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1. (2) As per conditions of logarithms,

$$x^2 - 3 > 0, 6x - 10 > 0 \Rightarrow x > \sqrt{3} \text{ (Intersection of both conditions) ... (i)}$$

$$\text{Also } \log_2\left(\frac{x^2-3}{6x-10}\right) = -1 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2-3}{6x-10} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3 = 3x - 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1, 2$$

But from (i), $x > (\sqrt{3})$

So, $x = 2$ is the answer

2. (4) The given expression is

$$\log_{10}(2^x + 1) + x = \log_{10}(6) + x \log_{10}(5)$$

We know that $\log_m(x) + \log_m(y) = \log_m(xy)$ & $\log_m(x) - \log_m(y) = \log_m\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}(2^x + 1) = x (\log_{10}(5) - \log_{10}(10)) + \log_{10}(6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}(2^x + 1) = -\log_{10}(2)^x + \log_{10}(6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}(2^x + 1) + \log_{10}(2^x) = \log_{10}(6)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10}[(2^x)(2^x + 1)] = \log_{10}(6)$$

Taking antilog on both sides, we get

$$\Rightarrow (2^x)(2^x + 1) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^x)^2 + 2^x - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2^x - 2)(2^x + 3) = 0$$

$2^x = (-3)$ is rejected as value of an exponential function cannot be negative

$$\Rightarrow 2^x = 2 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

3. (3) As we know that $\log_a(b) > 0$, if $(0 < a < 1)$ and $(0 < b < 1)$.

$$\text{Given, } \log_{\frac{1}{3}}(x^2 + 2x) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < x^2 + 2x < 1$$

Breaking into two cases:

$$\text{Case I : } x^2 + 2x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x + 2) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (0, \infty) \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{Case II : } x^2 + 2x < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x - 1 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 1 + \sqrt{2})(x + 1 - \sqrt{2}) < 0$$



$$\Rightarrow -1 - \sqrt{2} < x < -1 + \sqrt{2} \quad \dots(2)$$

From equation (1) and (2), we get

$$x \in (-1 - \sqrt{2}, -2) \cup (0, \sqrt{2} - 1)$$

Thus, $(-1 - \sqrt{2}, -2) \cup (0, \sqrt{2} - 1)$ is correct option.

4. $\log_{175} 5x = \log_{343} 7x = k$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \frac{5}{7} = \left(\frac{175}{343}\right)^k \Rightarrow k = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{So, } \log 5x_{175} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right) \text{ or } 5x = \sqrt{175} \text{ or } 5x = 5\sqrt{7} \text{ or } x = \sqrt{7}$$

Now, as per question-

$$\log(x^4 - 2x^2 + 7)_{42}$$

$$= \log(49 - 14 + 7)_{42} = \log 42_{42} = 1$$

Therefore, 1 is the answer

5. (2)

We have,

$$\log_3(x - 3) = \log_9(x - 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log(x-3)}{\log 3} = \frac{\log(x-1)}{\log 9}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log(x-3)}{\log 3} = \frac{\log(x-1)}{\log 3^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log(x-3)}{\log 3} = \frac{\log(x-1)}{2 \log 3}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \log(x-3) = \log(x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log(x-3)^2 = \log(x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-3)^2 = (x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2, 5$$

$x = 2$ is not possible as $\log_3(x - 3)$ is not defined for $x = 2$.

Therefore, $x = 5$.

6. (1) Let

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 5\sqrt{\log_5 3} & 5\sqrt{\log_5 3} & 5\sqrt{\log_5 3} \\ 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} & (0.1)^{\log_{0.01}(4)} & 7^{\log_7(3)} \\ 7 & 3 & 5 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$C_2 \leftrightarrow C_2 - C_1 \text{ and } C_3 \leftrightarrow C_3 - C_1$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{vmatrix} 5\sqrt{\log_5 3} & [5\sqrt{\log_5 3} - 5\sqrt{\log_5 3}] & [5\sqrt{\log_5 3} - 5\sqrt{\log_5 3}] \\ 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} & \left[(0.1)^{\log_{0.01}(4)} - 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} \right] & [7^{\log_7(3)} - 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)}] \\ 5\sqrt{\log_5 3} & -4 & -2 \\ 7 & 0 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

