

Here are the **2 marks questions** for the provided topics:

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### Mathematics and Vectors

1. **State the difference between positive numbers and natural numbers.**
  - **Positive numbers** include all numbers greater than zero, while **natural numbers** are the set of positive integers starting from 1 (1, 2, 3, ...).
2. **What do you understand by imaginary number?**
  - An **imaginary number** is a number that, when squared, gives a negative result. It is expressed as a real number multiplied by  $i$ , where  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ .
3. **What is the value of  $i^3$ ?**
  - The value of  $i^3$  is  $-i$ .
4. **What is complex number?**
  - A **complex number** is a number of the form  $a + bi$ , where  $a$  is the real part and  $b$  is the imaginary part.
5. **What do you understand by field?**
  - A **field** is a set with two operations, addition and multiplication, where every non-zero element has a multiplicative inverse, and both operations are commutative and associative.
6. **When a field can be called algebraically complete?**
  - A field is **algebraically complete** if every non-constant polynomial with coefficients in the field has a root in the field.
7. **How you can change the sign of a complex number?**
  - To change the sign of a complex number  $a + bi$ , multiply it by  $-1$ , resulting in  $-a - bi$ .
8. **What is conjugation?**
  - **Conjugation** of a complex number involves changing the sign of its imaginary part. The conjugate of  $a + bi$  is  $a - bi$ .
9. **What do you understand by complex conjugate?**
  - The **complex conjugate** of a complex number  $a + bi$  is  $a - bi$ .
10. **Write  $\mathbb{C}^4$  zero vectors.**
  - The **zero vector** in  $\mathbb{C}^4$  is  $(0, 0, 0, 0)$ .
11. **What can be called as an inverse of a vector?**
  - The **inverse** of a vector  $\mathbf{v}$  is  $-\mathbf{v}$ , where each component of  $\mathbf{v}$  is negated.
12. **What is abelian group?**

- An **abelian group** is a group in which the operation is commutative, meaning  $\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{b} = \mathbf{b} + \mathbf{a}$  for all elements  $\mathbf{a}$  and  $\mathbf{b}$  in the group.

13. What is Hermitian matrix?

- A **Hermitian matrix** is a square matrix that is equal to its own conjugate transpose, i.e.,  $\mathbf{A} = \mathbf{A}^*$ .

14. What is unitary matrix?

- A **unitary matrix** is a square matrix whose inverse is equal to its conjugate transpose, i.e.,  $\mathbf{A}^{-1} = \mathbf{A}^*$ .

15. What is bit?

- A **bit** (binary digit) is the smallest unit of data in computing, representing either **0** or **1**.

16. What is qubit?

- A **qubit** (quantum bit) is the basic unit of quantum information, capable of being in a state of **0**, **1**, or a superposition of both.

17. What is qubyte?

- A **qubyte** is a unit of quantum information that consists of **8 qubits**.

18. What are the basic logic gates?

- The basic **logic gates** are **AND**, **OR**, **NOT**, **NAND**, **NOR**, **XOR**, and **XNOR**.

19. What are the universal logic gates?

- The **universal logic gates** are **NAND** and **NOR**, as any other gate can be constructed using only these.

20. What is quantum gate?

- A **quantum gate** is a fundamental operation in quantum computing that manipulates qubits, similar to how classical gates manipulate bits.

21. What is encryption?

- **Encryption** is the process of converting plaintext into ciphertext using an algorithm and a key to secure information.

22. What is decryption?

- **Decryption** is the process of converting ciphertext back into plaintext using an algorithm and a key.

23. What is ciphertext?

- **Ciphertext** is the encrypted form of data, unreadable without decryption.

24. What is eavesdropping?

- **Eavesdropping** is the act of secretly listening to or intercepting communications, often with malicious intent.
25. **What does the term superposition refer to?**
- **Superposition** in quantum mechanics refers to a qubit being in a combination of both **0** and **1** states simultaneously.
26. **How is a qubit in quantum computing different from a regular bit in classical computing?**
- A **qubit** can be in multiple states at once (superposition), whereas a **bit** can only be in one state at a time (**0** or **1**).
27. **In quantum computing, what is the basic unit of information?**
- The basic unit of information in quantum computing is a **qubit**.
28. **Which part of the drug discovery life cycle can quantum computing impact the most?**
- Quantum computing can have the most impact on **molecular modeling** and **drug design**, speeding up simulations of complex molecules.
29. **What does it mean when we say that we are currently in the noisy, intermediate scale quantum computing stage?**
- It means quantum computers are in the stage where they are still prone to errors, and their capabilities are not yet scalable for large problems.
30. **What is the purpose of “post-quantum” cryptography?**
- **Post-quantum cryptography** aims to develop cryptographic algorithms that are secure against quantum computing attacks.
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Let me know if you need more questions from the list or further clarifications!