

**MATHEMATICS**

**TEST PAPER WITH SOLUTION**

**SECTION-A**

1. If 
$$\begin{vmatrix} x+1 & x & x \\ x & x+\lambda & x \\ x & x & x+\lambda^2 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{9}{8}(103x+81),$$
 then  $\lambda,$

$\frac{\lambda}{3}$  are the roots of the equation

(1)  $4x^2 + 24x - 27 = 0$       (2)  $4x^2 - 24x + 27 = 0$

(3)  $4x^2 + 24x + 27 = 0$       (4)  $4x^2 - 24x - 27 = 0$

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

**Allen Ans. (2)**

**Sol.** Put  $x = 0$

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & \lambda & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda^2 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{9}{8} \times 81$$

$$\lambda^3 = \frac{9^3}{8} \therefore \lambda = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{\lambda}{3} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$\therefore$  Required equation is :  $x^2 - x\left(\frac{9}{2} + \frac{3}{2}\right)x + \frac{27}{4} = 0$

$$4x^2 - 24x + 27 = 0$$

2. Let the line passing through the points, P (2, -1, 2) and Q (5, 3, 4) meet the plane  $x - y + z = 4$  at the point R. Then the distance of the point R from the plane  $x + 2y + 3z + 2 = 0$  measured parallel to the

line  $\frac{x-7}{2} = \frac{y+3}{2} = \frac{z-2}{1}$  is equal to

(1)  $\sqrt{31}$                                       (2)  $\sqrt{189}$

(3)  $\sqrt{61}$                                       (4) 3

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Allen Ans. (4)**

**Sol.** Line :  $\frac{x-5}{3} = \frac{y-3}{4} = \frac{z-4}{2} = \lambda$

R(3 $\lambda$ +5, 4 $\lambda$ +3, 2 $\lambda$ +4)

$\therefore 3\lambda + 5 - 4\lambda - 3 + 2\lambda + 4 = 4$

$\lambda + 6 = 4 \therefore \lambda = -2$

$\therefore R \equiv (-1, -5, 0)$

Line :  $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y+5}{2} = \frac{z-0}{1} = \mu$

Point T = (2 $\mu$ -1, 2 $\mu$ -5,  $\mu$ )

It lies on plane

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

$$\mu = 1$$

$$\therefore T = (1, -3, 1)$$

$$\therefore RT = 3$$

3. If the 1011<sup>th</sup> term from the end in the binomial expansion of  $\left(\frac{4x}{5} - \frac{5}{2x}\right)^{2022}$  is 1024 times 1011<sup>th</sup> term from the beginning, then |x| is equal to

(1) 12

(2) 8

(3) 10

(4) 15

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

**Allen Ans. (BONUS)**

**Sol.**  $T_{1011}$  from beginning =  $T_{1010+1}$

$$= {}^{2022}C_{1010} \left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)^{1012} \left(\frac{-5}{2x}\right)^{1010}$$

$T_{1011}$  from end

$$= {}^{2022}C_{1010} \left(\frac{-5}{2x}\right)^{1012} \left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)^{1010}$$

Given :  ${}^{2022}C_{1010} \left(\frac{-5}{2x}\right)^{1012} \left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)^{1010}$

$$= 2^{10} \cdot {}^{2022}C_{1010} \left(\frac{-5}{2x}\right)^{1010} \left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)^{1012}$$

$$\left(\frac{-5}{2x}\right)^2 = 2^{10} \left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)^2$$

$$x^4 = \frac{5^4}{2^{16}}$$

$$|x| = \frac{5}{16}$$

4. Let the function  $f : [0, 2] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined as

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{\min\{x^2, x-[x]\}}, & x \in [0, 1) \\ e^{[x - \log_e x]}, & x \in [1, 2] \end{cases}$$

where  $[t]$  denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to  $t$ . Then the value of the integral

$$\int_0^2 xf(x) dx \text{ is}$$

- (1)  $2e - 1$  (2)  $1 + \frac{3e}{2}$   
 (3)  $2e - \frac{1}{2}$  (4)  $(e - 1)\left(e^2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)$

