



**Sol.**  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -k & 3 & -14 \\ -15 & 4 & -k \\ -4 & 1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 121 - k^2$

$\Delta \neq 0 \quad k \in \mathbb{R} - \{-11, -11\}$  (Unique sol.)

If  $k = 11$

$$\Delta_z = \begin{vmatrix} -11 & 3 & 25 \\ -15 & 4 & 3 \\ -4 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

No solution

If  $k = -11$

$$\Delta_z = \begin{vmatrix} 11 & 3 & 25 \\ -15 & 4 & 3 \\ -4 & 1 & 4 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$$

No solution

5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \left( \tan^2 x \left( (2\sin^2 x + 3\sin x + 4)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (\sin^2 x + 6\sin x + 2)^{\frac{1}{2}} \right) \right)$

is equal to

- (A)  $\frac{1}{12}$       (B)  $-\frac{1}{18}$   
 (C)  $-\frac{1}{12}$       (D)  $-\frac{1}{6}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (A)**

**Ans. (A)**

**Sol.**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \tan^2 x \left[ \sqrt{2\sin^2 x + 3\sin x + 4} - \sqrt{\sin^2 x + 6\sin x + 2} \right] =$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^2 x [\sin^2 x - 3\sin x + 2]}{\sqrt{9} + \sqrt{9}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\tan^2 x (\sin x - 1)(\sin x - 2)}{6}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \tan^2 x (1 - \sin x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin^2 x (1 - \sin x)}{(1 - \sin x)(1 + \sin x)} = \frac{1}{12}$$

6. The area of the region enclosed between the parabolas  $y^2 = 2x - 1$  and  $y^2 = 4x - 3$  is

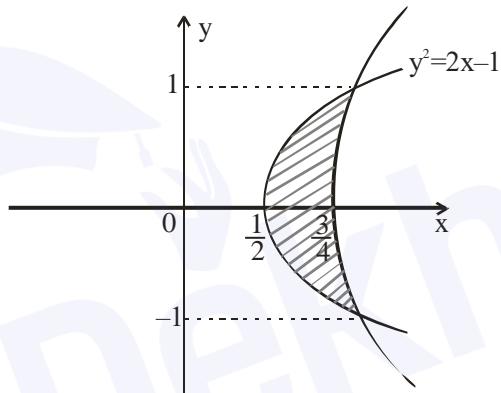
- (A)  $\frac{1}{3}$       (B)  $\frac{1}{6}$   
 (C)  $\frac{2}{3}$       (D)  $\frac{3}{4}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (A)**

**Ans. (A)**

**Sol.** Required area =  $2 \int_0^1 \left( \frac{y^2 + 3}{4} - \frac{y^2 + 1}{2} \right) dy$

$$= 2 \int_0^1 \frac{1 - y^2}{4} dy = \frac{1}{2} \left| y - \frac{y^3}{3} \right|_0^1 = \frac{1}{3}$$



7. The coefficient of  $x^{101}$  in the expression

$$(5+x)^{500} + x(5+x)^{499} + x^2(5+x)^{498} + \dots + x^{500},$$

$x > 0$ , is

- (A)  ${}^{501}C_{101}(5)^{399}$       (B)  ${}^{501}C_{101}(5)^{400}$   
 (C)  ${}^{501}C_{100}(5)^{400}$       (D)  ${}^{500}C_{101}(5)^{399}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (A)**

**Ans. (A)**

**Sol.**  $(5+x)^{500} + x(5+x)^{499} + x^2(5+x)^{498} + \dots + x^{500}$

$$= \frac{(5+x)^{501} - x^{501}}{(5+x) - x} = \frac{(5+x)^{501} - x^{501}}{5}$$

$\Rightarrow$  coefficient  $x^{101}$  in given expression

$$= \frac{{}^{501}C_{101}5^{400}}{5} = {}^{501}C_{101}5^{399}$$

8. The sum  $1 + 2 \cdot 3 + 3 \cdot 3^2 + \dots + 10 \cdot 3^9$  is equal to
- (A)  $\frac{2 \cdot 3^{12} + 10}{4}$       (B)  $\frac{19 \cdot 3^{10} + 1}{4}$   
 (C)  $5 \cdot 3^{10} - 2$       (D)  $\frac{9 \cdot 3^{10} + 1}{2}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (B)**

