

# MN:MINING ENGINEERING

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Q.1–Q.25 CARRY ONE MARK EACH

- 1) Ascensionally ventilated coal mine inclines ideally should have higher methane layering number when compared to descensionally ventilated inclines. The reason is :

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- a) In ascensionally ventilated incline, density of air is higher
- b) Ascensionally ventilated incline creates conditions for improved turbulent mixing of methane layer
- c) Methane drainage is not practiced in ascensionally ventilated incline
- d) Descensionally ventilated incline creates conditions for improved turbulent mixing of methane layer

- 2) A coolant is a desirable component in the design of a Self-Contained Breathing Apparatus since :

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) Surroundings can be hot and humid during rescue
- b) A rescue worker generates large amount of metabolic heat
- c) Exhaled air  $\text{CO}_2$  absorption is an exothermic reaction
- d) Exhaled air water vapour has to be condensed

- 3) Determine the correctness or otherwise of the following Assertion [a] and the Reason [r] :

**Assertion [a]** : Both intake and return side stoppings must be closed simultaneously in the event of sealing off a coal mine panel with explosion hazard following a fire.

**Reason [r]** : By continuously ventilating the area till simultaneous closure of the stoppings, the possibility of an explosion hazard due to gas build-up is avoided.

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- a) [a] is true but [r] is false
- b) Both [a] and [r] are true and [r] is the correct reason for [a]
- c) Both [a] and [r] are true and [r] is not the correct reason for [a]
- d) Both [a] and [r] are false

- 4) In a Cartesian coordinate system the vertices of a triangular plate are given by  $(-2, 1)$ ,  $(3, 4)$ , and  $(-4, -8)$ . The coordinates of the centre of gravity of the plate are.

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- a)  $(3, 4)$
- b)  $(7, 12)$
- c)  $(-1, -1)$
- d)  $(-3, -4)$

- 5) An air quality parameter required to be monitored under the Indian National Ambient Air Quality Standards is

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- a) As
- b) Pb
- c) Hg
- d) Silica

- 6) In an underground coal mine, a freshly exposed roof can be supported by a temporary support in the form of

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- a) triangular chocks      b) screw props      c) safari supports      d) hydraulic props

7) At a surface mine office the independent Sound Pressure Levels (*SPL*) measured in dB(A) on account of 3 drill machines are 85, 88 and 85. If all the three machines work simultaneously, the combined SPL, in dB(A), is

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- a) 91      b) 90      c) 92      d) 94

8) The backsight reading on a bench mark of RL 100.0 m is 1.45 m. If the inverse staff reading on a foresight is 2.23 m, the RL of the staff station in m is

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- a) 105.13      b) 103.68      c) 100.78      d) 98.55

9) For a mine of production per year, the total cost of production is given by  $at^2 + b$ . The revenue from sale is given by  $ct$ . If  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$ , are constants, the breakeven value of  $t$  is

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- a)  $\frac{c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - 4ab}}{2a}$       c)  $\frac{-c \pm \sqrt{c^2 - 4ab}}{2a}$   
 b)  $\frac{\sqrt{c^2 - 4ab}}{2a}$       d)  $\frac{c \pm \sqrt{c^2 + 4ab}}{2a}$

10) The value of the

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1 - x^{-1/3}}{1 - x^{-2/3}}$$

is

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- a)  $\infty$       b) 1      c) 0      d)  $\frac{1}{2}$

11) Two determinants of order  $n$  are multiplied. The order of the resultant determinant is

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- a)  $n$       b)  $2n$       c)  $n^2$       d)  $n/2$

12) The partial differential equation,  $r \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} = \text{constant}$ , is a solution for

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- a)  $\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial r^2} - \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} = 0$       c)  $r^2 \frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial r^2} + r \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} = 0$   
 b)  $\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial r^2} + \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} = 0$       d)  $\frac{\partial^2 \theta}{\partial r^2} + \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial \theta}{\partial r} = 0$

