

## INDIAN ASSOCIATION OF PHYSICS TEACHERS

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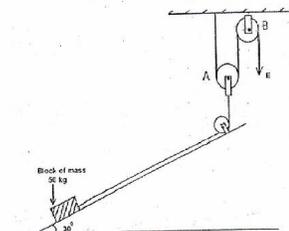
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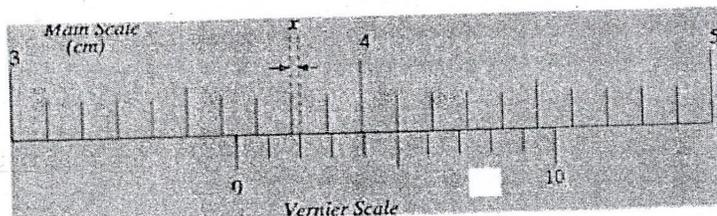
1. If  $\cos^2 x = \frac{1}{3}$  then  $\operatorname{cosec} x =$
- (A)  $\sqrt{3}$  (B)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$   
 (C)  $\sqrt{\frac{2}{3}}$  (D)  $\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}$
2. Which of digits 1, 3, 4, 5, 7, 0 cannot appear at the ten's place of powers of 3?  
 (A) 1, 3, 5 only (B) 1, 3, 5 only  
 (C) 1, 3, 5, 7 only (D) 0, 1, 3, 5 only
3. A fish is swimming in still water. At a given instant there is a bird flying vertically above the fish. For the bird the fish appears to be 15 m below the surface of water while for the fish the bird appears to be 20 m above the surface. Refractive index of water is  $\frac{4}{3}$ . Actual distance between the bird and the fish is  
 (A) 35 m (B) 40 m  
 (C) 30 m (D) 25 m
4. The smallest integer  $n$  such that  $\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} \leq 0.01$  is  
 (A) 2499 (B) 2500  
 (C) 2501 (D) 2502
5. A uniform wire of resistance per unit length  $1 \Omega/\text{m}$  is bent in the form of an equilateral triangle. If effective resistance between adjacent vertices is  $2.4 \Omega$ , length of each side of the triangle is  
 (A) 1.8 m (B) 2.4 m  
 (C) 3.6 m (D) 7.2 m
6.  $\Delta ABC$  is equilateral with each side being of unit length and  $P$  is an interior point, then the maximum product of the lengths  $AP$ ,  $BP$  and  $CP$  is  
 (A)  $\frac{1}{5\sqrt{3}}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{4\sqrt{3}}$   
 (C)  $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{6}$
7. The resultant of the force  $P$  and  $Q$  is  $R$ . If  $Q$  is doubled then  $R$  gets doubled. If  $Q$  is reversed, even then  $R$  gets doubled. Then  
 (A)  $P:Q:R = \sqrt{2} : \sqrt{3} : \sqrt{2}$  (B)  $P:Q:R = \sqrt{2} : \sqrt{2} : \sqrt{3}$   
 (C)  $P:Q:R = \sqrt{3} : \sqrt{3} : \sqrt{2}$  (D)  $P:Q:R = \sqrt{2} : \sqrt{3} : \sqrt{3}$
8. The unit's digit of  $23^{2015} \times 7^{2016} \times 13^{2017}$  is  
 (A) 1 (B) 3  
 (C) 7 (D) 9
9. A block of mass 5 kg is to be dragged along a rough horizontal surface having  $\mu_s = 0.5$  and  $\mu_k = 0.3$ . The horizontal force applied for dragging it is 20N. ( $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$ ).  
 Select correct statement/s  
 (A) Frictional force acting on the block is N  
 (B) Block will be displaced  
 (C) Block will move with acceleration  $1 \text{ m/s}^2$   
 (D) Block will initially move and then stop