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$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{vmatrix} 5\sqrt{\log_5 3} & -4 & -2 \\ 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} & [(4)^{\log_{0.01}(0.1)} - (4)^{-\log_{1/3}(3)}] & [3^{\log_7(7)} - (4)^{-\log_{1/3}(3)}] \\ 7 & -4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$[\because c^{\log_a(b)} = b^{\log_a(c)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{vmatrix} 5\sqrt{\log_5 3} & 0 & 0 \\ 3^{-\log_{1/3}(4)} & [(4)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (4)^1] & [3^1 - (4)^1] \\ 7 & -4 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$[\because \log_a(b) = \frac{1}{\log_b(a)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow D = \begin{vmatrix} 5\sqrt{\log_5 3} & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & -2 & -1 \\ 7 & -4 & -2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

7. (2) For $x = 1$, both parts of the equation vanish, consequently $x = 1$ is root of the equation.For $x \neq 1$ Dividing both sides of the given equation by $\log x_3 \log x_4 \log x_5$, we get-

$$1 = \frac{1}{\log_5 x} + \frac{1}{\log_3 x} + \frac{1}{\log_4 x} = \log_x 5 + \log_x 3 + \log_x 4 = \log_x 60$$

 $\Rightarrow x = 60$. Thus the required set is $\{1, 60\}$.

8. (1) The given expression is equal to

$$\log_n 2 + \log_n 3 + \dots + \log_n 53 = \log_n (2 \cdot 3 \dots 53) = \log_n 53! = \frac{1}{\log_{53!} n}$$

9. (3) $\log_2 \log x$ is meaningful if $(\log x > 0)$ or $(x > 1)$

$$\text{Since } 4^{\log_2 \log x} = 2^{2 \log_2 \log x} = (2^{\log_2 \log x})^2 = (\log x)^2$$

$$[a^{\log_a x} = x, a > 0, a \neq 1]$$

So the given equation reduces to

$$2(\log x)^2 - \log x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log x = 1, \log x = -1/2.$$

But we know that $\log x > 0$, therefore $\log x = 1$ i.e. $x = e$

10. Let $X = x^{\frac{1}{\ln y} + \frac{1}{\ln z}} \cdot y^{\frac{1}{\ln z} + \frac{1}{\ln x}} \cdot z^{\frac{1}{\ln x} + \frac{1}{\ln y}}$

(3) $\Rightarrow \ln X = \ln x \left(\frac{1}{\ln y} + \frac{1}{\ln z} \right) + (\ln y) \left(\frac{1}{\ln z} + \frac{1}{\ln x} \right) + \left(\frac{1}{\ln x} + \frac{1}{\ln y} \right) (\ln z)$

Now given $\ln x + \ln y + \ln z = 0$

$\therefore \frac{\ln x}{\ln y} + \frac{\ln z}{\ln y} = -1$

Similarly $\frac{\ln y}{\ln x} + \frac{\ln z}{\ln x} = -1$ and

$\frac{\ln x}{\ln z} + \frac{\ln y}{\ln z} = -1$

$\therefore \text{R.H.S.} = -3$

$\therefore \ln X = -3$

$X = e^{-3}$

11. (1) $x \in (2n+1)\pi/2, n\pi$ where $n \in \mathbf{I}$. The given inequality can be written as $\frac{\log_2(x^2 - 8x + 23)}{\log_2 |\sin x|} > \frac{3}{\log_2 |\sin x|}$

As $\log_2 |\sin x| < 0$, we get

$\log_2(x^2 - 8x + 23) < 3$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 23 < 2^3 = 8$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 8x + 15 < 0$

$\Rightarrow (x-5)(x-3) < 0 \Rightarrow 3 < x < 5$

For $x \in (3, 5)$, $x \in \pi, \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2}$. Hence

$x \in (3, \pi) \cup \left(\pi, \frac{3\pi}{2}\right) \cup \left(\frac{3\pi}{2}, 5\right)$

12. (2) Taking log of both the sides with base 3, we have

$(\log_3 x^2 + (\log_3 x)^2 - 10)(\log_3 x) = -2 \log_3 x$

This equation is equivalent to

$\log_3 x = 0$ or $2 \log_3 x + (\log_3 x)^2 - 8 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = 1, \log_3 x = -1 \pm 3$ i.e. $\log_3 x = 2, \log_3 x = -4$

Hence $x = 1, 3^2, 3^{-4} = 1, 9, 1/81$

13. Let $A = \log_a x \cdot \log_{10} a \cdot \log_a 5$

(4) $= \log_{10} x \cdot \log_a 5$

$= \log_a (5)^{\log_{10} x}$

Let $\log_{10} x = x$, So, $A = \log_a 5^x$

Let $B = \log_{10} \left(\frac{x}{10} \right) = \log_{10} x - 1 = (x-1)$

Let $C = \log_{100} x + \log_4 2$

$= \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} x + \frac{1}{2} = \left(\frac{x+1}{2} \right)$