13) In Mohr-Coulomb failure criterion, the ratio of the uniaxial compressive strength to the tensile strength is

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- a)  $\frac{1 + \sin \phi}{1 - \sin \phi}$       c)  $\frac{C(1 + \sin \phi)}{1 - \sin \phi}$   
 b)  $\frac{1 - \sin \phi}{1 + \sin \phi}$       d)  $\frac{2C(1 + \sin \phi)}{1 - \sin \phi}$

14) The average Young's modulus and Poisson's ratio values of a limestone sample are  $60 \times 10^3$  MPa and 0.3 respectively. The shear modulus in MPa is

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- a) 23.07                      b) 230.7                      c) 2307.0                      d) 23070.0

15) The angle of draw in a trough subsidence helps in determining the

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- a) maximum subsidence                      c) plane of fracture  
b) extent of surface subsidence                      d) critical width of the opening

16) Recapping a winding rope is done to

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- a) increase the flexural strength of the rope  
b) increase the flexibility of the rope  
c) remove a portion of the rope subjected to deterioration  
d) prevent the rope from excessive rusting

17) Match the following for standard diamond drill rods.

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Specification	Outer Diameter in mm
P. AW	p. 34.9
Q. BW	q. 44.4
R. EW	r. 54.0
S. NW	s. 66.7

- a) P-r; Q-q; R-s; S-p                      c) P-q; Q-r; R-p; S-s  
b) P-r; Q-p; R-s; S-q                      d) P-q; Q-r; R-s; S-p

18) Payback period is time required

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- a) for the cash income from a project to get back the initial cash investment  
b) from the start of the project to the time to recover the total initial investment  
c) from the start of the project to the start of production  
d) to the period during which internal rate of return is generated

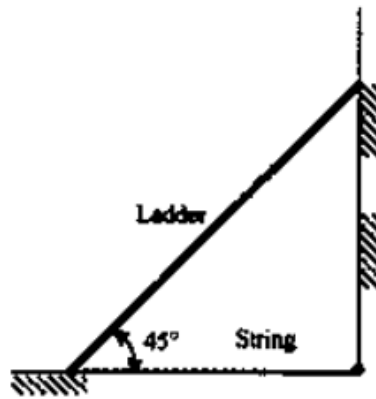
19) For electric signaling systems in underground coal mines, the statement that is NOT true is

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- a) all signaling equipment must be intrinsically safe  
b) the signaling circuit must be connected to ground  
c) the source of current should be an approved dry battery  
d) DC bells or retays when connected in parallel should be supplied from a single source of current

20) A ladder of weight 50 N rests against a frictionless wall and floor as shown in the figure. A horizontal string ties the base of the ladder to the wall. The tension in the string in N is

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- a) 100                      b) 50                      c) 72                      d) 25

21) The mean and the standard deviation of the grade of iron ore in a deposit are 62% and 5% respectively. The coefficient of variation of the grade in % is

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- a) 24.8                      b) 12.4                      c) 8.0                      d) 4.0

22) The variance of failure time (*time to failures*) of an electric motor in shovel is  $1600 \text{ hr}^2$ . If the failure time follows an exponential distribution, the expected failure time in hr is

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 40                      b) 80                      c) 800                      d) 1600

23) Match the following for standard diamond drill rods.

Instrument	Purpose/Measurement
1. Abney's level	a. horizontal and vertical angles
2. Pentagraph	b. enlargement and reduction of plotted maps
3. Planimeter	c. area of plotted figure
4. Box Sextant	d. angle of inclination

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- a) 1-a; 2-c; 3-d; 4-b                      c) 1-d; 2-a; 3-d; 4-c  
b) 1-c; 2-b; 3-d; 4-a                      d) 1-d; 2-c; 3-b; 4-a

