

9. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^3 - x^2 + 10x - 7, & x \leq 1 \\ -2x + \log_2(b^2 - 4), & x > 1 \end{cases}$

Then the set of all values of b, for which $f(x)$ has maximum value at $x = 1$, is :

- (A) $(-6, -2)$
- (B) $(2, 6)$
- (C) $[-6, -2) \cup (2, 6]$
- (D) $[-\sqrt{6}, -2) \cup (2, \sqrt{6}]$

Official Ans. by NTA (C)

Allen Ans. (C)

Sol. $f(1) = 3$

For $x < 1$, $f'(x) = 3x^2 - 2x + 10 > 0$

$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is increasing

For $x > 1$, $f'(x) < 0$

\Rightarrow function is decreasing.

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = -2 + \log_2(b^2 - 4)$$

For maximum value at $x = 1$

$$3 \geq -2 + \log_2(b^2 - 4)$$

$$32 \geq b^2 - 4 > 0$$

$$b \in [-6, -2) \cup (2, 6]$$

10. If $a = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2n}{n^2 + k^2}$ and $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos x}{1 + \cos x}}$, $x \in (0, 1)$, then :

(A) $2\sqrt{2}f\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) = f'\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)$

(B) $f\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)f'\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) = \sqrt{2}$

(C) $\sqrt{2}f\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) = f'\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)$

(D) $f\left(\frac{a}{2}\right) = \sqrt{2}f'\left(\frac{a}{2}\right)$

Official Ans. by NTA (C)

Allen Ans. (C)

Sol. $a = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{2}{1 + \left(\frac{k}{n}\right)^2} = \int_0^1 \frac{2}{1 + x^2} dx = \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$f(x) = \tan\left(\frac{x}{2}\right); x \in (0, 1)$$

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

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2} \sec^2\left(\frac{\pi}{8}\right) = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2} + 1}$$

$$f'\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \sqrt{2} f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

11. If $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \tan x = \sin x$, $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$ and $y\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) =$

0, then the maximum value of $y(x)$ is

(A) $\frac{1}{8}$ (B) $\frac{3}{4}$

(C) $\frac{1}{4}$ (D) $\frac{3}{8}$

Official Ans. by NTA (A)

Allen Ans. (A)

Sol. $\frac{dy}{dx} + 2y \tan x = \sin x$

$$I.F = e^{\int 2 \tan x dx} = e^{\ln(\sec x)^2} = \sec^2 x$$

$$y(\sec^2 x) = \int \sin x \sec^2 x dx + C$$

$$y \cdot \sec^2 x = \sec x + C$$

$$\text{Put } x = \frac{\pi}{3}, y = 0$$

$$y = \cos x - 2 \cos^2 x$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} - 2 \left(\cos x - \frac{1}{4} \right)^2$$

$$\therefore y_{\max} = \frac{1}{8}$$

- 19.** $\tan\left(2\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5} + \sec^{-1}\frac{\sqrt{5}}{2} + 2\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{8}\right)$ is equal to:

Official Ans. by NTA (B)

Allen Ans. (B)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Sol.} \quad & \tan\left(2\left(\tan^{-1}\frac{1}{5} + \tan^{-1}\frac{1}{8}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right) \\
 &= \tan\left[2\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right] \\
 &= 2
 \end{aligned}$$

20. The statement $(\sim(p \Leftrightarrow \sim q)) \wedge q$ is :

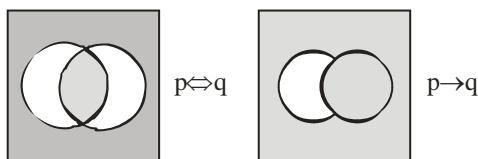
 - (A) a tautology
 - (B) a contradiction
 - (C) equivalent to $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge q$
 - (D) equivalent to $(p \Rightarrow q) \wedge p$

Official Ans. by NTA (D)

