

**Find the sum of all the terms, If the first 3 terms among 4 positive 2-digit integers are in A.P and the last 3 terms are in G.P. Moreover the difference between the first and last term is 40.**

- A. 108
- B. 172
- C. 124
- D. 196

**Correct Answer**

**Explanation**

**T**he Questions that follow, are from actual CAT papers. If you wish to take them separately or plan to solve actual CAT papers at a later point in time, It would be a good idea to stop here.

## 01. CAT 2022 Slot 2 - QA

**On day one, there are 100 particles in a laboratory experiment. On day  $n$ , where  $n \geq 2$ , one out of every  $n$  particles produces another particle. If the total number of particles in the laboratory experiment increases to 1000 on day  $m$ , then  $m$  equals**

- A. 19
- B. 16
- C. 17
- D. 18

**Correct Answer**

**Video Explanation**

**Explanation**

## 02. CAT 2022 Slot 2 - QA

**Consider the arithmetic progression  $3, 7, 11, \dots$  and let  $A_n$  denote the sum of the first  $n$  terms of this progression.**

**Then the value of  $\frac{1}{25} \sum_{n=1}^{25} A_n$  is**

- A. 404
- B. 442
- C. 455
- D. 415**

**Correct Answer**

**Video Explanation**

**Explanation****03. CAT 2022 Slot 1 - QA**

For any natural number  $n$ , suppose the sum of the first  $n$  terms of an arithmetic progression is  $(n + 2n^2)$ . If the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the progression is divisible by 9, then the smallest possible value of  $n$  is

- A. 4
- B. 8
- C. 7
- D. 9

**Correct Answer****Video  
Explanation****Explanation****04. CAT 2021 Slot 3 - QA**

Consider a sequence of real numbers  $X_1, X_2, X_3, \dots$  such that  $X_{n+1} = X_n + n - 1$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . If  $X_1 = -1$  then  $X_{100}$  is equal to

- A. 4949
- B. 4849
- C. 4850
- D. 4950

**Correct Answer****Video  
Explanation****Explanation****Check Stats****05. CAT 2021 Slot 2 - QA**

Three positive integers  $x, y$  and  $z$  are in arithmetic progression. If  $y - x > 2$  and  $xyz = 5(x + y + z)$ , then  $z - x$  equals

- A. 8
- B. 10
- C. 14

**Correct Answer****Video  
Explanation**

D. 12

**Explanation****Check Stats**

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**06. CAT 2021 Slot 2 - QA**

For a sequence of real numbers  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ , if  $x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - \dots + (-1)^{n+1}x_n = n^2 + 2n$  for all natural numbers  $n$ , then the sum  $x_{49} + x_{50}$  equals

A. 2

B. -2

**C. 200**

D. -200

**Correct Answer****Video  
Explanation****Explanation****Check Stats**

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**07. CAT 2021 Slot 1 - QA**

If  $x_0 = 1$ ,  $x_1 = 2$ , and  $x_{n+2} = \frac{1+x_{n+1}}{x_n}$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , then  $x_{2021}$  is equal to?

A. 4

B. 3

C. 1

D. 2

**Correct Answer****Video  
Explanation****Explanation****Check Stats**

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**08. CAT 2020 Question Paper Slot 2 -  
Sequence & series**

Let the  $m$ -th and  $n$ -th terms of a Geometric progression be  $\frac{3}{4}$  and 12, respectively, when  $m < n$ . If the common ratio of

**the progression is an integer  $r$ , then the smallest possible value of  $r + n - m$  is**

- A. -4
- B. -2
- C. 6
- D. 2

[Correct Answer](#)[Video Solution](#)[Explanation](#)

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09. CAT 2020 Question Paper Slot 1 -  
Sequence & Series

**A gentleman decided to treat a few children in the following manner. He gives half of his total stock of toffees and one extra to the first child, and then the half of the remaining stock along with one extra to the second and continues giving away in this fashion. His total stock exhausts after he takes care of 5 children. How many toffees were there in his stock initially?**

[Correct Answer](#)[Video Solution](#)[Explanation](#)

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10. CAT 2019 Question Paper Slot 2 -  
Sequence & series

**Let  $a_1, a_2$  be integers such that  $a_1 - a_2 + a_3 - a_4 + \dots + (-1)^{n-1} a_n = n$ , for  $n \geq 1$ . Then  $a_{51} + a_{52} + \dots + a_{1023}$  equals**

- A. -1
- B. 1
- C. 0
- D. 10

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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11. CAT 2019 Question Paper Slot 2 -  
Sequence & series

**The number of common terms in the two sequences: 15, 19, 23, 27, ..... , 415 and 14, 19, 24, 29, ..... , 464 is**

- A. 20
- B. 18
- C. 21
- D. 19

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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12. CAT 2019 Question Paper Slot 2 -  
Sequence & series