10. The negation of the statement: 'f(x) is continuous for all real number x.' is  
 (A) f(x) is not continuous for all real numbers x  
 (B) f(x) is not continuous for any real number x  
 (C) f(x) is not continuous for every real number x  
 (D) f(x) is not continuous for some real number x
11. A bullet moving with a speed of 72 m/s comes to a halt in a fixed wooden block on travelling 9 cm inside it. If the wooden block (of the same type of wood) were to be 8 cm thick, the bullet would come out of the block with a speed.  
 (A)  $9 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$  (B)  $8 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$   
 (C)  $24 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$  (D)  $64 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$
12. Let l be a vertical line and m a line that makes an angle of  $\frac{\pi}{6}$  with l. Consider the cone generated by rotating m around the axis l. If plane L makes an angle of  $15^\circ$  with the line l then the intersection of the plane and the cone is  
 (A) A Parabola (B) A pair of straight lines  
 (C) An ellipse (D) A hyperbola
13. A piece of brass (an alloy of copper and zinc) weighs 12.9 g in air. When completely immersed in water, it weighs 11.3 g. What is the mass of copper contained in the alloy? The density of copper and zinc are  $8.9 \text{ g/cm}^3$  and  $7.1 \text{ g/cm}^3$  respectively.  
 (A) 6.89 g (B) 4.54 g  
 (C) 8.93 g (D) 7.61 g
14. The coefficients of x in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^5$  correspond to the  
 (A) 5<sup>th</sup> row of Pascal's triangle (B) 6<sup>th</sup> row of Pascal's triangle  
 (C) 7<sup>th</sup> row of Pascal's triangle (D) 4<sup>th</sup> row of the Pascal's triangle

15. Linked questions (15 – 16): The adjacent figure shows a ramp ( $30^\circ$ ) holding a block of mass 50 kg. The block is attached to a movable pulley A with an inextensible massless string. The moveable pulley is in turn held with the help of another fixed pulley B. The block kept on the ramp is to be raised through a vertical height of 10 cm. By what distance the string should be lowered down vertically, below E?



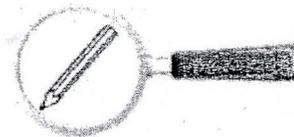
- (A) 20 cm (B) 5 cm  
 (C) 40 cm (D)  $10(3^{1/2})$  cm
16. Refer to figure in question 15. Pulleys in the figure are massless and frictionless. Neglecting friction between block and the ramp, the force that should be applied vertically downwards, at E, to slide the block along the ramp without acceleration is ( $g = 10 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$ )  
 (A) 65 N (B) 125 N  
 (C) 175 N (D) 250 N
17. The figure shows a particular position of a Vernier calipers. The value of x in cm is



- (A) 0.03 (B) 0.15  
 (C) 3.83 (D) 0.02

18. If A and B are two sets then the set  $A \times B$  is given by  
 (A)  $\{a \times b \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$  (B)  $\{(a, b) \mid a \in B, b \in A\}$   
 (C)  $\{(a, b) \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$  (D)  $\{ab \mid a \in A, b \in B\}$

19. A lens is held directly above a pencil lying on a floor and forms an image of it. On moving the lens vertically through a distance equal to its focal length, it again forms image of same size as that of the previous image. If the length of the pencil is 5.0 cm, the length of the image is  
 (A) 10.0 cm (B) 15.0 cm  
 (C) 20.0 cm (D) 12.5 cm



20. If  $A = \{2, 3\}, B = \{4, 5\}$  then  $A \times B =$   
 (A)  $\{8, 15\}$  (B)  $\{8, 10, 12, 15\}$   
 (C)  $\{(2, 4), (3, 5)\}$  (D)  $\{(2, 4), (2, 5), (3, 4), (3, 5)\}$

21. A balloon less dense than air is tied at the floor of a truck with a massless, inextensible and flexible string. The truck is observed to be taking a left turn. Select correct statement.  
 (A) The string will incline towards right (outward, w.r.t person in the truck)  
 (B) The string will incline towards left (inward, w.r.t person in the truck)  
 (C) The string will still be vertical as the balloon is less dense than air  
 (D) Buoyant force on the balloon is equal to weight of the balloon

22. A function F from A to B is  
 (A) Relation F with  $(a, b), (c, b) \in F \Rightarrow a = c$  (B)  $F \subset A \times B$   
 (C) Relation F with  $(a, b), (a, c) \in F \Rightarrow b = c$  (D) Relation F with  $(a, b), (b, c) \in F \Rightarrow (a, c) \in F$

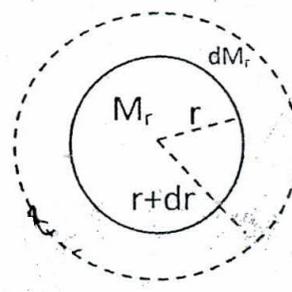
23. An ice cube with a steel ball bearing trapped inside it is floating above water in a glass. What will happen to the water level in the glass after the ice melt completely?  
 (A) Rise  
 (B) Fall  
 (C) will not change  
 (D) Answer depends upon actual position of the steel ball