Allen Ans. (D)

$$\text{Sol. } (\sim(p \Leftrightarrow \sim q)) \wedge q \equiv (p \Leftrightarrow q) \wedge q$$

$$(p \Leftrightarrow q) \wedge q \equiv p \wedge q$$



SECTION-B

- 1.** If for some $p, q, r \in R$, not all have same sign, one of the roots of the equation $(p^2 + q^2)x^2 - 2q(p + r)x + q^2 + r^2 = 0$ is also a root of the equation $x^2 + 2x - 8 = 0$, then $\frac{q^2 + r^2}{p^2}$ is equal to-

Official Ans. by NTA (272)

Allen Ans. (272)

$$\begin{aligned}\textbf{Sol. } & (px - q)^2 + (qx - r)^2 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow x &= \frac{q}{p} = \frac{r}{q} = -4 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{q^2 + r^2}{p^2} &= 272\end{aligned}$$

2. The number of 5-digit natural numbers, such that the product of their digits is 36, is

Official Ans. by NTA (180)

Allen Ans. (180)

$$\text{Sol. } 3 \times \frac{5!}{2!2!} + \frac{5!}{3!2!} + \frac{5!}{2!} + \frac{5!}{3!} = 180$$

3. The series of positive multiples of 3 is divided into sets : {3}, {6, 9, 12}, {15, 18, 21, 24, 27},... Then the sum of the elements in the 11th set is equal to _____,

Official Ans. by NTA (6993)

Allen Ans. (6993)

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Sol. } S_{11} &= 3[101 + 102 + \dots + 121] \\ &= \frac{3}{2}(222) \times 21 = 6993\end{aligned}$$

4. The number of distinct real roots of the equation $x^5(x^3 - x^2 - x + 1) + x(3x^3 - 4x^2 - 2x + 4) - 1 = 0$ is

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Allen Ans. (3)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \mathbf{Sol.} \quad & x^5(x^3 - x^2 - x + 1) + x(3x^3 - 4x^2 - 2x + 4) - 1 = 0 \\
 & \Rightarrow (x-1)^2(x+1)(x^5 + 3x - 1) = 0 \\
 & \text{Let } f(x) = x^5 + 3x - 1 \\
 & f'(x) > 0 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence 3 real distinct roots.

5. If the coefficients of x and x^2 in the expansion of $(1 + x)^p(1 - x)^q$, $p, q \leq 15$, are -3 and -5 respectively, then the coefficient of x^3 is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (23)

Allen Ans. (23)

Sol. Since coefficient of x is -3

$$\Rightarrow {}^pC_1 - {}^qC_1 = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow p - q = -3 \quad \dots(1)$$

Comparing coefficients of x^2

$$- {}^pC_1 {}^qC_1 + {}^pC_2 + {}^qC_2 = -5$$

$$-pq + \frac{p(p-1)}{2} + \frac{q(q-1)}{2} = -5 \quad \dots(2)$$

Solving (1) and (2)

$$p = 8, q = 11$$

Coefficient of x^3 is

$$\begin{aligned} & -{}^q C_3 + {}^p C_3 + {}^p C_1 {}^q C_2 - {}^p C_2 {}^q C_1 \\ & = -{}^{11} C_3 + {}^8 C_3 + {}^8 C_1 {}^{11} C_2 - {}^8 C_2 {}^{11} C_1 \\ & = 23 \end{aligned}$$

6. If

$$n(2n+1) \int_0^1 (1-x^n)^{2n} dx = 1177 \int_0^1 (1-x^n)^{2n+1} dx, \quad \text{then}$$

$n \in \mathbb{N}$ is equal to _____

Official Ans. by NTA (24)

Allen Ans. (24)

Sol. Let $I_1 = \int_0^1 (1-x^n)^{2n} dx, I_2 = \int_0^1 (1-x^n)^{2n+1} dx$

$$I_2 = \int_0^1 (1-x^n)^{2n+1} \cdot 1 dx$$

$$= (1-x^n)^{2n+1} \cdot x \Big|_0^1 - \int_0^1 (2n+1)(1-x^n)^{2n} (-nx^{n-1}) x dx$$

$$I_2 = -n(2n+1)\{I_2 - I_1\}$$

$$(2n^2 + n + 1)I_2 = n(2n+1)I_1$$

$$\frac{I_1}{I_2} = \frac{2n^2 + n + 1}{n(2n+1)} = \frac{1177}{n(2n+1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2n^2 + n - 1176 = 0 \Rightarrow n = 24$$