**If  $(2n+1) + (2n+3) + (2n+5) + \dots + (2n+47) = 5280$  , then what is the value of  $1+2+3+ \dots + n$  ? [TITA]**

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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13. CAT 2019 Question Paper Slot 1 -  
Progressions

**If the population of a town is  $p$  in the beginning of any year then it becomes  $3+2p$  in the beginning of the next year. If the population in the beginning of 2019 is 1000, then the population in the beginning of 2034 will be**

- A.  $(1003)^{15} + 6$
- B.  $(977)^{15} - 3$
- C.  $(1003)2^{15} - 3$
- D.  $(977)2^{14} + 3$

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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14. CAT 2019 Question Paper Slot 1 -  
Progressions

**If  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n = 3(2^{n+1} - 2)$ , then  $a_{11}$  equals [TITA]**

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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15. CAT 2019 Question Paper Slot 1 -  
Progressions

If  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  are in A.P,  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_2} + \sqrt{a_3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_n} + \sqrt{a_{n+1}}}$  then, is equal to

A.  $\frac{n}{\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_{n+1}}}$

B.  $\frac{n-1}{\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_n}}$

C.  $\frac{n}{\sqrt{a_1} - \sqrt{a_{n+1}}}$

D.  $\frac{n-1}{\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_{n-1}}}$

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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16. CAT 2018 Question Paper Slot 2 -  
Sequence & Series

Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{52}$  be positive integers such that  $a_1 < a_2 < \dots < a_{52}$ . Suppose, their arithmetic mean is one less than the arithmetic mean of  $a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{52}$ . If  $a_{52} = 100$ , then the largest possible value of  $a_1$  is

A. 48

B. 20

C. 45

D. 23

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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17. CAT 2018 Question Paper Slot 2 -  
Sequence & Series

Let  $t_1, t_2, \dots$  be real numbers such that  $t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n = 2n^2 + 9n + 13$ , for every positive integer  $n \geq 2$ . If  $t_k = 103$ , then  $k$  equals (TITA)

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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18. CAT 2018 Question Paper Slot 2 - Sequence & Series

The value of the sum  $7 \times 11 + 11 \times 15 + 15 \times 19 + \dots + 95 \times 99$  is

- A. 80707
- B. 80751
- C. 80730
- D. 80773

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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19. CAT 2018 Question Paper Slot 2 - Progressions & Series

The arithmetic mean of  $x, y$  and  $z$  is 80, and that of  $x, y, z, u$  and  $v$  is 75, where  $u = \frac{(x+y)}{2}$  and  $v = \frac{(y+z)}{2}$ . If  $x \geq z$ , then the

minimum possible value of  $x$  is (TITA)

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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20. CAT 2018 Question Paper Slot 1 - Sequence & Series

Let  $x, y, z$  be three positive real numbers in a geometric progression such that  $x < y < z$ . If  $5x, 16y$ , and  $12z$  are in an arithmetic progression then the common ratio of the geometric progression is

- A.  $\frac{1}{6}$
- B.  $\frac{3}{6}$
- C.  $\frac{3}{2}$
- D.  $\frac{5}{2}$

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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21. CAT 2017 Question Paper Slot 2 - Progressions

Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5$  be a sequence of five consecutive odd numbers. Consider a new sequence of five consecutive even numbers ending with  $2a_3$ . If the sum of the numbers in the new sequence is 450, then  $a_5$  is [TITA]

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

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22. CAT 2017 Question Paper Slot 2 - Progressions

An infinite geometric progression  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  has the property that  $a_n = 3(a_{n+1} + a_{n+2} + \dots)$  for every  $n \geq 1$ . If the sum  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots = 32$ , then  $a_5$  is

- A.  $\frac{1}{32}$
- B.  $\frac{2}{32}$
- C.  $\frac{3}{32}$
- D.  $\frac{4}{32}$

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)



### 23. CAT 2017 Question Paper Slot 2 - Progressions

If  $a_1 = \frac{1}{2 \times 5}$ ,  $a_2 = \frac{1}{5 \times 8}$ ,  $a_3 = \frac{1}{8 \times 11}$ , ..., then  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{100}$  is

- A.  $\frac{25}{151}$
- B.  $\frac{1}{2}$
- C.  $\frac{1}{4}$
- D.  $\frac{111}{55}$

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

### 24. CAT 2017 Question Paper Slot 1 - Progressions

If the square of the 7<sup>th</sup> term of an arithmetic progression with positive common difference equals the product of the 3<sup>rd</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> terms, then the ratio of the first term to the common difference is:

- A. 2 : 3
- B. 3 : 2
- C. 3 : 4
- D. 4 : 3

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)

### 25. CAT 2017 Question Paper Slot 1 - Progressions

Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{3n}$  be an arithmetic progression with  $a_1 = 3$  and  $a_2 = 7$ . If  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{3n} = 1830$ , then what is the smallest positive integer  $m$  such that  $m(a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) > 1830$ ?

- A. 8
- B. 9
- C. 10
- D. 11

[Correct Answer](#)[Explanation](#)[Video Solution](#)