24. Which of the following is a mathematically acceptable statement?  
 (A) It is an even number  
 (B) 13<sup>th</sup> December is Saturday  
 (C) Common donkey belongs to class orthopoda  
 (D) Alexander was a great king

25. **Linked Questions (25 – 29)**

A star can be considered as a spherical ball of hot gas of radius R. Inside the star, the density of the gas is  $\rho_r$  at a radius r and mass of the gas within this region is  $M_r$ . The correct differential equation for variation of mass with respect to radius is (refer to the adjacent figure)

- (A)  $\frac{dM_r}{dr} = \frac{4}{3} \pi \rho_r r^3$   
 (B)  $\frac{dM_r}{dr} = 4 \pi \rho_r r^2$   
 (C)  $\frac{dM_r}{dr} = \frac{2}{3} \pi \rho_r r^2$



$$(D) \frac{dM_r}{dr} = \frac{1}{3} \pi \rho_r r^3$$

26. A star in its prime age is said to be under equilibrium due to gravitational pull and outward radiation pressure (P). Consider the shell of thickness  $dr$  as in the figure of question (25). If the pressure on this shell is  $dp$  then the correct equation is (G is universal gravitational constant)

$$(A) \frac{dp}{dr} = \frac{GM_r}{r^2} \rho r$$

$$(B) \frac{dp}{dr} = \frac{GM_r}{r^2} \rho r$$

$$(C) \frac{dp}{dr} = -\frac{2}{3} \frac{GM_r}{r^2} \rho r$$

$$(D) \frac{dp}{dr} = \frac{2}{3} \frac{GM_r}{r^2} \rho r$$

27. In astronomy, order of magnitude estimation plays an important role. The derivative  $\frac{dp}{dr}$  can be taken as difference ratio  $\frac{\Delta p}{\Delta r}$ . Consider the star has a radius R, pressure at its centre is

$P_c$  and pressure at outer most layer is zero. If the average mass is  $\frac{M_0}{2}$  and average radius  $\frac{R_0}{2}$  then the expression for  $P_c$  is

$$(A) P_c = \frac{3}{2} \frac{GM_0^2}{\pi R_0^4}$$

$$(B) P_c = \frac{3}{4} \frac{GM_0^2}{\pi R_0^4}$$

$$(C) P_c = \frac{2}{3} \frac{GM_0^2}{\pi R_0^4}$$

$$(D) P_c = \frac{2}{3} \frac{GM_0^2}{R_0^4}$$

28. The value of mass and radius of sun are given by  $M_0 = 2 \times 10^{30}$  kg and  $R_0 = 7 \times 10^5$  km respectively. The pressure at the centre is about ( $G = 6.67 \times 10^{-11} \text{ m}^3 \text{ kg}^{-1} \text{ S}^{-2}$ )

$$(A) 2 \times 10^{14} \text{ N.m}^{-2}$$

$$(B) 2 \times 10^{15} \text{ N.m}^2$$

$$(C) 5 \times 10^{14} \text{ N.m}^{-2}$$

$$(D) 7 \times 10^{15} \text{ N.m}^{-2}$$

29. Assuming that the gas inside the sun behaves very much like the perfect gas, the temperature at the centre of the sun is nearly (the number density of gas particles  $= \frac{2\rho}{M_H}$ ,

Boltzmann constant  $k_B = 1.4 \times 10^{-23} \text{ JK}^{-1}$  and mass of proton  $M_H = 1.67 \times 10^{-27} \text{ kg}$ )

$$(A) 3 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$$

$$(B) 2 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$$

$$(C) 4 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$$

$$(D) 6 \times 10^7 \text{ K}$$

30. At the earth's equator a satellite is observed passing directly overhead moving west to east in the sky. Exactly 12 hours. Later, satellite is again observed directly overhead. The altitude of the satellite is (Radius of earth 6400 km)

$$(A) 1.82 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$(B) 1.39 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$(C) 3.59 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

$$(D) 6.4 \times 10^7 \text{ m}$$

31. Passage 31 to 33

Two stars, with masses  $M_1$  and  $M_2$  are in circular orbits around their common centre of mass. The star with mass  $M_1$  has an orbit of radius  $R_1$  and the star with mass  $M_2$  has an orbit of radius  $R_2$ . The correct relation is

$$(A) \frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{M_2}{M_1}$$

$$(B) \frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{M_1}{M_2}$$

$$(C) \frac{R_1}{R_2} = \sqrt{\frac{M_2}{M_1}}$$

$$(D) \frac{R_1}{R_2} = \sqrt{\frac{M_1}{M_2}}$$

32. The time period of each of the star is

$$(A) T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 (R_1 + R_2)^2 R_2}{GM_2}$$

