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# LIMIT

## THINGS TO REMEMBER :

1. Limit of a function  $f(x)$  is said to exist as,  $x \rightarrow a$  when

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = \text{finite quantity.}$$

2. **FUNDAMENTAL THEOREMS ON LIMITS :**

Let  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l$  &  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = m$ . If  $l$  &  $m$  exists then :

- (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \pm g(x) = l \pm m$
- (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot g(x) = l \cdot m$
- (iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = \frac{l}{m}$ , provided  $m \neq 0$
- (iv)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} k f(x) = k \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ ; where  $k$  is a constant.
- (v)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f[g(x)] = f\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)\right)$ ; provided  $f$  is continuous at  $x = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$

3. **STANDARD LIMITS :**

- (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = 1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x}$

[Where  $x$  is measured in radians]

- (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + x)^{1/x} = e = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^x$  note however there  $\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty}} (1 - h^2)^n = 0$

and  $\lim_{\substack{h \rightarrow 0 \\ n \rightarrow \infty}} (1 + h^2)^n \rightarrow \infty$

- (c) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = 1$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \phi(x) = \infty$ , then ;

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^{\phi(x)} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \phi(x)[f(x)-1]}$$

- (d) If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = A > 0$  &  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \phi(x) = B$  (a finite quantity) then ;

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^{\phi(x)} = A^B$$

- (e)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \ln a$  ( $a > 0$ ). In particular  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1$

- (f)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1}$

4. **SQUEEZE PLAY THEOREM :**

If  $f(x) \leq g(x) \leq h(x) \forall x$  &  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = l = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x)$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = l$ .

5. **INDETERMINANT FORMS :**

$$\frac{0}{0}, \frac{\infty}{\infty}, 0 \times \infty, 0^0, \infty^0, \infty - \infty \text{ and } 1^\infty$$

**Note :**

- (i) We cannot plot  $\infty$  on the paper. Infinity ( $\infty$ ) is a symbol & not a number. It does not obey the laws of elementary algebra.

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- (ii)  $\infty + \infty = \infty$  (iii)  $\infty \times \infty = \infty$  (iv)  $(a/\infty) = 0$  if  $a$  is finite  
 (v)  $\frac{a}{0}$  is not defined, if  $a \neq 0$ . (vi)  $ab = 0$ , if & only if  $a = 0$  or  $b = 0$  and  $a$  &  $b$  are finite.

6. The following strategies should be born in mind for evaluating the limits:

- (a) Factorisation  
 (b) Rationalisation or double rationalisation  
 (c) Use of trigonometric transformation ;  
 appropriate substitution and using standard limits  
 (d) Expansion of function like Binomial expansion, exponential & logarithmic expansion, expansion of  $\sin x$ ,  $\cos x$ ,  $\tan x$  should be remembered by heart & are given below :

(i)  $a^x = 1 + \frac{x \ln a}{1!} + \frac{x^2 \ln^2 a}{2!} + \frac{x^3 \ln^3 a}{3!} + \dots \dots \dots a > 0$

(ii)  $e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \dots \dots$

(iii)  $\ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \dots \dots$  for  $-1 < x \leq 1$

(iv)  $\sin x = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \dots \dots$

(v)  $\cos x = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \dots \dots$

(vi)  $\tan x = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \dots \dots \dots$

(vii)  $\tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \dots \dots$

(viii)  $\sin^{-1} x = x + \frac{1^2}{3!}x^3 + \frac{1^2 \cdot 3^2}{5!}x^5 + \frac{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2}{7!}x^7 + \dots \dots \dots$

(ix)  $\sec^{-1} x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{5x^4}{4!} + \frac{61x^6}{6!} + \dots \dots \dots$

