

- Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be real numbers. Consider a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  such that  $A^2 = 3A + \alpha I$ . If  $A^4 = 21A + \beta I$ , then  
 (1)  $\alpha = 1$  (2)  $\alpha = 4$   
 (3)  $\beta = 8$  (4)  $\beta = -8$
- 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
- Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ -\frac{1}{2} & \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $Q = PAP^T$ . If  $P^T Q^{2007} P = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  then  $2a + b - 3c - 4d$  is equal to  
 (1) 2004 (2) 2005  
 (3) 2007 (4) 2006
- Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 2 & \alpha \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} \beta & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ . Let  $\alpha_1$  be the value of  $\alpha$  which satisfies  $(A+B)^2 = A^2 + \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 2 \\ 2 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $\alpha_2$  be the value of  $\alpha$  which satisfies  $(A+B)^2 = B^2$ . Then  $|\alpha_1 - \alpha_2|$  is equal to
- Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = A - I$ . If  $\omega = \frac{\sqrt{3}i-1}{2}$ , then the number of elements in the set  $\{n \in \{1, 2, \dots, 100\} : A^n + (\omega B)^n = A + B\}$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Let  $S = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} -1 & a \\ 0 & b \end{pmatrix} ; a, b \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 100\} \right\}$  and let  $T_n = \{A \in S : A^{n(n+1)} = I\}$ . Then the number of elements in  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{100} T_n$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- If the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies the equation  $A^{20} + \alpha A^{19} + \beta A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for some real numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , then  $\beta - \alpha$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.
- Let  $A, B, C$  be  $3 \times 3$  matrices such that  $A$  is symmetric and  $B$  and  $C$  are skew-symmetric. Consider the statements  
 (S1)  $A^{13} B^{26} - B^{26} A^{13}$  is symmetric  
 (S2)  $A^{26} C^{13} - C^{13} A^{26}$  is symmetric  
 Then,  
 (1) Only S2 is true (2) Only S1 is true  
 (3) Both S1 and S2 are false (4) Both S1 and S2 are true
- Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $M$  and  $N$  are two matrices given by  $M = \sum_{k=1}^{10} A^{2k}$  and  $N = \sum_{k=1}^{10} A^{2k-1}$  then  $MN^2$  is  
 (1) a non-identity symmetric matrix (2) a skew-symmetric matrix  
 (3) neither symmetric nor skew-symmetric matrix (4) an identity matrix
- The number of symmetric matrices of order 3, with all the entries from the set  $\{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$  is  
 (1)  $6^{10}$  (2)  $10^6$   
 (3)  $9^{10}$  (4)  $10^9$
- The total number of  $3 \times 3$  matrices  $A$  having entries from the set  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  such that the sum of all the diagonal entries of  $AA^T$  is 9, is equal to
- Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$ ,  $a_{ij} \in Z \cap [0, 4]$ ,  $1 \leq i, j \leq 2$ . The number of matrices  $A$  such that the sum of all entries is a prime number  $p \in (2, 13)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- The number of matrices  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $a, b, c, d \in \{-1, 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ , such that  $A = A^{-1}$ , is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix having entries from the set  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ . The number of all such matrices  $A$  having sum of all the entries equal to 5, is \_\_\_\_\_.
- Let for  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ \alpha & 3 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $|A| = 2$ . If  $|2 \operatorname{adj}(2 \operatorname{adj}(2A))| = 32^n$ , then  $3n + \alpha$  is equal to  
 (1) 9 (2) 11  
 (3) 12 (4) 10
- Let the determinant of a square matrix  $A$  of order  $m$  be  $m - n$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  satisfy  $4m + n = 22$  and  $17m + 4n = 93$ . If  $\det(n \operatorname{adj}(\operatorname{adj}(mA))) = 3^a 5^b 6^c$ , then  $a + b + c$  is equal to  
 (1) 84 (2) 96  
 (3) 101 (4) 109
- Let  $A$  be a matrix of order  $3 \times 3$  and  $\det(A) = 2$ . Then  $\det(\det(A) \operatorname{adj}(5 \operatorname{adj}(A^3)))$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.  
 (1)  $256 \times 10^6$  (2)  $1024 \times 10^6$   
 (3)  $512 \times 10^6$  (4)  $256 \times 10^{11}$
- Consider a matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \alpha^2 & \beta^2 & \gamma^2 \\ \beta + \gamma & \gamma + \alpha & \alpha + \beta \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are three distinct natural numbers.  
 If  $\frac{\det(\operatorname{adj}(\operatorname{adj}(\operatorname{adj}(A))))}{(\alpha - \beta)^{16}(\beta - \gamma)^{16}(\gamma - \alpha)^{16}} = 2^{32} \times 3^{16}$ , then the number of such 3-tuples  $(\alpha, \beta, \gamma)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

19. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ -1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . If  $A^{-1} = \alpha I + \beta A$ ,  $\alpha, \beta \in R$ ,  $I$  is a  $2 \times 2$  identity matrix, then  $4(\alpha - \beta)$  is equal to :
- (1) 5 (2)  $\frac{8}{3}$   
(3) 2 (4) 4
20. Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two  $3 \times 3$  real matrices such that  $(A^2 - B^2)$  is invertible matrix. If  $A^5 = B^5$  and  $A^3 B^2 = A^2 B^3$ , then the value of the determinant of the matrix  $A^3 + B^3$  is equal to :
- (1) 2 (2) 4  
(3) 1 (4) 0
21. If  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \cdots \begin{bmatrix} 1 & n-1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 78 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then the inverse of  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & n \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is:
- (1)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -12 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (2)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 12 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
(3)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 13 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (4)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & -13 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
22. Let  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -1 & -2 \\ 2 & 0 & \alpha \\ 3 & -5 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $\alpha \in R$ . Suppose  $Q = [q_{ij}]$  is a matrix satisfying  $PQ = kI_3$  for some non-zero  $k \in R$ . If  $q_{23} = -\frac{k}{8}$  and  $|Q| = \frac{k^2}{2}$ , then  $\alpha^2 + k^2$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.
23. Let  $x = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $A = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 6 \\ 0 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$ . For  $k \in \mathbb{N}$ , if  $X'A^kX = 33$ , then  $k$  is equal to
24. Let  $X = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ ,  $Y = \alpha I + \beta X + \gamma X^2$  and  $Z = \alpha^2 I - \alpha\beta X + (\beta^2 - \alpha\gamma)X^2$ ,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $Y^{-1} = \begin{bmatrix} \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} & \frac{1}{5} \\ 0 & \frac{1}{5} & -\frac{2}{5} \\ 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{5} \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $(\alpha - \beta + \gamma)^2$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.
25. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 \\ -1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then the number of elements in the set  $\{(n, m) : n, m \in \{1, 2, \dots, 10\} \text{ and } nA^n + mB^m = I\}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
26. Let  $A$  be a  $n \times n$  matrix such that  $|A| = 2$ . If the determinant of the matrix  $\text{Adj}(2 \cdot \text{Adj}(2A^{-1}))$  is  $2^{84}$ , then  $n$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.
27. If  $A = \frac{1}{5!6!7!} \begin{bmatrix} 5! & 6! & 7! \\ 6! & 7! & 8! \\ 7! & 8! & 9! \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $|\text{adj}(\text{adj}(2A))|$  is equal to
- (1)  $2^{20}$  (2)  $2^8$   
(3)  $2^{12}$  (4)  $2^{16}$
28. 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 \_\_\_\_\_.
29. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Then  $A^{2025} - A^{2020}$  is equal to
- (1)  $A^6 - A$  (2)  $A^6$   
(3)  $A^5$  (4)  $A^5 - A$
30. If  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{2} & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , then  $P^{50}$  is:
- (1)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 25 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (2)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 50 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$   
(3)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 25 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  (4)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 50 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
31. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 2q & r \\ p & q & -r \\ p & -q & r \end{pmatrix}$ . If  $AA^T = I_3$ , then  $|p|$  is :
- (1)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$  (2)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$   
(3)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (4)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$
32. Let  $A$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix having entries from the set  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$ . The number of all such matrices  $A$  having sum of all the entries equal to 5, is \_\_\_\_\_.
33. Let  $M = \left\{ A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in (\pm 3, \pm 2, \pm 1, 0) \right\}$ . Define  $f : M \rightarrow Z$ , as  $f(A) = \det(A)$ , for all  $A \in M$  where  $Z$  is set of all integers. Then the number of  $A \in M$  such that  $f(A) = 15$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.
34. If the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  satisfies the equation  $A^{20} + \alpha A^{19} + \beta A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  for some real numbers  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , then  $\beta - \alpha$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_.

35. Let the matrix  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and the matrix  $B_0 = A^{49} + 2A^{98}$ . If  $B_n = \text{Adj}(B_{n-1})$  for all  $n \geq 1$ , then  $\det(B_4)$  is equal to
- (1)  $3^{28}$  (2)  $3^{30}$   
 (3)  $3^{32}$  (4)  $3^{36}$