$$(B) T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 (R_1 + R_2)^3}{G(M_1 + M_2)}$$

$$(C) T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 (R_1 + R_2)^2 R_2}{GM_1}$$

$$(D) T^2 = \frac{4\pi^2 (R_1 + R_2)^2 R_1}{GM_1}$$

33. The two stars in certain binary system move in circular orbits. The first star alpha has an orbital speed of 36.0 km. s<sup>-1</sup>. The second star, beta has an orbital speed of 12.0 km s<sup>-1</sup>. The orbital period of first star is 137 days. The mass of the two stars are about

$$(A) 2.1 \times 10^{30} \text{ and } 6.8 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

$$(B) 1.3 \times 10^{30} \text{ and } 3.9 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

$$(C) 3.5 \times 10^{30} \text{ and } 9.2 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

$$(D) 0.8 \times 10^{30} \text{ and } 2.3 \times 10^{30} \text{ kg}$$

34. Passage question 34 – 36

Consider a spacecraft in an elliptical orbit around the earth. At the low point or perigee of its orbit, it is 400 km above the earth's surface. At the high point or apogee it is 4000 km above the earth's surface. The period of the space craft's orbit is (g = 9.8 ms<sup>-2</sup> and R = 6400 km)

$$(A) 0.29 \text{ hr}$$

$$(B) 1.82 \text{ hrs}$$

$$(C) 2.21 \text{ hrs}$$

$$(D) 3.56 \text{ hrs}$$

35. The ratio of speed of the spacecraft at perigee to its speed at apogee is almost equal to

$$(A) 10 : 1$$

$$(B) 3 : 2$$

$$(C) 2 : 3$$

$$(D) 1 : 10$$

36. The speed of the satellite at perigee is

$$(A) 8576 \text{ m.s}^{-1}$$

$$(B) 57,307 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$(C) 5876 \text{ m s}^{-1}$$

$$(D) 7856 \text{ m . s}^{-1}$$

37. Astronomers believe that a large percentage of the mass of the universe is dark matter. In one recent study, the transverse velocity of the Large Magellanic cloud (LMC) was measured to be 200 km . s<sup>-1</sup>. The LCM is believed to orbit the centre of our galaxy at about 17 X10<sup>4</sup> ly (1.6X10<sup>21</sup> m). Assuming a circular orbit, percentage of dark matter in our galaxy

is about (independent estimate of visible matter is 2X10<sup>41</sup> kg)

$$(A) 77\%$$

$$(B) 82\%$$

$$(C) 70\%$$

$$(D) 80\%$$

38. The escape speed from Jupiter is approximately 59.5 km s<sup>-1</sup> and its radius is about 12 times that of earth. From this we may estimate the mean density of Jupiter to be about (Radius of earth = 6400 km and escape speed from the earth is 11.2 km s<sup>-1</sup>)

$$(A) 5 \text{ times that of earth}$$

$$(B) 0.2 \text{ times that of the earth}$$

$$(C) 2.5 \text{ times that of the earth}$$

$$(D) 0.4 \text{ times that of the earth}$$

39. The orbit of planet mercury has the largest eccentricity of about 0.2 in the solar system. If the maximum distance of mercury from the centre of the sun is about 69 million Km, its minimum distance from sun is about

