



4. The term independent of  $x$  in the expression of  $(1-x^2+3x^3)\left(\frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{1}{5x^2}\right)^{11}$ ,  $x \neq 0$  is

(A) $\frac{7}{40}$	(B) $\frac{33}{200}$
(C) $\frac{39}{200}$	(D) $\frac{11}{50}$

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

**Ans. (B)**

**Sol.**  $(1-x^2+3x^3)\left(\frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{1}{5x^2}\right)^{11}$

General term of  $\left(\frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{1}{5x^2}\right)^{11}$  is

$${}^{11}C_r \left(\frac{5}{2}x^3\right)^{11-r} \left(-\frac{1}{5x^2}\right)^r$$

General term is  ${}^{11}C_r \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^{11-r} \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^r x^{33-5r}$

Now, term independent of  $x$

$$1 \times \text{coefficient of } x^0 \text{ in } \left(\frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{1}{5x^2}\right)^{11}$$

$$- 1 \times \text{coefficient of } x^{-2} \text{ in } \left(\frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{1}{5x^2}\right)^{11} +$$

$$3 \times \text{coefficient of } x^{-3} \text{ in } \left(\frac{5}{2}x^3 - \frac{1}{5x^2}\right)^{11}$$

for coefficient of  $x^0 \quad 33 - 5r = 0$  not possible  
for coefficient of  $x^{-2} \quad 33 - 5r = -2$

for coefficient of  $x^{-3} \quad 35 = 5r \Rightarrow r = 7$

for coefficient of  $x^{-3} \quad 33 - 5r = -3$   
 $36 = 5r$  not possible

So term independent of  $x$  is

$$(-1) {}^{11}C_7 \left(\frac{5}{2}\right)^4 \left(-\frac{1}{5}\right)^7 = \frac{33}{200}$$

5. If  $n$  arithmetic means are inserted between  $a$  and  $100$  such that the ratio of the first mean to the last mean is  $1 : 7$  and  $a + n = 33$ , then the value of  $n$  is

(A) 21	(B) 22
(C) 23	(D) 24

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

**Sol.**  $d = \frac{100-a}{n+1}$

$$A_1 = a + d$$

$$A_n = 100 - d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{A_1}{A_n} = \frac{1}{7} \Rightarrow \frac{a+d}{100-d} = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7a + 8d = 100$$

$$\Rightarrow 7a + 8\left(\frac{100-a}{n+1}\right) = 100 \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\because a + n = 33 \quad \dots(2)$$

Now, by Eq. (1) and (2)

$$7n^2 - 132n - 667 = 0$$

$$[n = 23] \text{ and } n = \frac{-29}{7} \text{ reject.}$$

6. Let  $f, g : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be functions defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} [x] & , x < 0 \\ |1-x| & , x \geq 0 \end{cases} \text{ and}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} e^x - x & , x < 0 \\ (x-1)^2 - 1 & , x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

where  $[x]$  denote the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . Then, the function  $fog$  is discontinuous at exactly :

- |                  |                 |
|------------------|-----------------|
| (A) one point    | (B) two points  |
| (C) three points | (D) four points |

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

**Ans. (B)**

- Sol.** Check continuity at  $x = 0$  and also check continuity at those  $x$  where  $g(x) = 0$   
 $g(x) = 0$  at  $x = 0, 2$

$$fog(0^+) = -1$$

$$fog(0) = 0$$

Hence, discontinuous at  $x = 0$

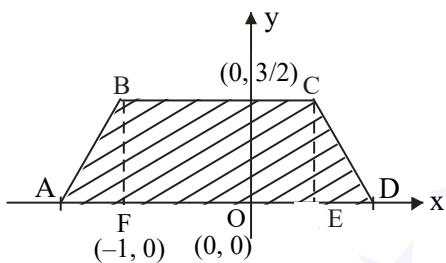
$$fog(2^+) = 1$$

$$fog(2^-) = -1$$



**Sol.**  $y = \begin{cases} 3 + (x+1) + \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right), & x < -1 \\ 3 - (x+1) + \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right), & -1 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ 3 - (x+1) - \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right), & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \end{cases}$

$$y = \begin{cases} \frac{7}{2} + 2x, & x < -1 \\ \frac{3}{2}, & -1 \leq x < \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{5}{2} - 2x, & \frac{1}{2} \leq x \end{cases}$$