**Ans. (B)**

Sol.  $S = 1 \cdot 3^0 + 2 \cdot 3^1 + 3 \cdot 3^2 + \dots + 10 \cdot 3^9$

$$3S = 1 \cdot 3^1 + 2 \cdot 3^2 + \dots + 9 \cdot 3^9 + 10 \cdot 3^{10}$$

$$-2S = (1 \cdot 3^0 + 3^1 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^9) - 10 \cdot 3^{10}$$

$$S = 5 \times 3^{10} - \left( \frac{3^{10} - 1}{4} \right)$$

$$S = \frac{20 \cdot 3^{10} - 3^{10} + 1}{4} = \frac{19 \cdot 3^{10} + 1}{4}$$

9. Let P be the plane passing through the intersection of the planes

$\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} - \hat{k}) = 5$  and  $\vec{r} \cdot (2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 3$ , and the point  $(2, 1, -2)$ . Let the position vectors of the points X and Y be  $\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k}$  and  $5\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$  respectively. Then the points

- (A) X and  $X + Y$  are on the same side of P  
 (B) Y and  $Y - X$  are on the opposite sides of P  
 (C) X and Y are on the opposite sides of P  
 (D)  $X + Y$  and  $X - Y$  are on the same side of P

**Official Ans. by NTA (C)**

**Ans. (C)**

Sol.  $P_1 + \lambda P_2 = 0$

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

$(2, 1, -2)$  lies on this plane

$$\therefore \lambda = 1 \Rightarrow \text{plane is } 3x + 2y - 8 = 0$$

10. A circle touches both the y-axis and the line  $x + y = 0$ . Then the locus of its center is

- (A)  $y = \sqrt{2}x$       (B)  $x = \sqrt{2}y$   
 (C)  $y^2 - x^2 = 2xy$       (D)  $x^2 - y^2 = 2xy$

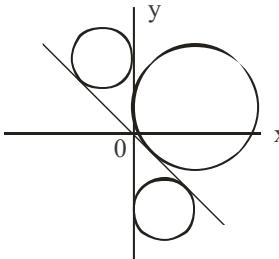
**Official Ans. by NTA (D)**

**Sol.** Let  $(h, k)$  is centre of circle

$$\left| \frac{h-k}{\sqrt{2}} \right| = |h|$$

$$k^2 - h^2 + 2hk = 0$$

$$\therefore \text{Equation of locus is } y^2 - x^2 + 2xy = 0$$



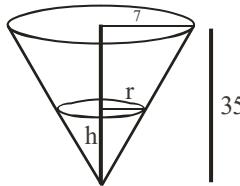
11. Water is being filled at the rate of  $1 \text{ cm}^3 / \text{sec}$  in a right circular conical vessel (vertex downwards) of height 35 cm and diameter 14 cm. When the height of the water level is 10 cm, the rate (in  $\text{cm}^2 / \text{sec}$ ) at which the wet conical surface area of the vessel increases is

- (A) 5      (B)  $\frac{\sqrt{21}}{5}$   
 (C)  $\frac{\sqrt{26}}{5}$       (D)  $\frac{\sqrt{26}}{10}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (C)**

**Ans. (C)**

Sol. From figure  $\frac{r}{h} = \frac{7}{35} \Rightarrow h = 5r$



$$\text{Given } \frac{dV}{dt} = 1 \Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{\pi r^2 h}{3} \right) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{dt} \left( \frac{5\pi}{3} r^3 \right) = 1 \Rightarrow r^2 \frac{dr}{dt} = \frac{1}{5\pi}$$

Let wet conical surface area = S

$$= \pi r l = \pi r \sqrt{h^2 + r^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{26}\pi r^2 \Rightarrow \frac{dS}{dt} = 2\sqrt{26}\pi r \frac{dr}{dt}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dS}{dt} = \frac{2\sqrt{26}}{10}$$



**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 & \sin 12^\circ + \sin 12^\circ - \sin 72^\circ \\
 &= \sin 12^\circ - 2 \cos 42^\circ \sin 30^\circ \\
 &= \sin 12^\circ - \sin 48^\circ \\
 &= -2 \cos 30^\circ \sin 18^\circ \\
 &= -2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{4} \\
 &= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}(1-\sqrt{5})
 \end{aligned}$$