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PROFICIENCY TEST-01

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x} - 1}$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - x \cdot \ln x + \ln x - 1}{x - 1}$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[13]{x} - \sqrt[7]{x}}{\sqrt[5]{x} - \sqrt[3]{x}}$
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [\ln(1 + \sin^2 x) \cdot \cot(\ln^2(1 + x))]$
5. (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \tan^{-1} \frac{a}{x^2}$ , where  $a \in \mathbb{R}$ ;  
 (b) Plot the graph of the function  $f(x) = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{2x}{\pi} \tan^{-1} \frac{x}{t^2} \right)$
6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{[\sum_{k=1}^{100} x^k] - 100}{x - 1}$
7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\sqrt{x} + 3x^{1/3} + 5x^{1/5}}{\sqrt{3x-2} + (2x-3)^{1/3}}$
8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec 4x - \sec 2x}{\sec 3x - \sec x}$
9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8}{x^8} \left[ 1 - \cos \frac{x^2}{2} - \cos \frac{x^2}{4} + \cos \frac{x^2}{2} \cos \frac{x^2}{4} \right]$
10.  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sqrt{2} - \cos \theta - \sin \theta}{(4\theta - \pi)^2}$

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PROFICIENCY TEST-02

1. If  $l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=2}^n \left( (r+1) \sin \frac{\pi}{r+1} - r \sin \frac{\pi}{r} \right)$  then find  $\{l\}$ . (where  $\{ \}$  denotes the fractional part function)
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{(3x^4 + 2x^2) \sin \frac{1}{x} + |x|^3 + 5}{|x|^3 + |x|^2 + |x| + 1}$
3. Let  $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n$  where  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 2$ , then find the value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_{n+1} - S_n}{\sum_{k=1}^n k}$
4. Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( 1 + x e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} \sin \frac{1}{x^4} \right)$
5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x+c}{x-c} \right)^x = 4$  then find  $c$
6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{2x^2+3}{2x^2+5} \right]^{8x^2+3}$
7.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\cos (\ln (n-1) - \ln (n+1)))^{(n+1)^2}$
8. Evaluate,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-x+\ln x}{1+\cos \pi x}$
9.  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\exp \left( x \ln \left( 1 + \frac{ay}{x} \right) \right) - \exp \left( x \ln \left( 1 + \frac{by}{x} \right) \right)}{y} \right]$
10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{ax^2+bx+c}{(x-1)^2} = 2$ , then find the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-a)(x-b)(x-c)}{(x+1)}$

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EXERCISE- I

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{p}{1-x^p} - \frac{q}{1-x^q} \right) p, q \in \mathbb{N}$
2. If  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3) \dots (1-x^{2n})}{[(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3) \dots (1-x^n)]^2}$  then show that L can be equal to
  - (a)  $\prod_{r=1}^n \frac{n+r}{r}$
  - (b)  $\frac{1}{n!} \prod_{r=1}^n (4r-2)$
  - (c) The sum of the coefficients of two middle terms in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{2n-1}$ .
  - (d) The coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{2n}$ .
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \ln \cosh x)$  where  $\cosh t = \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2}$ .
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \frac{\cos^{-1}(2x\sqrt{1-x^2})}{x - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}$
5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2^{-\cos x} - 1}{x(x - \frac{\pi}{2})}$
6. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a \sin x - \sin 2x}{\tan^3 x}$  is finite then find the value of 'a' & the limit.
7. If  $f_1(x) = \frac{x}{2} + 10 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  and  $f_n(x) = f_1(f_{n-1}(x)), \forall n \geq 2, n \in \mathbb{N}$ , then evaluate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$
8. Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sin x}, x > 0$  and  $g(x) = x + 3, x < 1$   
 $= 2 - x, x \leq 0$   $= x^2 - 2x - 2, 1 \leq x < 2$   
 $= x - 5, x \geq 2$   
 find LHL and RHL of  $g(f(x))$  at  $x = 0$  and hence find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(f(x))$ .
9. Let  $P_n = a^{P_{n-1}} - 1, \forall n = 2, 3$  and Let  $P_1 = a^x - 1$  where  $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$  then evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_n}{x}$ .
10. Determine  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=1}^n \left( \sin \left( \frac{\pi/2}{k} \right) - \cos \left( \frac{\pi/2}{k} \right) - \sin \left( \frac{\pi/2}{k+2} \right) + \cos \left( \frac{\pi/2}{k+2} \right) \right)$ .
11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\frac{1}{a_1^x} + \frac{1}{a_2^x} + \frac{1}{a_3^x} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_n^x}}{n} \right)^{nx}$  where  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n > 0$
12. Let  $L = \prod_{n=3}^{\infty} \left( 1 - \frac{4}{n^2} \right); M = \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left( \frac{n^3-1}{n^3+1} \right)$  and  $N = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1+n^{-1})^2}{1+2n^{-1}}$ , then find the value of  $L^{-1} + M^{-1} + N^{-1}$
13. If  $f(n, \theta) = \prod_{r=1}^n \left( 1 - \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2^r} \right)$ , then compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n, \theta)$
14. Using Sandwich theorem, evaluate
  - (a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2+2n}} \right)$
  - (b)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{1+n^2} + \frac{2}{2+n^2} + \dots + \frac{n}{n+n^2}$
  - (c)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{2} - 2^{1/3})(\sqrt{2} - 2^{1/5}) \dots (\sqrt{2} - 2^{1/(2n+1)})$
  - (d)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{1}{nC_k}$
15. If  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\ln(1+x)} - \frac{1}{\ln(x+\sqrt{1+x^2})} \right)$  then find the value of  $\frac{L+153}{L}$ .