$$(A) 13.8 \text{ million km}$$

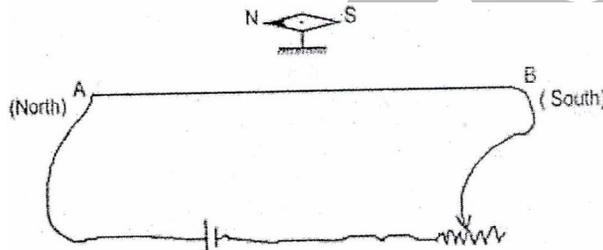
$$(B) 57.5 \text{ million km}$$

$$(C) 46 \text{ million km}$$

$$(D) 18 \text{ million km}$$

40. As observed from a place in Australia the pole star  
 (A) appears in the southern direction (B) appears at about  $30^\circ$  above the horizon  
 (C) much brighter than seen from India (D) can never be seen
41. Evaporation of (sweat) water is an essential mechanism in human beings for maintaining normal body temperature. For human beings, heat of vaporization of water at a body temperature of  $37^\circ\text{C}$  is nearly  $2.3 \text{ MJ/kg}$  and specific heat capacity is  $3.5 \text{ kJ/(kg.K)}$ . On consuming a certain prescribed diet, the body temperature of an athlete of mass  $82 \text{ kg}$  is expected to increase by  $2^\circ\text{C}$ . In order to prevent this, he drinks  $N$  bottles of mineral water ( $250 \text{ ml}$  water in each) at  $37^\circ\text{C}$ . Assume that the entire amount of this water is given out as sweat, which vaporizes.  $N$  is nearly (density of water =  $1000 \text{ kg.m}^{-3}$ )  
 (A) 1 (B) 2  
 (C) 3 (D) 4
42. The number  $n = 1 + 12 + 60 + 160 + 240 + 192 + 64$  is  
 (A) A perfect square and a perfect cube (B) Neither a perfect square nor a perfect cube  
 (C) A perfect cube but not a perfect square (D) A perfect square but not a perfect cube
43. A football (assumed to be a hollow sphere) of mass  $200 \text{ g}$  and radius  $16 \text{ cm}$ , is given horizontal kick  $4 \text{ cm}$  above its centre. This imparts a speed of  $8 \text{ cm/s}$  to the football. Angular speed acquired by the football in radian/s is  
 (A)  $9/16$  (B)  $15/16$   
 (C)  $3/4$  (D)  $16/15$
44. For set  $A, B$  we have (here  $X^c$  denote complement of set  $X$ )  $(A \times B)^c =$   
 (A)  $A^c \times B^c$  (B)  $B^c \times A^c$   
 (C)  $A^c \times B \cup B^c \times A \cup A^c \times B^c$  (D)  $A^c \times B \cup A \times B^c \cup A^c \times B^c$
45. A small marble (assumed to be a uniform solid sphere) is released on one end of a parabolic mirror from a vertical height of  $70 \text{ cm}$ . First half part of this mirror is rough on which the marble is released. Other half of the mirror is smooth. Throughout its motion the marble never slips. To what vertical height will it rise on the smooth surface?  
 (A)  $98 \text{ cm}$  (B)  $70 \text{ cm}$   
 (C)  $63 \text{ cm}$  (D)  $50 \text{ cm}$
46. The number  $3^{12} + 2^9 + 3(3 \times 6^4 + 6^5) + 2^6$  is  
 (A) A perfect square and a perfect cube (B) A perfect cube but not a perfect square  
 (C) A perfect square but not a perfect cube (D) Neither a perfect square nor a perfect cube
47. Radius and moment of inertia of a smooth pulley are  $0.1 \text{ m}$  and  $1 \text{ kg.m}^2$  respectively. A tangential force of  $f = 40t - 10t^2$  sets the pulley into rotation. Direction of its rotation reverses after some time. The time duration after which the direction will reverse is  
 (A)  $6\text{s}$  (B)  $8\text{s}$   
 (C)  $4\text{s}$  (D)  $12\text{s}$
48.  $\log_{10} 0.01 + \log_{0.1} 10 + \log_{1.0} 0.001 + \log_{0.1} 0.001 =$   
 (A)  $\log_{10.2} 10.012$  (B)  $\log_{10} 0.000001 + 3$   
 (C)  $-4 + \log_2 8$  (D) None of the above
49. A car is fitted with a rear view mirror of focal length  $20 \text{ cm}$ . Another car,  $2.8 \text{ m}$  behind the first car is  $15 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  faster than the first car and approaching. The relative speed of image of the second car, with respect to first car at this instant, is  
 (A)  $1/15 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  (B)  $1/10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$   
 (C)  $1/5 \text{ ms}^{-1}$  (D)  $2/15 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

50.  $\log_{\sqrt{2}} 16 + \log_{27} 9 + \log_{\frac{1}{3}} 3$
- (A) Is defined but cannot be found (B) Is not defined  
 (C) Is defined and equals  $-\frac{1}{3}$  (D) Is defined and equals  $\frac{23}{3}$
51. An electric buggy is stationed exactly midway between two plane vertical walls parallel to each other. A man standing adjacent to buggy blows whistle momentarily. Instantly the buggy starts running towards one of the walls with a velocity 35 m/s. the driver of the buggy records first two echoes of eh whistle with a delay of exactly one second. Speed of sound in air at the temperature is 350 m/s. Distance between the walls must be
- (A) 433.125 m (B) 866.25 m  
 (C) 1732.5 m (D) 3465 m
52. The number of points at which  $|x^3 - 1|$  is not differentiable is
- (A) 3 (B) 2  
 (C) 1 (D) 0
53. The circuit given below has a long straight wire AB placed horizontal along North-South direction. A small magnetic needle can be held anywhere near this wire. Choose the correct statement.



