

49. If $x = \frac{1}{2+\sqrt{3}}$, $y = \frac{1}{2-\sqrt{3}}$, then the

value of $\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+1}$ is-

(A) $\frac{1}{2}$

(B) $\sqrt{3}$

(C) 1

(D) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

50. If $\sqrt{3} = 1.732$, then the value of

$$\frac{3+\sqrt{6}}{5\sqrt{3}-2\sqrt{12}-\sqrt{32}+\sqrt{50}}$$

is

(A) 4.899

(B) 2.551

(C) 1.414

(D) 1.732

51. If $2a - \frac{2}{a} + 3 = 0$, then the value of

$$\left(a^3 - \frac{1}{a^3} + 2\right)$$

is

(A) 5

(B) $-\frac{35}{8}$

(C) $-\frac{40}{7}$

(D) $-\frac{47}{8}$

52. If $x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, then the value of

$$\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}$$

will be-

(A) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

(B) $2\sqrt{3}$

(C) $\sqrt{3}$

(D) 2

53. If $a = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$, then the value of

$$\frac{a^6 + a^4 + a^2 + 1}{a^3}$$

(A) 192

(B) 240

(C) 204

(D) 212

54. If $x^3 + y^3 = 35$ and $x + y = 5$, then the value of $\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}\right)$ is.

(A) $\frac{4}{7}$

(B) $\frac{3}{8}$

(C) $\frac{5}{6}$

(D) $\frac{3}{5}$

55. If $\frac{x^2}{by+cz} = \frac{y^2}{cz+ax} = \frac{z^2}{ax+by} = 1$,

then the value of $\frac{a}{a+x} + \frac{b}{b+y} + \frac{c}{c+z}$ is.

(A) -1

(B) 2

(C) 1

(D) -2

56. If $(x+1)$ and $(x-2)$ be the factors of $x^3 + (a+1)x^2 - (b-2)x - 6$, then the value of a and b will be -

(A) 2 and 8

(B) 1 and 7

(C) 5 and 3

(D) 3 and 7

57. If the average of x and $\frac{1}{x}$ be 1, then

the value of $8x^{10} + \frac{4}{x^5}$ will be.

(A) 12

(B) -12

(C) 0

(D) 1

58. If $a+b+c = 6$, $a^2+b^2+c^2 = 14$, then the value of $bc+ca+ab$ will be

(A) 22

(B) 25

(C) 20

(D) 11

59. If $3x^2 - 4x - 3 = 0$, then $x - \frac{1}{x}$ will be

(A) 3

(B) 4

(C) $\frac{3}{4}$

(D) $\frac{4}{3}$

60. If $x = 11$, then $x^5 - 12x^4 + 12x^3 - 12x^2 + 12x - 1$ will be.

 - 12
 - 0
 - 10
 - 111

61. Factorize: $8x^3 + 12x^2 + 6x + 1$

 - $(2x+1)^3$
 - $(2x+1)^2(x+1)$
 - $(x+1)^3$
 - None of these

62. Find the remainder when $f(y) = y^3 + y^2 + 2y + 3$ is divided by $(y + 2)$

 - 5
 - 5
 - 4
 - 4

63. Find the value of k , if $x + 3$ is a factor of $3x^2 + kx + 6$.

 - 10
 - 11
 - 10
 - 11

64. For what value of a is $2x^3 + ax^2 + 11x + a + 3$ exactly divisible by $(2x - 1)$?

 - 4
 - 5
 - 6
 - 7

65. Find the values of 'a' and 'b', so that the polynomial $x^3 - ax^2 - 13x + b$ has $(x - 1)$ and $(x + 3)$ as factors

 - $a = 4, b = 5$
 - $a = 3, b = 15$
 - $a = 15, b = 3$
 - $a = 5, b = 4$

66. $x^4 + 2x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 3$ is exactly divisible by:

 - $x^3 + 2x - 3$
 - $x^2 + 2x - 3$
 - $x^2 + x - 6$
 - $x^3 + x - 6$

67. If both $(x - 2)$ and $\left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)$ are factors of $px^2 + 5x + r$, then which one is correct:

