cosines of a line passing through the origin and the point $(1, 2, 2)$ are:

(A) $1/3, 2/3, 2/3$

(B) $1/9, 2/9, 2/9$

(C) $1/2, 1, 1$

(D) $1, 2, 2$

**Q38.** The distance of the point $(1, 2, 3)$ from the plane $x + 2y - 2z + 5 = 0$ is:

(A) $2/3$

(B) $4/3$

(C) 2

(D) 1

**Q39.** If $\sin\theta + \cos\theta = 1$, then the value of $\sin 2\theta$ is:

(A) 1

(B) 0

(C) $1/2$

(D) $-1$

**Q40.** The value of $\tan 75°$ is:

(A) $2 + \sqrt{3}$

(B) $2 - \sqrt{3}$

(C) $\sqrt{3} + 1$

(D) $\sqrt{3} - 1$

**Q41.** The length of the latus rectum of the parabola $y^2 = 12x$ is:

(A) 3

(B) 6

(C) 12

(D) 4

**Q42.** The constant term in the expansion of $(x + 1/x)^{10}$ is:

(A) 252

(B) 210

(C) 120

(D) 45

**Q43.** If $z$ is a complex number such that $|z| = 1$, then the real part of $(z - 1)/(z + 1)$ is:

(A) 1

(B) 0

(C) $-1$

(D) $1/2$

**Q44.** The sum of the first 20 terms of an A.P. whose first term is 5 and common difference is 4 is:

(A) 800

(B) 820

(C) 860

(D) 900

**Q45.** The focus of the parabola $x^2 = -16y$ is:

(A) $(4, 0)$

(B) $(0, 4)$

(C) $(0, -4)$

(D) $(-4, 0)$

**Q46.** If the probability of hitting a target is $1/4$ and 4 shots are fired, the probability of hitting the target at least once is:

(A) $1 - (3/4)^4$

(B) $(1/4)^4$

(C) $1/4$

(D) $3/4$

**Q47.** The angle between the planes $2x - y + z = 6$ and $x + y + 2z = 7$ is:

(A) $30°$

(B) $45°$

(C) $60°$

(D) $90°$

**Q48.** The value of $\cos^2 10° + \cos^2 20° + \cdots + \cos^2 80°$ is:

(A) 4

(B) 5

(C) 8

(D) 4.5

**Q49.** The coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular from the origin to the plane $2x + 3y + 4z - 29 = 0$ are:

(A) $(2, 3, 4)$

(B) $(1, 2, 3)$

(C) $(0, 0, 0)$

(D) $(4, 3, 2)$

**Q50.** If $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are unit vectors such that $\vec{a}+\vec{b}+\vec{c} = 0$, then the value of $\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b}+\vec{b}\cdot\vec{c}+\vec{c}\cdot\vec{a}$ is:

(A) 1

(B) 3

(C) $-3/2$

(D) $3/2$

# Detailed Solutions

## Q1.

### Solution

**Concept:**
The evaluation of limits involving logarithmic and trigonometric functions often utilizes standard limits or L'Hopital's Rule. The standard limit states that $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\log(1+x)}{x} = 1$ and $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1$.

**Solution:**

(a) Given the limit $L = \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\log(1+x^3)}{\sin^3 x}$.

(b) We can rewrite the expression by dividing the numerator and denominator by $x^3$:

(c) $L = \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\frac{\log(1+x^3)}{x^3}}{\frac{\sin^3 x}{x^3}}$

(d) Applying the limit properties, $L = \frac{\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\log(1+x^3)}{x^3}}{\left(\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3}$

(e) Since $x \to 0$, $x^3 \to 0$. Therefore, $\lim_{x^3\to 0} \frac{\log(1+x^3)}{x^3} = 1$.

(f) Also, $\left(\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin x}{x}\right)^3 = (1)^3 = 1$.

(g) Thus, $L = \frac{1}{1} = 1$.

**Final Answer:** The value is 1.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q2.

## Solution

**Concept:**

For a function to be continuous at a point $x = a$, the limit of the function as $x$ approaches $a$ must equal the value of the function at that point, i.e., $\lim_{x\to a} f(x) = f(a)$.

**Solution:**

(a) Given $f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1+kx}-\sqrt{1-kx}}{x}$.

(b) To find $f(0)$, we calculate $\lim_{x\to 0} f(x)$.

(c) Rationalizing the numerator: $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{(\sqrt{1+kx}-\sqrt{1-kx})(\sqrt{1+kx}+\sqrt{1-kx})}{x(\sqrt{1+kx}+\sqrt{1-kx})}$

(d) This simplifies to $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{(1+kx)-(1-kx)}{x(\sqrt{1+kx}+\sqrt{1-kx})} = \lim_{x\to 0} \frac{2kx}{x(\sqrt{1+kx}+\sqrt{1-kx})}$

(e) Canceling $x$: $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{2k}{\sqrt{1+kx}+\sqrt{1-kx}}$

(f) Substituting $x = 0$: $\frac{2k}{\sqrt{1}+\sqrt{1}} = \frac{2k}{2} = k$.

(g) Since the function is continuous, $f(0) = k$.

**Final Answer:** $f(0) = k$.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q3.

### Solution

**Concept:**
The absolute value function $|x - a|$ is continuous everywhere but is not differentiable at the point where the expression inside the absolute value becomes zero, i.e., at $x = a$.
**Solution:**

(a) The function is given by $f(x) = |x - 1| + |x - 2|$.

(b) The first term $|x - 1|$ is not differentiable at $x - 1 = 0 \implies x = 1$.

(c) The second term $|x - 2|$ is not differentiable at $x - 2 = 0 \implies x = 2$.

(d) At $x = 1$, the left-hand derivative and right-hand derivative of $|x - 1|$ do not match, while $|x - 2|$ is differentiable. This makes the sum non-differentiable.

(e) Similarly, at $x = 2$, the sum is non-differentiable due to the behavior of $|x - 2|$.

(f) Therefore, $f(x)$ is not differentiable at both $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.

**Final Answer:** The function is not differentiable at $x = 1$ and $x = 2$.

**Answer: (C)**

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## Q4.

### Solution

**Concept:**
Trigonometric identities can simplify the expression inside the inverse tangent function. Specifically, $\frac{\cos x+\sin x}{\cos x-\sin x} = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right)$.
**Solution:**

(a) Given $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{\sin x+\cos x}{\cos x-\sin x}\right)$.

(b) Divide the numerator and denominator by $\cos x$: $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1+\tan x}{1-\tan x}\right)$.

(c) Recognize that $\frac{1+\tan x}{1-\tan x} = \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right)$.

(d) So, $y = \tan^{-1}\left(\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right)\right)$.

(e) Assuming principal values, $y = \frac{\pi}{4} + x$.

(f) Differentiating with respect to $x$: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right) = 0 + 1 = 1$.

**Final Answer:** $\frac{dy}{dx}$ is 1.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q5.

## Solution

**Concept:**

For parametric equations $x = f(\theta)$ and $y = g(\theta)$, the derivative is found using the formula $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{dy/d\theta}{dx/d\theta}$.

**Solution:**

(a) Given $x = a\cos^3\theta$. Then $\frac{dx}{d\theta} = 3a\cos^2\theta(-\sin\theta) = -3a\cos^2\theta\sin\theta$.

(b) Given $y = a\sin^3\theta$. Then $\frac{dy}{d\theta} = 3a\sin^2\theta(\cos\theta) = 3a\sin^2\theta\cos\theta$.

(c) $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{3a\sin^2\theta\cos\theta}{-3a\cos^2\theta\sin\theta} = -\frac{\sin\theta}{\cos\theta} = -\tan\theta$.

(d) At $\theta = \pi/4$, $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\tan(\pi/4) = -1$.

**Final Answer:** The derivative is $-1$.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q6.

## Solution

**Concept:**
The derivative of one function with respect to another function requires the use of the chain rule. If we have $u = f(x)$ and $v = g(x)$, the derivative of $u$ with respect to $v$ is given by the ratio of their individual derivatives with respect to $x$, which is $\frac{du}{dv} = \frac{du/dx}{dv/dx}$. Additionally, the change of base formula for logarithms is essential here, specifically $\log_a b = \frac{\log_e b}{\log_e a}$.
**Solution:**

(a) Let the first function be $u = \log_{10} x$. To differentiate this, we first convert it to natural logarithms using the change of base formula: $u = \frac{\log_e x}{\log_e 10}$.

(b) Now, we find the derivative of $u$ with respect to $x$: $\frac{du}{dx} = \frac{1}{\log_e 10} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\log_e x) = \frac{1}{x \log_e 10}$.

(c) Let the second function be $v = x^2$. We find its derivative with respect to $x$ using the power rule: $\frac{dv}{dx} = 2x$.

(d) The question asks for the derivative of $u$ with respect to $v$, which is $\frac{du}{dv} = \frac{du/dx}{dv/dx}$.

(e) Substituting the values we found: $\frac{du}{dv} = \frac{\frac{1}{x \log_e 10}}{2x}$.

(f) Simplifying the fraction by moving the $2x$ into the denominator: $\frac{du}{dv} = \frac{1}{2x^2 \log_e 10}$.

(g) Alternatively, since $\frac{1}{\log_e 10} = \log_{10} e$, the expression can be written as $\frac{\log_{10} e}{2x^2}$.

**Final Answer:** The derivative is $\frac{1}{2x^2 \log_e 10}$.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q7.

### Solution

**Concept:**
The slope of a tangent to a curve $y = f(x)$ at any given point $(x_0, y_0)$ is equal to the value of the first derivative $f'(x)$ evaluated at $x_0$. To find the specific point of intersection, we must solve the system of equations formed by the curve and the intersecting line.
**Solution:**

(a) The given curve is $y = x^2 - x$ and the intersecting line is $y = 2$.

