PAPER 2

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11:30 am - 12:45 pm (11/4 hours)

INSTRUCTIONS

- 1. Read carefully the instructions on the Answer Sheet. After the announcement of the start of the examination, you should first stick a barcode label and insert the information required in the spaces provided. No extra time will be given for sticking on the barcode label after the 'Time is up' announcement.
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- 3. All questions carry equal marks.
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There are 30 questions in Section A and 15 questions in Section B. The diagrams in this paper are not necessarily drawn to scale. Choose the best answer for each question.

Section A

1.
$$\frac{(27x)^5}{(3x^{-2})^4} =$$

- A. $3^2 x^3$.
- B. $3^4 x^3$.
- C. $3^{11}x^{13}$.
- D. $3^{14}x^{13}$.

2.
$$36-(3m+4n)^2=$$

- A. (6+3m+4n)(6-3m+4n).
- B. (6+3m+4n)(6-3m-4n).
- C. (6+3m-4n)(6-3m+4n).
- D. (6+3m-4n)(6-3m-4n).

3. If a and b are constants such that
$$(x+8)(x+a)+b \equiv x^2+5a(x+3)$$
, then $b=$

- A. -14.
- B. -2.
- C. 2.
- D. 14.

4. If (3c+1)(d-4) = 2d(5c-1), then c =

$$A. \qquad \frac{3d-4}{7d+12} \ .$$

$$B. \qquad \frac{3d+4}{7d-12} \ .$$

$$C. \qquad \frac{7d-12}{3d+4} \ .$$

D.
$$\frac{7d+12}{3d-4}$$

5. Let k be a constant. Solve the equation $x^2 + 4x = k^2 - 2k - 3$.

A.
$$x = k - 3$$
 or $x = -k - 1$

B.
$$x = k - 3$$
 or $x = -k + 1$

C.
$$x = k + 3$$
 or $x = -k - 1$

D.
$$x = k + 3$$
 or $x = -k + 1$

6. If x = 5.67 (correct to 2 decimal places), find the range of values of x.

A.
$$5.66 < x \le 5.68$$

B.
$$5.66 \le x < 5.68$$

C.
$$5.665 < x \le 5.675$$

D.
$$5.665 \le x < 5.675$$

7. The solution of $4y+1 < 5y-3 \le 8y-9$ is

A.
$$y > -4$$
.

B.
$$y \ge -2$$
.

C.
$$y \ge 2$$
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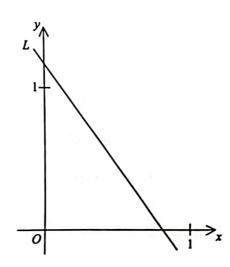
D.
$$y > 4$$
.

- 8. Let $f(x) = x^2 + 7x + k$, where k is a constant. If f(4) + f(-4) = 38, find k.
 - A. -6
 - B. -3
 - C. 3
 - D. 6
- 9. Let $p(x) = nx^3 3nx + 36$, where n is a constant. If x + 3 is a factor of p(x), then p(3) =
 - A. -2.
 - B. 0.
 - C. 2.
 - D. 72.
- 10. A sum of \$40 000 is deposited at an interest rate of 3% per annum for 5 years, compounded half-yearly. Find the amount correct to the nearest dollar.
 - A. \$46 000
 - B. \$46371
 - C. \$46 422
 - D. \$46465
- 11. If α , β and γ are non-zero constants such that $(\alpha + 2\beta): (\beta + 2\gamma): (\gamma + 2\alpha) = 4:9:5$, then $\alpha: \beta =$
 - A. 2:5.
 - B. 5:2.
 - C. 128:149.
 - D. 149:128.

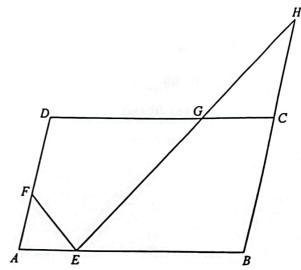
- 12. It is given that z varies directly as the cube of x and inversely as the square of y. When x=3 and y=6, z=3. When x=5 and y=2, z=
 - A. 5.
 - B. 25.
 - C. 125.
 - D. 243.

- 13. Let a_n be the *n*th term of a sequence. If $a_2 = 3$, $a_5 = 41$ and $a_{n+2} = 2a_{n+1} + a_n$ for any positive integer n, then $a_6 =$
 - A. 99.
 - B. 101.
 - C. 239.
 - D. 243.

