

MIXED QUESTIONS

1. If $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n, \dots$ are in G.P, then the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} \log a_n & \log a_{n+1} & \log a_{n+2} \\ \log a_{n+3} & \log a_{n+4} & \log a_{n+5} \\ \log a_{n+6} & \log a_{n+7} & \log a_{n+8} \end{vmatrix} \text{ is}$$

- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) -2

2. Let $a + b + c = s$ and $\begin{vmatrix} s+c & a & b \\ c & s+a & b \\ c & a & s+b \end{vmatrix}$ is equal to 54, then the value of s is

- (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4 (D) 5

3. There are two numbers x making the value of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 2 & x & -1 \\ 0 & 4 & 2x \end{vmatrix}$ equal to 86.

The sum of these two numbers, is

- (A) -4 (B) 5 (C) -3 (D) 9

4. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b & c \\ p & q & r \\ x & y & z \end{bmatrix}$ and suppose that $\det(A) = 2$ then the $\det(B)$ equals, where

$$B = \begin{bmatrix} 4x & 2a & -p \\ 4y & 2b & -q \\ 4z & 2c & -r \end{bmatrix}$$

- (A) $\det(B) = -2$ (B) $\det(B) = -8$ (C) $\det(B) = -16$ (D) $\det(B) = 8$

5. Let $D_1 = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & a+b \\ c & d & c+d \\ a & b & a-b \end{vmatrix}$ and $D_2 = \begin{vmatrix} a & c & a+c \\ b & d & b+d \\ a & c & a+b+c \end{vmatrix}$ then the value of $\frac{D_1}{D_2}$ where $b \neq 0$ and $ad \neq bc$, is

- (A) -2 (B) 0 (C) -2b (D) 2b

6. If a, b, c are all different from zero and $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ then the value of $a^{-1} + b^{-1} + c^{-1}$ is

- (A) abc (B) $a^{-1}b^{-1}c^{-1}$ (C) $-a - b - c$ (D) -1

7. If $\begin{vmatrix} p & q-b & r-c \\ p-a & q & r-c \\ p-a & q-b & r \end{vmatrix} = 0$, then the value of $\frac{p}{a} + \frac{q}{b} + \frac{r}{c}$ is

- (A) 0 (B) 2 (C) 4 (D) 5

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8. If $A + B + C = \pi$, then the value of the determinant $D = \begin{vmatrix} \sin^2 A & \cot A & 1 \\ \sin^2 B & \cot B & 1 \\ \sin^2 C & \cot C & 1 \end{vmatrix}$
- (A) 1 (B) -1 (C) 0 (D) None of these
9. Let $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & 4 \sin 2x \\ \sin^2 x & 1 + \cos^2 x & 4 \sin 2x \\ \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & 1 + 4 \sin 2x \end{vmatrix}$, then the maximum value of $f(x) =$
- (A) 2 (B) 4 (C) 6 (D) 8
10. If $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \pi$, then the value of $\begin{vmatrix} \sin(\alpha + \beta + \gamma) & \sin \beta & \cos \gamma \\ -\sin \beta & 0 & \tan \alpha \\ \cos(\alpha + \beta) & -\tan \alpha & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ is
- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) $2 \cdot \sin \beta \cdot \cos \gamma \cdot \tan \alpha$
11. If α, β and γ are the roots of the equation $x^3 + px + q = 0$, then the value of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & \alpha \\ \gamma & \alpha & \beta \end{vmatrix} =$
- (A) p (B) q (C) $p^2 - 2q$ (D) None of these
12. Given $(1 + x + x^2)^8 = \sum_{k=0}^{16} a_k x^k$, then the value of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} a_3 & a_7 & a_{13} \\ a_4 & a_6 & a_{12} \\ a_5 & a_4 & a_{11} \end{vmatrix}$ is
- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 0 (D) 3
13. Consider the system of equations $x + ky = 0, y + kz = 0$ and $z + kx = 0$. The set of all real values of k for which the system has a unique solution, is
- (A) $\mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$ (B) $\mathbb{R} - \{1\}$ (C) $\{-1\}$ (D) $\{-1, 1\}$
14. If the lines
 $x + ay + a = 0$
 $bx + y + b = 0$
 $cx + cy + 1 = 0$,
 where a, b, c are non-zero and non-unity, pass through the same point then the value of $\frac{a}{1-a} + \frac{b}{1-b} + \frac{c}{1-c}$ is equal to
- (A) -1 (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) 3
15. If a, b, c, d, e and f are in G.P. then the value of $\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & d^2 & x \\ b^2 & e^2 & y \\ c^2 & f^2 & z \end{vmatrix}$
- (A) x and y (B) x and z (C) y and z (D) Independent of x, y and z
16. If $\begin{vmatrix} a+1 & a+2 & a+p \\ a+2 & a+3 & a+q \\ a+3 & a+4 & a+r \end{vmatrix} = 0$, then p, q, r are in
- (A) A.P. (B) G.P. (C) H.P. (D) None of these