 - $p = 2r$
 - $pr = 1$
 - $\frac{p}{r} = 1$
 - None of these

68. Find the HCF of the polynomials $30(x^2 - 3x + 2)$ and $50(x^2 - 2x + 1)$

 - $10(x - 1)^2$
 - $10(x - 1)^3$
 - $10(x - 1)$
 - $10(2x - 1)$

69. Find the HCF of the polynomials $f(x), g(x), h(x)$, where

$$f(x) = 10(x + 1)(x - 3)^3$$

$$g(x) = 15(x - 2)(x - 3)^2$$

$$h(x) = 25(x + 5)(x - 3)^3$$
 - $5(x - 3)^2$
 - $5(x - 3)$
 - $5(2x - 3)$
 - None of these

70. Find the LCM of polynomials $f(x) = 4(x - 1)^2(x^2 + 6x + 8)$ and $g(x) = 10(x - 1)(x + 2)(x^2 + 7x + 10)$

 - $20(x - 1)^2(x + 2)^2(x + 4)$
 - $20(x - 1)(x + 2)^2(x + 4)(x + 5)$
 - $20(x - 1)^2(x + 2)^2(x + 4)(x + 5)$
 - None of these

71. Evaluate $30^3 + 20^3 - 50^3$

 - 90000
 - 90000
 - 250000
 - None of these

72. If $\sqrt{\frac{x}{y}} + \sqrt{\frac{y}{x}} = \frac{10}{3}$ and $x + y = 10$, then the value of xy will be:

 - 36
 - 24
 - 16
 - 9

73. If α and β are the roots of equation $x^2 - q(1 + x) - r = 0$, then $(1 + \alpha)(1 + \beta)$ is:

 - $1 - r$
 - $q - r$
 - $1 + r$
 - $q + r$

74. The roots of the quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ will be reciprocal to each other if:

 - $a = \frac{1}{c}$
 - $a = c$
 - $ac = b$
 - $a = b$

1. (B) Given $\frac{3x+2y}{3x-2y} = \frac{4}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow 9x + 6y = 12x - 8y$$

$$\Rightarrow 14y = 3x$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{x}{y} = \frac{14}{3}$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{x^2+y^2}{x^2-y^2} = \frac{(14)^2+(3)^2}{(14)^2-(3)^2} = \frac{205}{187}$$

2. (D) $x^2 + y^2 + 4x + 4y + 8 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + 4x + 4) + (y^2 + 4y + 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+2)^2 + (y+2)^2 = 0$$

$$\text{So, } x = -2 \text{ & } y = -2$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y = (-2) + (-2) = -4$$

3. (D) Given $x + \frac{1}{x} = 6$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x}{2x^2 + 2 - 5x}$$

$$= \frac{3x}{x\left[\left(2x + \frac{2}{x}\right) - 5\right]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2\left[x + \frac{1}{x}\right] - 5} = \frac{3}{12 - 5} = \frac{3}{7}$$

4. (C) $\frac{\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{x-2}}{\sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{x-2}} = \frac{3}{2}$

\Rightarrow

$$2\sqrt{x+2} + 2\sqrt{x-2} = 3\sqrt{x+2} - 3\sqrt{x-2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 5\sqrt{x-2} = \sqrt{x+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{x+2}}{\sqrt{x-2}} = \frac{5}{1}$$

Squaring both the sides:

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+2}{x-2} = \frac{25}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2 = 25x - 50$$

$$\Rightarrow 24x = 52$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{52}{24} = \frac{13}{6} \Rightarrow 6x = 13$$

5. (B) Given $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$

$$\text{So, } x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 2 = (3)^2 - 2$$

$$= 7$$

Again squaring:

$$\Rightarrow \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2 = 7^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} + 2 = 49$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} = 47$$

6. (C) Given:

$$\frac{1}{(a-b)(b-c)} + \frac{1}{(b-c)(c-a)} + \frac{1}{(c-a)(a-b)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c-a+a-b+b-c}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{0}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)} = 0$$