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EXERCISE- II

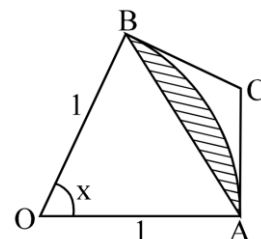
1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(\ln(1+x) - \ln 2)(3 \cdot 4^{x-1} - 3x)}{\left[(7+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} - (1+3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}\right] \cdot \sin(x-1)}$
2. (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(\cos \alpha)^x + (\sin \alpha)^x - 1}{x-2}$   
 (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} \frac{(\cos \alpha)^x - (\sin \alpha)^x - \cos 2\alpha}{x-4}$
3. If the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^3} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} - \frac{1+ax}{1+bx} \right)$  exists and has the value equal to  $l$ , then find the value of  $\frac{1}{a} - \frac{2}{l} + \frac{3}{b}$ .
4. Find  $a$  &  $b$  if :  
 (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{x^2+1}{x+1} - ax - b \right] = 0$   
 (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} [\sqrt{x^2 - x + 1} - ax - b] = 0$
5.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n^2+n-1}}{n} \right)^{2\sqrt{n^2+n-1}}$
6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \cos \left( 2\pi \left( \frac{x}{1+x} \right)^a \right) \right]^{x^2} \quad a \in \mathbb{R}$
7. Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sin^{-1}(1-\{x\}) \cdot \cos^{-1}(1-\{x\})}{\sqrt{2\{x\}} \cdot (1-\{x\})}$  then find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$ , where  $\{x\}$  denotes the fractional part function.
8. Find the values of  $a, b$  &  $c$  so that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ae^x - b \cos x + ce^{-x}}{x \cdot \sin x} = 2$
9. If a sequence of numbers  $\{x_n\}$ , determine by the equality  $x_n = \frac{x_{n-1} + x_{n-2}}{2}$  and the values  $x_0$  &  $x_1$ ,  
 Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = \frac{x_0 + 2x_1}{3}$
10. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (1 + ax + bx^2)^{\frac{a}{x-1}} = e^{-3}$ , find the values of ordered pair  $(a, b)$ .
11.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[1.x] + [2.x] + [3.x] + \dots + [n.x]}{n^2}$ , Where  $[.]$  denotes the greatest integer function.
12. Let  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^n 3^{n-1} \sin^3 \frac{x}{3^n}$  and  $g(x) = x - 4f(x)$ . Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + g(x))^{\cot x}$ .
13.  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\cos 2x + (1+3x)^{1/3}}{2}} - \sqrt[3]{\frac{4\cos^3 x - \ln(1+x)^4}{4}}}{x}$   
 If  $L = a/b$  where ' $a$ ' and ' $b$ ' are relatively primes find  $(a + b)$ .
14.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\cosh(\pi/x)}{\cos(\pi/x)} \right)^{x^2}$  where  $\cosh t = \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2}$
15. At the end-points and the midpoint of a circular arc  $AB$  tangent lines are drawn, and the points  $A$  and  $B$  are joined with a chord. Prove that the ratio of the areas of the two triangles thus formed tends to 4 as the arc  $AB$  decreases indefinitely.