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

**Allen Ans. (3)**

**Sol.** Minimum  $\{x^2, \{x\}\} = x^2; x \in [0, 1)$

$$[x - \log_e x] = 1; x \in [1, 2)$$

$$\therefore f(x) = \begin{cases} e^{x^2}; x \in [0, 1) \\ e; x \in [1, 2) \end{cases}$$

$$\int_0^2 xf(x) dx = \int_0^1 xe^{x^2} dx + \int_1^2 ex dx$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(e - 1) + \frac{1}{2}(4 - 1)e$$

$$= 2e - \frac{1}{2}$$

5. Let  $y = y(x)$  be the solution of the differential

$$\text{equations } \frac{dy}{dx} + \frac{5}{x(x^5 + 1)}y = \frac{(x^5 + 1)^2}{x^7}, x > 0. \text{ If}$$

$y(1) = 2$ , then  $y(2)$  is equal to

- (1)  $\frac{637}{128}$  (2)  $\frac{679}{128}$   
 (3)  $\frac{693}{128}$  (4)  $\frac{697}{128}$

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

**Allen Ans. (3)**

$$\text{Sol. I.F} = e^{\int \frac{5dx}{x(x^5+1)}} = e^{\int \frac{5x^{-6}dx}{(x^{-5}+1)}}$$

$$\text{Put, } 1 + x^{-5} = t \Rightarrow -5x^{-6}dx = dt$$

$$\Rightarrow e^{\int \frac{-dt}{t}} = \frac{1}{t} = \frac{x^5}{1+x^5}$$

$$y \cdot \frac{x^5}{1+x^5} = \int \frac{x^5}{(1+x^5)} \times \frac{(1+x^5)^2}{x^7} dx$$

$$= \int x^3 dx + \int x^{-2} dx$$

$$y \cdot \frac{x^5}{1+x^5} = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{1}{x} + c$$

$$\text{Given that : } x = 1 \Rightarrow y = 2$$

$$2 \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4} - 1 + c$$

$$c = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$y \cdot \frac{x^5}{1+x^5} = \frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{1}{x} + \frac{7}{4}$$

Now put,  $x = 2$

$$y \cdot \left(\frac{32}{33}\right) = \frac{21}{4}$$

$$y = \frac{693}{128}$$

6. If four distinct points with position vectors  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}$  and  $\vec{d}$  are coplanar; then  $[\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$  is equal to

(1)  $[\vec{d} \vec{c} \vec{a}] + [\vec{b} \vec{d} \vec{a}] + [\vec{c} \vec{d} \vec{b}]$

(2)  $[\vec{d} \vec{b} \vec{a}] + [\vec{a} \vec{c} \vec{d}] + [\vec{d} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$

(3)  $[\vec{a} \vec{d} \vec{b}] + [\vec{d} \vec{c} \vec{a}] + [\vec{d} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$

(4)  $[\vec{b} \vec{c} \vec{d}] + [\vec{d} \vec{a} \vec{c}] + [\vec{d} \vec{b} \vec{a}]$

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

**Allen Ans. (1)**

**Sol.**  $\vec{a}, \vec{b}, \vec{c}, \vec{d}$  are coplanar points.

$\vec{b} - \vec{a}, \vec{c} - \vec{a}, \vec{d} - \vec{a}$  are coplanar vectors.

$$\text{So, } [\vec{b} - \vec{a} \ \vec{c} - \vec{a} \ \vec{d} - \vec{a}] = 0$$

$$(\vec{b} - \vec{a}) \cdot ((\vec{c} - \vec{a}) \times (\vec{d} - \vec{a})) = 0$$

$$[\vec{b} \ \vec{c} \ \vec{d}] - [\vec{b} \ \vec{c} \ \vec{a}] - [\vec{b} \ \vec{a} \ \vec{d}] - [\vec{a} \ \vec{c} \ \vec{d}] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow [\vec{a} \ \vec{b} \ \vec{c}] = [\vec{c} \ \vec{d} \ \vec{b}] + [\vec{b} \ \vec{d} \ \vec{a}] + [\vec{d} \ \vec{c} \ \vec{a}]$$