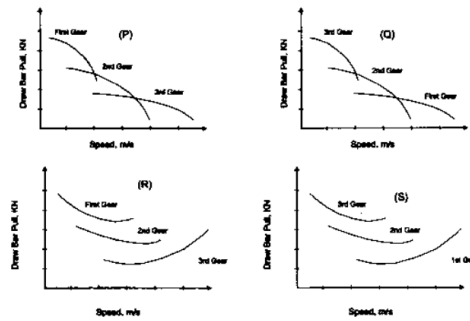
24) A cage weighing 12000 kg is raised by four chains each making an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the vertical. The tension in each chain in kN is

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- a) 41                      b) 34                      c) 25                      d) 20

25) The relationship between the drawbar pull and the speed for different gears of a self propelling vehicle is represented by

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- a) Q                      b) S                      c) R                      d) P

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26) A flammable mixture has 70 %  $CH_4$ , and 30%  $CO$ . The lower flammability limits for these gases are 5% and 13% respectively. For the mixture, the lower flammability limit in % is  
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- a) 6.13                      b) 8.72                      c) 10.25                      d) 12.16

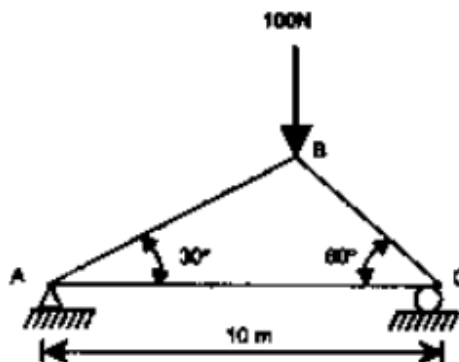
27) The volume of tetrahedron with vertices at  $(0,0,0)$ ,  $(1,0,0)$ ,  $(0,1,0)$  and  $(0,0,1)$  is  
(GATE MN 2010)

- a)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       b)  $\frac{1}{4}$                       c)  $\frac{1}{6}$                       d)  $\frac{1}{8}$

28) A balanced winder raises 3000 tonnes per day from a depth of 500 m. The payload of the winding cage is 7 tonnes. The energy consumed per day in kWh at 70% winder efficiency is  
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- a) 6030                      b) 5840                      c) 5750                      d) 5630

29) A truss is loaded as shown in the figure. The force in the member AC is  
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- a) tension 75.9 N                      c) tension 43.3 N  
b) compression 43.3 N                      d) compression 75.9 N

30) In the frictionless pulley system shown in the figure, each pulley weighs 20 N. The weight  $W$ , in N, that can be lifted by the system under the conditions shown is :  
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- a) 200                      b) 170                      c) 150                      d) 100

31) A force of  $\mathbf{F} = 50\hat{i} - 50\hat{j}$  N is moved from the origin to the coordinate (4.0 m, 2.0 m). The work done in the process, in joules, is.

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 75.6                      b) 85.5                      c) 90.2                      d) 100.0

32) The queue of trucks at a crusher plant hopper is known to be M/M/I queue. The probability that there is no truck to unload is 0.3. Due to rains the mean service time at the hopper is increased by 30%. As a consequence, the expected number of trucks in the queuing system (*including the one possibly unloading*) becomes

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 10                      b) 12                      c) 14                      d) 16

33) Pull from an underground tunnel blasting is normally distributed with a mean of 100 tonnes and variance 100 (tonnes)<sup>2</sup>. The probability that the tonnage value from a blast exceeds 110 is

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 0.60                      b) 0.80                      c) 0.16                      d) 0.32

34) The feasible region of a LP problem in variables  $x$  and  $y$  is given by the following constraints (*along with the non – negativity constraints*)  $y \leq 60$ ,  $x \leq 90$ , and  $x + y \leq 70$ . The number of corner point feasible solutions for this problem are.