7. (B) Given:

$$x + y = 2xy \quad \dots(i)$$

$$x - y = 4xy \quad \dots(ii)$$

on adding (i) and (ii)

$$2x = 6xy$$

$$y = \frac{1}{3} \text{ then } y^2 = \frac{1}{9}$$

8. (D) $x = (\sqrt{2} + 1)$, and $y = 1 - \sqrt{2}$

$$\therefore x^2 + y^2 + xy = x^2 + y^2 + 2xy - xy$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (x + y)^2 - xy \\
 &= (\sqrt{2} + 1 + 1 - \sqrt{2})^2 - (1 + \sqrt{2})(1 - \sqrt{2}) \\
 &= (2)^2 - ((1)^2 - (\sqrt{2})^2) \\
 &= 4 - (-1) = 5
 \end{aligned}$$

9. (A) On dividing $(x - 2)$ Remainder is k.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } x - 2 &= 0 \Rightarrow x = 2 \\
 \Rightarrow (2)^3 + 3(2)^2 - k \times 2 + 4 &= k \\
 \Rightarrow 8 + 12 - 2k + 4 &= k \\
 \Rightarrow 24 &= 3k \\
 \Rightarrow k &= 8
 \end{aligned}$$

10. (B) Given $a = -5$, $b = -6$ and $c = 10$
 $\therefore a + b + c = (-5) + (-6) + 10 = -1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow & \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc}{ab + bc + ca - a^2 - b^2 - c^2} \\
 \Rightarrow & \frac{(a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)}{-(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)} \\
 \Rightarrow & \frac{-1}{-1} = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

11. (B) $a^{1/3} = 11$
 $\Rightarrow a = 11^3 = 1331$
So, $a^2 - 331a$
 $\Rightarrow a(a - 331)$
 $\Rightarrow a(1331 - 331) = 1331 \times 1000$
 $\Rightarrow 1331000$

12. (B) $x + \frac{1}{16x} = 1$ given

\Rightarrow multiplying by 4 both the sides

$$4x + \frac{1}{4x} = 4$$

\Rightarrow Cube both the sides:

$$\begin{aligned}
 \left(4x + \frac{1}{4x}\right)^3 &= (4x)^3 + \left(\frac{1}{4x}\right)^3 \\
 &+ 3 \times 4x \times \frac{1}{4x} \left(4x + \frac{1}{4x}\right)
 \end{aligned}$$

$$64 = 64x^3 + \frac{1}{64x^3} + 3 \times 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 64x^3 + \frac{1}{64x^3} = 64 - 12 = 52$$

13. (A) Given $\rightarrow 2^x = 3^y = 6^{-z} = K$
 $\Rightarrow 2 = K^{1/x}$... (i)
 $\Rightarrow 3 = K^{1/y}$... (ii)
 $\Rightarrow 6 = K^{-1/z}$... (iii)
multiplying (i) and (ii)

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow 2 \cdot 3 &= K^{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}} \\
 \text{from (iii) and (iv)} &
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow K^{\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y}} = K^{-1/z}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = -\frac{1}{z} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 0$$

14. (D) $x^a \cdot x^b \cdot x^c = 1$
 $\Rightarrow x^{a+b+c} = x^0$
 $\Rightarrow a + b + c = 0$
Now, $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ac)$
 $\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$

15. (A) $3^{2x-y} = \sqrt{27}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 3^{x+y} &= \sqrt{27} \\
 \Rightarrow 3^{2x-y} &= 3^{3/2} \text{ and } 3^{x+y} = 3^{3/2}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{So, } 2x - y &= \frac{3}{2} \text{ and } x + y = \frac{3}{2} \\
 \text{adding both} &
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x = \frac{6}{2} \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$\text{So, } y = \frac{3}{2} - 1 = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{2}$$

