

PARABOLA

MATHS
MAX.MARKS: 100

Section-I (Single Correct Answer Type)

This section contains 20 multiple choice questions. Each question has 4 options (A), (B), (C) and (D) for its answer, out of which **ONLY ONE** option can be correct.

Marking Scheme: +4 for correct answer, 0 if not attempted and -1 if not correct.

- The point on the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ at which the normal is inclined at 60° to the x -axis has the co-ordinates
 1) $(6, -4\sqrt{3})$ 2) $(6, 4\sqrt{3})$ 3) $(-6, -4\sqrt{3})$ 4) $(-6, 4\sqrt{3})$
- The point on the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ at which the normal is parallel to the line $x - 2y + 5 = 0$ is
 1) $\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 2\right)$ 2) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -2\right)$ 3) $\left(2, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$ 4) $\left(-2, \frac{1}{2}\right)$
- The point on the Parabola $y^2 = 36x$ whose ordinate is three times the abscissa is
 1) $(0, 0)$, $(4, 12)$ 2) $(1, 3)$, $(4, 12)$ 3) $(4, 12)$ 4) none of these
- The co-ordinates of the extremities of the latusrectum of the parabola $5y^2 = 4x$ are
 1) $(1\sqrt{5}, 2\sqrt{5})$, $(-1\sqrt{5}, 2\sqrt{5})$ 2) $(1\sqrt{5}, 2\sqrt{5})$, $(1\sqrt{5}, -2\sqrt{5})$
 3) $(1\sqrt{5}, 4\sqrt{5})$, $(1\sqrt{5}, -4\sqrt{5})$ 4) $(1\sqrt{5}, -4\sqrt{5})$, $(-1\sqrt{5}, 2\sqrt{5})$
- If the tangent to the Parabola makes an angle of 45° with x -axis then the point of contact is
 1) $(a\sqrt{2}, a\sqrt{2})$ 2) $(a\sqrt{4}, a\sqrt{4})$ 3) $(a\sqrt{2}, a\sqrt{4})$ 4) $(a\sqrt{4}, a\sqrt{2})$
- If $(2, 0)$ is the vertex and y -axis is the directrix of a parabola then its focus is
 1) $(2, 0)$ 2) $(-2, 0)$ 3) $(4, 0)$ 4) $(-4, 0)$
- The ends of Latus rectum of Parabola $x^2 + 8y = 0$ are
 1) $(-4, -2)$ and $(4, 2)$ 2) $(4, -2)$ and $(-4, 2)$
 3) $(-4, -2)$ and $(4, -2)$ 4) $(4, 2)$ and $(-4, 2)$
- The tangent drawn at any point P to the Parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ meet the directrix at the point K, then the angle which KP subtends at its focus is
 1) 30° 2) 45° 3) 60° 4) 90°
- The equation of the Parabola with its vertex at the origin, axis on the y -axis and passing through the points $(6, -3)$ is
 1) $y^2 = 12x + 6$ 2) $x^2 = 12y$ 3) $x^2 = -12y$ 4) $y^2 = -12x + 6$
- The equation of the Tangent to the Parabola $y^2 = 9x$ which goes through the points $(4, 10)$ is
 1) $x + 4y + 1 = 0$ 2) $9x + 4y + 4 = 0$
 3) $x - 4y + 36 = 0$ 4) $9x - 4y + 4 = 0$
- The point on the Parabola $y^2 = 18x$ for which the ordinate is three times the abscissa is
 1) $(6, 2)$ 2) $(-2, -6)$ 3) $(3, 18)$ 4) $(2, 6)$
- If $lx + my + n = 0$ is a Tangent to the Parabola $x^2 = y$, then condition of Tangent is
 1) $l^2 = 2mn$ 2) $l = 4m^2n^2$ 3) $m^2 = 4ln$ 4) $l^2 = 4m$

