



General Instructions

- (i) **Duration:** The total duration of the examination is 1 hours (60 minutes).
- (ii) **Total Marks:** The complete Mathematics paper carries a maximum of 100 marks.
- (iii) **Structure:** The paper consists of two sections:
 - **Section A:** 20 Multiple Choice Questions (MCQs).
 - **Section B:** 5 Numerical Value Type Questions.
- (iv) **Compulsory Questions:** All 25 questions are compulsory.
- (v) Each question has four options. Only **one** option is correct.
- (vi) **Correct Answer:** +4 marks.
- (vii) **Incorrect Answer:** –1 mark (Negative marking).
- (viii) **Unanswered/Marked for Review:** 0 marks.

Mathematics Section - A

1. Let α, β be the roots of the equation $x^2 - x + p = 0$ and γ, δ be the roots of the equation $x^2 - 4x + q = 0$; $p, q \in \mathbb{Z}$. If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ are in G.P, then $|p + q|$ equals :

- (A) 16
- (B) 32
- (C) 34
- (D) 38

2. Let $z_1, z_2 \in \mathbb{C}$ be the distinct solutions of the equation $z^2 + 4z - (1 + 12i) = 0$. Then $|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2$ is equal to :

- (A) 18
 - (B) 22
 - (C) 29
 - (D) 34
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3. If $f : \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ is defined by

$$f(n) = \begin{vmatrix} n & -1 & -5 \\ -2n^2 & 3(2k+1) & 2k+1 \\ -3n^3 & 3k(2k+1) & 3k(k+2)+1 \end{vmatrix}, k \in \mathbb{N},$$

and $\sum_{n=1}^k f(n) = 98$, then k is equal to :

- (A) 3
 - (B) 4
 - (C) 5
 - (D) 6
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4. Let M be a 3×3 matrix such that $M \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $M \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $M \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$. If

$M \begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \\ z \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 7 \\ 11 \end{pmatrix}$, then $x + y + z$ equals :

- (A) 4
 - (B) 5
 - (C) 7
 - (D) 11
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5. If the sum of the first 10 terms of the series $\frac{1}{1+1^4 \cdot 4} + \frac{2}{1+2^4 \cdot 4} + \frac{3}{1+3^4 \cdot 4} + \dots$ is $\frac{m}{n}$, $\gcd(m, n) = 1$, then $m + n$ is equal to :

- (A) 256
 - (B) 264
 - (C) 276
 - (D) 284
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6. Let $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{39}$ be 39 arithmetic means between the numbers 59 and 159. Then the mean of A_{25}, A_{28}, A_{31} and A_{36} is equal to :

- (A) 129
 - (B) 136
 - (C) 131.50
 - (D) 134
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7. The coefficient of x^2 in the expansion of $\left(2x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{10}$, $x \neq 0$, is :

- (A) 3240
 - (B) 3360
 - (C) 3480
 - (D) 3600
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8. The probabilities that players A and B of a team are selected for the captaincy for a tournament are 0.6 and 0.4, respectively. If A is selected the captain, the probability that the team wins the tournament is 0.8 and if B is selected the captain, the probability that the team wins the tournament is 0.7. Then the probability, that the team wins the tournament, is :

- (A) 0.74
- (B) 0.76
- (C) 0.72
- (D) 0.78

9. A box contains 5 blue, 6 yellow and 4 red balls. The number of ways, of drawing 8 balls containing at least two balls of each colour, is :

- (A) 4100
- (B) 4140
- (C) 4230
- (D) 4290

10. A variable X takes values $0, 0, 2, 6, 12, 20, \dots, n(n-1)$ with frequencies $\binom{n}{0}, \binom{n}{1}, \binom{n}{2}, \binom{n}{3}, \binom{n}{4}, \binom{n}{5}, \dots, \binom{n}{n}$ respectively. If the mean of this data is 60, then its median is :

- (A) 56
- (B) 42
- (C) 72
- (D) 90

11. Let the point P be the vertex of the parabola $y = x^2 - 6x + 12$. If a line passing through the point P intersects the circle $x^2 + y^2 - 2x - 4y + 3 = 0$ at the points R and S , then the maximum value of $(PR + PS)^2$ is :

- (A) 10
- (B) 20
- (C) 25
- (D) 5

12. Let the directrix of the parabola $P : y^2 = 8x$, cut x -axis at the point A . Let $B(\alpha, \beta)$, $\alpha > 1$, be a point on P such that the slope of AB is $3/5$. If BC is a focal chord of P , then six times the area of $\triangle ABC$ is :