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16. A circular arc of radius 1 subtends an angle of  $x$  radians,  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$  as shown in the figure. The point  $C$  is the intersection of the two tangent lines at  $A$  &  $B$ . Let  $T(x)$  be the area of triangle  $ABC$  & let  $S(x)$  be the area of the shaded region. Compute:

- (a)  $T(x)$   
 (b)  $S(x)$  &  
 (c) the limit of  $\frac{T(x)}{S(x)}$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .



17. Through a point  $A$  on a circle, a chord  $AP$  is drawn & on the tangent at  $A$  a point  $T$  is taken such that  $AT = AP$ . If  $TP$  produced meet the diameter through  $A$  at  $Q$ , prove that the limiting value of  $AQ$  when  $P$  moves upto  $A$  is double the diameter of the circle.

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EXERCISE- III

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{1 - \tan x}{1 - \sqrt{2} \sin x}$   
 (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (C) 1 (D) 2
2. Find the sum of an infinite geometric series whose first term is the limit of the function  $f(x) = \frac{\tan x - \sin x}{\sin^3 x}$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  and whose common ratio is the limit of the function  $g(x) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{(\cos^{-1} x)^2}$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$   
 (A)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (B)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (C)  $\frac{3}{5}$  (D)  $\frac{5}{3}$
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \sqrt{\sin 2x}}}{\pi - 4x}$   
 (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (C)  $\frac{4}{\pi}$  (D) does not exist
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{27^x - 9^x - 3^x + 1}{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1 + \cos x}}$   
 (A)  $4\sqrt{2}(\ln 3)^2$  (B)  $8\sqrt{2}(\ln 3)^2$  (C)  $4\sqrt{2}(\ln 3)$  (D)  $8\sqrt{2}(\ln 3)$
5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{(1+x)^{1/x}}{e} \right]^{1/x}$   
 (A) e (B)  $\frac{1}{e}$  (C)  $e^{-1/2}$  (D)  $\sqrt{e}$
6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{x^2}{\sin x \tan x} \right]$ , where [.] denotes greatest integer function.  
 (A) 0 (B) -1 (C) 1 (D) does not exist
7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \tan \frac{\pi x}{4} \right)^{\tan \frac{\pi x}{2}}$   
 (A) e (B)  $\frac{1}{e}$  (C)  $e^{-1/2}$  (D)  $\sqrt{e}$
8. Let  $x_0 = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$  and  $x_n = \sqrt{2 + x_{n-1}}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{(n+1)} \cdot \sqrt{2 - x_n}$   
 (A)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (C)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (D)  $\frac{\pi}{3}$
9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2(\tan x - \sin x) - x^3}{x^5}$   
 (A)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  (B)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (D)  $\frac{5}{6}$
10. Calculate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( 1 + e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} \arctan \frac{1}{x^2} + x e^{-\frac{1}{x^2}} \sin \frac{1}{x^4} \right)^{\frac{1}{e x^2}}$   
 (A) e (B)  $e^2$  (C)  $e^{\pi/2}$  (D)  $e^{-\pi/2}$