(b) To find the points of intersection, we set the equations equal to each other: $x^2 - x = 2$.

(c) Rearranging into a standard quadratic equation: $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$.

(d) Factoring the quadratic: $(x - 2)(x + 1) = 0$. This gives $x = 2$ or $x = -1$.

(e) The problem specifies the intersection in the first quadrant, where $x$ must be positive. Therefore, we select $x = 2$.

(f) Now, we find the derivative of the curve to determine the slope function: $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{d}{dx}(x^2 - x) = 2x - 1$.

(g) We evaluate this derivative at the point where $x = 2$: Slope $m = 2(2) - 1$.

(h) Calculating the final value: $m = 4 - 1 = 3$.

**Final Answer:** The slope of the tangent is 3.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q8.

## Solution

**Concept:**
To find the maximum value of a function, we apply the first derivative test to find critical points and the second derivative test to confirm the nature of those points. A function $f(x)$ has a local maximum at $x = c$ if $f'(c) = 0$ and $f''(c) < 0$.

**Solution:**

(a) The function is $f(x) = xe^{-x}$. To find the critical points, we first find the derivative $f'(x)$ using the product rule: $\frac{d}{dx}[u \cdot v] = uv' + vu'$.

(b) Let $u = x$ and $v = e^{-x}$. Then $f'(x) = x(-e^{-x}) + e^{-x}(1) = e^{-x}(1 - x)$.

(c) Set $f'(x) = 0$ to find the critical values: $e^{-x}(1 - x) = 0$. Since $e^{-x}$ is never zero for any real $x$, we must have $1 - x = 0$, which implies $x = 1$.

(d) To confirm this is a maximum, we find the second derivative $f''(x)$. Differentiating $f'(x) = e^{-x} - xe^{-x}$:

(e) $f''(x) = -e^{-x} - [x(-e^{-x}) + e^{-x}] = -e^{-x} + xe^{-x} - e^{-x} = e^{-x}(x - 2)$.

(f) Evaluating the second derivative at $x = 1$: $f''(1) = e^{-1}(1 - 2) = -1/e$. Since $-1/e < 0$, the function has a maximum at $x = 1$.

(g) The maximum value is $f(1) = 1 \cdot e^{-1} = 1/e$.

**Final Answer:** The maximum value is $1/e$.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q9.

## Solution

**Concept:**
This is a related rates problem. When a variable $r$ (radius) changes with respect to time $t$, any other variable dependent on $r$, such as the area $A$, also changes with respect to time. The relationship is established by differentiating the geometric formula for the area of a circle, $A = \pi r^2$, with respect to time $t$.

**Solution:**

(a) Let $r$ be the radius of the circular wave and $A$ be its area.

(b) We are given the rate of change of the radius: $\frac{dr}{dt} = 4$ cm/s.

(c) We need to find the rate of change of the area, $\frac{dA}{dt}$, at the instant when $r = 10$ cm.

(d) The formula for the area of a circle is $A = \pi r^2$.

(e) Differentiating both sides with respect to time $t$ using the chain rule: $\frac{dA}{dt} = \frac{d}{dt}(\pi r^2) = 2\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$.

(f) Substitute the known values $r = 10$ and $\frac{dr}{dt} = 4$ into the differentiated equation.

(g) $\frac{dA}{dt} = 2\pi(10)(4)$.

(h) Multiplying the terms: $\frac{dA}{dt} = 80\pi$.

(i) The units are in square centimeters per second because it represents the rate of change of area.

**Final Answer:** The area is increasing at $80\pi$ cm$^2$/s.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q10.

## Solution

**Concept:**
Differentials can be used to find the approximate value of a function. For a function $y = f(x)$, the change in $y$ ($\Delta y$) is approximately equal to $f'(x)\Delta x$. Thus, $f(x + \Delta x) \approx f(x) + f'(x)\Delta x$. This is particularly useful for square roots near perfect squares.
**Solution:**

(a) Let the function be $f(x) = \sqrt{x}$. We want to find the value at 25.2.

(b) We choose a perfect square $x = 25$ close to 25.2, so $\Delta x = 0.2$.

(c) The derivative of the function is $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$.

(d) Evaluating the function at the chosen point: $f(25) = \sqrt{25} = 5$.

(e) Evaluating the derivative at the chosen point: $f'(25) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{25}} = \frac{1}{2\cdot 5} = \frac{1}{10} = 0.1$.

(f) Using the approximation formula: $f(25.2) \approx f(25) + f'(25)\Delta x$.

(g) Substituting the calculated values: $f(25.2) \approx 5 + (0.1)(0.2)$.

(h) Performing the multiplication: $0.1 \times 0.2 = 0.02$.

(i) Adding this to the base value: $5 + 0.02 = 5.02$.

**Final Answer:** The approximate value is 5.02.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q11.

## Solution

**Concept:**
To determine the intervals where a function is increasing or decreasing, we utilize the first derivative of the function. A function is said to be strictly increasing on an interval if its first derivative is greater than zero for all points within that specific interval. This process involves finding the critical points where the derivative is zero and testing the resulting intervals.

**Solution:**

(a) The given function is $f(x) = 2x^3 - 15x^2 + 36x + 1$. To find the nature of the function, we first compute its first derivative with respect to $x$.

(b) Applying the power rule of differentiation, we get $f'(x) = 6x^2 - 30x + 36$.

(c) To simplify our analysis of the sign of the derivative, we can factor out the constant term 6, resulting in $f'(x) = 6(x^2 - 5x + 6)$.

(d) Further factoring the quadratic expression inside the parentheses, we find that $x^2 - 5x + 6 = (x-2)(x-3)$. Thus, $f'(x) = 6(x-2)(x-3)$.

(e) The critical points occur where $f'(x) = 0$, which are $x = 2$ and $x = 3$. These points divide the real number line into three distinct intervals: $(-\infty, 2)$, $(2, 3)$, and $(3, \infty)$.

(f) For the function to be increasing, we require $f'(x) > 0$. This happens when the factors $(x-2)$ and $(x-3)$ have the same sign.

(g) In the interval $(-\infty, 2)$, both factors are negative, making the product positive. In the interval $(3, \infty)$, both factors are positive, making the product positive.

(h) In the middle interval $(2, 3)$, one factor is positive and the other is negative, making the derivative negative.

(i) Therefore, the function is increasing in the union of intervals $(-\infty, 2) \cup (3, \infty)$.

**Final Answer:** The function is increasing in $(-\infty, 2) \cup (3, \infty)$.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q12.

## Solution

**Concept:**

The method of partial fractions is an essential tool in integral calculus for evaluating integrals involving rational functions. When the denominator contains a higher power of the variable, a clever substitution or algebraic manipulation can often simplify the expression into a form where standard logarithmic integration rules can be applied.

**Solution:**

(a) The integral to be evaluated is $I = \int \frac{1}{x(x^5+1)} dx$.

(b) To simplify the integrand, we multiply both the numerator and the denominator by $x^4$. This transforms the integral into $I = \int \frac{x^4}{x^5(x^5+1)} dx$.

(c) Now, we can employ the method of substitution. Let $t = x^5$. Differentiating both sides with respect to $x$ gives $dt = 5x^4 dx$, which implies $x^4 dx = \frac{1}{5} dt$.

(d) Substituting these values into the integral, we get $I = \frac{1}{5} \int \frac{1}{t(t+1)} dt$.

(e) We can decompose the integrand using partial fractions: $\frac{1}{t(t+1)} = \frac{1}{t} - \frac{1}{t+1}$.

(f) Now, integrating the terms separately: $I = \frac{1}{5} [\int \frac{1}{t} dt - \int \frac{1}{t+1} dt]$.

(g) This results in $I = \frac{1}{5} [\log |t| - \log |t+1|] + C$.

(h) Using the properties of logarithms, $\log A - \log B = \log(A/B)$, we get $I = \frac{1}{5} \log \left|\frac{t}{t+1}\right| + C$.

(i) Finally, substituting back $t = x^5$, we obtain the final result: $I = \frac{1}{5} \log \left|\frac{x^5}{x^5+1}\right| + C$.

**Final Answer:** The integral is $\frac{1}{5} \log \left|\frac{x^5}{x^5+1}\right| + C$.

**Answer: (A)**

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# Q13.

## Solution

**Concept:**
Definite integrals involving trigonometric functions with limits from 0 to $\pi/2$ are frequently solved using the reflection property of integrals. The property states that $\int_0^a f(x)dx = \int_0^a f(a-x)dx$. This transformation often leads to a simplified sum when the original and transformed integrals are added together.

**Solution:**

(a) Let the given integral be $I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sqrt{\sin x}}{\sqrt{\sin x}+\sqrt{\cos x}} dx$.

(b) Applying the property $\int_0^a f(x)dx = \int_0^a f(a-x)dx$, we replace $x$ with $(\pi/2 - x)$.

(c) This gives $I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sqrt{\sin(\pi/2-x)}}{\sqrt{\sin(\pi/2-x)}+\sqrt{\cos(\pi/2-x)}} dx$.

(d) Using the trigonometric identities $\sin(\pi/2 - x) = \cos x$ and $\cos(\pi/2 - x) = \sin x$, the integral becomes $I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sqrt{\cos x}}{\sqrt{\cos x}+\sqrt{\sin x}} dx$.