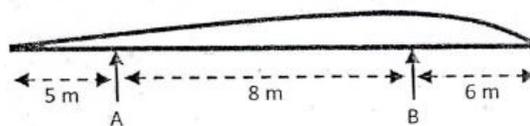
- (A) North Pole of the magnetic needle will deflect towards East, if the compass is just above the wire.  
 (B) North pole of the magnetic needle will deflect towards West, if the compass is at exactly same level of the wire.  
 (C) North pole of the magnetic needle will deflect towards East, if the compass is just below the wire.  
 (D) Magnetic needle will not deflect, if kept just below the wire.
54. If  $\overline{AB}, \overline{BC}, \overline{CD}, \overline{DA}$  are unit vectors such that  $\overline{AB} \cdot \overline{BC} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  then
- (A) Point A, B, C, D are concyclic.  
 (B) Quadrilateral ABCD has area  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$ .  
 (C) Quadrilateral ABCD has half of the maximal area for quadrilateral with same perimeter.  
 (D) The area determined by the vectors is  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ .
55. INSAT series of satellites are launched by India for telecommunication. Such satellites appear stationary at a particular point in the sky when observed from the earth. Consider the following statements:
- (i) The satellite always experiences gravitation of the earth.  
 (ii) The satellite does not need any fuel for its motion.  
 (iii) The satellite does not experience net force.  
 (iv) Such satellites have to be positioned vertically above the equator.
- (A) Only (ii), (iii) & (iv) are correct  
 (B) Only (ii), (ii) & (iii) are correct  
 (C) Only (ii) & (iii) are correct  
 (D) Only (ii) & (ii) are correct

56. The number  $3^8(3^{10} + 6^5) + 2^3(2^{12} + 6^7)$  is  
 (A) A perfect square and a perfect cube (B) Neither a perfect square nor a perfect cube  
 (C) A perfect cube but not a perfect square (D) A perfect square but not a perfect cube
57. The optical effects (phenomena) involved when we see a rainbow could be associated with  
 (i) internal reflection  
 (ii) dispersion  
 (iii) total internal reflection  
 (iv) deviation  
 Select the correct option  
 (A) (ii), (iii) and (iv) (B) (i), (ii) and (iv)  
 (C) (i) and (iv) (D) (iii) and (iv)
58. Which of the following statements are true about periodic functions defined on the set of real numbers.  
 A: Sum of two functions with finite period is always a periodic function with finite period  
 B: The period of a function that is sum of two periodic functions with finite period is least common multiple of the period of two functions.  
 (A) A and B are correct (B) A is correct but B is incorrect  
 (C) A is false but B is correct (D) A and B are false
59. Unaware about the fact that analog ammeters and voltmeters can also have zero error, a student recorded following readings while determining resistance by using Ohm's law

Obs. No.	Voltage/V	Current/mA	Obs No.	Voltage/V	Current/mA
1	1.0	40	4	7.0	160
2	3.0	80	5	9.0	200
3	5.0	120			

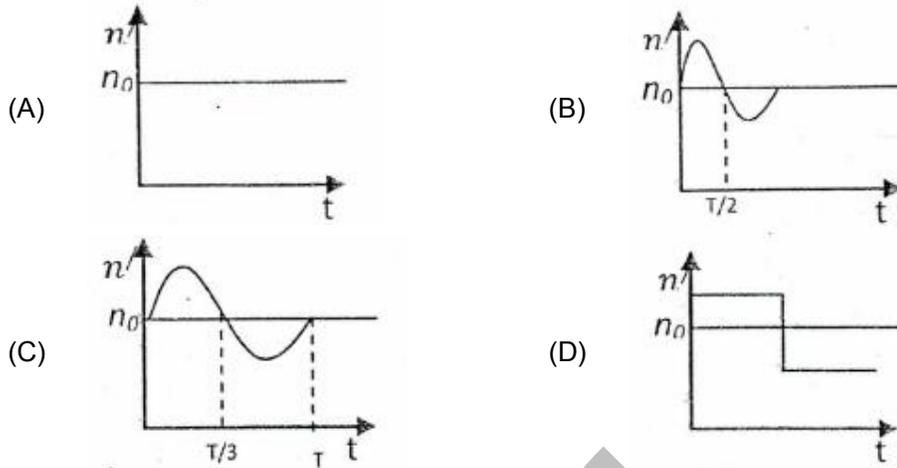
- If the ammeter has no zero error, the zero error is the voltmeter is  
 (A)  $-1V$  (B)  $-1.5 V$   
 (C)  $0.5 V$  (D)  $1 V$
60. The inverse function of the function  $\sin x + \cos x$  is  
 (A)  $\sin^{-1} x + \cos^{-1} x$  (B)  $\frac{1}{\sin x + \cos x}$   
 (C)  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  (D)  $\sin^{-1}\left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{2}}\right) - \frac{\pi}{4}$
61. Particle A collides elastically (perfect) with another particle B which was at rest. They disperse in opposite directions with same speeds. Ratio of their masses respectively must be  
 (A) 1 : 2 (B) 1 : 3  
 (C) 1 : 4 (D) 2 : 3
62.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \left( \frac{\sin x + \cos x}{x + \frac{\pi}{4}} \right) =$   
 (A)  $\infty$  (B)  $-\infty$   
 (C)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (D)  $\sqrt{2}$

