

Q.2

Let T_1 and T_2 be two distinct common tangents to the ellipse $E: \frac{x^2}{6} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1$ and the parabola $P: y^2 = 12x$. Suppose that the tangent T_1 touches P and E at the points A_1 and A_2 , respectively and the tangent T_2 touches P and E at the points A_4 and A_3 , respectively. Then which of the following statements is(are) true?

- (A) The area of the quadrilateral $A_1A_2A_3A_4$ is 35 square units
- (B) The area of the quadrilateral $A_1A_2A_3A_4$ is 36 square units
- (C) The tangents T_1 and T_2 meet the x -axis at the point $(-3, 0)$
- (D) The tangents T_1 and T_2 meet the x -axis at the point $(-6, 0)$

Q.3

Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow [0, 1]$ be the function defined by $f(x) = \frac{x^3}{3} - x^2 + \frac{5}{9}x + \frac{17}{36}$. Consider the square region $S = [0, 1] \times [0, 1]$. Let $G = \{(x, y) \in S : y > f(x)\}$ be called the green region and $R = \{(x, y) \in S : y < f(x)\}$ be called the red region. Let $L_h = \{(x, h) \in S : x \in [0, 1]\}$ be the horizontal line drawn at a height $h \in [0, 1]$. Then which of the following statements is(are) true?

- (A) There exists an $h \in \left[\frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{3}\right]$ such that the area of the green region above the line L_h equals the area of the green region below the line L_h
- (B) There exists an $h \in \left[\frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{3}\right]$ such that the area of the red region above the line L_h equals the area of the red region below the line L_h
- (C) There exists an $h \in \left[\frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{3}\right]$ such that the area of the green region above the line L_h equals the area of the red region below the line L_h
- (D) There exists an $h \in \left[\frac{1}{4}, \frac{2}{3}\right]$ such that the area of the red region above the line L_h equals the area of the green region below the line L_h

SECTION 2 (Maximum Marks: 12)

- This section contains **FOUR (04)** questions.
- Each question has **FOUR** options (A), (B), (C) and (D). **ONLY ONE** of these four options is the correct answer.
- For each question, choose the option corresponding to the correct answer.
- Answer to each question will be evaluated according to the following marking scheme:
Full Marks : +3 If **ONLY** the correct option is chosen;
Zero Marks : 0 If none of the options is chosen (i.e. the question is unanswered);
Negative Marks : -1 In all other cases.

Q.4 Let $f : (0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function defined as $f(x) = \sqrt{n}$ if $x \in \left[\frac{1}{n+1}, \frac{1}{n}\right)$ where $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Let

$g : (0,1) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function such that $\int_{x^2}^x \sqrt{\frac{1-t}{t}} dt < g(x) < 2\sqrt{x}$ for all $x \in (0,1)$. Then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)g(x)$$

- (A) does **NOT** exist
 (B) is equal to 1
 (C) is equal to 2
 (D) is equal to 3

Q.5 Let Q be the cube with the set of vertices $\{(x_1, x_2, x_3) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x_1, x_2, x_3 \in \{0, 1\}\}$. Let F be the set of all twelve lines containing the diagonals of the six faces of the cube Q . Let S be the set of all four lines containing the main diagonals of the cube Q ; for instance, the line passing through the vertices $(0,0,0)$ and $(1,1,1)$ is in S . For lines ℓ_1 and ℓ_2 , let $d(\ell_1, \ell_2)$ denote the shortest distance between them. Then the maximum value of $d(\ell_1, \ell_2)$, as ℓ_1 varies over F and ℓ_2 varies over S , is

- (A) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$ (B) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{8}}$ (C) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ (D) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{12}}$

Q.6 Let $X = \left\{ (x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : \frac{x^2}{8} + \frac{y^2}{20} < 1 \text{ and } y^2 < 5x \right\}$. Three distinct points P , Q and R are randomly chosen from X . Then the probability that P , Q and R form a triangle whose area is a positive integer, is

- (A) $\frac{71}{220}$ (B) $\frac{73}{220}$ (C) $\frac{79}{220}$ (D) $\frac{83}{220}$

Q.7 Let P be a point on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$, where $a > 0$. The normal to the parabola at P meets the x -axis at a point Q . The area of the triangle PFQ , where F is the focus of the parabola, is 120. If the slope m of the normal and a are both positive integers, then the pair (a, m) is

(A) (2,3)

(B) (1,3)

(C) (2,4)

(D) (3,4)