7. If  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function satisfying

$$\int_0^{\pi/2} f(\sin 2x) \cdot \sin x dx + \alpha \int_0^{\pi/4} f(\cos 2x) \cdot \cos x dx = 0,$$

then  $\alpha$  is equal to

- (1)  $-\sqrt{3}$  (2)  $\sqrt{2}$   
 (3)  $\sqrt{3}$  (4)  $-\sqrt{2}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Allen Ans. (4)**

$$\text{Sol. } I = \int_0^{\pi/4} f(\sin 2x) \sin x dx + \int_{\pi/4}^{\pi/2} f(\sin 2x) \sin x dx$$

$$+ \alpha \int_0^{\pi/4} f(\cos 2x) \cos x dx = 0$$

Apply king in first part and put  $x - \frac{\pi}{4} = t$  in second part.

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} f(\cos 2x) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - x\right) dx + \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} f(\cos 2t) \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + t\right) dt$$

$$+ \alpha \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} f(\cos 2x) \cos x dx = 0$$

$$I = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} f(\cos 2x) \left[ 2 \sin \frac{\pi}{4} \cdot \cos x + \alpha \cos x \right] dx = 0$$

$$I = (\alpha + \sqrt{2}) \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} f(\cos 2x) \cos x dx = 0$$

$$\therefore \alpha = -\sqrt{2}$$

8. If the system of linear equations

$$7x + 11y + \alpha z = 13$$

$$5x + 4y + 7z = \beta$$

$$175x + 194y + 57z = 361$$

has infinitely many solutions, then  $\alpha + \beta + 2$  is equal to

(1) 4 (2) 3

(3) 5 (4) 6

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

**Allen Ans. (1)**

**Sol.**  $7x + 11y + \alpha z = 13$  ..... (i)

$5x + 4y + 7z = \beta$  ..... (ii)

$175x + 194y + 57z = 361$  ..... (iii)

(i)  $\times 10 +$  (ii)  $\times 21 -$  (iii)

$z(10\alpha + 147 - 57) = 130 + 21\beta - 361$

$\therefore 10\alpha + 90 = 0$

$\alpha = -9$

$130 - 361 + 21\beta = 0$

$\beta = 11$

$\alpha + \beta + 2 = 4$

9. The domain of the function

$f(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{[x]^2 - 3[x] - 10}}$  is (where  $[x]$  denotes the

greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ )

(1)  $(-\infty, -2) \cup (5, \infty)$  (2)  $(-\infty, -3] \cup [6, \infty)$

(3)  $(-\infty, -2) \cup [6, \infty)$  (4)  $(-\infty, -3] \cup (5, \infty)$

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

**Allen Ans. (3)**

**Sol.**  $[x]^2 - 3[x] - 10 > 0$

$[x] < -2$  or  $[x] > 5$

10. Let P be the plane passing through the points (5, 3, 0), (13, 3, -2) and (1, 6, 2). For  $\alpha \in \mathbb{N}$ , if the distances of the points A (3, 4,  $\alpha$ ) and B (2,  $\alpha$ , a) from the plane P are 2 and 3 respectively, then the positive value of a is

(1) 6 (2) 4

(3) 3 (4) 5

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

**Allen Ans. (2)**

**Sol.**  $\begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 8 & 0 & -2 \\ 4 & -3 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = \hat{i}(-6) + \hat{j}(-24) + \hat{k}(-24)$

Normal of the plane =  $3\hat{i} - 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k}$

Plane :  $3x - 4y + 12z = 3$

Distance from A (3, 4,  $\alpha$ )

$$\left| \frac{9 - 16 + 12\alpha - 3}{13} \right| = 2$$

$\alpha = 3$

$\alpha = -8$  (rejected)

Distance from B (2, 3, a)

$$\left| \frac{6 - 12 + 12a - 3}{13} \right| = 3$$

$a = 4$

11. The converse of the statement  $((\sim p) \wedge q) \Rightarrow r$  is

(1)  $(\sim r) \Rightarrow p \wedge q$  (2)  $(\sim r) \Rightarrow ((\sim p) \wedge q)$