$\therefore 9^C = 9^{\frac{x+1}{2}} = 3^{x+1} = 3^x \cdot 3$

According to question,

$\frac{6}{5} \cdot 5^x - \frac{3^x}{3} = 3 \cdot 3^x$

$\rightarrow 6 \cdot 5^{x-1} = 3^x \left(\frac{1}{3} + 3 \right)$

$\rightarrow 6 \cdot 5^{x-1} = 3^{x-1} (10)$

$\rightarrow 5^{x-2} = 3^{x-2}$

Which is only possible when-

$x = 2 \rightarrow \log_{10} x = 2 \rightarrow x = 10^2 = 100$

So, (4) is the correct option

14. (2) For (1) to hold, we must have

$$x > 0, x \neq 1 \text{ and } 2x^2 + x - 1 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 0, x \neq 1 \text{ and } (2x - 1)(x + 1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 1/2, x \neq 1$$

We can write (1) as

$$\log_x \left(\frac{2x^2 + x - 1}{2} \right) > -1 \quad (2)$$

For $1/2 < x < 1$, (2) can be written as

$$\frac{2x^2 + x - 1}{2} < \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^3 + x^2 - x < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x^3 - 1) + x(x - 1) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)(2x^2 + 3x + 2) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x < 1 \quad [\because 2x^2 + 3x + 2 > 0 \forall x > 0]$$

For $x > 1$, (2) can be written as

$$\frac{2x^2 + x - 1}{2} > \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1)(2x^2 + 3x + 2) > 0$$

This is true for each $x > 1$.

Thus, (1) holds for $1/2 < x < 1, x > 1$.

15. (10) $\log_{\sqrt{2} \sin x} (1 + \cos x) = 2$

$$\sqrt{2} \sin x \neq 1, \sqrt{2} \sin x > 0, 1 + \cos x > 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin x \neq \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \sin x > 0 \text{ and}$$

$$x \neq \text{odd multiple of } \pi \Rightarrow x \in (0, \pi) - \left\{ \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4} \right\} \text{ (feasible region)}$$

$$(i) \Leftrightarrow (\sqrt{2} \sin x)^2 = 1 + \cos x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sin^2 x = 1 + \cos x$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \cos^2 x + \cos x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow (2 \cos x - 1)(\cos x + 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \frac{1}{2} \quad \dots \left[\cos x + 1 > 0 \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

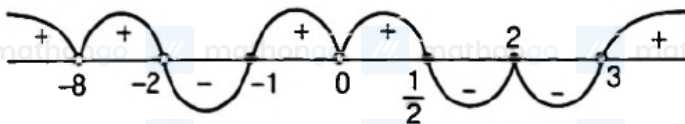
$$\Rightarrow p = 1, q = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 + q^2 = 10$$

16. (4) We have, $\frac{(x-2)^{10000}(x+1)^{253}\left(x-\frac{1}{2}\right)^{971}(x+8)^4}{x^{500}(x-3)^{75}(x+2)^{93}} \geq 0$

The critical points are $(-8), (-2), (-1), 0, \frac{1}{2}, 2, 3$

$[\because x \neq -2, 0, 3]$



Hence, $x \in (-\infty, -8] \cup [-8, -2] \cup [-1, 0) \cup \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \cup (3, \infty)$

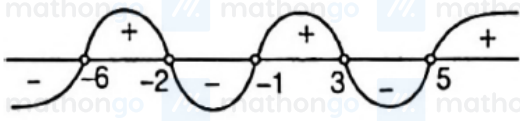
or $x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup [-1, 0) \cup \left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right] \cup (3, \infty)$

$\{2\}$ also satisfy the given inequality.

Hence, answer is option 4.

17. (1) We have, $f(x) = \frac{(x-3)(x+2)(x+6)}{(x+1)(x-5)}$

The critical points are $(-6), (-2), (-1), 3, 5$



For $f(x) > 0, \forall x \in (-6, -2) \cup (-1, 3) \cup (5, \infty)$

For $f(x) < 0, \forall x \in (-\infty, -6) \cup (-2, -1) \cup (3, 5)$

18. (4) This equation has the form $|f(x)| = -f(x)$

when, $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 8x + 12}{x^2 - 10x + 21}$