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11. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \sin x, & x \neq n\pi, n \in \mathbb{I} \\ 2, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  and  $g(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 1, & x \neq 0 \\ 4, & x = 0 \end{cases}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \{f(x)\}$  is :  
 (A) 1 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6
12.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{1}{5}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{5^2}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{5^4}\right) \dots \dots \left(1 + \frac{1}{5^{2^n}}\right)$  is equal to :  
 (A) 0 (B)  $5/4$  (C)  $4/5$  (D)  $1/5$
13. The value of the limit  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n^2 (a^{1/n} - a^{1/(n+1)}) (a > 0)$  is :  
 (A)  $\ln a$  (B)  $e^a$  (C)  $e^{-a}$  (D) 1
14.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1^6 + 2^6 + 3^6 + \dots + n^6}{(1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2)(1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3)} =$   
 (A) 2 (B)  $\frac{21}{8}$  (C) 1 (D)  $\frac{12}{7}$
15. If  $a, b, c$  are non zero constant numbers then  $\lim_{r \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\cos \frac{a}{r} - \cos \frac{b}{r} \cos \frac{c}{r}}{\sin \frac{b}{r} \sin \frac{c}{r}}$  equals :  
 (A)  $\frac{a^2 + b^2 - c^2}{2bc}$  (B)  $\frac{c^2 + a^2 - b^2}{2bc}$  (C)  $\frac{b^2 + c^2 - a^2}{2bc}$  (D) Independent of  $a, b, c$

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EXERCISE- IV(Mains)

1. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{x^2}\right)^{2x} = e^2$ , then the values of a and b are [AIEEE 2004]  
 (A)  $a \in \mathbb{R}, b \in \mathbb{R}$  (B)  $a = 1, b \in \mathbb{R}$  (C)  $a \in \mathbb{R}, b = 2$  (D)  $a = 1, b = 2$
2. Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the distinct roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1 - \cos(ax^2 + bx + c)}{(x - \alpha)^2}$  is equal to [AIEEE 2005]  
 (A)  $\frac{a^2}{2}(\alpha - \beta)^2$  (B) 0 (C)  $\frac{a}{2}(\alpha - \beta)^2$  (D)  $\frac{1}{2}(\alpha - \beta)^2$
3. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a positive, increasing function with  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(3x)}{f(x)} = 1$ . [AIEEE 2010]  
 Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2x)}{f(x)}$  is equal to  
 (A) 3 (B) 1 (C)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (D)  $\frac{3}{2}$
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left( \frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos\{2(x-2)\}}}{x-2} \right)$  [AIEEE 2011]  
 (A) Equals  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (B) Does not exist (C) Equals  $\sqrt{2}$  (D) Equals  $-\sqrt{2}$
5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \cos^2 x)}{x^2}$  is equal to [IIT Mains - 2014]  
 (A)  $\pi$  (B)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (C) 1 (D)  $-\pi$
6. Let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree four having extreme values at  $x = 1$  and  $x = 2$ . If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[1 + \frac{f(x)}{x^2}\right] = 3$ , then  $f(2)$  is equal to: [IIT Mains - 2015]  
 (A) 4 (B) -8 (C) -4 (D) 0
7.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos 2x)(3 + \cos x)}{x \tan 4x}$  is equal to [IIT Mains - 2015]  
 (A)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (B) 4 (C) 3 (D) 2
8. Let  $p = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \tan^2 \sqrt{x})^{\frac{1}{2x}}$  then  $\log p$  is equal to : [IIT Mains - 2016]  
 (A) 2 (B) 1 (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{4}$
9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cot x - \cos x}{(\pi - 2x)^3}$  equals : [IIT Mains - 2017]  
 (A)  $\frac{1}{8}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{24}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{16}$
10. For each  $t \in \mathbb{R}$ , let  $[t]$  be the greatest integer less than or equal to  $t$ . [IIT Mains - 2018]  
 Then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \left[\frac{1}{x}\right] + \left[\frac{2}{x}\right] + \dots + \left[\frac{15}{x}\right] \right)$   
 (A) does not exist (in  $\mathbb{R}$ ) (B) is equal to 0  
 (C) is equal to 15 (D) is equal to 120

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EXERCISE- V (Advanced)