(3)  $((\sim p) \vee q) \Rightarrow r$  (4)  $(p \vee (\sim q)) \Rightarrow (\sim r)$

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Allen Ans. (4)**

**Sol.** Converse of  $((\sim p) \wedge q) \Rightarrow r$

$\equiv r \Rightarrow (\sim p \wedge q)$

$\equiv \sim r \vee (\sim p \wedge q)$

$\equiv \sim r \vee (p \vee \sim q) \equiv (p \vee \sim q) \Rightarrow \sim r$

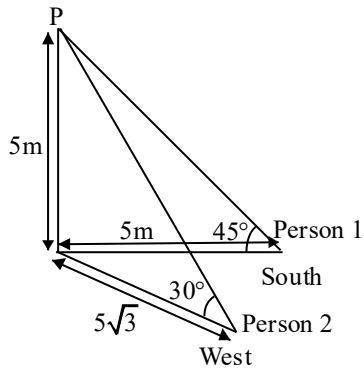
12. The angle of elevation of the top P of a tower from the feet of one person standing due South of the tower is  $45^\circ$  and from the feet of another person standing due west of the tower is  $30^\circ$ . If the height of the tower is 5 meters, then the distance (in meters) between the two persons is equal to

(1) 10 (2) 5

(3)  $5\sqrt{5}$  (4)  $\frac{5}{2}\sqrt{5}$

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

**Allen Ans. (1)**



**Sol.**

Distance = 10 (By Pythagoras theorem)

13. Let  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  be positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c + d = 11$ . If the maximum value of  $a^5 b^3 c^2 d$  is  $3750\beta$ , then the value of  $\beta$  is
- (1) 90 (2) 110  
(3) 55 (4) 108

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

**Allen Ans. (1)**

$$\text{Sol. } \frac{5\left(\frac{a}{5}\right) + 3\left(\frac{b}{3}\right) + 2\left(\frac{c}{2}\right) + d}{11} \geq \left(\frac{a^5 b^3 c^2 d}{5^5 3^3 2^2}\right)^{1/11}$$

$$1 \geq \left(\frac{a^5 b^3 c^2 d}{5^5 3^3 2^2}\right)^{1/11}$$

$$\beta = 90$$

14. If the radius of the largest circle with centre  $(2, 0)$  inscribed in the ellipse  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 36$  is  $r$ , then  $12r^2$  is equal to
- (1) 72 (2) 115  
(3) 92 (4) 69

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

**Allen Ans. (3)**

$$\text{Sol. } (x-2)^2 + y^2 = r^2$$

Solving with ellipse, we get

$$(x-2)^2 + \frac{36-x^2}{4} = r^2$$

$$3x^2 - 16x + 52 - 4r^2 = 0$$

$$D=0 \Rightarrow 4r^2 = \frac{92}{3}$$

15. Let the mean of 6 observation 1, 2, 4, 5,  $x$  and  $y$  be 5 and their variance be 10. Then their mean deviation about the mean is equal to
- (1)  $\frac{10}{3}$  (2)  $\frac{7}{3}$   
(3) 3 (4)  $\frac{8}{3}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Allen Ans. (4)**

$$\text{Sol. } x + y = 18 \quad \{\because \text{mean} = 5\} \dots (i)$$

$$10 = \frac{1+4+16+25+x^2+y^2}{6} - 25$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 164 \dots (ii)$$

By solving (i) and (ii)

$$x = 8, y = 10$$

$$\text{M.D.}(\bar{x}) = \frac{\sum |x_i - \bar{x}|}{6} = \frac{8}{3}$$

16. The sum of the coefficients of three consecutive terms in the binomial expansion of  $(1+x)^{n+2}$ , which are in the ratio 1 : 3 : 5, is equal to
- (1) 25 (2) 63  
(3) 41 (4) 92

