

Q1 (20 July 2021 Shift 1)

If α and β are the distinct roots of the equation $x^2 + (3)^{1/4}x + 3^{1/2} = 0$, then the value of

$\alpha^{96}(\alpha^{12} - 1) + \beta^{96}(\beta^{12} - 1)$ is equal to :

(1) 56×3^{25}

(2) 56×3^{24}

(3) 52×3^{24}

(4) 28×3^{25}

Q2 (25 July 2021 Shift 1)

If α, β are roots of the equation $x^2 + 5(\sqrt{2})x + 10 = 0$, $\alpha > \beta$ and $P_n = \alpha^n - \beta^n$ for

each positive integer n , then the value of $\left(\frac{P_{17}P_{20} + 5\sqrt{2}P_{17}P_{19}}{P_{18}P_{19} + 5\sqrt{2}P_{18}^2} \right)$ is equal to

Q3 (25 July 2021 Shift 2)

If $a + b + c = 1$, $ab + bc + ca = 2$ and $abc = 3$, then the value of $a^4 + b^4 + c^4$ is equal to _____

Q4 (27 July 2021 Shift 1)

Let α, β be two roots of the equation $x^2 + (20)^{1/4}x + (5)^{1/2} = 0$. Then $\alpha^8 + \beta^8$ is equal to

(1) 10

(2) 100

(3) 50

(4) 160

Q5 (27 July 2021 Shift 2)

The number of real roots of the equation

$e^{4x} - e^{3x} - 4e^{2x} - e^x + 1 = 0$ is equal to

Answer Key

Q1 (3)

Q2 (1)

Q3 (13)

Q4 (3)

Q5 (2)

Q1

$$\text{As, } (\alpha^2 + \sqrt{3}) = -(3)^{1/4} \cdot \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha^4 + 2\sqrt{3}\alpha^2 + 3) = \sqrt{3}\alpha^2 \text{ (On squaring)}$$

$$\therefore (\alpha^4 + 3) = (-)\sqrt{3}\alpha^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^8 + 6\alpha^4 + 9 = 3\alpha^4 \text{ (Again squaring)}$$

$$\therefore \alpha^8 + 3\alpha^4 + 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^8 = -9 - 3\alpha^4$$

$$\text{(Multiply by } \alpha^4 \text{)}$$

$$\text{So, } \alpha^{12} = -9\alpha^4 - 3\alpha^8$$

$$\therefore \alpha^{12} = -9\alpha^4 - 3(-9 - 3\alpha^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{12} = -9\alpha^4 + 27 + 9\alpha^4$$

$$\text{Hence, } \alpha^{12} = (27)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha^{12})^8 = (27)^8$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^{96} = (3)^{24}$$

$$\text{Similarly } \beta^{96} = (3)^{24}$$

$$\therefore \alpha^{96} (\alpha^{12} - 1) + \beta^{96} (\beta^{12} - 1) = (3)^{24} \times 52$$

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$$x^2 + 5\sqrt{2}x + 10 = 0$$

$$\&p_a = \alpha^n - \beta^n \text{ (Given)}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{P_{17}P_{20}+5\sqrt{2}P_{17}P_{19}}{P_{18}P_{19}+5\sqrt{2}P_{18}^2} = \frac{P_{17}(P_{20}+5\sqrt{2}P_{19})}{P_{18}(P_{19}+5\sqrt{2}P_{18})}$$

$$\frac{P_{17}(\alpha^{20}-\beta^{20}+5\sqrt{2}(\alpha^{19}-\beta^{19}))}{P_{18}(\alpha^{19}-\beta^{19}+5\sqrt{2}(\alpha^{18}-\beta^{18}))}$$

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Hints and Solutions

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$$\beta + 5\sqrt{2} = -10/\beta$$

$$\text{Now put these values in above expression} = -\frac{{}^{10}P_{17}P_{18}}{{}^{10}P_{18}P_{17}} = 1$$

Q3

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = (a + b + c)^2 - 2\Sigma ab = -3$$

$$(ab + bc + ca)^2 = \Sigma(ab)^2 + 2abc\Sigma a$$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma(ab)^2 = -2$$

$$a^4 + b^4 + c^4 = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 - 2\Sigma(ab)^2 \\ = 9 - 2(-2) = 13$$

Q4

$$(x^2 + \sqrt{5})^2 = \sqrt{20}x^2$$

$$x^4 = -5 \Rightarrow x^8 = 25$$

$$\alpha^8 + \beta^8 = 50$$

Q5

$$t^4 - t^3 - 4t^2 - t + 1 = 0, e^x = t > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - t - 4 - \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 - \alpha - 6 = 0, \alpha = t + \frac{1}{t} \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 3, -2 \text{ (reject)}$$

$$\Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{The number of real roots} = 2$$