13. If the line $lx + my + n = 0$ is a tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ then locus of its point of contact is
1) A Straight line 2) A circle 3) A parabola 4) two straight lines
14. The equation of common tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 2$ and parabola $y^2 = 8x$ is
1) $y = x+1$ 2) $y = x+2$ 3) $y = x-2$ 4) $y = -x+2$
15. The equation of the tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 16x$ which is perpendicular to the line $y = 3x+7$ is
1) $y - 3x + 4 = 0$ 2) $3y - x + 36 = 0$ 3) $3y + x - 36 = 0$ 4) $3y + x + 36 = 0$
16. The equation of the parabola whose vertex is $(-1, -2)$, axis is vertical and which passes through the point $(3, 6)$ is
1) $x^2 + 2x - 2y - 3 = 0$ 2) $2x^2 = 3y$ 3) $x^2 - 2x - y + 3 = 0$ 4) none of these
17. If the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ and passes through the point $(1, -2)$ then the tangent at this point is
1) $x + y - 1 = 0$ 2) $x - y - 1 = 0$ 3) $x + y + 1 = 0$ 4) $x - y + 1 = 0$
18. The two parabola $y^2 = 4x$ and $x^2 = 4y$ intersect at a point p, whose abscissa is not zero, such that
1) They both touch each other at p
2) They cut at right angles at p
3) Their tangents to each curve at p make complementary angles with the x-axis
4) None of these
19. If the axis of a parabola is horizontal and it passes through the points $(0, 0)$, $(0, -1)$ and $(6, 1)$ then its equation is
1) $y^2 + 3y - x - 4 = 0$ 2) $y^2 - 3y + x - 4 = 0$ 3) $y^2 - 3y - x - 4 = 0$ 4) None of these
20. The equation of the parabola whose vertex and focus are $(0, 4)$ and $(0, 2)$ respectively is
1) $y^2 - 8x = 32$ 2) $y^2 + 8x = 32$ 3) $x^2 + 8y = 32$ 4) $x^2 - 8y = 32$

(Numerical Value Answer Type)

This section contains 10 questions. The answer to each question is a **Numerical value**. If the Answer in the decimals, **Mark nearest Integer only. Have to answer any 5 only out of 10 questions** and question will be evaluated according to the following marking scheme:

Marking scheme: +4 for correct answer, -1 in all other cases.

21. If the vertex of a parabola is at origin and directrix is $x + 5 = 0$ then the latus rectum is
22. The Latusrectum of a Parabola whose directrix is $x + y - 2 = 0$ and focus is $(3, -4)$
23. The angle between the Tangents drawn from the points $(1, 4)$ to the Parabola $y^2 = 4x$ is
24. If the Parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ passes through $(-3, 2)$ then length of its Latusrectum is
25. The focal distance of a point on the Parabola $y^2 = 16x$ whose ordinate is twice the abscissa is
26. A Parabola passing through the point $(-4, -2)$ has its vertex at the origin and y -axis as its axis. The Latusrectum of the Parabola is
27. The angle of intersection between the curves $x^2 = 4(y+1)$ and $x^2 = -4(y+1)$ is
28. The equation of Latusrectum of a Parabola is $x + y = 8$ and the equation of a Tangent at the vertex is $x + y = 12$ then length of the Latusrectum
29. If the line $2x + y + k = 0$ is normal to the parabola $y^2 = -8x$ the value of k will be
30. Angle between the curves $y^2 = 4(x+1)$ and $x^2 = 4(y+1)$ is

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1)	1	2)	2	3)	1	4)	2	5)	4
6)	3	7)	3	8)	4	9)	3	10)	3
11)	4	12)	4	13)	3	14)	2	15)	4
16)	1	17)	3	18)	3	19)	4	20)	3
21)	20	22)	4.24	23)	1	24)	1	25)	8
26)	8	27)	0	28)	11	29)	24	30)	2

SOLUTIONS

1. Normal at (h, k) to the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ is

$$y - k = -\frac{k}{4}(x - h) \text{ Gradient} = \tan 60^\circ = \sqrt{3} = \frac{-k}{4}$$

$$k = -4\sqrt{3} \text{ and } h = 6$$

Hence required point is $h = (6, -4\sqrt{3})$

2. Let point be (h, k)

$$\text{Normal } y - k = -\frac{k}{4}(x - h)$$

(or)

$$kx - 4y + kh + 4k = 0 \text{ Gradient} = \frac{-k}{4} = \frac{1}{2}, k = 2$$

Substituting (h, k) and $k = -2$

$$\text{We get } h = \frac{1}{2} \text{ Hence point is } \left(\frac{1}{2}, -2\right)$$

Satisfies the parabola $y^2 = 8x$

3. $y_1 = 3x$,

According to given condition $9x_1^2 = 36x_1$

$$x_1 = 4, 0; y_1 = 12, 0$$

Hence the points are $(0, 0)$ and $(4, 12)$

$$4. \quad y^2 = 4\left(\frac{1}{5}\right)x; a = \frac{1}{5}$$

focus is $\left(\frac{1}{5}, 0\right)$ and co-ordinates of latus rectum are

$$y^2 = \frac{4}{25}$$

$$y = \pm \frac{2}{5} \text{ or end points of latus rectum are}$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{5}, \pm \frac{2}{5}\right)$$