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

**Allen Ans. (2)**

$$\text{Sol. } {}^{n+2}C_{r-1} : {}^{n+2}C_r : {}^{n+2}C_{r+1} = 1 : 3 : 5$$

$$\frac{{}^{n+2}C_{r-1}}{{}^{n+2}C_r} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$n = 4r - 3 \dots (i)$$

$$\frac{{}^{n+2}C_r}{{}^{n+2}C_{r+1}} = \frac{3}{5}$$

$$8r - 1 = 3n \dots (ii)$$

From, (i) and (ii)

$$r = 2 \text{ and } n = 5$$

$$\text{Required sum} = 63$$

17. If the letters of the word MATHS are permuted and all possible words so formed are arranged as in a dictionary with serial numbers, then the serial number of the word THAMS is
- (1) 103 (2) 104  
(3) 101 (4) 102

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

**Allen Ans. (1)**

$$\text{Sol. } 4 \times 4! + 1 \times 3! + 1 = 103$$

18. For  $a \in \mathbb{C}$ , let  $A = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re}(a + \bar{z}) > \text{Im}(\bar{a} + z)\}$  and  $B = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : \text{Re}(a + \bar{z}) < \text{Im}(\bar{a} + z)\}$ . Then among the two statements :
- (S1) : If  $\text{Re}(A), \text{Im}(A) > 0$ , then the set A contains all the real numbers
- (S2) : If  $\text{Re}(A), \text{Im}(A) < 0$ , then the set B contains all the real numbers,
- (1) Only (S1) is true (2) both are false  
(3) Only (S2) is true (4) Both are true

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

**Allen Ans. (2)**

**Sol.** Let  $a = x_1 + iy_1$ ,  $z = x + iy$

**Now**  $\operatorname{Re}(a + \bar{z}) > \operatorname{Im}(\bar{a} + z)$

$$\therefore x_1 + x > -y_1 + y$$

$$x_1 = 2, y_1 = 10, x = -12, y = 0$$

Given inequality is not valid for these values.

S1 is false.

**Now**  $\operatorname{Re}(a + \bar{z}) < \operatorname{Im}(\bar{a} + z)$

$$x_1 + x < -y_1 + y$$

$$x_1 = -2, y_1 = -10, x = 12, y = 0$$

Given inequality is not valid for these values.

S2 is false.

19. Let  $A = \{1, 3, 4, 6, 9\}$  and  $B = \{2, 4, 5, 8, 10\}$ . Let  $R$  be a relation defined on  $A \times B$  such that  $R = \{(a_1, b_1), (a_2, b_2)\} : a_1 \leq b_2 \text{ and } b_1 \leq a_2\}$ . Then the number of elements in the set  $R$  is

- (1) 26 (2) 160  
(3) 180 (4) 52

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

**Allen Ans. (2)**

**Sol.** Let  $a_1 = 1 \Rightarrow 5$  choices of  $b_2$

$$a_1 = 3 \Rightarrow 4 \text{ choices of } b_2$$

$$a_1 = 4 \Rightarrow 4 \text{ choices of } b_2$$

$$a_1 = 6 \Rightarrow 2 \text{ choices of } b_2$$

$$a_1 = 9 \Rightarrow 1 \text{ choices of } b_2$$

For  $(a_1, b_2)$  16 ways .

Similarly,  $b_1 = 2 \Rightarrow 4$  choices of  $a_2$

$$b_1 = 4 \Rightarrow 3 \text{ choices of } a_2$$

$$b_1 = 5 \Rightarrow 2 \text{ choices of } a_2$$

$$b_1 = 8 \Rightarrow 1 \text{ choices of } a_2$$

Required elements in  $R = 160$

20. Let  $f$  and  $g$  be two functions defined by

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

Then  $(g \circ f)(x)$  is

- (1) Differentiable everywhere  
(2) Continuous everywhere but not differentiable exactly at one point  
(3) Not continuous at  $x = -1$   
(4) Continuous everywhere but not differentiable at  $x = 1$

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

**Allen Ans. (2)**

$$\text{Sol. } f(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & x < 0 \\ 1-x, & 0 \leq x < 1 \\ x-1, & 1 \leq x \end{cases}$$

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} x+1, & x < 0 \\ 1, & x \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$g(f(x)) = \begin{cases} x+2, & x < -1 \\ 1, & x \geq -1 \end{cases}$$

$\therefore g(f(x))$  is continuous everywhere

$g(f(x))$  is not differentiable at  $x = -1$

Differentiable everywhere else

### SECTION-B

21. The number of points, where the curve

$f(x) = e^{8x} - e^{6x} - 3e^{4x} - e^{2x} + 1$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  cuts x-axis, is equal to

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

**Allen Ans. (2)**

**Sol.** Let  $e^{2x} = t$

$$\Rightarrow t^4 - t^3 - 3t^2 - t + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2} - \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right)^2 - \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{21}}{2}$$

Two real values of  $t$ .