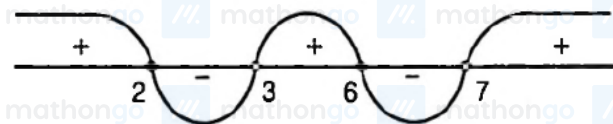
such an equation is equivalent to the collection of systems

$$\begin{cases} f(x) = -f(x), & \text{if } f(x) \geq 0 \\ f(x) = f(x), & \text{if } f(x) < 0 \end{cases}$$

The first system is equivalent to $f(x) = 0$ and the second system is equivalent to $f(x) < 0$ the combining both systems, we get

$$f(x) \leq 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{x^2 - 8x + 12}{x^2 - 10x + 21} &\leq 0 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{(x-2)(x-6)}{(x-3)(x-7)} &\leq 0 \end{aligned}$$



Hence, by Wavy curve method,

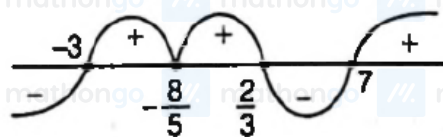
$$x \in [2, 3] \cup [6, 7]$$

19. (2) We have, $(x+3)(3x-2)^5(7-x)^3(5x+8)^2 \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow -(x+3)(3x-2)^5(x-7)^3(5x+8)^2 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+3)(3x-2)^5(x-7)^3(5x+8)^2 \leq 0$$

[take before x , +ve sign in all brackets]



The critical points are $(-3), (-\frac{8}{5}), \frac{2}{3}, 7$

$$\text{Hence, } x \in (-\infty, -3] \cup \left[\frac{2}{3}, 7\right] \cup \left\{-\frac{8}{5}\right\}$$

20. $\frac{x|x|}{x+2} \leq 1$

$$\frac{x|x| - x - 2}{x+2} \leq 0$$

(3) Case I $x \in [0, \infty)$

$$\frac{x^2 - x - 2}{x+2} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{x+2} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \leq 2$$

\Rightarrow integral values 0, 1, 2

Be careful: x cannot be 0 otherwise in the given inequality denominator will become 0

Case II $x \in (-\infty, 0)$

$$\frac{-x^2 - x - 2}{x+2} \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

So 3 integral values

21. (3) We have, $\sqrt{-x^2 + 4x - 3} > 6 - 2x$

This inequation is equivalent to the collection of two systems, of inequations

$$\text{i.e. } \begin{cases} 6 - 2x \geq 0 \\ -x^2 + 4x - 3 > (6 - 2x)^2 \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} 6 - 2x < 0 \\ -x^2 + 4x - 3 \geq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \leq 3 \\ (x-3)(5x-13) < 0 \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} x > 3 \\ (x-1)(x-3) \leq 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x \leq 3 \\ \frac{13}{5} < x < 3 \end{cases} \text{ and } \begin{cases} x > 3 \\ 1 \leq x < 3 \end{cases}$$

The second system has no solution and the first system has solution in the interval $\left(\frac{13}{5} < x < 3\right)$

Hence, $x \in \left(\frac{13}{5}, 3\right)$ is the set of solution of the original inequation.

22. (30) We have, $y = 2[x] + 3 = 3[x - 2] \dots$ (i)

$$\Rightarrow 2[x] + 3 = 3([x] - 2) \quad [\text{from property (i)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2[x] + 3 = 3[x] - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = 9$$

$$\text{From Eq. (i), } y = 2 \times 9 + 3 = 21$$

$$\therefore [x + y] = [x + 21] = [x] + 21 = 9 + 21 = 30$$

Hence, the value of $[x + y]$ is 30

23. (1) $[x] + \sum_{r=1}^{2000} \frac{\{x+r\}}{2000} = [x] + \sum_{r=1}^{2000} \frac{\{x\}}{2000}$

[We know, $\{x + \text{Integer}\} = \{x\}$]

As r takes only integral values here, $\{x + r\} = \{x\}$

$$= [x] + \frac{\{x\}}{2000} \sum_{r=1}^{2000} 1 = [x] + \frac{\{x\}}{2000} \times 2000 = [x] + \{x\} = x$$

24. (3) This equation is equivalent to the collection of systems

$$\begin{cases} |x - (4 - x)| - 2x = 4, & \text{if } 4 - x \geq 0 \\ |x + (4 - x)| - 2x = 4, & \text{if } 4 - x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} |2x - 4| - 2x = 4, & \text{if } x \leq 4 \\ 4 - 2x = 4, & \text{if } x > 4 \end{cases} \dots(i)$$

The second system of this collection

gives $x = 0$

but $x > 4$

Hence, second system has no solution.

