

1. Given that  $p$  and  $q$  are non-zero integers, the expression  $\frac{(36^{p-q})(3^q)}{(12^{2p-q})(6^p)}$  is an integer if:

- A  $p < 0$
- B  $q < 0$
- C  $p > 0$  and  $q < 0$
- D  $p > 0$  and  $q > 0$
- E  $p > 0$
- F  $q > 0$

2. Given that  $m = 7^8$  and  $n = 8^7$  which expression represents  $56^{56}$

- A  $mn$
- B  $(mn)^{56}$
- C  $m^7n^8$
- D  $8m^7 + 7n^8$
- E  $(8m)^7(7n)^8$

3. Find the set of values of  $x$  that satisfy both the following inequalities:

$$\frac{4x+1}{x-1} < 3 \quad (x+2)(x-4) > 0$$

- A  $x < -4$
- B  $x > -4$
- C  $-2 < x < 1$
- D  $-4 < x < 4$
- E  $-4 < x < -2$

4. Find the set of values of  $x$  that satisfy the following inequality:

$$\frac{3}{x+3} > \frac{x-4}{x}$$

- A  $-3 < x < 6$
- B  $-2 < x < 6$
- C  $-3 < x < -2$  and  $0 < x < 6$
- D  $0 < x < 2$  and  $3 < x < 6$
- E  $2 < x < 3$  and  $5 < x < 6$

5. Find the set of values of  $x$  that satisfy the following inequality, where  $p$  is a positive constant:

$$\frac{x+p}{x+4p} < \frac{p}{x}$$

- A  $-2p < x < 2p$
- B  $0 < x < 2p$
- C  $x < -4p$ ,  $x > 0$
- D  $-4p < x < -2p$ ,  $0 < x < 2p$
- E  $-4p < x < 0$ ,  $x > 2p$

6. A cubic curve has equation  $y = x^3 + kx - 2$  where  $k$  is a constant.  
What value of  $k$  gives this curve exactly two distinct real roots

- A  $-3$
- B  $-2$
- C  $-1$
- D  $1$
- E  $3$

7. The equation  $2x^2 + 9x - k = 0$  where  $k$  is a constant has two distinct real roots.

One root is 4 more than the other root. The value of  $k$  is

- A  $\frac{55}{8}$       B  $\frac{9}{2}$       C  $-\frac{17}{8}$       D  $-\frac{17}{4}$       E  $-\frac{55}{8}$

8. Find the minimum value of  $2(2^{\sin x}) - 4^{\sin x} + \frac{10}{3}$

- A  $\frac{10}{3}$       B  $\frac{13}{3}$       C  $\frac{49}{12}$       D  $\frac{20}{3}$       E 0

9. When  $(2x^2 + 6x - 3)$  is multiplied by  $(px - 1)$  and the resulting product is divided by  $(x + 1)$  the remainder is 28.

The value of  $p$  is

- A 3      B 2      C  $\frac{7}{4}$       D  $\frac{3}{2}$       E  $\frac{28}{5}$

10. The simultaneous equations below have two distinct real solutions

$$3x^2 - xy = 4 \text{ and } 2x - y = p \text{ where } p \text{ is a real constant}$$

What are the values that  $p$  can take

- A there are no possible values for  $p$
- B  $p < -4, p > 4$
- C  $-4 < p < 4$
- D  $p$  can take any value

11. What is the sum of the solutions of the following equation

$$|x| - 3 = |2x + 12|$$

- A - 14
- B - 4
- C 0
- D 4
- E 14

12. How many solutions are there to the following equation:

$$|x| + |x - 1| = |x^3|$$

- A 0
- B 1
- C 2
- D 3
- E 4

13. Given that  $(a^3 + \frac{3}{b^3})(b^3 - \frac{3}{a^3}) = 2\sqrt{3}$  where  $a, b$  are real numbers,  
then the least value of  $ab$  is

- A  $-\sqrt{3}$
- B  $\sqrt{3}$
- C  $-3\sqrt{3}$
- D  $3\sqrt{3}$
- E  $-3^{\frac{1}{6}}$
- F  $3^{\frac{1}{6}}$

14. The function  $f$  is defined such that  $3f(x) + 2f(-x) = 5x - 10$   
find the value of  $f(1)$

- A 0
- B 1
- C 2
- D 3
- E 4

15. The function  $f$  satisfies  $2f(x) - f(\frac{2x+3}{x-2}) = 2x - 2, \quad x \in \mathbb{R}$   
What is the value of  $f(9)$

- A 16
- B 12
- C 8
- D -12
- E -16