

# 16. Applications of derivatives

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## Section-B JEE Main/AIEEE

- 1) A spherical iron ball 10cm in radius is coated with a layer of ice of uniform thickness that melts at a rate of  $50 \text{ cm}^3/\text{min}$ . When the thickness of ice is 5cm, then the rate at which the thickness of ice decreases is [2005]
  - a)  $\frac{1}{36\pi} \text{ cm/min}$ .
  - b)  $\frac{1}{18\pi} \text{ cm/min}$ .
  - c)  $\frac{1}{54\pi} \text{ cm/min}$ .
  - d)  $\frac{5}{6\pi} \text{ cm/min}$ .
- 2) If the equation  $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x = 0$ ,  $a_1 \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , has a positive root  $x = \alpha$ , then the equation  $na_n x^{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-1} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 = 0$  has a positive root, which is [2005]
  - a) greater than  $\alpha$
  - b) smaller than  $\alpha$
  - c) greater than or equal to  $\alpha$
  - d) equal to  $\alpha$
- 3) The function  $f(x) = \frac{x}{2} + \frac{2}{x}$  has a local minimum at [2006]
  - a)  $x = 2$
  - b)  $x = -2$
  - c)  $x = 0$
  - d)  $x = 1$
- 4) A triangular park is enclosed on two sides by a fence and on third side by a straight river bank. The two sides having fence are of same length  $x$ . The maximum area enclosed by the park is [2006]
  - a)  $\frac{3}{2}x^2$
  - b)  $\sqrt{\frac{x^3}{8}}$
  - c)  $\frac{1}{2}x^2$
  - d)  $\pi x^2$
- 5) A value of  $c$  for which conclusion of Mean Value Theorem holds for the function  $f(x) = \log_e x$  on the interval  $[1, 3]$  is [2007]
  - a)  $\log_3 e$
  - b)  $\log_e 3$
  - c)  $2\log_3 e$
  - d)  $\frac{1}{2}\log_3 e$
- 6) The function  $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(\sin x + \cos x)$  is an increasing function in [2007]
  - a)  $(0, \frac{\pi}{2})$
  - b)  $(\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2})$
  - c)  $(\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2})$
  - d)  $(\frac{-\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{4})$
- 7) If  $p$  and  $q$  are positive real numbers such that  $p^2 + q^2 = 1$ , then the maximum value of  $(p + q)$  is [2007]
  - a)  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
  - c)  $\sqrt{2}$
  - d) 2
- 8) Suppose the cubic  $x^3 - px + q$  has three distinct real roots where  $p > 0$  and  $q > 0$ . Then which one of the following holds ? [2008]
  - a) The cubic has minima at  $\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}$  and maxima at  $-\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}$
  - b) The cubic has minima at  $-\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}$  and maxima at  $\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}$
  - c) The cubic has minima at both  $\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}$  and  $-\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}$
  - d) the cubic has maxima at both  $\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}$  and  $-\sqrt{\frac{p}{3}}$
- 9) How many real solutions does the equation  $x^7 + 14x^5 + 16x^3 + 30x - 560 = 0$  have ? [2008]