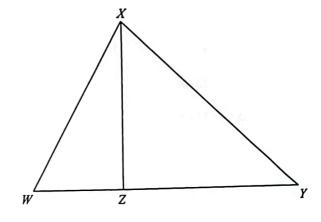
- 14. In the figure, the equation of the straight line L is px + qy = 7. Which of the following is/are true?
 - I. p > 7
 - II. q > 7
 - III. q > p
 - A. I only
 - B. II only
 - C. I and III only
 - D. II and III only



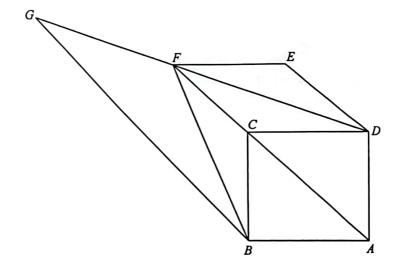
- 15. The perimeter of the sector OMN is 12π cm, where O is the centre of the sector OMN. If the radius of the sector OMN is 3π cm, which of the following are true?
 - I. The area of the sector *OMN* is $9\pi^2$ cm².
 - II. The perimeter of ΔOMN is less than 35 cm.
 - III. The angle of the sector OMN is greater than 100° .
 - A. I and II only
 - B. I and III only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II and III
- 16. The height and the total surface area of a solid right circular cylinder are 35 cm and 492π cm² respectively. If the radius of a solid sphere is equal to the base radius of the circular cylinder, then the volume of the sphere is
 - A. $144\pi \text{ cm}^3$.
 - B. $288\pi \text{ cm}^3$.
 - C. $576\pi \text{ cm}^3$.
 - D. $864\pi \text{ cm}^3$.
- 17. In the figure, ABCD is a parallelogram. Let E, F and G be points lying on AB, AD and CD respectively such that BE = 3AE, 2DF = 3AF and DG = 2CG. It is given that BC produced and EG produced meet at the point H. If the area of ΔCGH is $16 \, \mathrm{cm}^2$, then the area of the quadrilateral DFEG is
 - A. 46 cm².
 - B. 49 cm^2 .
 - C. 105 cm^2 .
 - D. $115 \,\mathrm{cm}^2$.



- 18. The figure shows the triangle WXY. Let Z be a point lying on WY such that WY:XY=XY:YZ. If $WX=65 \, \text{cm}$, $WZ=25 \, \text{cm}$ and $XZ=60 \, \text{cm}$, then XY=
 - A. 131 cm.
 - B. 144 cm.
 - C. 156 cm.
 - D. 169 cm.

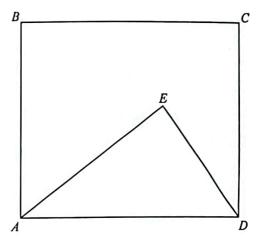


- 19. In the figure, ABCD is a square. Let E be a point such that CDEF is a rhombus, where F is a point lying on AC produced. DF is produced to the point G such that $AF/\!\!/BG$. Which of the following are true?
 - I. DF = FG
 - II. $\triangle BFG \sim \triangle DEF$
 - III. $\angle ABG + \angle BFD = 180^{\circ}$
 - A. I and II only
 - B. I and III only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II and III

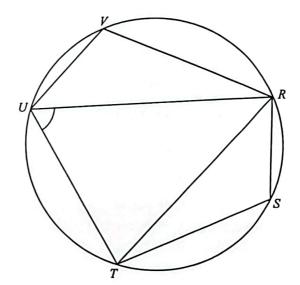


- 20. It is given that PQRS is a trapezium with PQ//SR. If $PS = 41 \, \text{cm}$, $RS = 53 \, \text{cm}$, $\angle PSR = 120^{\circ}$ and $\angle QRS = 150^{\circ}$, then PQ =
 - A. 82 cm.
 - B. 100 cm.
 - C. 106 cm.
 - D. 135 cm.

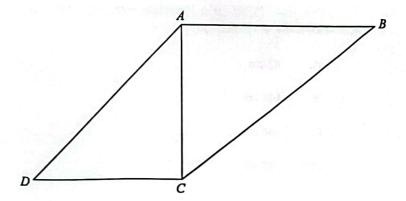
- 21. In the figure, ABCD is a rectangle. It is given that AE = 20 cm and $\angle AED = 90^{\circ}$. If the area of $\triangle ADE$ is 150 cm^2 , then the perpendicular distance from E to CD is
 - A. 8 cm.
 - B. 9 cm.
 - C. 12 cm.
 - D. 15 cm.