5. Parabola $y^2 = ax$ i.e, $y^2 = 4\left(\frac{a}{4}\right)x \longrightarrow (i)$

\therefore Let point of contact is (x_1, y_1)

$$y - y_1 = \frac{2\left(\frac{a}{4}\right)}{y_1}$$

$$y = \frac{a}{2y_1}(x) - \frac{ax_1}{2y_1} + y_1$$

Here, $m = \frac{a}{2y_1} = \tan 45^\circ$

$$\frac{a}{2y_1} = 1$$

$$x_1 = \frac{a}{2} \text{ from (i), } x_1 = \frac{a}{4}$$

Point is $\left(\frac{a}{4}, \frac{a}{2}\right)$

6. vertex = $(2, 0)$

Focus is $(2 + 2, 0) = (4, 0)$

7. $x^2 = -8y, a = -2$

So, focus = $(0, -2)$

End of latus rectum = $(4, -2), (-4, -2)$

Trick: Since the ends of rectus rectum lie on parabola,

So only points $(-4, -2)$ and $(4, -2)$ satisfy the parabola.

8. Since the axis of parabola is y -axis

Equation of parabola $x^2 = 4ay$, equation of parabola is $x^2 = -12y$

Since it passes through $(6, -3)$

$$36 = -12a \Rightarrow a = -3$$

9. Given that $y^2 = 9x$

Here, $a = \frac{9}{4}$

Now, equation of tangent the parabola $y^2 = 9x$ is

$$y = mx + \frac{9}{m}$$

If this tangent goes through the point $(4, 10)$,

Then $10 = 4m + \frac{9}{4m}$

$$\Rightarrow (4m - 9)(4m - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m = \frac{9}{4}, \frac{1}{4}$$

Equation of tangents are , $4y = x + 36$ and $y = -2x - k$ or
 $x - 4y + 36 = 0$ and $9x - 4y + 4 = 0$

10. Let $y = 3x$
 then $(3x)^2 = 18x$
 $9x^2 = 18x$
 $x = 2$ and $y = 6$

11. Given that $lx + my + n + o \rightarrow 1$ $x^2 = y \rightarrow 2$
 The point of intersection of the line and parabola are obtained by solving 1&2 simultaneously
 Substituting the values of x

from 1& 2, we get $\left(\frac{my + n}{l}\right)^2 = y$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 y^2 + n^2 + 2mny = yl^2$$

$$m^2 y^2 + (2mn - l^2)y + n^2 = 0 \rightarrow 3$$

if line 3 touches the parabola(ii), then discriminant=0

$$(2mn - l^2)^2 = 4m^2 n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4m^2 n^2 + l^4 - 4mnl^2 = 4m^2 n^2$$

$$l^2 = 4mn$$

12. Equation of tangent to parabola $ty = x + at^2 \rightarrow (1)$
 Clearly , $lx + my + n = 0$ represents the same line

Hence, $\frac{1}{l} = -\frac{t}{m} = \frac{at^2}{n}$

$$t = \frac{-m}{l}, t^2 = \frac{n}{la}$$

Eliminating t , we get, $m^2 = \frac{nl}{a}$

i.e., an equation of parabola

13. $y^2 = 8x, \therefore 4a = 8, a = 2$

Any tangent of parabola , is $y = mx + \frac{a}{m}$ (or)

$$mx - y + \frac{2}{m} = 0$$

If it is a tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 2$,

Then perpendicular from center (0,0) is equal to radius $\sqrt{2}$

$$\frac{2/m}{\sqrt{m^2 + 1}}$$

(or)

$$\frac{4}{m^2} = 2(m^2 + 1)$$

$$m^4 + m^2 - 2 = 0$$

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

$m = \pm 1$ Hence the common tangent are

$$y = \pm(x + 2) \therefore y = x + 2$$

14. Line perpendicular to give line, $3y + x = \lambda$

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

$$\text{Here, } m = \frac{-1}{3}, c = \frac{\lambda}{3}$$

If we compare $y^2 = 16x$ with $y^2 = 4ax$

Then $a = 4$

Condition for tangency is

$$c = \frac{a}{m} \Rightarrow \frac{\lambda}{3} = \frac{4}{(-1/3)} \Rightarrow \lambda = 36$$

Required equation is ; $x + 3y + 36 = 0$

15. $(x+1)^2 = 4a(y+2)$

Passes through (3,6)

$$16 = 4a.8$$

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

$$(x+1)^2 = 2(y+2)$$

16. Solving $x^2 = 4y$ and $y^2 = 4x$

We get $x = 0, y = 0$ and $x = 4, y = 4$

Therefore the co-ordinates of p are (4,4).