63. A log rowing boat put upside down, shown in adjacent figure, has to be weighed using only a single bathroom scale. The boat will sag if it is supported only in the middle and so the scales must be put first at position A with a wooden support at B and then at position B with the wooden support at A. The readings on the scale are 45 kg and 55 kg respectively. The distance of centre of mass (from point A) and mass of the boat are respectively



- (A) 4.4 m, 120 kg  
(B) 4.4 m, 100 kg  
(C) 4.2 m, 100 kg  
(D) 4.2 m, 120 kg
64. The number of real solutions of the equation  $(x - 1)(3^x - 2) = 1$  is  
(A) 0  
(B) 1  
(C) 2  
(D) more than 2
65. A train of mass  $m$  is moving on a circular track of radius  $r$  with constant speed  $v$ . Length of the train is exactly equal to half the circumference of the circular track. Magnitude of its linear momentum is  
(A)  $mv/\pi$   
(B)  $0.5 mv$   
(C)  $2 mv/\pi$   
(D)  $mv$
66. The number of integers  $a, b, c$  for which  $2a^2 + b^2 - 8c = 7$  is  
(A) 2  
(B) infinite  
(C) 0  
(D) 4
67. In SI units we use length, mass and time as fundamental quantities. Another intelligent world may not know these. However, three constants  $G$  (universal gravitational constant),  $c$  (speed of light in vacuum) and  $h$  (Planck's constant) are really universal and can be related to almost all the known interactions. In terms of these fundamental constants, the dimensions of time are  
(A)  $[G^{\frac{1}{2}}c^{-\frac{5}{2}}h^{\frac{1}{2}}]$   
(B)  $[G^1c^{-2}h^{\frac{1}{2}}]$   
(C)  $[G^2c^{-\frac{1}{2}}h^{\frac{1}{2}}]$   
(D)  $[G^{\frac{1}{2}}c^{-\frac{3}{2}}h^{\frac{1}{2}}]$
68. If  $p(x) = x(x + 1)(x + 2) \dots (x + 2001) - c$  then the maximum multiplicity of the roots of  $p(x)$  can be  
(A) 1  
(B) 2  
(C) 3  
(D) 2001

69. A train is running on a circular track of radius  $R$  with a constant speed. The driver is blowing siren of a constant frequency ( $n_0$ ) throughout the circular motion of period  $T$ . There is a listener on the diameter of the track at a distance  $R/2$  from centre of the circle. At  $t = 0$ , the train siren is farthest from the listener. In the following graphs the frequency, as recorded by the listener is plotted against time. Which of them is closest to the correct pattern?



70. If  $\{x\}$  denotes the fractional part of a real number then  $\int_0^{\sqrt{2}} \{x^2\} dx =$

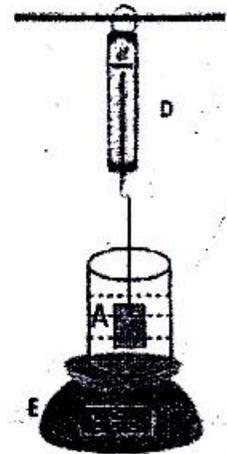
- (A)  $2\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{3}$   
 (C)  $1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$  (D)  $1 + \frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$

71. Adjacent figure shows a block A, held by a spring balance D and submerged into a liquid in a beaker. The beaker is kept on a weighing balance E. Mass of the beaker plus the liquid is 2.5 kg. Balance D reads 2.5 kg and E reads 7.5 kg. Volume of the block is  $0.003 \text{ m}^3$ . Consider the following statements