22. Let the probability of getting head for a biased coin be  $\frac{1}{4}$ . It is tossed repeatedly until a head appears.

Let  $N$  be the number of tosses required. If the probability that the equation  $64x^2 + 5Nx + 1 = 0$

has no real root is  $\frac{p}{q}$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are co-prime,

then  $q - p$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (27)**

**Allen Ans. (27)**

**Sol.**  $64x^2 + 5Nx + 1 = 0$

$D = 25N^2 - 256 < 0$

$\Rightarrow N^2 < \frac{256}{25} \Rightarrow N < \frac{16}{5}$

$\therefore N = 1, 2, 3$

$\therefore \text{Probability} = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} + \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{1}{4} = \frac{37}{64}$

$\therefore q - p = 27$

23. Let  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ . If  $\vec{c}$  is a vector such that  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 11$ ,  $\vec{b} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) = 27$  and  $\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = -\sqrt{3}|\vec{b}|$ , then  $|\vec{a} \times \vec{c}|^2$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (285)**

**Allen Ans. (285)**

**Sol.**  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$

$\vec{b} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) = 27$ ,  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = 0$

$\vec{b} \times (\vec{a} \times \vec{c}) = -3\vec{a}$

Let  $\theta$  be angle between  $\vec{b}$ ,  $\vec{a} \times \vec{c}$

Then  $|\vec{b}| \cdot |\vec{a} \times \vec{c}| \sin \theta = 3\sqrt{14}$

$|\vec{b}| \cdot |\vec{a} \times \vec{c}| \cos \theta = 27$

$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{\sqrt{14}}{\sqrt{95}}$

$\therefore |\vec{b}| \times |\vec{a} \times \vec{c}| = 3\sqrt{95}$

$\Rightarrow |\vec{a} \times \vec{c}| = \sqrt{3} \times \sqrt{95}$

24. Let  $S = \left\{ z \in \mathbb{C} - \{i, 2i\} : \frac{z^2 + 8iz - 15}{z^2 - 3iz - 2} \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ . If

$\alpha - \frac{13}{11}i \in S$ ,  $\alpha \in \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ , then  $242\alpha^2$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (1680)**

**Allen Ans. (1680)**

**Sol.**  $\left( \frac{z^2 + 8iz - 15}{z^2 - 3iz - 2} \right) \in \mathbb{R}$

$\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{(11iz - 13)}{(z^2 - 3iz - 2)} \in \mathbb{R}$

Put  $z = \alpha - \frac{13}{11}i$

$\Rightarrow (z^2 - 3iz - 2)$  is imaginary

Put  $z = x + iy$

$\Rightarrow (x^2 - y^2 + 2xyi - 3ix + 3iy - 2) \in \text{Imaginary}$

$\Rightarrow \text{Re}(x^2 - y^2 + 3y - 2 + (2xy - 3x)i) = 0$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - y^2 + 3y - 2 = 0$

$x^2 = y^2 - 3y + 2$

$x^2 = (y-1)(y-2) \therefore z = \alpha - \frac{13}{11}i$

Put  $x = \alpha$ ,  $y = \frac{-13}{11}$

$\alpha^2 = \left( \frac{-13}{11} - 1 \right) \left( \frac{-13}{11} - 2 \right)$

$\alpha^2 = \frac{(24 \times 35)}{121}$

$242\alpha^2 = 48 \times 35 = 1680$

25. For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , if the sum of the series

$1 + \frac{4}{k} + \frac{8}{k^2} + \frac{13}{k^3} + \frac{19}{k^4} + \dots$  is 10, then the value of  $k$