- 16.** A biased die is marked with numbers 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, 32 on its faces and the probability of getting a face with mark  $n$  is  $\frac{1}{n}$ . If the die is thrown thrice, then the probability, that the sum of the numbers obtained is 48, is

- (A)  $\frac{7}{2^{11}}$       (B)  $\frac{7}{2^{12}}$   
 (C)  $\frac{3}{2^{10}}$       (D)  $\frac{13}{2^{12}}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (D)**

**Ans. (D)**

**Sol.**

$$\begin{aligned}
 P(n) &= \frac{1}{n} \\
 P(2) &= \frac{1}{2} \quad P(8) = \frac{1}{8} \\
 P(4) &= \frac{1}{4} \quad P(16) = \frac{1}{16} \\
 P(32) &= \frac{2}{32}
 \end{aligned}$$

Possible cases

16, 16, 16 and 32, 8, 8

$$\text{Probability} = \frac{1}{16^3} + \frac{2}{32} \times \frac{1}{8} \times \frac{1}{8} \times 3 = \frac{13}{16^3}$$

- 17.** The negation of the Boolean expression  $((\sim q) \wedge p) \Rightarrow ((\sim p) \vee q)$  is logically equivalent to
- (A)  $p \Rightarrow q$       (B)  $q \Rightarrow p$   
 (C)  $\sim(p \Rightarrow q)$       (D)  $\sim(q \Rightarrow p)$

**Official Ans. by NTA (C)**

**Ans. (C)**

- Sol.**
- $$\begin{aligned}
 & \sim p \vee q \equiv p \rightarrow q \\
 & \sim q \wedge p \equiv \sim(p \rightarrow q) \\
 & \text{Negation of } \sim(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow q) \\
 & \text{is } \sim(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (\sim(p \rightarrow q)) \text{ i.e. } \sim(p \rightarrow q)
 \end{aligned}$$
- 18.** If the line  $y = 4 + kx$ ,  $k > 0$ , is the tangent to the parabola  $y = x - x^2$  at the point P and V is the vertex of the parabola, then the slope of the line through P and V is :
- (A)  $\frac{3}{2}$       (B)  $\frac{26}{9}$   
 (C)  $\frac{5}{2}$       (D)  $\frac{23}{6}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (C)**

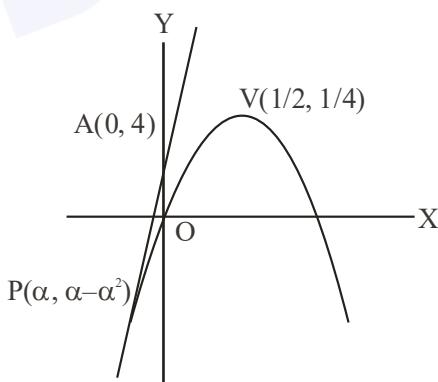
**Ans. (C)**

**Sol.** Slope of tangent at P = Slope of line AP

$$y|_P = 1 - 2\alpha = \frac{\alpha - \alpha^2 - 4}{\alpha}$$

Solving  $\alpha = -2 \Rightarrow P(-2, -6)$

$$\text{Slope of PV} = \frac{5}{2}$$



- 19.** The value of  $\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos\left(\frac{15\pi}{4}\right) - 1}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right)} \right)$  is equal to
- (A)  $-\frac{\pi}{4}$       (B)  $-\frac{\pi}{8}$   
 (C)  $-\frac{5\pi}{12}$       (D)  $-\frac{4\pi}{9}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (B)**

$$\text{Sol. } \tan^{-1} \left[ \frac{\cos\left(4\pi - \frac{\pi}{4}\right) - 1}{\sin\frac{\pi}{4}} \right] \Rightarrow \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{\cos\frac{\pi}{4} - 1}{\sin\frac{\pi}{4}} \right)$$

$$\tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1 - \sqrt{2}}{1} \right) = -\frac{\pi}{8}$$