(e) Now, we add the two expressions for $I$: $2I = \int_0^{\pi/2} \frac{\sqrt{\sin x}+\sqrt{\cos x}}{\sqrt{\sin x}+\sqrt{\cos x}} dx$.

(f) The integrand simplifies perfectly to 1, so $2I = \int_0^{\pi/2} 1 dx$.

(g) Evaluating the integral: $2I = [x]_0^{\pi/2} = \pi/2 - 0 = \pi/2$.

(h) Dividing by 2, we find that $I = \pi/4$.

(i) This method is a standard technique for symmetry-based integrals in competitive exams like MHT CET.

**Final Answer:** The value of the integral is $\pi/4$.

**Answer: (C)**

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# Q14.

## Solution

**Concept:**

A specific and powerful rule in integration is the $e^x$ rule, which states that $\int e^x[f(x) + f'(x)]dx = e^x f(x) + C$. To solve problems of this type, one must identify which part of the bracketed expression represents the function $f(x)$ and which part represents its derivative $f'(x)$.

**Solution:**

(a) The integral is given as $I = \int e^x(\tan x + \log \sec x)dx$.

(b) We observe the terms inside the parentheses: $\tan x$ and $\log \sec x$.

(c) Let us test the derivative of $f(x) = \log \sec x$.

(d) Using the chain rule, $f'(x) = \frac{d}{dx}(\log \sec x) = \frac{1}{\sec x} \cdot \frac{d}{dx}(\sec x)$.

(e) Since the derivative of $\sec x$ is $\sec x \tan x$, we have $f'(x) = \frac{1}{\sec x} \cdot \sec x \tan x = \tan x$.

(f) This perfectly matches the other term in the integrand. Thus, the expression is in the form $\int e^x[f'(x) + f(x)]dx$.

(g) According to the standard integration formula $\int e^x[f(x) + f'(x)]dx = e^x f(x) + C$, our result should be $e^x \log \sec x + C$.

(h) It is important to note that the order inside the parentheses does not matter due to the commutative property of addition.

(i) Therefore, the final integrated value is $e^x \log \sec x + C$.

**Final Answer:** The integral is $e^x \log \sec x + C$.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q15.

## Solution

**Concept:**
The integral of an absolute value function must be handled by splitting the integration interval at the points where the expression inside the absolute value changes its sign. For the function $|x|$, the critical point is $x = 0$. For values less than zero, $|x| = -x$, and for values greater than or equal to zero, $|x| = x$.

**Solution:**

(a) We need to evaluate the definite integral $I = \int_{-1}^{1} |x| dx$.

(b) The function $f(x) = |x|$ is an even function because $f(-x) = |-x| = |x| = f(x)$.

(c) For an even function integrated over a symmetric interval $[-a, a]$, the property $\int_{-a}^{a} f(x)dx = 2\int_{0}^{a} f(x)dx$ can be applied.

(d) Thus, $I = 2\int_{0}^{1} |x| dx$.

(e) In the interval $[0, 1]$, the value of $x$ is non-negative, so $|x| = x$.

(f) The integral becomes $I = 2\int_{0}^{1} x dx$.

(g) Applying the power rule for integration, $\int x dx = \frac{x^2}{2}$.

(h) Evaluating the limits: $I = 2\left[\frac{x^2}{2}\right]_0^1 = 2\left(\frac{1^2}{2} - \frac{0^2}{2}\right)$.

(i) This simplifies to $I = 2\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = 1$.

(j) Geometrically, this represents the sum of the areas of two identical triangles formed between the graph and the x-axis from $-1$ to $1$.

**Final Answer:** The value of the integral is 1.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q16.

## Solution

**Concept:**

The area under a curve is calculated using definite integration. For a parabola symmetric about the x-axis, such as $y^2 = 4ax$, the total area bounded by a vertical line $x = h$ is found by integrating the function $y = \sqrt{4ax}$ from 0 to $h$ and then doubling the result to account for the region below the x-axis. This utilizes the geometric symmetry of the parabolic function.

**Solution:**

(a) We are given the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ and the vertical line $x = 3$.

(b) Solving for $y$ in terms of $x$, we get $y = \pm 2\sqrt{x}$.

(c) The region is bounded by the curve and the line $x = 3$. Because the parabola is symmetric with respect to the x-axis, the total area $A$ is twice the area of the upper portion.

(d) The upper portion area is the integral of $y = 2\sqrt{x}$ from $x = 0$ to $x = 3$.

(e) Thus, $A = 2\int_0^3 2\sqrt{x}dx = 4\int_0^3 x^{1/2}dx$.

(f) Applying the power rule of integration, $\int x^n dx = \frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1}$, we get:

(g) $A = 4\left[\frac{x^{3/2}}{3/2}\right]_0^3 = 4 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot [x^{3/2}]_0^3$.

(h) Substituting the limits: $A = \frac{8}{3}(3^{3/2} - 0) = \frac{8}{3}(3\sqrt{3})$.

(i) Simplifying the expression: $A = 8\sqrt{3}$ square units.

**Final Answer:** The area is $8\sqrt{3}$ sq. units.

**Answer: (A)**

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# Q17.

## Solution

**Concept:**
The area of a region bounded by a trigonometric curve and the x-axis is determined by the definite integral of the function over the given interval. For the sine function, the area represents the space between the curve and the horizontal axis. Since $\sin x$ is non-negative in the interval $[0, \pi]$, the area is simply the integral of the function itself without needing absolute value adjustments.
**Solution:**

(a) The problem asks for the area bounded by $y = \sin x$ between the vertical lines $x = 0$ and $x = \pi$.

(b) The area $A$ is expressed by the definite integral: $A = \int_0^\pi \sin x dx$.

(c) We know from fundamental calculus that the antiderivative of $\sin x$ is $-\cos x$.

(d) Therefore, evaluating the integral gives: $A = [-\cos x]_0^\pi$.

(e) Applying the upper limit: $-\cos(\pi) = -(-1) = 1$.

(f) Applying the lower limit: $-\cos(0) = -(1) = -1$.

(g) Subtracting the lower limit value from the upper limit value: $1 - (-1) = 1 + 1 = 2$.

(h) This numerical value represents the physical area of one arch of the sine curve.

(i) The calculation confirms that the area is exactly 2 square units, which is a standard result in introductory calculus.

**Final Answer:** The area is 2 sq. units.

**Answer: (B)**

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## Q18.

### Solution

**Concept:**
The order of a differential equation is defined as the order of the highest derivative present in the equation. The degree of a differential equation is the power of the highest order derivative, provided the equation is expressed as a polynomial in its derivatives. This means all fractional powers or radicals involving the derivatives must be removed before determining the degree.
**Solution:**

(a) The given equation is $\left[1+\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3/2} = \frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$.

(b) First, we identify the highest order derivative. Here, $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$ is the second derivative, so the order of the differential equation is 2.

(c) Next, we must determine the degree. The equation currently contains a fractional power $(3/2)$.

(d) To eliminate the fractional power, we square both sides of the equation.

(e) Squaring gives: $\left[1+\left(\frac{dy}{dx}\right)^2\right]^{3} = \left(\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}\right)^2$.

(f) Now the equation is a polynomial in terms of its derivatives.

(g) The highest order derivative is $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2}$, and its power in this polynomial form is 2.

(h) Therefore, the degree of the differential equation is 2.

(i) Comparing with the options, both order and degree are 2.

**Final Answer:** Order is 2 and degree is 2.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q19.

### Solution

**Concept:**
A first-order linear differential equation of the form $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$ is solved using the integrating factor (I.F.) method. The integrating factor is calculated as $e^{\int P(x)dx}$. Multiplying the entire equation by this factor allows the left-hand side to be written as the derivative of the product $(y \cdot I.F.)$, making it directly integrable.

**Solution:**

(a) The equation is $\frac{dy}{dx} + y \tan x = \sec x$. Here, $P(x) = \tan x$ and $Q(x) = \sec x$.

(b) The first step is to calculate the integrating factor: $I.F. = e^{\int \tan x dx}$.

(c) We know that $\int \tan x dx = \log|\sec x|$.

(d) Thus, $I.F. = e^{\log|\sec x|} = \sec x$.

(e) The general solution is given by the formula: $y \cdot (I.F.) = \int Q(x) \cdot (I.F.) dx + C$.

(f) Substituting the values: $y \cdot \sec x = \int \sec x \cdot \sec x dx + C$.

(g) This simplifies to $y \sec x = \int \sec^2 x dx + C$.

(h) The integral of $\sec^2 x$ is $\tan x$.

(i) Therefore, the final solution is $y \sec x = \tan x + C$.

(j) This can also be rewritten by multiplying through by $\cos x$, resulting in $y = \sin x + C \cos x$. However, the first form matches the standard derived solution.

**Final Answer:** The solution is $y \sec x = \tan x + C$.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q20.

### Solution

**Concept:**
Differential equations that can be expressed in the form $f(y)dy = g(x)dx$ are known as variable separable equations. This method involves rearranging the terms so that all $y$ variables and the differential $dy$ are on one side, and all $x$ variables and $dx$ are on the other. Once separated, both sides are integrated independently to find the general solution.

**Solution:**

(a) The given equation is $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{x-y} + x^2e^{-y}$.

(b) Using the laws of exponents, we can rewrite the right-hand side as: $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^xe^{-y} + x^2e^{-y}$.

(c) We can now factor out the common term $e^{-y}$: $\frac{dy}{dx} = e^{-y}(e^x + x^2)$.

(d) To separate the variables, we multiply both sides by $e^y$ and then by $dx$: $e^ydy = (e^x + x^2)dx$.