Area bounded = ar ABF + ar BCEF + ar CDE

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) + \frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right) \left(\frac{3}{2}\right) \\ &= \frac{27}{8} \text{ sq. units.} \end{aligned}$$

- 10.** Let  $x = x(y)$  be the solution of the differential equation  $2ye^{x/y^2}dx + (y^2 - 4xe^{x/y^2})dy = 0$  such that  $x(1) = 0$ . Then,  $x(e)$  is equal to
- (A)  $e \log_e(2)$       (B)  $-e \log_e(2)$   
 (C)  $e^2 \log_e(2)$       (D)  $-e^2 \log_e(2)$

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

**Ans. (D)**

**Sol.**  $2ye^{x/y^2}dx + (y^2 - 4xe^{x/y^2})dy = 0$

$$2e^{x/y^2} [ydx - 2xdy] + y^2 dy = 0$$

$$2e^{x/y^2} \left[ \frac{-x \cdot (2y) dy}{y} \right] + y^2 dy = 0$$

Divide by  $y^3$

$$2e^{x/y^2} \left[ \frac{y^2 dx - x \cdot (2y) dy}{y^4} \right] + \frac{1}{y} dy = 0$$

$$2e^{x/y^2} d\left(\frac{x}{y^2}\right) + \frac{1}{y} dy = 0$$

Integrating

$$\int 2e^{x/y^2} d\left(\frac{x}{y^2}\right) + \int \frac{1}{y} dy = 0$$

$$2e^{x/y^2} + \ell ny + c = 0$$

$(0, 1)$  lies on it.

$$2e^0 + \ell n 1 + c = 0 \Rightarrow c = -2$$

Required curve :  $2e^{x/y^2} + \ell ny - 2 = 0$

For x (e)

$$2e^{x/e^2} + \ell ne - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = -e^2 \log_e 2$$

- 11.** Let the slope of the tangent to a curve  $y = f(x)$  at  $(x, y)$  be given by  $2 \tan x (\cos x - y)$ . if the curve passes through the point  $(\pi/4, 0)$ , then the value

of  $\int_0^{\pi/2} y dx$  is equal to

(A)  $(2 - \sqrt{2}) + \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$       (B)  $2 - \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$

(C)  $(2 + \sqrt{2}) + \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$       (D)  $2 + \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$

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

**Ans. (B)**

**Sol.**  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2 \tan x \cos x - 2 \tan x \cdot y$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + (2 \tan x) y = 2 \sin x$$

Integrating factor =  $e^{\int 2 \tan x dx} = \frac{1}{\cos^2 x}$

$$y \left( \frac{1}{\cos^2 x} \right) = \int \frac{2 \sin x}{\cos^2 x} dx$$

$$y \sec^2 x = \frac{2}{\cos x} + C$$

$$y = 2 \cos x + C \cos^2 x$$

Passes through  $\left(\frac{\pi}{4}, 0\right)$

$$0 = \sqrt{2} + \frac{C}{2} \Rightarrow C = -2\sqrt{2}$$

$f(x) = 2 \cos x - 2\sqrt{2} \cos^2 x$  : Required curve

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} y dx = 2 \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos x dx - 2\sqrt{2} \int_0^{\pi/2} \cos^2 x dx$$

$$= [2 \sin x]_0^{\pi/2} - 2\sqrt{2} \left[ \frac{x}{2} + \frac{\sin 2x}{4} \right]_0^{\pi/2}$$

$$= 2 - \frac{\pi}{\sqrt{2}}$$

12. Let a triangle be bounded by the lines  $L_1 : 2x + 5y = 10$ ;  $L_2 : -4x + 3y = 12$  and the line  $L_3$ , which passes through the point  $P(2, 3)$ , intersect  $L_2$  at  $A$  and  $L_1$  at  $B$ . If the point  $P$  divides the line-segment  $AB$ , internally in the ratio  $1 : 3$ , then the area of the triangle is equal to

(A)  $\frac{110}{13}$       (B)  $\frac{132}{13}$

(C)  $\frac{142}{13}$       (D)  $\frac{151}{13}$

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

**Ans. (B)**

- Sol. Points  $A$  lies on  $L_2$

$$A\left(\alpha, 4 + \frac{4}{3}\alpha\right)$$

Points  $B$  lies on  $L_1$

$$B\left(\beta, 2 - \frac{2}{5}\beta\right)$$

Points  $P$  divides  $AB$  internally in the ratio  $1 : 3$

$$\Rightarrow P(2, 3) = P\left(\frac{3\alpha + \beta}{4}, \frac{3\left(4 + \frac{4}{3}\alpha\right) + 1\left(2 - \frac{2}{5}\beta\right)}{4}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{3}{13}, \beta = \frac{95}{13}$$

$$\text{Point } A\left(\frac{3}{13}, \frac{56}{13}\right), B\left(\frac{95}{13}, -\frac{12}{13}\right)$$