- 22. In the figure, RSTUV is a circle. It is given that RT//VU and RT is the angle bisector of $\angle SRU$. If $\angle RTS = \angle URV = 33^{\circ}$, then $\angle RUT =$
 - A. 36°.
 - B. 49°.
 - C. 65°.
 - D. 71°.



- 23. The figure shows the quadrilateral ABCD. If $\angle ABC + \angle ADC = \angle ACD = \angle BAC = 90^{\circ}$, which of the following must be true?
 - A. $\tan \angle ACB = \frac{AB}{AD}$
 - B. $\tan \angle ACB = \frac{AB}{CD}$
 - C. $\tan \angle ADC = \frac{BC}{AD}$
 - D. $\tan \angle ADC = \frac{BC}{CD}$



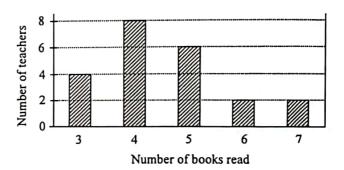
- 24. The polar coordinates of the points X, Y and Z are (1,20°), (2,80°) and (r,θ) respectively, where $20^{\circ} < \theta < 80^{\circ}$. If ΔXYZ is an equilateral triangle, find r.
 - A. $\sqrt{3}$
 - B. $\sqrt{5}$
 - C. $\sqrt{7}$
 - D. $\sqrt{10}$
- 25. Denote the origin by O. The coordinates of the point A are (a, 2a), where a > 0. Let P be a moving point in the rectangular coordinate plane such that AP = OA. The locus of P is a
 - A. point.
 - B. circle.
 - C. rhombus.
 - D. straight line.
- 26. The straight lines L_1 and L_2 are perpendicular to each other. The equations of L_1 and L_2 are 3x+4y-20=0 and mx+ny-20=0 respectively, where m and n are constants. Suppose that L_1 and L_2 cut the x-axis at the points A and B respectively. Let C be the point of intersection of L_1 and L_2 . It is given that C lies above the x-axis. If the area of $\triangle ABC$ is 6, find n.
 - A. -12
 - B. -9
 - C. 9
 - D. 12
- 27. The coordinates of the centre of the circle C are (7,-5). If C cuts the x-axis at the points P and Q such that PQ = 24, then the equation of C is
 - A. $x^2 + y^2 14x + 10y 95 = 0$.
 - B. $x^2 + y^2 + 14x 10y 95 = 0$.
 - C. $x^2 + y^2 14x + 10y 119 = 0$.
 - D. $x^2 + y^2 + 14x 10y 119 = 0$.

28. A box contains six cards numbered 2, 2, 2, 3, 4 and 5 respectively. In a game, a number is randomly drawn from the box and a certain number of tokens will be got according to the following table:

Number drawn	2	3	4	5
Number of tokens got	10	15	25	50

Find the expected number of tokens got in the game.

- A. 3
- B. 4
- C. 20
- D. 25
- 29. The bar chart below shows the distribution of the numbers of books read by some teachers in a certain month. Find the inter-quartile range of the distribution.
 - A. 1
 - B. 2
 - C. 3
 - D. 4



30. Consider the following data:

α

ß

-4

-3

1

1

1

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Denote the mode and the median of the above data by s and t respectively. If the mean and the range of the above data are 0 and 10 respectively, which of the following are true?

- $I. \quad s=1$
- II. t = -1
- III. $\alpha + \beta = 0$
 - A. I and II only
 - B. I and III only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II and III

Section B

31. $3E000000000000_{16} =$

A.
$$2^{16} + 2^{15} + 2^{14} + 2^{13} + 2^{12}$$
.

B.
$$2^{17} + 2^{16} + 2^{15} + 2^{14} + 2^{13}$$
.

C.
$$2^{52} + 2^{51} + 2^{50} + 2^{49} + 2^{48}$$
.

D.
$$2^{53} + 2^{52} + 2^{51} + 2^{50} + 2^{49}$$
.

- 32. The L.C.M. of p^2-4q^2 , p^3-8q^3 and $(p+2q)(p^2-4q^2)$ is
 - A. p-2q.
 - B. $p^2 4q^2$.
 - C. $(p+2q)^2(p^3-8q^3)$.
 - D. $(p+2q)(p^2-4q^2)(p^3-8q^3)$.