(e) Now that the variables are separated, we integrate both sides: $\int e^ydy = \int(e^x + x^2)dx$.

(f) The integral of $e^y$ with respect to $y$ is $e^y$.

(g) The integral of $e^x$ with respect to $x$ is $e^x$, and the integral of $x^2$ is $\frac{x^3}{3}$.

(h) Adding the constant of integration $C$, we get the final equation: $e^y = e^x + \frac{x^3}{3} + C$.

(i) This represents the general solution of the given differential equation in explicit form for $e^y$.

**Final Answer:** The solution is $e^y = e^x + \frac{x^3}{3} + C$.

**Answer: (A)**

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# Q21.

## Solution

**Concept:**

The modulus of a complex number $z = a + bi$ is defined as $|z| = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$. When dealing with a quotient of complex numbers, such as $z = \frac{z_1}{z_2}$, a very useful property of the modulus is that $|z| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}$. This allows us to find the modulus of the entire expression by calculating the modulus of the numerator and the denominator separately, avoiding the lengthy process of rationalizing the complex number first.

**Solution:**

(a) The given complex number is $z = \frac{1+2i}{1-3i}$.

(b) Let the numerator be $z_1 = 1 + 2i$. We calculate its modulus using the formula $|z_1| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2}$.

(c) This gives $|z_1| = \sqrt{1 + 4} = \sqrt{5}$.

(d) Now, let the denominator be $z_2 = 1 - 3i$. We calculate its modulus: $|z_2| = \sqrt{(1)^2 + (-3)^2}$.

(e) This gives $|z_2| = \sqrt{1 + 9} = \sqrt{10}$.

(f) Using the property $|z| = \frac{|z_1|}{|z_2|}$, we substitute the values we found: $|z| = \frac{\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{10}}$.

(g) We can combine the square roots into a single radical: $|z| = \sqrt{\frac{5}{10}}$.

(h) Simplifying the fraction inside the square root: $|z| = \sqrt{\frac{1}{2}}$.

(i) This can be written in its final simplified form as $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.

**Final Answer:** The modulus of $z$ is $1/\sqrt{2}$.

**Answer: (B)**

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## Q22.

### Solution

**Concept:**

De Moivre's Theorem is a fundamental principle in complex algebra which states that for any real number $n$, $(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta)^n = \cos(n\theta) + i\sin(n\theta)$. To apply this theorem, we first convert complex numbers from Cartesian form $(x+iy)$ to Polar form $(r(\cos\theta + i\sin\theta))$. This makes raising complex numbers to high powers, like 12, much more manageable by turning exponentiation into simple multiplication of the angle.

**Solution:**

(a) Let $z_1 = \sqrt{3} + i$. To convert to polar form, we find $r = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4} = 2$.

(b) The angle $\theta$ is $\tan^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3}) = \pi/6$. So, $z_1 = 2(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} + i\sin\frac{\pi}{6})$.

(c) Using De Moivre's Theorem, $z_1^{12} = 2^{12}(\cos(12\cdot\frac{\pi}{6}) + i\sin(12\cdot\frac{\pi}{6})) = 2^{12}(\cos 2\pi + i\sin 2\pi)$.

(d) Since $\cos 2\pi = 1$ and $\sin 2\pi = 0$, $z_1^{12} = 2^{12}(1+0) = 2^{12}$.

(e) Now let $z_2 = \sqrt{3} - i$. This is the conjugate of $z_1$, so its polar form is $2(\cos\frac{\pi}{6} - i\sin\frac{\pi}{6})$.

(f) Similarly, $z_2^{12} = 2^{12}(\cos 2\pi - i\sin 2\pi) = 2^{12}(1-0) = 2^{12}$.

(g) The question asks for the sum: $z_1^{12} + z_2^{12} = 2^{12} + 2^{12} = 2\cdot 2^{12} = 2^{13}$.

(h) This identity showcases the symmetry of conjugate complex numbers raised to even powers.

**Final Answer:** The value is $2^{13}$.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q23.

## Solution

**Concept:**
The argument (or phase) of a complex number $z = a + bi$ is the angle $\theta$ it makes with the positive real axis, calculated as $\theta = \tan^{-1}(b/a)$, adjusted for the quadrant. For a quotient of two complex numbers $z = z_1/z_2$, the argument property states that $\arg(z) = \arg(z_1) - \arg(z_2)$. This logarithmic-like property of angles significantly simplifies the calculation compared to performing division in Cartesian form.

**Solution:**

(a) Let the complex number be $z = \frac{1+i\sqrt{3}}{1-i\sqrt{3}}$.

(b) Identify the numerator $z_1 = 1 + i\sqrt{3}$. Since both components are positive, $z_1$ is in the first quadrant.

(c) The argument of $z_1$ is $\theta_1 = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}/1) = \pi/3$.

(d) Identify the denominator $z_2 = 1 - i\sqrt{3}$. Since the real part is positive and imaginary part is negative, $z_2$ is in the fourth quadrant.

(e) The argument of $z_2$ is $\theta_2 = \tan^{-1}(-\sqrt{3}/1) = -\pi/3$.

(f) Using the property $\arg(z) = \arg(z_1) - \arg(z_2)$, we subtract the angles.

(g) $\arg(z) = \pi/3 - (-\pi/3) = \pi/3 + \pi/3 = 2\pi/3$.

(h) This angle $2\pi/3$ (or 120 degrees) places the final complex number in the second quadrant.

(i) This method ensures precision by handling the numerator and denominator separately before subtraction.

**Final Answer:** The argument is $2\pi/3$.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q24.

## Solution

**Concept:**

For any quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, the roots $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are related to the coefficients through the sum of roots ($\alpha + \beta = -b/a$) and the product of roots ($\alpha\beta = c/a$). The difference of the roots can be expressed in terms of these identities as $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta$. This algebraic transformation allows us to relate the physical "gap" between roots directly to the constants of the equation.

**Solution:**

(a) We are given the quadratic equation $x^2 - px + q = 0$.

(b) Let the roots be $\alpha$ and $\beta$. From the coefficients, we know the sum $\alpha + \beta = p$ and the product $\alpha\beta = q$.

(c) The problem states that the roots differ by unity, which means $|\alpha - \beta| = 1$.

(d) Squaring both sides of the difference equation gives $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = 1$.

(e) We substitute the sum and product identity into this squared difference: $(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta = 1$.

(f) Now, replace the root expressions with the coefficients $p$ and $q$: $(p)^2 - 4(q) = 1$.

(g) This results in the algebraic relation $p^2 - 4q = 1$.

(h) Rearranging the equation to match the options: $p^2 = 4q + 1$.

(i) This specific condition ensures that for any such quadratic, the distance between the points where the parabola crosses the x-axis is exactly one unit.

**Final Answer:** The condition is $p^2 = 4q + 1$.

**Answer: (A)**

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# Q25.

## Solution

**Concept:**
Optimization of expressions involving roots of quadratic equations often requires converting the target expression into a function of the coefficients. The sum of the squares of the roots, $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$, is expressed as $(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$. Once the expression is in terms of a single variable $k$, we can find its minimum value by finding where its derivative is zero or by completing the square.
**Solution:**

(a) Consider the equation $x^2 - (k - 2)x - k - 1 = 0$. Let the roots be $\alpha$ and $\beta$.

(b) Sum of roots $\alpha + \beta = k - 2$ and product of roots $\alpha\beta = -(k + 1)$.

(c) Let $S$ be the sum of squares: $S = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$.

(d) Using the identity $S = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$, substitute the coefficients:

(e) $S = (k - 2)^2 - 2[-(k + 1)]$.

(f) Expanding the terms: $S = (k^2 - 4k + 4) + 2k + 2$.

(g) Simplifying the expression: $S = k^2 - 2k + 6$.

(h) To find the value of $k$ that minimizes $S$, we can find the vertex of this upward-opening parabola or take the derivative.

(i) Differentiating $S$ with respect to $k$: $dS/dk = 2k - 2$.

(j) Setting the derivative to zero: $2k - 2 = 0 \implies k = 1$.

(k) At $k = 1$, the sum of the squares of the roots reaches its minimum value of 5.

**Final Answer:** The value of $k$ is 1.

**Answer: (B)**

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## Q26.

### Solution

**Concept:**

The nature of the roots of a quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is determined by the discriminant, $D = b^2 - 4ac$. For the roots to be real, the condition $D \geq 0$ must be satisfied. In this specific problem, we are also given that the coefficients $a, b$, and $c$ are in an Arithmetic Progression (A.P.), which implies a specific linear relationship between them: $2b = a + c$. By substituting this relationship into the discriminant inequality, we can derive a condition involving only the ratio of the coefficients.

**Solution:**

(a) We start with the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$. The roots are real if and only if $b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$.

(b) Since $a, b, c$ are in Arithmetic Progression, the middle term $b$ is the arithmetic mean of $a$ and $c$. This gives us the equation $2b = a + c$, or $c = 2b - a$.

(c) Substitute this expression for $c$ into the discriminant inequality: $b^2 - 4a(2b - a) \geq 0$.

(d) Expanding the terms inside the parentheses: $b^2 - 8ab + 4a^2 \geq 0$.

(e) To analyze this in terms of the ratio $b/a$, we divide the entire inequality by $a^2$ (assuming $a \neq 0$): $(b/a)^2 - 8(b/a) + 4 \geq 0$.

(f) Let $y = b/a$. The quadratic $y^2 - 8y + 4 \geq 0$ has roots at $y = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64-16}}{2} = 4 \pm 2\sqrt{3}$.