Vertex  $C$  of triangle is the point of intersection of  $L_1$  &  $L_2$

$$\Rightarrow C\left(-\frac{15}{13}, \frac{32}{13}\right)$$

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \frac{1}{2} \begin{vmatrix} \frac{3}{13} & \frac{56}{13} & 1 \\ \frac{95}{13} & -\frac{12}{13} & 1 \\ -\frac{15}{13} & \frac{32}{13} & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2 \times 13^3} \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 56 & 13 \\ 95 & -12 & 13 \\ -15 & 32 & 13 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\text{area } \Delta ABC = \frac{132}{13} \text{ sq. units.}$$

13. Let  $a > 0, b > 0$ . Let  $e$  and  $\ell$  respectively be the eccentricity and length of the latus rectum of the

hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{b^2}{b^2} = 1$ . Let  $e'$  and  $\ell'$  respectively be the eccentricity and length of the latus rectum of its conjugate hyperbola. If  $e^2 = \frac{11}{14}\ell$  and  $(e')^2 = \frac{11}{8}\ell'$ ,

then the value of  $77a + 44b$  is equal to

(A) 100      (B) 110

(C) 120      (D) 130

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

**Ans. (D)**

Sol.  $e = \sqrt{1 + \frac{b^2}{a^2}}, \ell = \frac{2b^2}{a}$

$$\text{Given } e^2 = \frac{11}{14}\ell$$

$$1 + \frac{b^2}{a^2} = \frac{11}{14} \frac{2b^2}{a}$$

$$\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2} = \frac{11}{7} \cdot \frac{b^2}{a} \quad \dots\dots(1)$$





$$-(6+2)\vec{a} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 2 & -13 & -4 \\ 3 & \frac{1}{2} & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{a} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - 5\hat{k}$$

Projection of  $\vec{a}$  on vector  $2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}$  is

$$\vec{a} \cdot \frac{(2\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})}{3} = \frac{5}{3}$$

20. If  $\cot \alpha = 1$  and  $\sec \beta = -\frac{5}{3}$ , where  $\pi < \alpha < \frac{3\pi}{2}$

and  $\frac{\pi}{2} < \beta < \pi$ , then the value of  $\tan(\alpha + \beta)$  and

the quadrant in which  $\alpha + \beta$  lies, respectively are

(A)  $-\frac{1}{7}$  and IV<sup>th</sup> quadrant

(B) 7 and I<sup>st</sup> quadrant

(C) -7 and IV<sup>th</sup> quadrant

(D)  $\frac{1}{7}$  and I<sup>st</sup> quadrant

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

**Ans. (A)**

**Sol.**  $\cot \alpha = 1, \sec \beta = -\frac{5}{3}, \cos \beta = \frac{-3}{5}, \tan \beta = \frac{-4}{3}$

$$\tan(\alpha + \beta) = \frac{1 - \frac{4}{3}}{1 + \frac{4}{3} \times 1} = \frac{-1}{7}$$

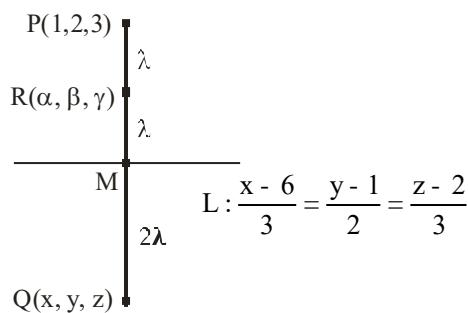
### SECTION-B

1. Let the image of the point P(1, 2, 3) in the line  $L: \frac{x-6}{3} = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z-2}{3}$  be Q. let R( $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ ) be a point that divides internally the line segment PQ in the ratio 1 : 3. Then the value of  $22(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (125)**