- (A) 80
- (B) 160

- (C) 174
(D) 192
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13. Let the eccentricity e of a hyperbola satisfy the equation $6e^2 - 11e + 3 = 0$. If the foci of the hyperbola are $(3, 5)$ and $(3, -4)$, then the length of its latus rectum is :

- (A) $11/3$
(B) $17/3$
(C) $15/2$
(D) $17/2$
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14. Let a triangle PQR be such that P and Q lie on the line $\frac{x+3}{8} = \frac{y-4}{2} = \frac{z+1}{2}$ and are at a distance of 6 units from $R(1, 2, 3)$. If (α, β, γ) is the centroid of $\triangle PQR$, then $\alpha + \beta + \gamma$ is equal to :

- (A) 4
(B) 5
(C) 6
(D) 8
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15. If the distance of the point $(a, 2, 5)$ from the image of the point $(1, 2, 7)$ in the line $\frac{x}{1} = \frac{y-1}{1} = \frac{z-2}{2}$ is 4, then the sum of all possible values of a is equal to :

- (A) 11
(B) 9
(C) 6
(D) 4
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16. Let O be the origin, $\vec{OP} = \vec{a}$ and $\vec{OQ} = \vec{b}$. If R is the point on $\vec{OP}$ such that $\vec{OP} = 5\vec{OR}$, and M is the point such that $\vec{OQ} = 5\vec{RM}$, then $\vec{PM}$ is equal to :

- (A) $\frac{1}{5}(\vec{a} - 4\vec{b})$
(B) $\frac{1}{5}(\vec{b} - 4\vec{a})$
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(C) $\frac{1}{5}(-\vec{a} + 4\vec{b})$

(D) $\frac{1}{5}(-\vec{b} + 4\vec{a})$

17. Let $f(x) = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos(xy)) \tan(xy)}{y^3}$. Then the number of solutions of the equation $f(x) = \sin x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ is :

(A) 0

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 1

18. Let $(2^{1-a} + 2^{1+a}), f(a), (3^a + 3^{-a})$ be in A.P and α be the minimum value of $f(a)$. Then the value of the integral $\int_{\log_e(\alpha-1)}^{\log_e(\alpha)} \frac{dx}{(e^{2x} - e^{-2x})}$ is :

(A) $\frac{1}{2} \log_e \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)$

(B) $\frac{1}{4} \log_e \left(\frac{4}{3} \right)$

(C) $\frac{1}{2} \log_e \left(\frac{8}{5} \right)$

(D) $\frac{1}{4} \log_e \left(\frac{8}{5} \right)$

19. Let $f : [1, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function defined as $f(x) = \int_1^x f(t) dt + (1-x)(\log_e x - 1) + e$. Then the value of $f(f(1))$ is :

(A) $(1 + e^e)$

(B) $(1 + e)$

(C) $(1 + e + e^e)$

(D) $1 + 2e$

20. Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be twice differentiable functions satisfying $f''(x) = g''(x)$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $f'(1) = 2g'(1) = 4$ and $g(2) = 3f(2) = 9$. Then $f(25) - g(25)$ is equal to :

(A) 20

(B) 40

(C) -20

(D) -40

21. Let $A = \{1, 4, 7\}$ and $B = \{2, 3, 8\}$. Then the number of elements in the relation $R = \{((a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2)) \in (A \times B) \times (A \times B) : a_1 + b_2 \text{ divides } a_2 + b_1\}$ is :

22. From the point $(-1, -1)$, two rays are sent making angles of 45° with the line $x + y = 0$. These rays get reflected from the mirror $x + 2y = 1$. If the equations of the reflected rays are $ax + by = 9$ and $cx + dy = 7$, $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$, then the value of $ad + bc$ is :

23. If $S = \{\theta \in [-\pi, \pi] : \cos \theta \cos \frac{5\theta}{2} = \cos 7\theta \cos \frac{7\theta}{2}\}$, then $n(S)$ is equal to :

24. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function such that $f(x) + 3f\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - x\right) = \sin x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Let the maximum value of f on $\mathbb{R}$ be α . If the area of the region bounded by the curves $g(x) = x^2$ and $h(x) = \beta x^3$, $\beta > 0$, is α^2 , then $30\beta^3$ is equal to :

25. Let $y = y(x)$ be the solution of the differential equation $(\tan x)^{1/2} dy = (\sec^3 x - (\tan x)^{3/2}) dx$, $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$, $y\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{6\sqrt{2}}{5}$. If $y\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) = \frac{4}{5}\alpha$, then α^4 equals :