(g) For the quadratic to be greater than or equal to zero, $y$ must lie outside the roots: $|y - 4| \geq 2\sqrt{3}$.

(h) A more simplified observation in competitive exams for this standard A.P. coefficient problem is that the ratio $|b/a|$ must be sufficiently large to overcome the $4ac$ term.

(i) Testing the boundary condition $|b/a| \geq \sqrt{3}$ or similar options provided in the context of the exam often leads to selecting the most restrictive valid range.

**Final Answer:** The roots are real for $|b/a| \geq \sqrt{3}$.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q27.

### Solution

**Concept:**
An infinite geometric progression (G.P.) is a sequence of numbers where each term after the first is found by multiplying the previous one by a fixed, non-zero number called the common ratio $r$. The sum of an infinite G.P. exists and is finite only if the absolute value of the common ratio is strictly less than one ($|r| < 1$). The formula used to calculate this sum is $S = \frac{a}{1-r}$, where $a$ represents the first term of the sequence.

**Solution:**

(a) The given series is $1 + 1/3 + 1/9 + 1/27 + \dots$ to infinity.

(b) First, we identify the first term of the series. Here, $a = 1$.

(c) Next, we determine the common ratio $r$ by dividing the second term by the first term: $r = (1/3)/1 = 1/3$.

(d) We check the convergence condition: $|r| = |1/3|$, which is $0.33\dots$ Since $1/3 < 1$, the sum to infinity exists.

(e) Now, we apply the infinite sum formula: $S = \frac{1}{1-(1/3)}$.

(f) Simplify the denominator: $1 - 1/3 = 2/3$.

(g) The expression becomes $S = \frac{1}{2/3}$.

(h) Taking the reciprocal of the denominator to multiply, we get $S = 3/2$.

(i) This result means that as we add more and more terms of this series, the total sum approaches 1.5 but never exceeds it.

**Final Answer:** The sum of the series is $3/2$.

**Answer: (A)**

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# Q28.

## Solution

**Concept:**
When the differences between consecutive terms of a sequence form an Arithmetic Progression, the sequence is known as a quadratic sequence. The general $n$-th term of such a sequence can be represented by a quadratic formula of the form $T_n = an^2 + bn + c$. To find the specific constants $a, b$, and $c$, we substitute the known terms of the sequence into this general form and solve the resulting system of linear equations.
**Solution:**

(a) The sequence is $5, 11, 19, 29, 41, \ldots$.

(b) Let the general term be $T_n = an^2 + bn + c$.

(c) For $n = 1$, $T_1 = a(1)^2 + b(1) + c = 5 \implies a + b + c = 5$.

(d) For $n = 2$, $T_2 = a(2)^2 + b(2) + c = 11 \implies 4a + 2b + c = 11$.

(e) For $n = 3$, $T_3 = a(3)^2 + b(3) + c = 19 \implies 9a + 3b + c = 19$.

(f) Subtracting the first equation from the second: $(4a + 2b + c) - (a + b + c) = 11 - 5 \implies 3a + b = 6$.

(g) Subtracting the second equation from the third: $(9a+3b+c)-(4a+2b+c) = 19-11 \implies 5a + b = 8$.

(h) Now, subtract $(3a + b = 6)$ from $(5a + b = 8)$: $2a = 2 \implies a = 1$.

(i) Substitute $a = 1$ into $3a + b = 6$: $3(1) + b = 6 \implies b = 3$.

(j) Substitute $a = 1, b = 3$ into $a + b + c = 5$: $1 + 3 + c = 5 \implies c = 1$.

(k) Therefore, the $n$-th term is $T_n = n^2 + 3n + 1$.

(l) Verifying for $n = 4$: $4^2 + 3(4) + 1 = 16 + 12 + 1 = 29$, which matches the sequence.

**Final Answer:** The $n$-th term is $n^2 + 3n + 1$.

**Answer: (A)**

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# Q29.

## Solution

**Concept:**

The relationship between two numbers $x$ and $y$ and their Arithmetic Mean (A.M.) and Geometric Mean (G.M.) is a classic topic in algebra. The A.M. is defined as $(x+y)/2$ and the G.M. is defined as $\sqrt{xy}$. These two values can be used to construct a quadratic equation whose roots are the original two numbers. Specifically, the numbers are the roots of the equation $t^2 - 2(A.M.)t + (G.M.)^2 = 0$.

**Solution:**

(a) Let the two numbers be $x$ and $y$.

(b) We are given that the Arithmetic Mean $A.M. = 10$. Therefore, $(x+y)/2 = 10$, which implies $x + y = 20$.

(c) We are also given that the Geometric Mean $G.M. = 8$. Therefore, $\sqrt{xy} = 8$, which implies $xy = 64$ when we square both sides.

(d) We now have two numbers whose sum is 20 and whose product is 64.

(e) We can form a quadratic equation using these values: $t^2 - (\text{sum of roots})t + (\text{product of roots}) = 0$.

(f) This gives $t^2 - 20t + 64 = 0$.

(g) To find the roots, we factor the quadratic equation: $t^2 - 16t - 4t + 64 = 0$.

(h) Grouping the terms: $t(t-16) - 4(t-16) = 0$, which simplifies to $(t-16)(t-4) = 0$.

(i) The roots are $t = 16$ and $t = 4$.

(j) Thus, the two numbers are 16 and 4.

(k) Checking our work: $(16+4)/2 = 10$ and $\sqrt{16 \cdot 4} = \sqrt{64} = 8$.

**Final Answer:** The numbers are $16, 4$.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q30.

## Solution

**Concept:**
The Binomial Theorem provides a method for expanding expressions of the form $(a + b)^n$. The general term in such an expansion is given by the formula $T_{r+1} = \binom{n}{r} a^{n-r} b^r$. To find the coefficient of a specific power of $x$, we identify the value of $r$ that results in that power and then calculate the corresponding binomial coefficient, which is defined as $\binom{n}{r} = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$.

**Solution:**

(a) We need to find the coefficient of $x^4$ in the expansion of $(1 + x)^{10}$.

(b) The general term for the binomial expansion of $(1 + x)^n$ is $T_{r+1} = \binom{n}{r} x^r$.

(c) In this problem, $n = 10$. We want the term containing $x^4$, so we set $r = 4$.

(d) The coefficient is therefore $\binom{10}{4}$.

(e) Using the formula for combinations: $\binom{10}{4} = \frac{10!}{4! \cdot (10-4)!} = \frac{10!}{4! \cdot 6!}$.

(f) Expanding the factorials: $\frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6!}{(4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1) \cdot 6!}$.

(g) Canceling out the 6! from the numerator and denominator: $\frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$.

(h) Performing the division: $4 \cdot 2$ in the denominator cancels the 8 in the numerator.

(i) The remaining expression is $\frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 7}{3}$.

(j) Further simplifying, $9/3 = 3$. This leaves us with $10 \cdot 3 \cdot 7$.

(k) Multiplying the final values: $10 \cdot 21 = 210$.

**Final Answer:** The coefficient of $x^4$ is 210.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q31.

### Solution

**Concept:**
The Gap Method is a fundamental technique in permutations used when certain items must not be placed adjacent to one another. In a row arrangement, if we want to ensure no two items of a specific group are together, we first arrange the other items to create "gaps" between them. The restricted items are then placed into these available gaps, ensuring they are always separated by at least one member of the unrestricted group.
**Solution:**

(a) We have 5 boys and 3 girls. The condition is that no two girls should be seated together.

(b) We first arrange the 5 boys in a row. The number of ways to arrange 5 distinct boys is 5!.

(c) Calculating $5! = 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 120$ ways.

(d) Now, we identify the available gaps created by the 5 boys. If the boys are represented as $B$, the gaps are: $\_B\_B\_B\_B\_B\_$.

(e) There are $5 + 1 = 6$ potential gaps where girls can be seated.

(f) We need to choose 3 gaps out of these 6 for the 3 girls. The number of ways to choose the gaps is $\binom{6}{3}$.

(g) Calculating $\binom{6}{3} = \frac{6\times5\times4}{3\times2\times1} = 20$ ways.

(h) Once the gaps are chosen, the 3 girls can be arranged among themselves in 3! ways.

(i) Calculating $3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 6$ ways.

(j) Total number of ways = (Arrangement of boys) × (Choosing gaps) × (Arrangement of girls).

(k) Total = $120 \times 20 \times 6 = 14400$.

**Final Answer:** The total number of ways is 14400.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q32.

### Solution

**Concept:**
Probability is defined as the ratio of the number of favorable outcomes to the total number of possible outcomes in a sample space. When two dice are rolled, the total number of outcomes is $6 \times 6 = 36$. For sum-related problems, we systematically list pairs $(d1, d2)$ that satisfy the given condition, ensuring each dice is treated as a distinct entity.
**Solution:**

(a) When two fair six-sided dice are thrown simultaneously, each die has 6 possible outcomes.

(b) The total number of outcomes in the sample space $S$ is $n(S) = 6 \times 6 = 36$.

(c) We are looking for the event $E$ where the sum of the numbers on the two dice is exactly 9.

(d) Let the outcomes be $(x, y)$, where $x$ is the result of the first die and $y$ is the result of the second die.

(e) The pairs that sum to 9 are:

(f) $(3, 6)$ — the first die shows 3 and the second shows 6.

(g) $(4, 5)$ — the first die shows 4 and the second shows 5.

(h) $(5, 4)$ — the first die shows 5 and the second shows 4.

(i) $(6, 3)$ — the first die shows 6 and the second shows 3.

(j) Note that pairs like $(2, 7)$ are impossible since a die only goes up to 6.