is

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

**Allen Ans. (2)**

**Sol.**  $10 = 1 + \frac{4}{k} + \frac{8}{k^2} + \frac{13}{k^3} + \frac{19}{k^4} + \dots$  upto  $\infty$

$$9 = \frac{4}{k} + \frac{8}{k^2} + \frac{13}{k^3} + \frac{19}{k^4} + \dots$$
 upto  $\infty$

$$\frac{9}{k} = \frac{4}{k^2} + \frac{8}{k^3} + \frac{13}{k^4} + \dots$$
 upto  $\infty$

$$S = 9 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{k} \right) = \frac{4}{k} + \frac{4}{k^2} + \frac{5}{k^3} + \frac{6}{k^4} + \dots$$
 upto  $\infty$

$$\frac{S}{k} = \frac{4}{k^2} + \frac{4}{k^3} + \frac{5}{k^4} + \dots$$
 upto  $\infty$

$$\left( 1 - \frac{1}{k} \right) S = \frac{4}{k} + \frac{1}{k^3} + \frac{1}{k^4} + \frac{1}{k^5} + \dots$$

$$9 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{k} \right)^2 = \frac{4}{k} + \frac{1}{\left( 1 - \frac{1}{k} \right)^3}$$

$$9(k-1)^3 = 4k(k-1) + 1$$

$$k = 2$$

- 26.** Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$  and  $B = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ . Then the number of functions  $f : A \rightarrow B$  satisfying  $f(1) + f(2) = f(4) - 1$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (360)**

**Allen Ans. (360)**

**Sol.**  $f(1) + f(2) + 1 = f(4) \leq 6$

$$f(1) + f(2) \leq 5$$

Case (i)  $f(1) = 1 \Rightarrow f(2) = 1, 2, 3, 4 \Rightarrow 4$  mappings

Case (ii)  $f(1) = 2 \Rightarrow f(2) = 1, 2, 3 \Rightarrow 3$  mappings

Case (iii)  $f(1) = 3 \Rightarrow f(2) = 1, 2 \Rightarrow 2$  mappings

Case (iv)  $f(1) = 4 \Rightarrow f(2) = 1 \Rightarrow 1$  mapping

$f(5)$  &  $f(6)$  both have 6 mappings each

$$\text{Number of functions} = (4 + 3 + 2 + 1) \times 6 \times 6 = 360$$

- 27.** Let the tangent to the parabola  $y^2 = 12x$  at the point  $(3, \alpha)$  be perpendicular to the line  $2x + 2y = 3$ . Then the square of distance of the point  $(6, -4)$  from the normal to the hyperbola  $\alpha^2 x^2 - 9y^2 = 9\alpha^2$  at its point  $(\alpha - 1, \alpha + 2)$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (116)**

**Allen Ans. (116)**

**Sol.**  $\therefore P(3, \alpha)$  lies on  $y^2 = 12x$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \pm 6$$

But,  $\left. \frac{dy}{dx} \right|_{(3, \alpha)} = \frac{6}{\alpha} = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha = 6$  ( $\alpha = -6$  reject)

Now, hyperbola  $\frac{x^2}{9} - \frac{y^2}{36} = 1$ , normal at

$$Q(\alpha - 1, \alpha + 2) \text{ is } \frac{9x}{5} + \frac{36y}{8} = 45$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 5y - 50 = 0$$

Now, distance of  $(6, -4)$  from  $2x + 5y - 50 = 0$  is equal to

$$\left| \frac{2(6) - 5(4) - 50}{\sqrt{2^2 + 5^2}} \right| = \frac{58}{\sqrt{29}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Square of distance} = 116$$

- 28.** Let the line  $\ell : x = \frac{1-y}{-2} = \frac{z-3}{\lambda}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$  meet the plane  $P : x + 2y + 3z = 4$  at the point  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$ . If the angle between the line  $\ell$  and the plane  $P$  is

$$\cos^{-1} \left( \sqrt{\frac{5}{14}} \right), \text{ then } \alpha + 2\beta + 6\gamma \text{ is equal to}$$