**Official Ans. by NTA (A)**

**Sol.** Ellipse  $x^2 + 2y^2 = 4$

Line  $y = x + 1$

### Point of intersection

$$x^2 + 2(x+1)^2 = 4$$

$$3x^2 + 4x - 2 = 0$$

$$|x_1 - x_2| = \frac{\sqrt{40}}{3}$$

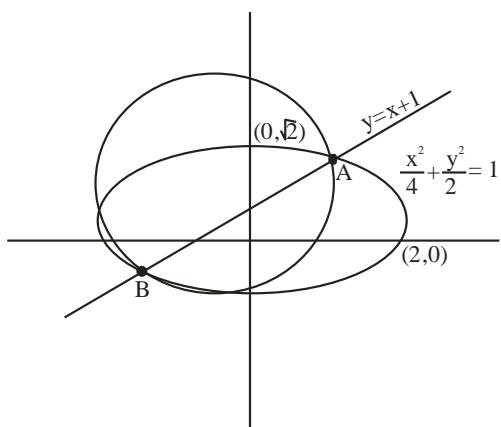
$$AB = 2r = |x_1 - x_2| \sqrt{1 + m^2},$$

$m$  is slope of given line

$$AB = \frac{\sqrt{40}}{3} \sqrt{1+1}$$

$$2r = \frac{\sqrt{80}}{3} \Rightarrow r = \frac{\sqrt{80}}{6}$$

$$(3r)^2 = \left(3 \times \frac{\sqrt{80}}{6}\right)^2 = \frac{80}{4} = 20$$



SECTION-B

1. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then the number of elements in the set  $\{(n, m) : n, m \in \{1, 2, \dots, 10\} \text{ and } nA^n + mB^m = I\}$  is \_\_\_\_\_

## **Official Ans. by NTA (1)**

**Ans. (1)**

$$\text{Sol. } A^2 = A \text{ and } B^2 = B$$

Therefore equation  $nA^n + mB^m = I$  becomes

$nA + mB = I$ , which gives  $m = n = 1$

Only one set possible

2. Let  $f(x) = [2x^2 + 1]$  and  $g(x) = \begin{cases} 2x - 3, & x < 0 \\ 2x + 3, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$ , where  $[t]$  is the greatest integer  $\leq t$ . Then, in the open interval  $(-1, 1)$ , the number of points where  $fog$  is discontinuous is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (62)**

$$\text{Sol. } f(g(x)) = \lceil 2g^2(x) \rceil + 1$$

$$= \begin{cases} \left[ 2(2x - 3)^2 \right] + 1; & x < 0 \\ \left[ 2(2x + 3)^2 \right] + 1; & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore$  fog is discontinuous whenever  $2(2x-3)^2$  or  $2(2x+3)^2$  belongs to integer except  $x = 0$ .

$\therefore$  62 points of discontinuity.

3. The value of  $b > 3$  for which

$$12 \int_{\frac{1}{3}}^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{(x^2 - 1)(x^2 - 4)} dx = \log_e \left( \frac{49}{40} \right), \text{ is equal to}$$

### **Official Ans. by NTA (6 )**

**Ans. (6)**

**Sol.**  $\frac{12}{3} \left[ \int_3^b \left( \frac{1}{x^2 - 4} - \frac{1}{x^2 - 1} \right) dx \right] = \log \frac{49}{40}$

$$\frac{12}{3} \left[ \frac{1}{4} \ell n \left| \frac{x-2}{x+2} \right| - \frac{1}{2} \ell n \left| \frac{x-1}{x+1} \right| \right]_3^b = \log \frac{49}{40}$$

$$\ell n \frac{(b-2)(b+1)^2}{(b+2)(b-1)^2} = \ell n \frac{49}{50}$$

$$b = 6$$

4. If the sum of the coefficients of all the positive even powers of  $x$  in the binomial expansion of  $\left(2x^3 + \frac{3}{x}\right)^{10}$  is  $5^{10} - \beta \cdot 3^9$ , then  $\beta$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Ans. by NTA (83)**

**Ans. (83)**

**Sol.**  $T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r (2x^3)^{10-r} \left(\frac{3}{x}\right)^r$

$$= {}^{10}C_r 2^{10-r} 3^r x^{30-4r}$$

Put  $r = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 7$  and we get  $\beta = 83$

5. If the mean deviation about the mean of the numbers 1, 2, 3, ..., n, where n is odd, is  $\frac{5(n+1)}{n}$ , then n is equal to \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Ans. by NTA (21)**

**Ans. (21)**

- Sol.** Mean deviation about mean of first n natural numbers is  $\frac{n^2 - 1}{4n}$   
 $\therefore n = 21$