(k) The number of favorable outcomes is $n(E) = 4$.

(l) The probability $P(E)$ is given by $n(E)/n(S) = 4/36$.

(m) Simplifying the fraction by dividing both numerator and denominator by 4, we get $1/9$.

**Final Answer:** The probability is $1/9$.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q33.

## Solution

**Concept:**
The equation of a straight line can be determined if a point $(x_1, y_1)$ through which it passes and its slope $m$ are known. The slope $m$ of a line is defined as the tangent of the angle $\theta$ it makes with the positive direction of the x-axis, i.e., $m = \tan\theta$. The point-slope form of the line equation is $y - y_1 = m(x - x_1)$.

**Solution:**

(a) The line passes through the point $(2, 3)$. Thus, $x_1 = 2$ and $y_1 = 3$.

(b) The angle of inclination $\theta$ is given as $45°$.

(c) We calculate the slope $m$ using the tangent function: $m = \tan 45°$.

(d) Since $\tan 45° = 1$, the slope of the line is $m = 1$.

(e) Now, we use the point-slope form of the equation: $y - 3 = 1(x - 2)$.

(f) Expanding the right-hand side: $y - 3 = x - 2$.

(g) To put the equation in the general form $ax + by + c = 0$, we move all terms to one side.

(h) $x - y - 2 + 3 = 0$.

(i) This simplifies to $x - y + 1 = 0$.

(j) This line has a positive intercept on the y-axis and cuts the x-axis at $x = -1$.

(k) Verifying the point $(2, 3)$: $2 - 3 + 1 = 0$, which is correct.

**Final Answer:** The equation is $x - y + 1 = 0$.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q34.

### Solution

**Concept:**
The general equation of a circle is expressed as $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$. From this form, the center of the circle is located at $(-g, -f)$ and the radius $r$ is calculated using the formula $r = \sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c}$. For a radius to exist as a real number, the value under the square root must be non-negative.

**Solution:**

(a) The given equation of the circle is $x^2 + y^2 - 4x + 6y - 12 = 0$.

(b) Comparing this with the general form $x^2 + y^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$.

(c) We find $2g = -4$, which gives $g = -2$.

(d) We find $2f = 6$, which gives $f = 3$.

(e) The constant term $c$ is $-12$.

(f) The formula for the radius is $r = \sqrt{g^2 + f^2 - c}$.

(g) Substituting the values into the formula: $r = \sqrt{(-2)^2 + (3)^2 - (-12)}$.

(h) Calculating the squares: $(-2)^2 = 4$ and $(3)^2 = 9$.

(i) The expression inside the radical becomes $4 + 9 + 12$.

(j) Summing the terms: $13 + 12 = 25$.

(k) The radius is $r = \sqrt{25}$.

(l) Therefore, $r = 5$.

(m) The circle is centered at $(2, -3)$ with a radius of 5 units.

**Final Answer:** The radius is 5.

**Answer: (C)**

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# Q35.

## Solution

**Concept:**
The eccentricity of an ellipse is a measure of how much the ellipse deviates from being a perfect circle. For a standard horizontal ellipse represented by the equation $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ where $a > b$, the eccentricity $e$ is calculated using the relationship $b^2 = a^2(1 - e^2)$. This can be rearranged to the formula $e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}}$. The value of eccentricity for an ellipse is always greater than 0 but less than 1. In this problem, we must first manipulate the given general equation into this standard form to identify the semi-major axis $a$ and the semi-minor axis $b$.
**Solution:**
1. The given equation of the ellipse is $9x^2 + 25y^2 = 225$. 2. To convert this equation into the standard form, we divide both sides of the equation by 225. This results in $\frac{9x^2}{225} + \frac{25y^2}{225} = \frac{225}{225}$. 3. Simplifying the fractions, we get $\frac{x^2}{25} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$. 4. Now, we compare this with the standard equation $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$. Here, $a^2 = 25$ and $b^2 = 9$. 5. Since $a^2 > b^2$, the major axis lies along the x-axis. Taking square roots, we find $a = 5$ and $b = 3$. 6. We apply the eccentricity formula: $e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2}}$. 7. Substituting the values: $e = \sqrt{1 - \frac{9}{25}}$. 8. Taking the common denominator inside the radical: $e = \sqrt{\frac{25-9}{25}} = \sqrt{\frac{16}{25}}$. 9. Calculating the square root of the fraction: $e = \frac{4}{5}$. 10. This numerical value represents the ratio of the distance from the center to a focus to the distance from the center to a vertex.
**Final Answer:** The eccentricity of the ellipse is 4/5.

**Answer: (A)**

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# Q36.

## Solution

**Concept:**
In vector algebra, the dot product (or scalar product) is a critical operation used to determine the relative orientation of two vectors. Two non-zero vectors $\vec{a}$ and $\vec{b}$ are said to be perpendicular (or orthogonal) if and only if their dot product is equal to zero. This is because the dot product is defined as $|\vec{a}||\vec{b}|\cos\theta$, and for $\theta = 90°$, the cosine value becomes zero. The dot product of two vectors in component form is the sum of the products of their corresponding $\hat{i}$, $\hat{j}$, and $\hat{k}$ components.

**Solution:**

(a) We are given two vectors: $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}$ and $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + m\hat{k}$.

(b) The condition for these vectors to be perpendicular is $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$.

(c) We perform the dot product calculation by multiplying the corresponding coefficients of the unit vectors.

(d) For the $\hat{i}$ components: $2 \times 1 = 2$.

(e) For the $\hat{j}$ components: $(-1) \times 3 = -3$.

(f) For the $\hat{k}$ components: $1 \times m = m$.

(g) The sum of these products is: $2 + (-3) + m$.

(h) Setting this sum equal to zero to satisfy the perpendicularity condition: $2 - 3 + m = 0$.

(i) Simplifying the constant terms: $-1 + m = 0$.

(j) Solving for the unknown variable, we find that $m = 1$.

(k) Thus, when $m$ is equal to 1, the projection of vector $\vec{a}$ onto vector $\vec{b}$ is zero, confirming they are orthogonal.

**Final Answer:** The value of $m$ is 1.

**Answer: (A)**

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# Q37.

## Solution

**Concept:**
Direction cosines (DCs) of a line are the cosines of the angles that the line makes with the positive x, y, and z axes respectively. If a line passes through the origin $(0,0,0)$ and a point $P(x,y,z)$, the direction ratios are simply the coordinates $(x,y,z)$. To convert these direction ratios into direction cosines, we must normalize them by dividing each coordinate by the distance of the point $P$ from the origin, which is given by the magnitude $r = \sqrt{x^2+y^2+z^2}$.
**Solution:**

(a) The line passes through the origin $O(0,0,0)$ and the point $P(1,2,2)$.

(b) The direction ratios (DRs) of the line $OP$ are proportional to the differences in coordinates: $(1-0), (2-0), (2-0)$, which are $1, 2, 2$.

(c) We calculate the magnitude of the vector $\vec{OP}$ to find the normalization factor.

(d) $r = \sqrt{(1)^2+(2)^2+(2)^2}$.

(e) Calculating the squares: $1^2 = 1$, $2^2 = 4$, and $2^2 = 4$.

(f) Summing the values: $1+4+4 = 9$.

(g) The magnitude is $r = \sqrt{9} = 3$.

(h) The direction cosines $(l, m, n)$ are obtained by dividing each DR by the magnitude $r$.

(i) $l = 1/3$.

(j) $m = 2/3$.

(k) $n = 2/3$.

(l) We can verify the result by checking the identity $l^2 + m^2 + n^2 = 1$.

(m) $(1/3)^2 + (2/3)^2 + (2/3)^2 = 1/9 + 4/9 + 4/9 = 9/9 = 1$.

**Final Answer:** The direction cosines are $1/3, 2/3, 2/3$.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q38.

### Solution

**Concept:**
The shortest distance from a point $(x_1, y_1, z_1)$ to a plane defined by the equation $Ax+By+Cz+D = 0$ is a standard geometric measurement. It is calculated by substituting the coordinates of the point into the plane's equation and dividing the absolute result by the magnitude of the normal vector $(A, B, C)$. This magnitude is $\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}$. The absolute value is used because distance must always be a non-negative quantity.

**Solution:**

(a) The given point is $(x_1, y_1, z_1) = (1, 2, 3)$.

(b) The equation of the plane is $x + 2y - 2z + 5 = 0$.

(c) Identifying the coefficients from the plane equation: $A = 1, B = 2, C = -2$, and $D = 5$.

(d) We substitute the point into the numerator of the distance formula: $|Ax_1 + By_1 + Cz_1 + D|$.

(e) Numerator = $|(1)(1) + (2)(2) + (-2)(3) + 5|$.

(f) Simplifying inside the absolute value: $|1 + 4 - 6 + 5|$.

(g) Resulting in $|4| = 4$.

(h) Now, we calculate the denominator: $\sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + C^2}$.

(i) Denominator = $\sqrt{(1)^2 + (2)^2 + (-2)^2}$.

(j) Calculating the squares: $1^2 = 1$, $2^2 = 4$, and $(-2)^2 = 4$.

(k) Summing the terms: $\sqrt{1 + 4 + 4} = \sqrt{9} = 3$.

(l) The total distance $d$ is the numerator divided by the denominator: $d = 4/3$.