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

**Allen Ans. (11)**

**Sol.**  $l : x = \frac{y-1}{2} = \frac{z-3}{\lambda}, \lambda \in \mathbb{R}$

DR's of line  $l$  (1, 2,  $\lambda$ )

DR's of normal vector of plane P :  $x + 2y + 3z = 4$  are (1, 2, 3)

Now, angle between line  $l$  and plane P is given by

$$\sin \theta = \left| \frac{1+4+3\lambda}{\sqrt{5+\lambda^2} \cdot \sqrt{14}} \right| = \frac{3}{\sqrt{14}} \left( \text{given } \cos \theta = \sqrt{\frac{5}{14}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{2}{3}$$

Let variable point on line  $l$  is  $\left( t, 2t+1, \frac{2}{3}t+3 \right)$

lies on plane P.

$$\Rightarrow t = -1$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( -1, -1, \frac{7}{3} \right) \equiv (\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + 2\beta + 6\gamma = 11$$

29. If the line  $l_1 : 3y - 2x = 3$  is the angular bisector of the lines  $l_2 : x - y + 1 = 0$  and  $l_3 : \alpha x + \beta y + 17 = 0$ , then  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha - \beta$  is equal to

**Official Ans. by NTA (348)**

**Allen Ans. (348)**

**Sol.** Point of intersection of  $l_1 : 3y - 2x = 3$

$$l_2 : x - y + 1 = 0 \text{ is } P \equiv (0, 1)$$

Which lies on  $l_3 : \alpha x + \beta y + 17 = 0$ ,

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\beta = -17}$$

Consider a random point  $Q \equiv (-1, 0)$

on  $l_2 : x - y + 1 = 0$ , image of Q about

$$l_2 : x - y + 1 = 0 \text{ is } Q' \equiv \left( \frac{-17}{13}, \frac{6}{13} \right) \text{ which is}$$

calculated by formulae

$$\frac{x - (-1)}{2} = \frac{y - 0}{-3} = -2 \left( \frac{-2+3}{13} \right)$$

Now,  $Q'$  lies on  $l_3 : \alpha x + \beta y + 17 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{\alpha = 7}$$

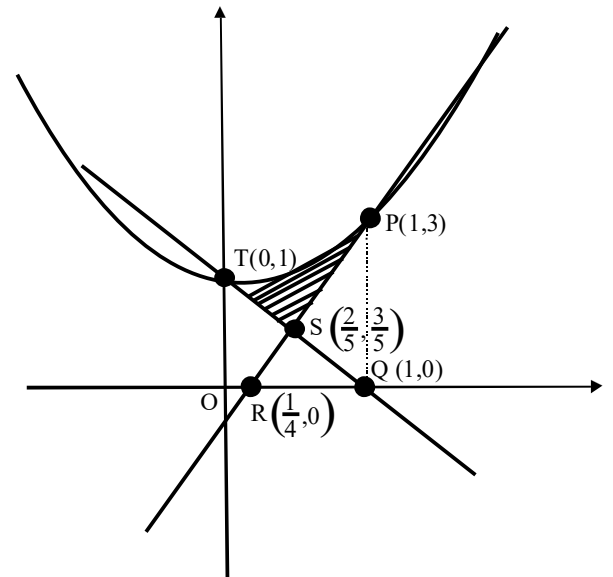
$$\text{Now, } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 - \alpha - \beta = 348$$

30. If A is the area in the first quadrant enclosed by the curve  $C : 2x^2 - y + 1 = 0$ , the tangent to C at the point (1, 3) and the line  $x + y = 1$ , then the value of  $60A$  is

**Official Ans. by NTA (16)**

**Allen Ans. (16)**

**Sol.**



$$y = 2x^2 + 1$$

Tangent at (1, 3)

$$y = 4x - 1$$

$$A = \int_0^1 (2x^2 + 1) dx - \text{area of } (\Delta QOT) - \text{area of}$$

$(\Delta PQR) + \text{area of } (\Delta QRS)$

$$A = \left( \frac{2}{3} + 1 \right) - \frac{1}{2} - \frac{9}{8} + \frac{9}{40} = \frac{16}{60}$$