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- a) 3                      b) 4                      c) 5                      d) 6

35) The unit cost matrix of a balanced transportation problem is shown below

	Source	Destination			Supply
		D1	D2	D3	
	$S_1$	7	3	6	60
	$S_2$	5	4	9	60
	$S_3$	8	6	7	80
	<b>Demand</b>	50	120	30	

The transportation cost of the initial basic feasible solution obtained by the North-West corner rule is

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- a) 1025                      b) 1075                      c) 1130                      d) 1226

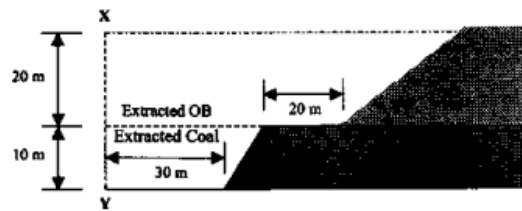
36) A high volume air sampler is operated for 8 hours in a mine with the flow rate of air varying from  $1.5 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$  to  $1.3 \text{ m}^3/\text{min}$ . The empty weight of the filter paper is 2.30 g and the final weight is 2.65 g. The mean concentration of the Suspended Particulate Matter (SPM) during the study period in  $\mu\text{g}/\text{m}^3$  is

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- a) 591                      b) 550                      c) 545                      d) 521

37) In an opencast mine shown in the figure below, the coal has a density of  $1.4 \text{ tonne}/\text{m}^3$ . Assuming mining operation started from plane XY, the operating stripping ratio under the given conditions in  $\text{m}^3/\text{tonne}$  is

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- a) 2.32                      b) 2.47                      c) 2.56                      d) 2.64

38) A developed panel for a coal seam having an incubation period of 6 months has 32 square pillars under extraction, each having a size of 25 m and a height of 3.0 m. The density of coal is  $1.4 \text{ tonne}/\text{m}^3$ . The extraction ratio during depillaring is expected to be 75%. To depillar the panel within the incubation period, assuming 25 working days in a month, the production from the panel in tonne/day is

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 420                      b) 480                      c) 560                      d) 680

39) A closed traverse ABCDE of perimeter 425 m has a total error +0.25 m in latitude and -0.44 m in departure. The precision of traverse is

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 1 in 556                      b) 1 in 785                      c) 1 in 833                      d) 1 in 1024

40) The value of the given integral is

$$\int_{\frac{\pi}{5}}^{\frac{\pi}{10}} \frac{\sin x}{\sin x + \cos x} dx$$

(GATE MN 2010)

- a)  $\frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{8}}{10}$                       b)  $\frac{\pi}{10}$                       c)  $\frac{\sin \frac{\pi}{5}}{10}$                       d)  $\frac{3\pi}{10}$

41) The probabilities of hitting a target by A and B are  $\frac{1}{3}$  and  $\frac{2}{5}$  respectively. A shoots at the target once, followed by B shooting at the target once. The probability of hitting the target is

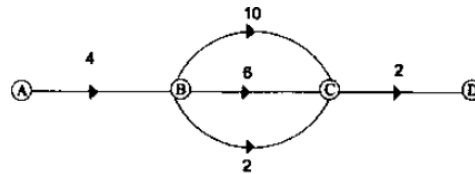
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- a)  $\frac{2}{15}$                       b)  $\frac{5}{15}$                       c)  $\frac{8}{15}$                       d)  $\frac{9}{15}$

42) The value of  $k$  for which the points  $(5, 5), (k, 1), (10, 7)$  lie on a straight line is  
(GATE MN 2010)

- a)  $-5$                       b)  $+5$                       c)  $-2$                       d)  $+2$

43) A project network comprises five activities as shown below. The activity durations, in days, are as indicated. Crashing of any activity costs Rs.1000 per day. If the project is crashed to the shortest possible duration, the total crashing cost in Rupees is  
(GATE MN 2010)

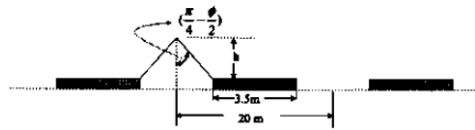


- a) 15000                      b) 14000                      c) 13000                      d) 12000

44) A steel wire rope of diameter 25 mm weighing 37 N/m has 6 strands of 7 wires each. The diameter and tensile strength of each wire are 2.5 mm and 1800 MPa, respectively. The factor of safety for raising a cage of weight 60 kN from a depth of 200 m is  
(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 5.60                      b) 4.50                      c) 25                      d) 4.15