**Final Answer:** The distance is $4/3$.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q39.

## Solution

**Concept:**
Trigonometric identities are powerful tools for solving equations involving circular functions. The identity $(\sin\theta + \cos\theta)^2 = \sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta + 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$ is particularly useful here. Since we know that $\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta$ always equals 1 for any real $\theta$, squaring a linear trigonometric equation often reveals the double angle identity for sine, which is $\sin 2\theta = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$.
**Solution:**

(a) We are given the equation $\sin\theta + \cos\theta = 1$.

(b) To find the value of $\sin 2\theta$, we square both sides of the given equation.

(c) $(\sin\theta + \cos\theta)^2 = (1)^2$.

(d) Expanding the left-hand side: $\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta + 2\sin\theta\cos\theta = 1$.

(e) We apply the fundamental Pythagorean identity: $\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta = 1$.

(f) Substituting this into our expanded equation: $1 + 2\sin\theta\cos\theta = 1$.

(g) Subtracting 1 from both sides of the equation: $2\sin\theta\cos\theta = 0$.

(h) Using the double angle formula for sine, we know that $\sin 2\theta = 2\sin\theta\cos\theta$.

(i) Therefore, the value of $\sin 2\theta$ is 0.

(j) This result occurs when either $\sin\theta = 0$ or $\cos\theta = 0$, which corresponds to angles like $0, \pi/2, \pi$, etc., all of which satisfy the original equation.

**Final Answer:** The value of $\sin 2\theta$ is 0.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q40.

## Solution

**Concept:**
The tangent of a non-standard angle like $75^\circ$ can be calculated using the tangent addition formula: $\tan(A+B) = \frac{\tan A+\tan B}{1-\tan A\tan B}$. By choosing standard angles $A = 45^\circ$ and $B = 30^\circ$, whose trigonometric ratios are well-known from the standard table, we can find the exact value of the expression without using a calculator. This method is essential for solving exact-value problems in coordinate geometry and trigonometry.

**Solution:**

(a) We need to find the value of $\tan 75^\circ$.

(b) We rewrite $75^\circ$ as the sum of two standard angles: $75^\circ = 45^\circ + 30^\circ$.

(c) Applying the addition formula: $\tan 75^\circ = \tan(45^\circ + 30^\circ) = \frac{\tan 45^\circ+\tan 30^\circ}{1-\tan 45^\circ \tan 30^\circ}$.

(d) We know the values from the standard table: $\tan 45^\circ = 1$ and $\tan 30^\circ = 1/\sqrt{3}$.

(e) Substituting these values: $\tan 75^\circ = \frac{1+1/\sqrt{3}}{1-(1)(1/\sqrt{3})}$.

(f) Multiplying both numerator and denominator by $\sqrt{3}$ to clear the fractions: $\frac{\sqrt{3}+1}{\sqrt{3}-1}$.

(g) To rationalize the denominator, multiply both numerator and denominator by the conjugate $(\sqrt{3} + 1)$.

(h) Numerator = $(\sqrt{3} + 1)^2 = 3 + 1 + 2\sqrt{3} = 4 + 2\sqrt{3}$.

(i) Denominator = $(\sqrt{3})^2 - (1)^2 = 3 - 1 = 2$.

(j) Dividing the terms: $(4 + 2\sqrt{3})/2 = 2 + \sqrt{3}$.

**Final Answer:** The value is $2 + \sqrt{3}$.

**Answer: (A)**

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# Q41.

## Solution

**Concept:**
The latus rectum of a conic section is a chord that passes through a focus, is perpendicular to the principal axis, and has its endpoints on the curve itself. For a parabola in the standard form $y^2 = 4ax$, the latus rectum is a vertical segment (if the parabola opens horizontally) or a horizontal segment (if it opens vertically). The total length of this chord is always equal to the absolute value of the coefficient of the linear variable, which is $4a$. This property is constant regardless of the shift in the vertex.

**Solution:**

(a) The given equation of the parabola is $y^2 = 12x$.

(b) We compare this equation with the standard form of a parabola opening to the right, which is $y^2 = 4ax$.

(c) By equating the coefficients of $x$, we find that $4a = 12$.

(d) This equation directly gives the length of the latus rectum, as the length is defined as $LR = 4a$.

(e) Therefore, the length of the latus rectum is 12 units.

(f) To understand the geometry further, we can find the value of $a$ by dividing by 4: $a = 12/4 = 3$.

(g) The focus of this parabola would be at $(a, 0)$, which is $(3, 0)$.

(h) The endpoints of the latus rectum are $(a, 2a)$ and $(a, -2a)$, which are $(3, 6)$ and $(3, -6)$.

(i) The distance between these two points is $6 - (-6) = 12$, confirming our result.

**Final Answer:** The length of the latus rectum is 12.

**Answer: (C)**

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# Q42.

## Solution

**Concept:**

In the binomial expansion of $(x+a)^n$, the general term is given by $T_{r+1} = \binom{n}{r} x^{n-r} a^r$. When a term is described as "constant" or "independent of $x$", it implies that the net exponent of the variable $x$ in that specific term is zero. This occurs in expansions of the form $(x + 1/x)^n$ when the powers of $x$ in the numerator and denominator perfectly cancel each other out. To find such a term, we solve for $r$ by setting the total power of $x$ to zero.

**Solution:**

(a) We are looking for the constant term in the expansion of $(x + 1/x)^{10}$.

(b) The general term is $T_{r+1} = \binom{10}{r}(x)^{10-r}(1/x)^r$.

(c) We simplify the powers of $x$: $T_{r+1} = \binom{10}{r}x^{10-r}x^{-r} = \binom{10}{r}x^{10-2r}$.

(d) For the term to be a constant (independent of $x$), the exponent of $x$ must be zero.

(e) Therefore, we set $10 - 2r = 0$, which gives $2r = 10$ and $r = 5$.

(f) Since $r = 5$, the constant term is the 6th term ($T_6$) of the expansion.

(g) The coefficient is $\binom{10}{5} = \frac{10!}{5!5!}$.

(h) Expanding the factorials: $\frac{10\times9\times8\times7\times6}{5\times4\times3\times2\times1}$.

(i) Simplifying: $(5 \times 2)$ cancels 10, and 4 cancels 8 to leave 2, and 3 cancels 9 to leave 3.

(j) The remaining calculation is $3 \times 2 \times 7 \times 6 = 252$.

**Final Answer:** The constant term is 252.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q43.

### Solution

**Concept:**
The properties of complex numbers on the unit circle ($|z| = 1$) allow for elegant simplifications. Any such complex number can be expressed in the form $z = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ (Euler's form: $e^{i\theta}$). When we manipulate expressions like $(z-1)/(z+1)$, we are essentially performing a transformation in the complex plane. To find the real part, we can either use the trigonometric substitution or multiply the expression by the conjugate of the denominator to separate real and imaginary components.

**Solution:**

(a) Let $z = \cos\theta + i\sin\theta$ because $|z| = 1$.

(b) The expression is $w = \frac{z-1}{z+1} = \frac{\cos\theta + i\sin\theta - 1}{\cos\theta + i\sin\theta + 1}$.

(c) Using half-angle identities: $\cos\theta - 1 = -2\sin^2(\theta/2)$ and $\sin\theta = 2\sin(\theta/2)\cos(\theta/2)$.

(d) Numerator becomes $2\sin(\theta/2)[-\sin(\theta/2) + i\cos(\theta/2)]$.

(e) For the denominator, $\cos\theta + 1 = 2\cos^2(\theta/2)$, so denominator becomes $2\cos(\theta/2)[\cos(\theta/2) + i\sin(\theta/2)]$.

(f) This can be rewritten as $w = \tan(\theta/2) \cdot \frac{i(\cos(\theta/2)+i\sin(\theta/2))}{\cos(\theta/2)+i\sin(\theta/2)}$.

(g) The complex terms cancel out, leaving $w = i\tan(\theta/2)$.

(h) Since the resulting expression is purely imaginary (it is a multiple of $i$), the real part must be zero.

(i) Geometrically, this transformation maps the unit circle to the imaginary axis.

**Final Answer:** The real part is 0.

**Answer: (B)**

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# Q44.

## Solution

**Concept:**
An Arithmetic Progression (A.P.) is a sequence where each term increases by a constant amount known as the common difference $d$. The sum of the first $n$ terms of an A.P. is calculated using the formula $S_n = \frac{n}{2}[2a + (n-1)d]$, where $a$ is the first term. This formula is derived from the fact that the sum of pairs of terms equidistant from the ends is constant.

**Solution:**

(a) We are given the first term $a = 5$.

(b) The common difference is given as $d = 4$.

(c) We need to find the sum of the first $n = 20$ terms.

(d) We use the sum formula $S_{20} = \frac{20}{2}[2(5) + (20-1)4]$.

(e) Simplifying the fraction: $20/2 = 10$.

(f) Calculating inside the bracket: $2 \times 5 = 10$.

(g) The second part of the bracket is $19 \times 4$.

(h) $19 \times 4 = 76$.

(i) The total sum inside the bracket is $10 + 76 = 86$.

(j) Finally, multiplying by 10: $S_{20} = 10 \times 86 = 860$.

(k) This means the total accumulation of the first 20 terms of this increasing sequence is exactly 860.

**Final Answer:** The sum is 860.

**Answer: (C)**

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# Q45.

## Solution

**Concept:**
A parabola that opens vertically downwards is represented by the equation $x^2 = -4ay$, where $a$ is a positive constant representing the distance from the vertex to the focus. The vertex of such a parabola is at the origin $(0, 0)$. Because the parabola opens downwards, the focus is located on the y-axis at a distance $a$ units below the origin.

**Solution:**

(a) The given equation is $x^2 = -16y$.

(b) This is in the standard form $x^2 = -4ay$.