6. Let  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + \lambda \hat{k}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $\vec{a}$  is a vector such that  $a = 3\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} + 21 = 0$ , then  $(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\hat{k} - \hat{j}) + (\vec{b} + \vec{a}) \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{k})$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (14)**

**Sol.**  $(\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 13 - 1 - 4\lambda = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \times \vec{b} = 13\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) \times \vec{b} = (13\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 4\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$\Rightarrow -21\vec{b} - 11\vec{a} = \hat{i} - 43\hat{j} + 14\hat{k}$$

$$\Rightarrow \vec{a} = -2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$$

Now  $(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \cdot (\hat{k} - \hat{j}) + (\vec{b} + \vec{a}) \cdot (\hat{i} - \hat{k}) = 14$

7. The total number of three-digit numbers, with one digit repeated exactly two times, is

**Official Ans. by NTA (243)**

**Ans. (243)**

**Sol.** If 0 taken twice then ways = 9

If 0 taken once then  ${}^9C_1 \times 2 = 18$

If 0 not taken then  ${}^9C_1 \cdot {}^8C_1 \cdot 3 = 216$

Total = 243

8. Let  $f(x) = |(x-1)(x^2 - 2x - 3)| + x - 3, x \in \mathbb{R}$ . If m and M are respectively the number of points of local minimum and local maximum of f in the interval (0, 4), then m + M is equal to \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Ans. (3)**

**Sol.**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} (x^2 - 1)(x - 3) + (x - 3), & x \in (0, 1] \cup [3, 4) \\ -(x^2 - 1)(x - 3) + (x - 3), & x \in [1, 3] \end{cases}$

$$\Rightarrow f'(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2 - 6x, & x \in (0, 1) \cup (3, 4) \\ -3x^2 + 6x + 2, & x \in (1, 3) \end{cases}$$

$f(x)$  is non-derivable at  $x = 1$  and  $x = 3$

$$\text{also } f'(x) = 0 \text{ at } x = 1 + \sqrt{\frac{5}{3}} \Rightarrow m + M = 3$$

9. Let the eccentricity of the hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  be  $\frac{5}{4}$ . If the equation of the normal at the point  $\left(\frac{8}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{12}{5}\right)$  on the hyperbola is  $8\sqrt{5}x + \beta y = \lambda$ , then  $\lambda - \beta$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (85)**

**Ans. (85)**

$$\text{Sol. } e^2 = 1 + \frac{b^2}{a^2} = \frac{25}{16} \Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{a^2} = \frac{9}{16} \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

$$A\left(\frac{8}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{12}{5}\right) \text{ satisfies } \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{64}{5a^2} - \frac{144}{25b^2} = 1 \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

$$\text{Solving (1) \& (2)} \quad b = \frac{6}{5} \quad a = \frac{8}{5}$$

$$\text{Normal at A is } \frac{\sqrt{5}a^2 x}{8} + \frac{5b^2 y}{12} = a^2 + b^2$$

$$\text{Comparing it } 8\sqrt{5}x + \beta y = \lambda$$

$$\text{Gives } \lambda = 100, \beta = 15$$

$$\lambda - \beta = 85$$

10. Let  $l_1$  be the line in xy-plane with x and y intercepts  $\frac{1}{8}$  and  $\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}$  respectively, and  $l_2$  be the line in zx-plane with x and z intercepts  $-\frac{1}{8}$  and  $-\frac{1}{6\sqrt{3}}$  respectively. If d is the shortest distance between the line  $l_1$  and  $l_2$ , then  $d^{-2}$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (51)**

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Sol. } 8x + 4\sqrt{2}y = 1, z = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{x - \frac{1}{8}}{1} = \frac{y - 0}{-\sqrt{2}} = \frac{z - 0}{0} = \lambda \\ & -8x - 6\sqrt{3}z = 1, y = 0 \\ & \Rightarrow \frac{x + \frac{1}{8}}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{y - 0}{0} = \frac{z - 0}{-4} \\ & \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{4} & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 3\sqrt{3} & 0 & -4 \end{vmatrix} = \sqrt{2} \\ & d = \frac{1}{\sqrt{51}} \\ & \frac{1}{d^2} = 51 \end{aligned}$$