16. (A) Given $a + \frac{1}{a} = 6$

$$\therefore a^4 + \frac{1}{a^4} = (a)^2 + \left(\frac{1}{a^2}\right)^2$$

$$= \left(a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2}\right)^2 - 2 = \left[\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 - 2\right]^2 - 2$$

$$= ((6)^2 - 2)^2 - 2 = (34)^2 - 2$$

$$\therefore a^4 + \frac{1}{a^4} = 1154$$

17. (B) $\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 = 3$

$$\therefore a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3} = \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^3 - 3 \times a \times$$

$$\frac{1}{a} \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)$$

$$\frac{a}{a-c} + \frac{c}{b-c} = \frac{a}{a-c} + \frac{c}{-(a-c)} \left[\frac{a}{a-c} - \frac{c}{a-c} \right]$$

$$= \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right) \left[\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 - 3 \right]$$

$$= \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right) (3 - 3)$$

$$\therefore a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3} = 0$$

18. (A) $a = \frac{x}{x+y}$, $b = \frac{y}{x-y}$

$$\frac{ab}{a+b} = \frac{\left(\frac{x}{x+y}\right) \left(\frac{y}{x-y}\right)}{\left(\frac{x}{x+y}\right) + \left(\frac{y}{x-y}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{xy}{(x+y)(x-y)} \times \frac{(x+y)(x-y)}{x(x-y) + y(x+y)}$$

$$= \frac{xy}{x^2 - xy + xy + y^2}$$

$$\frac{ab}{a+b} = \frac{xy}{x^2 + y^2}$$

19. (B) $a + b = 2c$... given
 $\Rightarrow b - c = -(a - c)$ _____ (i)

Now,

$$\frac{a}{a-c} + \frac{c}{b-c} = \frac{a}{a-c} - \frac{c}{a-c}$$

using _____ (i)

$$\frac{a}{a-c} + \frac{c}{b-c} = \frac{a-c}{a-c} = 1$$

20. (A) $P = \frac{x^2 - 36}{x^2 - 49}$... given

$$= \frac{(x+6)(x-6)}{(x+7)(x-7)} \Rightarrow P = Q \left(\frac{x-6}{x-7} \right)$$

$$Q = \frac{x+6}{x+7} \Rightarrow \frac{P}{Q} = \left(\frac{x-6}{x-7} \right)$$

21. (C) If $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$ then x will be 1.

$$\text{So, } x^{17} + \frac{1}{x^{19}} = (1)^{17} + \frac{1}{(1)^{19}} = 1 + \frac{1}{1} = 2$$

22. (A) $x + \frac{1}{4x} = \frac{3}{2}$

multiplying by 2 both the sides.

$$2x + \frac{1}{2x} = 3$$

\Rightarrow cube both the sides

$$8x^3 + \frac{1}{8x^3} + 3 \times 2x \times \frac{1}{2x} \left(2x + \frac{1}{2x} \right)$$

$$= 27$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x^3 + \frac{1}{8x^3} = 27 - 3 \times 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x^3 + \frac{1}{8x^3} = 18$$

23. (D) $x = \frac{4ab}{a+b}$

$$\frac{x}{2a} = \frac{2b}{a+b}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x+2a}{x-2a} = \frac{3b+a}{b-a} \quad \dots(i)$$

Similarly $\Rightarrow \frac{x+2b}{x-2b} = \frac{3a+b}{a-b}$

... (ii)

adding (i) and (ii)

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{x+2a}{x-2a} + \frac{x+2b}{x-2b} &= \frac{3b+a}{b-a} - \frac{3a+b}{b-a} \\ &= \frac{3b+a-3a-3b}{b-a} = \frac{2b-2a}{b-a} = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Shortcut :-

$$x = \frac{4ab}{a+b} = \frac{2a \times 2b}{a \times b} = 2 \text{ (always)}$$

24. (C) Given $m + \frac{1}{m-2} = 4$

$$\Rightarrow \text{So, } (m-2) + \frac{1}{(m-2)} = 2$$

Squaring both the sides:

$$\begin{aligned} (m-2)^2 + \frac{1}{(m-2)^2} &= \left[(m-2) + \frac{1}{(m-2)} \right]^2 - 2 \\ &= (2)^2 - 2 = 2 \end{aligned}$$