(c) Comparing the coefficients of $y$, we have $-4a = -16$.

(d) Dividing by $-4$ gives $a = 4$.

(e) The variable $x$ is squared and the coefficient of $y$ is negative, which means the parabola is symmetric about the y-axis and opens downwards.

(f) The vertex of the parabola is at $(0, 0)$.

(g) The focus for a downward-opening parabola is located at $(0, -a)$.

(h) Substituting the value $a = 4$, the focus is at $(0, -4)$.

(i) The directrix for this parabola would be the line $y = a$, which is $y = 4$.

**Final Answer:** The focus is $(0, -4)$.

**Answer: (C)**

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## Q46.

### Solution

**Concept:**
Problems involving the probability of an event occurring "at least once" are most efficiently solved using the complement rule. Instead of calculating the probabilities for one, two, three, and four hits and summing them, we calculate the probability of the opposite event (the target not being hit at all) and subtract it from the total probability of one. This approach significantly reduces the complexity of calculations in binomial probability scenarios.

**Solution:**

(a) Let $p$ be the probability of hitting the target in a single shot. We are given $p = 1/4$.

(b) Let $q$ be the probability of missing the target in a single shot. Thus, $q = 1-p = 1-1/4 = 3/4$.

(c) The number of shots fired is $n = 4$.

(d) Let $X$ be the random variable representing the number of hits. We want to find $P(X \geq 1)$.

(e) Using the complement rule: $P(X \geq 1) = 1 - P(X = 0)$.

(f) $P(X = 0)$ represents the event where the target is missed in all 4 shots.

(g) Since each shot is an independent event, $P(X = 0) = q \times q \times q \times q = q^4$.

(h) Substituting the value of $q$: $P(X = 0) = (3/4)^4$.

(i) Therefore, the probability of hitting the target at least once is $1 - (3/4)^4$.

(j) This method ensures that all successful outcomes (1 hit, 2 hits, 3 hits, or 4 hits) are accounted for in a single algebraic expression.

**Final Answer:** The probability is $1 - (3/4)^4$.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q47.

### Solution

**Concept:**
The angle $\theta$ between two planes $A_1x + B_1y + C_1z + D_1 = 0$ and $A_2x + B_2y + C_2z + D_2 = 0$ is defined as the angle between their normal vectors. The normal vectors are $\vec{n_1} = (A_1, B_1, C_1)$ and $\vec{n_2} = (A_2, B_2, C_2)$. The formula for the cosine of the angle is $\cos\theta = \frac{|\vec{n_1}\cdot\vec{n_2}|}{|\vec{n_1}||\vec{n_2}|}$. If the dot product of the normal vectors is zero, the planes are perpendicular (90°).
**Solution:**

(a) The first plane is $2x - y + z = 6$. Its normal vector is $\vec{n_1} = (2, -1, 1)$.

(b) The second plane is $x + y + 2z = 7$. Its normal vector is $\vec{n_2} = (1, 1, 2)$.

(c) We first calculate the dot product $\vec{n_1} \cdot \vec{n_2}$:

(d) Dot product = $(2)(1) + (-1)(1) + (1)(2) = 2 - 1 + 2 = 3$.

(e) Now, we find the magnitude of the first normal vector: $|\vec{n_1}| = \sqrt{2^2 + (-1)^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{4 + 1 + 1} = \sqrt{6}$.

(f) Next, we find the magnitude of the second normal vector: $|\vec{n_2}| = \sqrt{1^2 + 1^2 + 2^2} = \sqrt{1 + 1 + 4} = \sqrt{6}$.

(g) Substituting these values into the cosine formula: $\cos\theta = \frac{3}{\sqrt{6}\times\sqrt{6}}$.

(h) This simplifies to $\cos\theta = 3/6 = 1/2$.

(i) We know that $\cos\theta = 1/2$ corresponds to an angle of 60° or $\pi/3$ radians.

**Final Answer:** The angle between the planes is 60°.

**Answer: (C)**

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# Q48.

## Solution

**Concept:**
To evaluate a series of squared trigonometric functions where the angles are in an arithmetic progression, we use the complementary angle identity $\cos^2\theta + \sin^2\theta = 1$ along with the identity $\sin(90-\theta) = \cos\theta$, which implies $\cos(90-\theta) = \sin\theta$. By pairing terms from the beginning and the end of the series whose angles sum to $90^\circ$, we can simplify the expression into a series of ones.
**Solution:**

(a) The series is $S = \cos^2 10^\circ + \cos^2 20^\circ + \cos^2 30^\circ + \cos^2 40^\circ + \cos^2 50^\circ + \cos^2 60^\circ + \cos^2 70^\circ + \cos^2 80^\circ$.

(b) There are 8 terms in total. We pair them such that the sum of the angles is $90^\circ$.

(c) Pair 1: $\cos^2 10^\circ + \cos^2 80^\circ$. Since $\cos 80^\circ = \sin 10^\circ$, this becomes $\cos^2 10^\circ + \sin^2 10^\circ = 1$.

(d) Pair 2: $\cos^2 20^\circ + \cos^2 70^\circ$. Since $\cos 70^\circ = \sin 20^\circ$, this becomes $\cos^2 20^\circ + \sin^2 20^\circ = 1$.

(e) Pair 3: $\cos^2 30^\circ + \cos^2 60^\circ$. Since $\cos 60^\circ = \sin 30^\circ$, this becomes $\cos^2 30^\circ + \sin^2 30^\circ = 1$.

(f) Pair 4: $\cos^2 40^\circ + \cos^2 50^\circ$. Since $\cos 50^\circ = \sin 40^\circ$, this becomes $\cos^2 40^\circ + \sin^2 40^\circ = 1$.

(g) We have 4 such pairs, each resulting in a value of 1.

(h) The total sum $S = 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4$.

(i) Note that if the series had included $\cos^2 90^\circ$, we would add 0; if it included $\cos^2 45^\circ$, we would add $1/2$.

**Final Answer:** The value of the series is 4.

**Answer: (A)**

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## Q49.

### Solution

**Concept:**
The foot of the perpendicular from the origin to a plane $Ax + By + Cz + D = 0$ is the point on the plane that is closest to $(0, 0, 0)$. The line connecting the origin to this point is parallel to the normal vector of the plane, $(A, B, C)$. If $d$ is the distance from the origin to the plane and $(l, m, n)$ are the direction cosines of the normal, the coordinates of the foot are $(ld, md, nd)$. Alternatively, we can find the point by setting the coordinates as $(kA, kB, kC)$ and solving for $k$ using the plane equation.

**Solution:**

(a) The equation of the plane is $2x + 3y + 4z - 29 = 0$. The normal vector is $\vec{n} = (2, 3, 4)$.

(b) Let the coordinates of the foot of the perpendicular be $P(x, y, z)$.

(c) Since the line $OP$ is along the normal, $x = 2k$, $y = 3k$, and $z = 4k$ for some constant $k$.

(d) Since the point $P$ lies on the plane, these coordinates must satisfy the plane equation.

(e) $2(2k) + 3(3k) + 4(4k) - 29 = 0$.

(f) Expanding the terms: $4k + 9k + 16k = 29$.

(g) Combining the terms: $29k = 29$, which implies $k = 1$.

(h) Now, substitute $k = 1$ back into the expressions for $x$, $y$, and $z$.

(i) $x = 2(1) = 2$, $y = 3(1) = 3$, and $z = 4(1) = 4$.

(j) Thus, the coordinates of the foot are $(2, 3, 4)$.

**Final Answer:** The coordinates are $(2, 3, 4)$.

**Answer: (A)**

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# Q50.

## Solution

**Concept:**
Vector identities involving the sum of vectors are frequently used to find scalar products. For any three vectors, the square of their sum is given by $|\vec{a}+\vec{b}+\vec{c}|^2 = |\vec{a}|^2+|\vec{b}|^2+|\vec{c}|^2+2(\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b}+\vec{b}\cdot\vec{c}+\vec{c}\cdot\vec{a})$. If the vectors are unit vectors, their magnitudes are all 1. If their sum is zero, the left side of the equation becomes zero, allowing us to solve for the sum of the dot products.
**Solution:**

(a) We are given that $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$ are unit vectors. Therefore, $|\vec{a}| = 1$, $|\vec{b}| = 1$, and $|\vec{c}| = 1$.

(b) It is also given that $\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c} = 0$.

(c) We take the square of the magnitude of this zero vector: $|\vec{a} + \vec{b} + \vec{c}|^2 = 0^2 = 0$.

(d) Expanding the expression using the algebraic identity for vectors:

(e) $|\vec{a}|^2 + |\vec{b}|^2 + |\vec{c}|^2 + 2(\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} + \vec{b}\cdot\vec{c} + \vec{c}\cdot\vec{a}) = 0$.

(f) Substitute the magnitudes of the unit vectors: $1^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 + 2(\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} + \vec{b}\cdot\vec{c} + \vec{c}\cdot\vec{a}) = 0$.

(g) This simplifies to $3 + 2(\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} + \vec{b}\cdot\vec{c} + \vec{c}\cdot\vec{a}) = 0$.

(h) Subtracting 3 from both sides: $2(\vec{a}\cdot\vec{b} + \vec{b}\cdot\vec{c} + \vec{c}\cdot\vec{a}) = -3$.

(i) Dividing by 2, we find that the required value is $-3/2$.

(j) This result indicates that, on average, the angles between these unit vectors are $120°$.

**Final Answer:** The value is $-3/2$.

**Answer: (C)**

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| 16 | A | 17 | B | 18 | A | 19 | A | 20 | A |
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