**Ans. (125)**

**Sol.**



Let M be the mid-point of PQ

$$\therefore M = (3\lambda + 6, 2\lambda + 1, 3\lambda + 2)$$

$$\text{Now, } \overrightarrow{PM} = (3\lambda + 5)\hat{i} + (2\lambda - 1)\hat{j} + (3\lambda - 1)\hat{k}$$

$$\because \overrightarrow{PM} \perp (3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k})$$

$$\therefore 3(3\lambda + 5) + 2(2\lambda - 1) + 3(3\lambda - 1) = 0$$

$$\lambda = \frac{-5}{11}$$

$$\therefore M\left(\frac{51}{11}, \frac{1}{11}, \frac{7}{11}\right)$$

Since R is mid-point of PM

$$22(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) = 125$$

2. Suppose a class has 7 students. The average marks of these students in the mathematics examination is 62, and their variance is 20. A student fails in the examination if he/she gets less than 50 marks, then in worst case, the number of students can fail is

**Official Ans. by NTA (0)**

**Sol.**  $20 = \frac{\sum_{i=1}^7 |x_i - 62|^2}{7}$

$$\Rightarrow |x_1 - 62|^2 + |x_2 - 62|^2 + \dots + |x_7 - 62|^2 = 140$$

$$\text{If } x_1 = 49$$

$$|49 - 62|^2 = 169$$

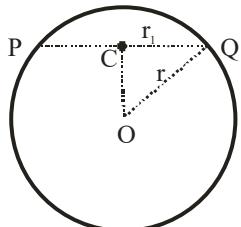
then,

$|x_2 - 62|^2 + \dots + |x_7 - 62|^2 = \text{Negative Number}$   
which is not possible, therefore, no student can

3. If one of the diameters of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 - 2\sqrt{2}x - 6\sqrt{2}y + 14 = 0$  is a chord of the circle  $(x - 2\sqrt{2})^2 + (y - 2\sqrt{2})^2 = r^2$ , then the value of  $r^2$  is equal to  
**Official Ans. by NTA (10)**

**Ans. (10)**

**Sol.**



PQ is diameter of circle

$$S: x^2 + y^2 - 2\sqrt{2}x - 6\sqrt{2}y + 14 = 0$$

$$C(\sqrt{2}, 3\sqrt{2}), O(2\sqrt{2}, 2\sqrt{2})$$

$$r_1 = \sqrt{6}$$

$$S_1: (x - 2\sqrt{2})^2 + (y - 2\sqrt{2})^2 = r^2$$

Now in  $\Delta OCQ$

$$|OC|^2 + |CQ|^2 = |OQ|^2$$

$$4 + 6 = r^2$$

$$r^2 = 10$$

4. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sin(3x^2 - 4x + 1) - x^2 + 1}{2x^3 - 7x^2 + ax + b} = -2$ , then the value of  $(a - b)$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (11)**

**Ans. (11)**

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sin(3x^2 - 4x + 1) - x^2 + 1}{2x^3 - 7x^2 + ax + b} = -2$$

For finite limit

$$a + b - 5 = 0 \quad \dots(1)$$

Apply L'H rule

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\cos(3x^2 - 4x + 1)(6x - 4) - 2x}{(6x^2 - 14x + a)} = -2$$

For finite limit

$$6 - 14 + a = 0$$

$$a = 8$$

From (1)  $b = -3$

$$Now (a - b) = 11$$

5. Let for  $n = 1, 2, \dots, 50$ ,  $S_n$  be the sum of the infinite geometric progression whose first term is  $n^2$  and whose common ratio is  $\frac{1}{(n+1)^2}$ . Then the

value of  $\frac{1}{26} + \sum_{n=1}^{50} \left( S_n + \frac{2}{n+1} - n - 1 \right)$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (41651)**

**Ans. (41651)**

$$S_n = \frac{n^2}{1 - \frac{1}{(n+1)^2}} = \frac{n(n+1)^2}{(n+2)}$$

$$S_n = \frac{n(n^2 + 2n + 1)}{(n+2)}$$

$$S_n = \frac{n[n(n+2)+1]}{(n+2)}$$

$$S_n = n \left[ n + \frac{1}{n+2} \right]$$

$$S_n = n^2 + \frac{n+2-2}{(n+2)}$$

$$S_n = n^2 + 1 - \frac{2}{(n+2)}$$

$$Now \frac{1}{26} + \sum_{n=1}^{50} \left[ (n^2 - n) - 2 \left( \frac{1}{n+2} - \frac{1}{n+1} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{26} + \left[ \frac{50 \times 51 \times 101}{6} - \frac{50 \times 51}{2} - 2 \left( \frac{1}{52} - \frac{1}{2} \right) \right]$$

$$= 41651$$

6. If the system of linear equations

$$2x - 3y = \gamma + 5,$$

$\alpha x + 5y = \beta + 1$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbf{R}$  has infinitely many solutions, then the value of  $|9\alpha + 3\beta + 5\gamma|$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (58)**