25. (C) Given $a^2 = b+c$, $b^2 = a+c$ and $c^2 = a+b$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{1+a} + \frac{1}{1+b} + \frac{1}{1+c}$$

So,

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \frac{a}{a+a^2} + \frac{b}{b+b^2} + \frac{c}{c+c^2} \\ &\quad (\because a^2 = b+c; a+a^2 = a+b+c) \\ &= \frac{a}{a+b+c} + \frac{b}{a+b+c} + \frac{c}{a+b+c} \\ &= \frac{a+b+c}{a+b+c} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

26. (D) Given $2x + \frac{1}{3x} = 5$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6x^2 + 1}{3x} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x^2 + 1 = 15x$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \frac{5x}{6x^2 + 20x + 1} &= \frac{5x}{6x^2 + 1 + 20x} \\ &= \frac{5x}{15x + 20x} = \frac{5x}{35x} = \frac{1}{7} \end{aligned}$$

27. (D) If $a+b+c=0$

$$\Rightarrow (a+b+c)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = -2(ab + bc + ca)$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2 = 4(ab + bc + ca)^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + 2ab^2c + 2bc^2a + 2a^2bc} &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2 + 2abc(b+c+a)} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)^2}{a^2b^2 + b^2c^2 + c^2a^2} = 4$$

28. (A) Let $p(x) = x^4 - 3x + 2$
 $(\because a+b+c=0)$

$$\begin{aligned} q(x) &= (x-1)(x^3 + x^2 + x - 2) \\ \text{and } r(x) &= x^4 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (x^2 - 1)(x^2 + 1) \\
 &= (x - 1)(x + 1)(x^2 + 1) \\
 \therefore \text{HCF will be } x - 1
 \end{aligned}$$

29. (C) Given $x = \sqrt{\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}-1} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}+1}}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{5}+1)^2}{5-1}} = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2} \\
 \therefore 5x^2 - 5x - 1 \\
 &= 5\left(\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}\right)^2 - 5\frac{(\sqrt{5}+1)}{2} - 1 \\
 &= 5\left(\frac{5+1+2\sqrt{5}}{4}\right) - \frac{5\sqrt{5}+5}{2} - 1 \\
 &= 5\left(\frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right) - \frac{5\sqrt{5}+5}{2} - 1 \\
 &= \frac{15+5\sqrt{5}-5\sqrt{5}-5-2}{2} \\
 &= \frac{8}{2} = 4
 \end{aligned}$$

30. (A) $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} = 1$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \Rightarrow \frac{a^2 + b^2}{ab} &= 1 \\
 a^2 + b^2 - ab &= 0 \\
 \therefore a^3 + b^3 &= (a + b)(a^2 + b^2 - ab) \\
 &= (a + b) \times 0 = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

So $a^3 + b^3 = 0$

31. (A) Given $x + \frac{1}{x} = \sqrt{3}$

then as we know

$$x^6 + 1 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Now, } x^{18} + x^{12} + x^6 + 1 \\
 &= x^{12}(x^6 + 1) + 1(x^6 + 1) \\
 &= (x^6 + 1)(x^{12} + 1) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

32. (D) $\sqrt{2x+3} + \sqrt{2x-1} = 2$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \sqrt{2x+3} &= 2 - \sqrt{2x-1} \\
 \text{Squaring both side} \\
 2x+3 &= 4 + 2x - 1 - 4\sqrt{2x-1} \\
 4\sqrt{2x-1} &= 0 \Rightarrow \sqrt{2x-1} = 0 \\
 \text{Squaring both side} \\
 2x-1 &= 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}$$

33. (B) Given $\frac{2x^4 - 162}{(x^2 + 9)(2x - 6)}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \frac{2(x^4 - 81)}{2(x^2 + 9)(x - 3)} = \frac{2(x^2 - 9)(x^2 + 9)}{2(x^2 + 9)(x - 3)} \\
 &= \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} = \frac{(x + 3)(x - 3)}{x - 3} = (x + 3)
 \end{aligned}$$