45) In block caving operation the draw points are placed at 20 m center to center, with the pillar width 3.5 m as shown in the figure below. The muck is assumed to have zero cohesion and  $35^\circ$  friction angle. The height of draw cone (h) in m is  
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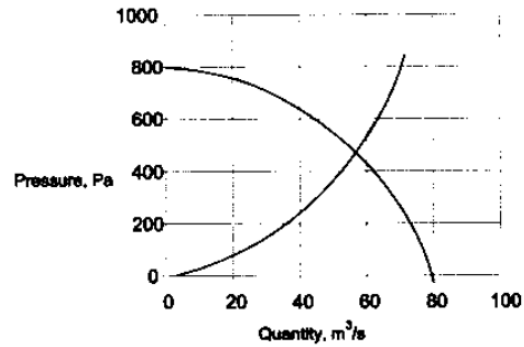
- a) 12.5                      b) 14.6                      c) 15.8                      d) 16.5

46) The stroke length and pitch of the rifle bar of a percussive drill machine are 60 mm and  $\frac{1}{760}$  respectively. If the drill operates at 2000 blows/minute, the rotational speed in rpm of the drill steel is  
(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 145                      b) 158                      c) 162                      d) 175

47) The main fan operating point of a ventilation system is shown in the figure below. If an NPV of 200 Pa assists the ventilation system, the resultant pressure ( $P_a$ ) and quantity ( $m$ ) generated by the fan respectively are  
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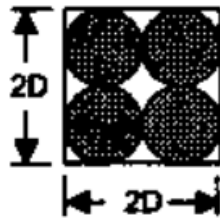


- a) 500, 68                      b) 600, 63                      c) 640, 55                      d) 400, 63

#### COMMON DATA QUESTIONS

*Common Data for Questions 48 and 49 :*

The granular media in an ore bin is assumed to be of regular spherical shape, represented by the geometry as shown in the figure. The unit weight of solids is  $25 \text{ kN/m}^3$ .



48) The void ratio is

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- a) 0.91                      b) 0.84                      c) 0.78                      d) 0.69

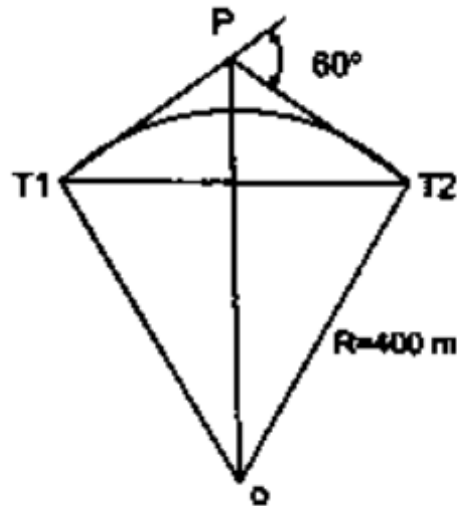
49) The dry density in  $\text{kN/m}^3$  is

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- a) 13.09                      b) 12.50                      c) 11.74                      d) 10.87

#### COMMON DATA FOR QUESTIONS 50 AND 51 :

Match the elements of a simple curve as given in the figure below.



50) The tangent length in m is

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- a) 215.5                      b) 220.4                      c) 228.4                      d) 230.9

51) The length of the long chord in m is

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 375                      b) 400.0                      c) 415                      d) 450

#### LINKED ANSWER QUESTIONS

*Statement for Linked Answer Questions 54 and 55 :*

A longwall panel with a face height of 3.0 m and face length of 150.0 m is worked in 3 shifts per day employing 40 men per shift. The depth of the web of the shearer cutting coal is 0.5 m. The unit weight of the coal is 1.4 tonne/m<sup>2</sup>. Two full face cuts are executed per shift.