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \tan 2x - 2x \tan x}{(1 - \cos 2x)^2}$  is : [JEE '99, 2 (out of 200)]  
 (A) 2 (B) -2 (C)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (D)  $-\frac{1}{2}$
2. For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x-3}{x+2} \right)^x =$  [JEE 2000, Screening]  
 (A) e (B)  $e^{-1}$  (C)  $e^{-5}$  (D)  $e^5$
3. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{\tan x} - a^{\sin x}}{\tan x - \sin x}$ ,  $a > 0$ . [REE 2001, 3 out of 100]
4. The integer n for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\cos x - 1)(\cos x - e^x)}{x^n}$  is a finite non-zero number is [JEE 2002 (screening), 3]  
 (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4
5. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(nx)[(a-n)x - \tan x]}{x^2} = 0$  ( $n > 0$ ) then the value of 'a' is equal to [JEE 2003 (screening)]  
 (A)  $\frac{1}{n}$  (B)  $n^2 + 1$  (C)  $\frac{n^2+1}{n}$  (D) None
6. Find the value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} (n+1) \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) - n \right]$ . [JEE ' 2004, 2 out of 60]  
 (A) a = 2 (B) a = 1 (C)  $L = \frac{1}{64}$  (D)  $L = \frac{1}{32}$
7. Let  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a - \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} - \frac{x^2}{4}}{x^4}$ ,  $a > 0$ . If L is finite, then [JEE ' 2009, 3]  
 (A) a = 2 (B) a = 1 (C)  $L = \frac{1}{64}$  (D)  $L = \frac{1}{32}$
8. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} [1 + x \ln(1 + b^2)]^{1/x} = 2b \sin^2 \theta$ ,  $b > 0$  and  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$ , then the value of  $\theta$  is [JEE ' 2011]  
 (A)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{4}$  (B)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{3}$  (C)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{6}$  (D)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$
9. Let  $\alpha(a)$  and  $\beta(a)$  be the roots of the equation [JEE · 2012]  
 $(\sqrt[3]{1+a} - 1)x^2 + (\sqrt{1+a} - 1)x + (\sqrt[6]{1+a} - 1) = 0$  where  $a > -1$ .  
 Then  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \alpha(a)$  and  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \beta(a)$  are  
 (A)  $-\frac{5}{2}$  and 1 (B)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  and -1 (C)  $-\frac{7}{2}$  and 2 (D)  $-\frac{9}{2}$  and 3
10. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x + 1} - ax - b \right) = 4$ , then [JEE · 2012]  
 (A)  $a = 1, b = 4$  (B)  $a = 1, b = -4$   
 (C)  $a = 2, b = -3$  (D)  $a = 2, b = 3$

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11. The largest value of the non-negative integer  $a$  for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left\{ \frac{-ax + \sin(x-1) + a}{x + \sin(x-1) - 1} \right\}^{\frac{1-x}{1-\sqrt{x}}} = \frac{1}{4}$  is  
[IIT Advance-2014]
12. Let  $m$  and  $n$  be two positive integers greater than 1. If  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{e^{\cos(a^n)} - e}{a^m} \right) = -\left(\frac{e}{2}\right)$  then the value of  $\frac{m}{n}$  is  
[IIT Advance - 2015]
13. Let  $\alpha, \beta \in \mathbf{R}$  be such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \sin(\beta x)}{\alpha x - \sin x} = 1$ . Then  $6(\alpha + \beta)$  equals :  
[IIT Advance - 2016]
14. Let  $f(x) = \frac{1-x(1+|1-x|)}{|1-x|} \cos\left(\frac{1}{1-x}\right)$  for  $x \neq 1$ . Then  
[IIT Advance - 2017]
- (A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$  does not exist (B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x)$  does not exist  
(C)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 0$  (D)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x) = 0$
15. For any positive integer  $n$ , define  $f_n: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  as  
[IIT Advance - 2018]
- $$f_n(x) = \sum_{j=1}^n \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{1 + (x+j)(x+j-1)} \right) \text{ for all } x \in (0, \infty).$$
- (Here, the inverse trigonometric function  $\tan^{-1} x$  assumes values in  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ .)
- Then, which of the following statement(s) is (are) TRUE?
- (A)  $\sum_{j=1}^5 \tan^2(f_j(0)) = 55$   
(B)  $\sum_{j=1}^{10} (1 + f_j'(0)) \sec^2(f_j(0)) = 10$   
(C) For any fixed positive integer  $n$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \tan(f_n(x)) = \frac{1}{n}$   
(D) For any fixed positive integer  $n$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sec^2(f_n(x)) = 1$
16. For any positive integer  $n$ , let  $S_n: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be defined by
- $$S_n(x) = \sum_{k=1}^n \cot^{-1} \left( \frac{1 + k(k+1)x^2}{x} \right)$$
- where for any  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ ,  $\cot^{-1}(x) \in (0, \pi)$  and  $\tan^{-1}(x) \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ . Then which of the following statements is (are) TRUE?  
[IIT Advance - 2021]
- (A)  $S_{10}(x) = \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{1+11x^2}{10x} \right)$ , for all  $x > 0$   
(B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \cot(S_n(x)) = x$ , for all  $x > 0$   
(C) The equation  $S_3(x) = \frac{\pi}{4}$  has a root in  $(0, \infty)$   
(D)  $\tan(S_n(x)) \leq \frac{1}{2}$ , for all  $n \geq 1$  and  $x > 0$