The first system of collection Eq. (i) is equivalent to the system of collection

$$\begin{cases} 2x - 4 - 2x = 4, & \text{if } 2x \geq 4 \\ -2x + 4 - 2x = 4, & \text{if } 2x < 4 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} -4 = 4, & \text{if } x \geq 2 \\ -4x = 0, & \text{if } x < 2 \end{cases}$$

The first system is failed and second system gives $x = 0$.

Hence, $x = 0$ is unique solution of the given equation.

25. (3)

As the minimum value of $|x - 1| + |x - 2| + |x - 3| + |x - 4|$ is 4.

Hence number of solutions = 0

26. (3) We have, $\frac{2x}{(2x^2+5x+2)} > \frac{1}{(x+1)}$

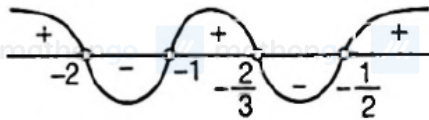
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{(x+2)(2x+1)} - \frac{1}{(x+1)} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(2x^2+2x) - (2x^2+5x+2)}{(x+2)(x+1)(2x+1)} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(3x+2)}{(x+2)(x+1)(2x+1)} > 0$$

$$\text{or } \frac{(3x+2)}{(x+2)(x+1)(2x+1)} < 0$$

The critical points are $(-2), (-1), \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right), \left(-\frac{1}{2}\right)$



Hence, $x \in (-2, -1) \cup \left(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$

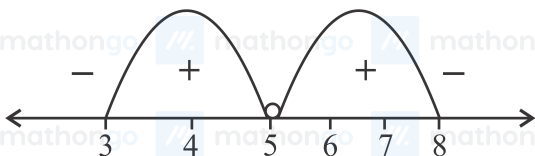
27. (5)

$$\frac{(x^2-2x+8)(e^x+2)(x-3)(x-8)}{(\log_2(x^2+3))(x-5)^2} \leq 0$$

$x^2 - 2x + 8, e^x + 2$ and $\log_2(x^2 + 3)$ are positive quantities

Next we have to find condition for $(x - 3), (x - 5)$ and $(x - 8)$

At $x = 5$, the denominator = 0. So $x = 5$ is not a solution. Therefore, number of integral solutions will be between 3 and 8 excluding 5 (using wavy curve method)



Thus, we have 5 integral values possible.

28. (3) If $|a + b + c| = |a| + |b| + |c|$ then a, b, c have same sign

$$|1 - \log_{1/6} x| + |-\log_2 x| + |2| = |3 - \log_{1/6} x - \log_2 x|$$

$$\therefore 1 - \log_{1/6} x \geq 0$$

$$\frac{1}{6} \leq x$$

$$-\log_2 x \geq 0$$

$$x \leq 2$$

$$\therefore x \in \left[\frac{1}{6}, 2\right], a = 2 \text{ and } b = 12$$

$$\frac{a+b}{2} = 7$$

29. (3) The given inequation is equivalent to the collection of systems

$$\begin{cases} \left|1 - \frac{x}{1+x}\right| \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \left|1 + \frac{x}{1-x}\right| \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{|1+x|} \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{|1-x|} \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1+x} \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{1}{1-x} \geq \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{1-x}{1+x} \geq 0, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{1+x}{1-x} \geq 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} \frac{x-1}{x+1} \leq 0, & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ \frac{x+1}{x-1} \leq 0, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\text{For } \frac{x-1}{x+1} \leq 0, \text{ if } x \geq 0$$



$$\therefore 0 \leq x \leq 1 \dots (i)$$

$$\text{For } \frac{x+1}{x-1} \leq 0, \text{ if } x < 0$$



$$\therefore -1 \leq x < 0 \dots (ii)$$

Hence, from Eqs. (i) and (ii), the solution of the given equation is $x \in [-1, 1]$

Aliter

$$\left|1 - \frac{|x|}{1+|x|}\right| \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \left|\frac{1}{1+|x|}\right| \geq \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{1+|x|} \geq \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 1 + |x| \leq 2 \text{ or } |x| \leq 1$$

$$\therefore -1 \leq x \leq 1 \text{ or } x \Rightarrow [-1, 1]$$

30. (1)

$$[2x] - [x+1] = 2x \dots (1)$$

$$-[x+1] = \{2x\}, 0 \leq \{2x\} < 1,$$

$$-[x+1] = 0, [x+1] = 0$$

$$-1 \leq x < 0, -2 \leq 2x < 0$$

$$[2x] = -2, -1$$

from equation (1)

$$[2x] - 0 = 2x, 2x = -2, -1$$

$$x = -1, -\frac{1}{2}$$