52) The daily production from the panel in tonnes is

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 945                      b) 1240                      c) 1890                      d) 2530

53) The panel OMS in tonnes is

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 12.75                      b) 15.75                      c) 8.75                      d) 5.25

*Statement for Linked Answer Questions 54 and 55 :*

Air at a density of 1.2 kg/m<sup>3</sup> flows in a straight duct such that the velocity at the centre is 12.5 m/s. The method factor for the velocity profile is known to be 0.80.

54) The velocity pressure value in the duct in Pa is

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 31                                      b) 47                                      c) 60                                      d) 83

55) The air flow encounters a symmetric expansion such that the cross-sectional area of the duct becomes double. The static pressure value at the inlet and outlet of the expansion are 60 Pa and 90 Pa, respectively. Neglecting friction, the shock pressure loss on account of expansion in Pa is  
(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 15                                      b) 22                                      c) 38                                      d) 46

#### GENERAL APTITUDE (GA) QUESTIONS

*Q.56-Q.60 carry one mark each.*

56) Which of the following options is the closest in meaning to the word below : Exhert  
(GATE MN 2010)

- a) urge  
b) condemm  
c) restrain  
d) scold

57) The question below consists of a pair of related words followed by four pairs of words. Select the pair that best expresses the relation in the original pair. **Preamble : Constitution**  
(GATE MN 2010)

- a) amendment : law  
b) prologue : play  
c) episode : serial  
d) plot : story

58) Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence : **The committee wrote a \_\_\_\_\_ report, extolling only the strengths of the proposal.**  
(GATE MN 2010)

- a) amendment : law  
b) prologue : play  
c) episode : serial  
d) plot : story

59) Choose the most appropriate word from the options given below to complete the following sentence : **If the country has to achieve real prosperity, it is \_\_\_\_\_ that the fruits of progress reach all, and in equal measure.**  
(GATE MN 2010)

- a) inevitable  
b) contingent  
c) oblivious  
d) imperative

60) A person invests Rs.1000 at 10% annual compound interest for 2 years. At the end of two years the whole amount is invested at an annual simple interest of 12% for 5 years. The total value of the investment finally is :  
(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 1776                                      b) 1760                                      c) 1920                                      d) 1936

*Q.61-Q.65 carry two marks each.*

61) **The ban on smoking in designated public places can save a large number of people from the well known effects of environmental tobacco smoke. Passive smoking seriously impairs**

**respiratory health. The ban rightly seeks to protect non-smokers from its ill effects.** Which of the following statements best sums up the meaning of the above passage :

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) Effects of environmental tobacco are well known.
- b) The ban on smoking in public places protects the non smokers.
- c) Passive smoking is bad for health
- d) The ban on smoking in public places excludes passive smoking.

62) Given the sequence A, B, B, C, C, C, D, D, D, D, ... etc., that is one A, two Bs, three Cs, four Ds, five Es and so on, the 240<sup>th</sup> letter in the sequence will be : (GATE MN 2010)

- a) V
- b) U
- c) T
- d) W

63) Consider the set of integers  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 5000\}$ . The number of integers that is divisible by neither 3 nor 4 is :

(GATE MN 2010)

- a) 1668
- b) 2084
- c) 2500
- d) 2916

64) A positive integer  $m$  in base 10, when represented in base 2 has the representation  $p$ , and in base 3 has the representation  $q$ . We get  $p - q = 990$ , where the subtraction is done in base 10. Which of the following is necessarily true :

(GATE MN 2010)

- a)  $m \geq 14$
- b)  $9 \leq m \leq 13$
- c)  $6 \leq m \leq 8$
- d)  $m < 6$

65) Given the following four functions :  $f_1(n) = n^{100}$ ,  $f_2(n) = (1.2)^n$ ,  $f_3(n) = 2^{n/2}$ ,  $f_4(n) = 3^{n/3}$ , which function will have the largest value for sufficiently large values of  $n$  (i.e.,  $n \rightarrow \infty$ )?

(GATE MN 2010)

- a)  $f_4$
- b)  $f_3$
- c)  $f_2$
- d)  $f_1$

**END OF THE QUESTION PAPER**