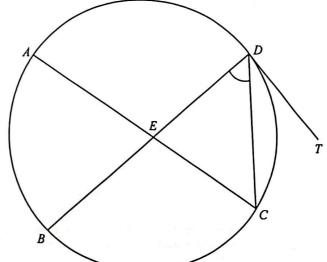
- 33. It is given that $\log_5 y$ is a linear function of $\log_{25} x$. The intercepts on the vertical axis and on the horizontal axis of the graph of the linear function are 12 and 2 respectively. If $y = mx^n$, then n = 1
 - A. -12.
 - B. -4.
 - C. -3.
 - D. -1.

- On the same rectangular coordinate system, the graph of $y = \log_a x$ cuts the graph of $y = a^x$ and the x-axis at the points P and Q respectively, where a is a positive constant. Denote the origin by O. Which of the following are true?
 - I. a < 1
 - II. OQ > a
 - III. $\angle POQ = 45^{\circ}$
 - A. I and II only
 - B. I and III only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II and III
- 35. $i^9 + i^{10} + i^{11} + \dots + i^{999} =$
 - A. -1.
 - B. 0.
 - C. 1.
 - D. i.
- 36. Consider the following system of inequalities:

$$\begin{cases} x \le 11 \\ 4x + 5y - 19 \ge 0 \\ 7x - 6y + 11 \le 0 \end{cases}$$

- Let D be the region which represents the solution of the above system of inequalities. If (x, y) is a point lying in D, then the greatest value of 8x-6y+11 is
 - A. 1.
 - B. 11.
 - C. 15.
 - D. 129.

- 37. Let p, q and r be non-zero real numbers. If p, q, r is an arithmetic sequence, which of the following must be true?
 - I. 3^p , 3^q , 3^r is a geometric sequence.
 - II. $\frac{5}{p}, \frac{5}{q}, \frac{5}{r}$ is a geometric sequence.
 - III. p-q, q-r, r-p is an arithmetic sequence.
 - A. I only
 - B. II only
 - C. I and III only
 - D. II and III only
- 38. In the figure, AC is a diameter of the circle ABCD. Denote the point of intersection of AC and BD by E. It is given that TD is the tangent to the circle at D. If $\angle BEC = 96^{\circ}$ and $\angle CDT = 41^{\circ}$, then $\angle CDE =$
 - A. 47°.
 - B. 48°.
 - C. 52°.
 - D. 55°.



- 39. For $90^{\circ} < \theta < 270^{\circ}$, how many roots does the equation $\tan^{3} \theta = 2 \tan \theta$ have?
 - A. 2
 - B. 3
 - C. 4
 - D. 5

- 40. PQRS is a regular tetrahedron. Find the angle between PQ and ΔQRS correct to the nearest degree.
 - A. 35°
 - B. 55°
 - C. 60°
 - D. 71°

- 41. Denote the origin by O. The coordinates of the point U are (20,0). Let V be a point lying on the positive y-axis such that the x-coordinate of the in-centre of ΔOUV is 6. Find the area of ΔOUV .
 - A. 70
 - B. 87
 - C. 210
 - D. 250

- 42. A committee is formed by 2 managers, 4 officers and 12 clerks. If 7 members are selected from the committee to form a working group consisting of at least 1 manager, how many different working groups can be formed?
 - A. 16 016
 - B. 20384
 - C. 22 880
 - D. 31824

- 43. There are 9 cans of apple juice and 4 cans of grape juice in a bag. If 6 cans are randomly chosen from the bag at the same time, find the probability that at most 3 cans of grape juice are chosen.
 - A. $\frac{9}{13}$
 - B. $\frac{133}{143}$
 - C. $\frac{140}{143}$
 - D. $\frac{714}{715}$
- 44. The standard scores of a boy and a girl in a Mathematics test are -2 and z respectively. The standard deviation of the scores of the Mathematics test is 2 marks. If the difference of the test score of the boy and the test score of the girl is 6 marks, find z.
 - A. -5 or 1
 - B. -5 or 3
 - C. -3 or 1
 - D. -3 or 3
- 45. It is given that a, b, c and d are four distinct real numbers. Let m_1 , r_1 and v_1 be the mean, the range and the variance of the group of numbers $\{a,b,c,d\}$ respectively while m_2 , r_2 and v_2 be the mean, the range and the variance of the group of numbers $\{2a,2b,2c,2d\}$ respectively. Denote the mean, the range and the variance of the group of numbers $\{a+3,b+3,c+3,d+3\}$ by m_3 , r_3 and v_3 respectively. Which of the following are true?
 - I. $m_1 + m_3 > m_2$
 - II. $r_1 + r_3 = r_2$
 - III. $v_1 + v_3 < v_2$
 - A. I and II only
 - B. I and III only
 - C. II and III only
 - D. I, II and III

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