The equations of the tangents to the two parabolas at (4,4) are

$$2x - y - 4 = 0 \rightarrow (1)$$

$$x - 2y + 4 = 0 \rightarrow (2)$$

Now, $m_1 = \text{Slope of (1)} = 2$

$$m_2 = \text{Slope of (2)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$m_1 m_2 = 1 \text{ i.e ; } \tan \theta_1 \tan \theta_2 = 1$$

17. There will be no constant term in a curve

Which passes through (0,0). So none is correct .

18. vertex (0,4); focus (0,2)

$$\therefore a = 2$$

Hence parabola is $(x-0)^2 = -4.2(y-4)$

$$\therefore \text{i.e. } x^2 + 8y = 32$$

19. principal axis, of parabolas are x -axis,
Therefore angle between them is 90° .

20. Here, $p(at^2, 2at)$ and $s(a, 0)$

If the tangent at $p, ty = x + at^2$

Meets the directrix

$$x = -a \text{ at } k,$$

$$\text{Then } k = \left(-a, \frac{at^2 - a}{t} \right)$$

$$m_1 = \text{Slope of } sp = \frac{2at}{a(t^2 - 1)}$$

$$m^2 = \text{Slope of } Sk = \frac{a(t^2 - 1)}{-2at}$$

Clearly

$$m_1, m_2 = -1$$

$$\therefore \angle psk = 90^\circ$$

21. $S = (5, 0)$

Therefore, latus rectum $= 4a = 20$

22. Distance between focus and direct is $= \left| \frac{3-4-2}{\sqrt{3}} \right| = \frac{\pm 3}{\sqrt{3}}$

$$\text{Hence latus rectum} = 3\sqrt{2}$$

(Science latus rectum is two times the distance between focus and direction)

23. Let point be (h, k)

$$\text{But } 2h = k$$

$$\text{then } k^2 = 16h$$

$$4h^2 = 16h$$

$$h = 0, h = 4$$

$$k = 0, k = 8$$

$(0, 0), (4, 8)$. Hence focal distances are respectively $0 + a = 4$

$$4 + 4 = 8 (\because a = 4)$$

24. Let the equation of parabola is $x^2 = 4ay$

but $a = \frac{4}{-2} = -2$

The equations $x^2 = -8y$ and

Latus rectum $= 4a = 8$

25. The point $(-3, 2)$ will satisfy the equation $y^2 = 4ax$

$4 = -12a$

$4a = \frac{-4}{3} = \frac{4}{3}$ (taking positive sign)

26. Clearly, $a = \left| \frac{-8}{\sqrt{1+1}} \right| - \left| \frac{-12}{\sqrt{1+1}} \right| = \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}}$

Length of latus rectum $= 4a = 4 \times \frac{4}{\sqrt{2}} = 8\sqrt{2}$

27. \therefore parabola passes through the point $(1, -2)$

Then $4 = 4a \Rightarrow a = 1$

Formula for tangent

$yy_1 = 2a(x + x_1)$

$-2y = 2(x + 1)$

Required tangent is $x + y + 1 = 0$

28. There will be constant term in a curve which passes through $(0, 0)$. So none is correct.

29. Any tangent $y^2 = 4x$ is $y = mx + \frac{1}{m}$

Since it passes through $(1, 4)$,

We have $4 = m + \frac{1}{m}$

$\Rightarrow m^2 - 4m + 1 = 0$

$\Rightarrow m_1 + m_2 = 4, m_1 m_2 = 1$

$\Rightarrow m_1 - m_2 = 2\sqrt{3}$

If θ is the required angle, then

$\tan \theta = \frac{2\sqrt{3}}{1+1} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$

30. Point of intersection $(0, 1)$

$\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2x}{4}$ and $\frac{-2x}{4}$

$m_1 = 0, m_2 = 0$

$\theta = 0^\circ$

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Since it passes through $(1, 4)$,

$$\text{We have } 4 = m + \frac{1}{m}$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - 4m + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow m_1 + m_2 = 4, m_1 m_2 = 1$$

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$$m_1 = 0, m_2 = 0$$