34. (B) Given $\frac{2x}{3} + \frac{y}{2} = 4 \quad \dots(i)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{3} - \frac{y}{2} = 1 \quad \dots(ii)$$

adding (i) and (ii)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{3} + \frac{x}{3} = 4 + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x}{3} = 5 \Rightarrow x = 5$$

35. (B) $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$

So, $x = 1$ satisfies the equation
 \Rightarrow putting the value $x = 1$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^3} = (1)^2 + \frac{1}{(1)^3} = 1 + 1 = 2$$

36. (A) $\because x = a^{2/3} - a^{-2/3}$

Cube both the sides

$$\begin{aligned}
 x^3 &= [a^{2/3} - a^{-2/3}]^3 \\
 x^3 &= (a^{2/3})^3 - (a^{-2/3})^3 - 3a^{2/3} \cdot a^{-2/3} (a^{2/3} - a^{-2/3})
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+2)^3 + \frac{1}{(a+2)^3} = 8 - 3 \times 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+2)^3 + \frac{1}{(a+2)^3} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = 5-2$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = 3$$

43.(B) Given :

$$a^3 - b^3 = 56$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)(a^2 + b^2 + ab) = 56$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + ab = 28 \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-b)^2 = (2)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 - 2ab = 4 \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

subtracting (i) and (ii)

$$3ab = 24$$

$$ab = 8$$

\Rightarrow putting the value of $ab = 8$ in (i)

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + 8 = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 = 20$$

44.(B) Given :

$$a + \frac{1}{a} = 1 \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{or } a^2 + 1 = a \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$a^2 + 1 - a = 0$$

multiply by $a + 1$

$$(a+1)(a^2 + 1 - a) = 0$$

$$a^3 + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{So } a^3 = -1$$

45.(D) Given :

$$x^4 + \frac{1}{x^4} = 23$$

$$\text{or } \Rightarrow \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^2 = 23 + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = \sqrt{25} = 5$$

46.(A) Given :

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$$

squaring both the sides we get

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 9 - 2 = 7 \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(i)}$$

Now cube both the sides

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right) = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times 3 = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 18 \quad \dots \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$$

As we know

$$x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5}$$

$$= \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} \right) \left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} \right) - \left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right)$$

$$= 7 \times 18 - 3$$

47.(B) Given :

$$\text{given } a+b+c=0$$

$$\text{where } c = 1$$

by formula we know that

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc \text{ when } a+b+c=0$$

putting $c=1$

$$a^3 + b^3 + 1 = 3ab$$

$$\text{or } a^3 + b^3 + 1 - 3ab = 0$$

48.(A) Given :

$$a-b=3, b-c=5 \text{ and } c-a=1$$

we know that

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc}{a+b+c}$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = \frac{(a+b+c)}{2} ((a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(3)^2 + (5)^2 + (1)^2]$$

$$= \frac{9+25+1}{2} = \frac{35}{2} = 17.5$$

49.(C) Given :

$$x = \frac{1}{2+\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow x = 2-\sqrt{3}$$

$$x + 1 = 3 - \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x+1} = \frac{1}{3-\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{3+\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$y = \frac{1}{2-\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow y = 2+\sqrt{3}$$

$$y + 1 = 3 + \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{y+1} = \frac{1}{3+\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{3-\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

Now the value of

$$\frac{1}{x+1} + \frac{1}{y+1} = \frac{3+\sqrt{3}}{6} + \frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{6}$$

$$= \frac{3+\sqrt{3} + 3 - \sqrt{3}}{6} = \frac{6}{6} = 1$$

50. (D) Given :

$$\sqrt{3} = 1.732$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3+\sqrt{6}}{5\sqrt{3}-2\sqrt{12}-\sqrt{32}+\sqrt{50}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3+\sqrt{6}}{5\sqrt{3}-4\sqrt{3}-4\sqrt{2}+5\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3+\sqrt{6}}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2}} \Rightarrow \frac{\sqrt{3}(\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2})}{(\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2})}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow 1.732$$