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17. The value of $\begin{vmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 7 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{4}{3} \\ \frac{2}{3} & \frac{8}{7} \end{vmatrix} + \dots \infty$ is equal to
- (A) 13 (B) 5 (C) $\frac{-13}{2}$ (D) 1

18. If $D_r = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{2}{2^{r-1}} & 3 \\ 0 & \frac{1}{2^{r+1}} \end{vmatrix}$ then $\sum_{r=1}^n D_r$ equals
- (A) $\frac{n}{2n+1}$ (B) $\frac{1}{2n+1}$ (C) $\frac{2n}{2n+1}$ (D) $\frac{2n-1}{2n+1}$

19. If $\Delta_r = \begin{vmatrix} r-1 & n & 6 \\ (r-1)^2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ (r-1)^3 & 3n^2 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix}$, then $\sum_{r=1}^n \Delta_r$ equals
- (A) 1 (B) -1 (C) 0 (D) n

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20. If $\Delta_k = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & n & n \\ 2k & n^2+n+1 & n^2+n \\ 2k-1 & n^2 & n^2+n+1 \end{vmatrix}$ and $\sum_{k=1}^n \Delta_k = 56$, then what is the value of n ?
21. If $D = \begin{vmatrix} a_{11} & a_{12} \\ a_{21} & a_{22} \end{vmatrix}$ and corresponding cofactors of elements be written as c_{11}, c_{12}, c_{21} and c_{22} , then find the value of $a_{11}c_{21} + a_{12}c_{22} + a_{21}c_{11} + a_{22}c_{12}$
22. If the system of equations $3x - 2y + z = 0, \lambda x - 14y + 15z = 0, x + 2y - 3z = 0$ has a non-zero solution, then $\lambda =$
23. If $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a^2-b^2 & 2ab & -2b \\ 2ab & 1-a^2+b^2 & 2a \\ 2b & -2a & 1-a^2-b^2 \end{vmatrix} = \ell(1+a^2+b^2)^m$ then find the value of $\ell + m$.
24. The system of equation $2x + 3y - z = 0, 3x + 2y + kz = 0, 4x + y + z = 0$ have a set of nonzero integral solution then find the least positive value of z.
25. If $\alpha, \beta \neq 0$ and $f(n) = \alpha^n + \beta^n$ and
- $$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1+f(1) & 1+f(2) \\ 1+f(1) & 1+f(2) & 1+f(3) \\ 1+f(2) & 1+f(3) & 1+f(4) \end{vmatrix} = K(1-\alpha)^2(1-\beta)^2(\alpha-\beta)^2$$
- then what is the value of K ?
26. Let a third order determinant $\Delta_1 = \{a_{ij}\}; i, j \in \{1, 2, 3\}$ and the determinant Δ_2 is constructed by multiplying all the element of Δ_1 by 2^{i-j} , i.e., $\Delta_2 = \{2^{i-j}a_{ij}\}$ and $\Delta_2 = \lambda\Delta_1$ then find the value of λ .
27. If $\begin{vmatrix} a^2+1 & ab & ac \\ ba & b^2+1 & bc \\ ca & cb & c^2+1 \end{vmatrix} = k\sqrt{abc}$, where a, b, c are positive reals then find the minimum possible value of k
28. If $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ m & m+3 & m+6 \\ m(m-1) & (m+3)(m+2) & (m+6)(m+5) \end{vmatrix} = 2^\alpha \cdot 3^\beta \cdot 5^\gamma$ then find the value of $(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$.

ANSWER KEY

1.	(A)	2.	(B)	3.	(A)	4.	(C)	5.	(A)	6.	(D)	7.	(B)
8.	(C)	9.	(C)	10.	(A)	11.	(D)	12.	(C)	13.	(A)	14.	(A)
15.	(D)	16.	(A)	17.	(D)	18.	(C)	19.	(C)	20.	7	21.	0
22.	5	23.	4	24.	5	25.	1	26.	1	27.	4	28.	4