- (i) The density of the liquid is  $5000/3 \text{ kg/m}^3$   
 (ii) The mass of block A is 7.5 kg  
 (iii) The buoyant force is 5 kg wt  
 (iv) if half the volume of the block is pulled out of the liquid, E would read 5 kg

Select correct option(s)

- (A) i, iii & iv (B) i, ii & iv  
 (C) i & iv (D) i, ii, iii & iv



72. AM-HM inequality for positive real numbers  $a, b, c$  states that  $\frac{a+b+c}{3} \geq \frac{3abc}{ab+cb+ca}$ . If  $a, b$  are positive irrational numbers then

- (A)  $\frac{9ab}{2a+b} \leq a+b$  (B)  $\frac{9ab}{2a+b} \leq 1$   
 (C)  $\frac{9ab}{a+2b} \leq 2a+b$  (D)  $\frac{18ab}{2a+b} \leq a+2b$

73. Two-identical stars with mass  $M$  orbit around their centre of mass in circular orbit. If radius of the orbit is  $R$  and the stars are always diametrically opposite, then consider the following statements.

(i) Their binding force is equal to  $\frac{GM^2}{4R^2}$

(ii) If the stars are heavier and closer, their orbital speed is greater

(iii) The period of the orbit is  $T = \pi\sqrt{\frac{R^2}{GM}}$

(iv) The minimum energy required to separate the two stars to infinity is equal to  $\frac{GM^2}{4R^2}$

Select the correct statement/s

(A) only (i) and (ii)

(B) only (i), (ii) and (iv)

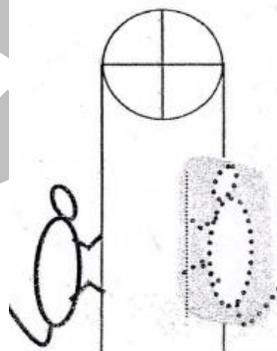
(C) only (i),(iii) and (iv)

(D) only (i) and (iii)

74. The number of positive integers  $n \leq 50$  such that  $\sqrt[3]{n + \sqrt[3]{n + \sqrt[3]{n + \dots}}}$  is a natural number is  
 (A) zero (B) 2  
 (C) 50 (D) 5

75. A monkey is holding onto one end of a rope which passes over a frictionless pulley and at the other end is a plane mirror which has a mass equal to the mass of the monkey. At equilibrium the monkey is able to see her image in the mirror. How does the monkey see her image in the mirror as she climbs up the rope?

- (A) The image of the monkey moves with double speed of that of the monkey.  
 (B) The image of monkey moves with half the speed of that of the monkey  
 (C) The image of monkey moves as fast as the monkey  
 (D) The monkey will not be able to see her image



76. If  $i = \sqrt{-1}$  then  $i^{21}$  is a  
 (A) purely imaginary number  
 (B) a natural number  
 (C) a real number  
 (D) a complex number with non-zero real and imaginary parts

77. A steel ball is dropped from a height of 1 m on to a hard non-conducting surface. Every time it bounces it reaches 80% of its previous height. All the losses in the energy are accounted only for increasing temperature. Nearly how much is the rise in temperature of the ball just after the third bounce? ( $g = 10 \text{ m/s}^2$  specific heat capacity of material of the ball =  $500 \text{ J/(kg - K)}$ )  
 (A)  $0.005^\circ\text{C}$  (B)  $0.01^\circ\text{C}$   
 (C)  $0.015^\circ\text{C}$  (D)  $0.02^\circ\text{C}$

78. In a track event, a circumcircle and an incircle were drawn for a triangle having sides 50 m, 120m and 130m respectively. Ram and Sham were asked to walk on the in-circle and the circumcircle respectively. They started walking with same speed in the same direction (sense of rotation) from a point where they were closest. After how many rounds each, will they be closes again?  
 (A) Ram 4 and Sham 13 (B) Ram 13 and Sham 4  
 (C) Ram 5, Sham 15 (D) Ram 5, Sham 12

79. The angle between the two complex number  $a = i^i$  and  $b = 1$  is  
(A)  $\pi$  (B) 0  
(C)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (D)  $-\frac{\pi}{2}$
80. The number of rectangles that can be formed by joining the points of  $4 \times 4$  grid of equispaced points is  
(A) 16 (B) 36  
(C) 40 (D) 42

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