51. (D) Given :

$$\Rightarrow 2a - \frac{2}{a} + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a - \frac{2}{a} = -3$$

$$\Rightarrow a - \frac{1}{a} = \frac{-3}{2}$$

cube both the sides

$$\Rightarrow a^3 - \frac{1}{a^3} - 3 \times a \times \frac{1}{a} \left(a - \frac{1}{a}\right) = \frac{-27}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 - \frac{1}{a^3} - 3 \times \frac{-3}{2} = \frac{-27}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 - \frac{1}{a^3} = \frac{27}{8} - \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 - \frac{1}{a^3} = \frac{-27 - 36}{8} = \frac{-63}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 - \frac{1}{a^3} + 2 = -\frac{-63}{8} + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 - \frac{1}{a^3} + 2 = \frac{-47}{8}$$

$$52. (C) 1+x = 1 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$= 1 + 2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \times \frac{1}{2} \text{ (multiply & divide by 2)}$$

$$1+x = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

similarly,

$$= 1 - x = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x} = \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} - \frac{1}{2} \right) = \sqrt{3}$$

53. (C) Given :

$$a = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{3+2\sqrt{2}} = \frac{1}{3+2\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{3-2\sqrt{2}}{3-2\sqrt{2}}$$

$$= 3-2\sqrt{2}$$

$$a + \frac{1}{a} = 3 + 2\sqrt{2} + 3 - 2\sqrt{2} = 6$$

$$\frac{a^6 + a^4 + a^2 + 1}{a^3} = \frac{a^6}{a^3} + \frac{a^4}{a^3} + \frac{a^2}{a^3} + \frac{1}{a^3}$$

$$= a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3} + a + \frac{1}{a}$$

$$= \left(a + \frac{1}{a} \right)^3 - 3 \left(a + \frac{1}{a} \right) + \left(a + \frac{1}{a} \right)$$

$$= (6)^3 - 2 \times 6 = 204$$

54. (C) Given :

$$x^3 + y^3 = 35 \text{ and } x + y = 5$$

$$x^3 + y^3 = 35$$

$$(x + y)^3 - 3xy(x + y) = 35$$

$$(5)^3 - 3xy(5) = 35$$

$$xy = 6$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{x + y}{xy} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow x + y = 5 \dots \text{(iv)}$$

Divide (iv) by (iii)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{5}{6}$$

55. (C) Given :

$$\frac{x^2}{by + cz} = \frac{y^2}{cz + ax} = \frac{z^2}{ax + by} = 1$$

so,

$$x^2 = by + cz, \quad y^2 = cz + ax, \quad z^2 = ax + by$$

$$\frac{a}{a+x} + \frac{b}{b+y} = \frac{c}{c+z}$$

$$= \frac{ax}{ax + x^2} + \frac{by}{by + y^2} + \frac{cz}{cz + z^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ax}{ax + by + cz} + \frac{by}{by + ax + cz} + \frac{cz}{cz + ax + by}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{ax + by + cz}{ax + by + cz} = 1$$

56. (B) Given :

According to question

$(x+1)$ and $(x-2)$ are the factor of $x^3 + (a+1)x^2 - (b-2)x - 6$ so

$$f(-1) = (-1)^3 + (a+1)(-1)^2 - (b-2)(-1) - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 + (a+1) + (b-2) - 6 = 0$$

$$a + b = 8 \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\text{and } (2)^3 + (a+1)(2)^2 - (b-2)2 - 6 = 0$$

$$8 + 4a + 4 - 2b + 4 - 6 = 0$$

$$4a - 2b + 10 = 0$$

$$2a - b = -5 \dots \text{(ii)}$$

from (i) and (ii)

$$3a = 3 \Rightarrow a = 1 \text{ & } b = 7$$

57. (A) Given :

According to the question

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$$

$\Rightarrow x = 1$ satisfies

$$\text{so, } 8(1)^{10} + \frac{4}{(1)^5} = 8 + 4 = 12$$