Answer Key

PROFICIENCY TEST-01

1. 3    2. 2    3.  $\frac{45}{91}$     4. 1  
 5. (a)  $\pi/2$  if  $a > 0$ ; 0 if  $a = 0$  and  $-\pi/2$  if  $a < 0$     (b)  $f(x) = |x|$   
 6. 5050    7.  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$     8.  $\frac{3}{2}$     9.  $\frac{1}{32}$     10.  $\frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}}$

PROFICIENCY TEST-02

1.  $\pi - 3$     2.  $-2$     3. 0    4. 1    5.  $c = \ln 2$     6.  $e^{-8}$   
 7.  $e^{-2}$     8.  $-\frac{1}{\pi^2}$     9.  $a - b$     10.  $5/2$

EXERCISE-I

1.  $\frac{p-q}{2}$     3.  $\ln 2$     4. does not exist    5.  $\frac{2\ln 2}{\pi}$   
 6.  $a = 2$ ; limit = 1    7. 20    8.  $-3, -3, -3$   
 9.  $(\ln a)^n$     10. 3    11.  $(a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \dots a_n)$   
 12. 8    13.  $\frac{\theta}{\tan \theta}$     14. (a) 2 (b)  $1/2$  (c) 0 (d) 2  
 15. 307

EXERCISE-II

1.  $-\frac{9}{4} \ln \frac{4}{e}$   
 2. (i)  $\cos^2 \alpha \ln \cos \alpha + \sin^2 \alpha \ln \sin \alpha$ ,  
 (ii)  $\cos^4 \alpha \ln \cos \alpha - \sin^4 \alpha \ln \sin \alpha$   
 3. 72    4. (i)  $a = 1, b = -1$     (ii)  $a = -1, b = 1/2$   
 5.  $e^{-1}$     6.  $e^{-2\pi^2 a^2}$     7.  $\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$   
 8.  $a = c = 1, b = 2$     10.  $(\sqrt{3}, -\sqrt{3}), (-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3})$   
 11.  $\frac{x}{2}$     12.  $g(x) = \sin x$  and limit =  $e$   
 13. 19    14.  $e^{\pi^2}$   
 16.  $T(x) = \frac{1}{2} \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} \cdot \sin x$  or  $\tan \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin x}{2}$ ,  $S(x) = \frac{1}{2}x - \frac{1}{2}\sin x$ , limit =  $\frac{3}{2}$

EXERCISE-III

1. D    2. A    3. D    4. B    5. C    6. A    7. B  
 8. D    9. C    10. C    11. A    12. B    13. A    14. D  
 15. C

EXERCISE-IV

1. B    2. A    3. B    4. B    5. A    6. D    7. D  
 8. C    9. D    10. D

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## EXERCISE-V

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|-----|---|-----|-----|-----|---------|-----|---|-----|---|-----|---------------------|-----|-----|
| 1.  | C | 2.  | C   | 3.  | $\ln a$ | 4.  | C | 5.  | C | 6.  | $1 - \frac{2}{\pi}$ | 7.  | A,C |
| 8.  | D | 9.  | B   | 10. | B       | 11. | 0 | 12. | 2 | 13. | 7                   | 14. | A,C |
| 15. | D | 16. | A,B |     |         |     |   |     |   |     |                     |     |     |