7. Let a curve $y = y(x)$ pass through the point $(3, 3)$

and the area of the region under this curve, above the x-axis and between the abscissae 3 and $x(>3)$

be $\left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^3$. If this curve also passes through the

point $(\alpha, 6\sqrt{10})$ in the first quadrant, then α is equal to _____

Official Ans. by NTA (6)

Allen Ans. (6)

Sol. $x^4 = 3yx \cdot y' - 3y^2$

$$\Rightarrow 3xy \frac{dy}{dx} = 3y^2 + x^4$$

$$\text{Put } y^2 = t, y \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{2} \frac{dt}{dx}$$

$$\frac{dt}{dx} - \frac{2}{x} t = \frac{2}{3} x^3$$

$$\therefore \frac{t}{x^2} = \frac{x^2}{3} + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y^2}{x^2} = \frac{x^2}{3} - 2$$

$$\text{Put } (3, 3), C = -2$$

$$\therefore \frac{y^2}{x^2} = \frac{x^2}{3} - 2$$

$$3y^2 = x^4 - 6x^2$$

$$x^4 - 6x^2 = 1080$$

$$\therefore x = 6$$

8. The equations of the sides AB, BC and CA of a triangle ABC are $2x + y = 0$, $x + py = 15a$ and $x - y = 3$ respectively. If its orthocentre is $(2, a)$,

$$-\frac{1}{2} < a < 2, \text{ then } p \text{ is equal to}$$

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Allen Ans. (3)

- Sol.** Coordinates of A(1, -2), B $\left(\frac{15a}{1-2p}, \frac{-30a}{1-2p}\right)$ and

orthocentre H(2, a)

Slope of AH = p

$$a + 2 = p \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

Slope of BH = -1

$$31a - 2ab = 15a + 4p - 2 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2)

$$a = 1 \& p = 3$$

9. Let the function $f(x) = 2x^2 - \log_e x$, $x > 0$, be decreasing in $(0, a)$ and increasing in $(a, 4)$. A tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ at a point P on it passes through the point $(8a, 8a - 1)$ but does not pass through the point $\left(-\frac{1}{a}, 0\right)$. If the equation of

the normal at P is $\frac{x}{\alpha} + \frac{y}{\beta} = 1$, then $\alpha + \beta$ is equal to-

Official Ans. by NTA (45)

Allen Ans. (45)

Sol. $f'(x) = 4x - \frac{1}{x}$

$$a = \frac{1}{2}$$

Let $P(x_1, y_1)$ be any point on $y^2 = 4ax$

$$\frac{1}{y_1} = \frac{3-y_1}{4-x_1} \Rightarrow y_1^2 - 6y_1 + 8 = 0$$

$$y_1 = 2, 4$$

$\Rightarrow P(8, 4)$ as $P(2, 2)$ rejected

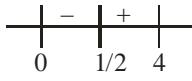
Equation of normal at P.

$$y - 4 = -4(x - 8)$$

$$\frac{x}{9} + \frac{y}{36} = 1$$

$$\alpha = 9, \beta = 36$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 45$$



10. Let Q and R be two points on the line $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{z-1}{2}$ at a distance $\sqrt{26}$ from the point P(4, 2, 7). Then the square of the area of the triangle PQR is _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (153)

Allen Ans. (153)

Sol. Let $(2\lambda - 1, 3\lambda - 2, 2\lambda + 1)$ be any point on the line

$$(2\lambda - 5)^2 + (3\lambda - 4)^2 + (2\lambda - 6)^2 = 26$$

$$\lambda = 1, 3$$

$$Q(1, 1, 3); R(5, 7, 7); P(4, 2, 7)$$

$$\text{Area of triangle PQR} = \frac{1}{2} \left| \vec{PQ} \times \vec{PR} \right|$$

$$= \sqrt{153}$$