**Sol.**  $2x - 3y = \gamma + 5$

$$\alpha x + 5y = \beta + 1$$

Infinite many solution

$$\frac{\alpha}{2} = \frac{5}{-3} = \frac{\beta+1}{\gamma+5}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{-10}{3}, \quad 5\gamma + 25 = -3\beta - 3$$

$$9\alpha = -30, \quad 3\beta + 5\gamma = -28$$

$$\text{Now, } 9\alpha + 3\beta + 5\gamma = -58$$

$$|9\alpha + 3\beta + 5\gamma| = 58$$

7. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1+i & 1 \\ -i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .

Then, the number of elements in the set

$$\{n \in \{1, 2, \dots, 100\} : A^n = A\}$$
 is

**Official Ans. by NTA (25)**

  **Ans. (25)**

**Sol.**  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1 \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1 \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1+i & 1 \\ -i & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} i & 1+i \\ -i+1 & -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} i & 1+i \\ -i+1 & -i \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} i & 1+i \\ -i+1 & -i \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^4 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = I$$

$$A^{4n+1} = A$$

$$n = 1, 5, 9, \dots, 97$$

$\Rightarrow$  total elements in the set is 25.

8. Sum of squares of modulus of all the complex numbers  $z$  satisfying  $\bar{z} = iz^2 + z^2 - z$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (2)**

  **Ans. (2)**

**Sol.**  $z + \bar{z} = iz^2 + z^2$

Consider  $z = x + iy$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = x^2 - y^2 - 2xy \text{ and } x^2 - y^2 + 2xy = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = -4xy$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0 \text{ or } y = \frac{-1}{2}$$

Case 1 :  $x = 0 \Rightarrow y = 0$  here  $z = 0$

Case 2 :  $y = \frac{-1}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$$

$$(2x-1)^2 = 2$$

$$2x-1 = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1 \pm \sqrt{2}}{2}$$

$$\text{Here } z = \frac{1+\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{i}{2} \text{ or } z = \frac{1-\sqrt{2}}{2} - \frac{i}{2}$$

Sum of squares of modulus of  $z$

$$= 0 + \frac{(1+\sqrt{2})^2 + 1}{4} + \frac{(1-\sqrt{2})^2 + 1}{4} = \frac{8}{4} = 2$$

9. Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . Then the number of elements in the set  $\{f : S \times S \rightarrow S : f \text{ is onto and } f(a, b) = f(b, a) \geq a \forall (a, b) \in S \times S\}$  is

**Official Ans. by NTA (37)**

  **Ans. (37)**

- Sol.**  $(1, 1), (1, 4), (4, 1), (2, 4), (4, 2), (3, 4), (4, 3), (4, 4)$  – all have one choice for image.

- $(2, 1), (1, 2), (2, 2)$  – all have three choices for image

- $(3, 2), (2, 3), (3, 1), (1, 3), (3, 3)$  – all have two choices for image.

So the total functions  $= 3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 72$

Case 1 : None of the pre-images have 3 as image

Total functions  $= 2 \times 2 \times 1 \times 1 \times 1 = 4$

Case 2 : None of the pre-images have 2 as image

Total functions  $= 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 \times 2 = 32$

Case 3 : None of the pre-images have either 3 or 2 as image

10. The maximum number of compound propositions, out of  $p \vee r \vee s$ ,  $p \vee r \vee \sim s$ ,  $p \vee \sim q \vee s$ ,  
 $\sim p \vee \sim r \vee s$ ,  $\sim p \vee \sim r \vee \sim s$ ,  $\sim p \vee q \vee \sim s$ ,  
 $q \vee r \vee \sim s$ ,  $q \vee \sim r \vee \sim s$ ,  $\sim p \vee \sim q \vee \sim s$

that can be made simultaneously true by an assignment of the truth values to p, q, r and s, is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (9)**

**Ans. (9)**

**Sol.** If we take

p	q	r	s
F	F	T	F

The truth value of all the propositions will be true.