

**Sample Task****Questions****Questions with Answer Keys****MathonGo****Q1**

If  $a_1 + a_5 + a_{10} + a_{15} + a_{20} + a_{24} = 225$ , then the sum of the first 24 terms of the arithmetic progression

$a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  is equal to

- (1) 450
- (2) 675
- (3) 900
- (4) 1200

**Q2**

If 2, 7, 9 and 5 are subtracted respectively from four numbers in geometric progression, then the resulting numbers are in arithmetic progression. The smallest of the four numbers is

- (1) -24
- (2) -12
- (3) 6
- (4) 3

**Q3**

If  $a, b$  &  $3c$  are in arithmetic progression and  $a, b$  &  $4c$  are in geometric progression, then the possible values of

$\frac{a}{b}$  are

- (1)  $\left\{ \frac{2}{3}, 2 \right\}$
- (2)  $\left\{ \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2} \right\}$
- (3)  $\left\{ \frac{2}{3}, \frac{3}{2} \right\}$

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

**Q4**

Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  be three positive numbers which are in geometric progression with common ratio  $r$ . The inequality  $a_3 > a_2 + 2a_1$  holds true if  $r$  is equal to

(1) 2

(2) 1.5

(3) 0.5

(4) 2.5

**Q5**

If  $|x| < 1$ ,  $|y| < 1$ , the sum to infinity of the series  $(x + y), (x^2 + xy + y^2), (x^3 + x^2y + xy^2 + y^3), \dots$ . Is -

(1)  $\frac{x+y-xy}{1-x-y+xy}$

(2)  $\frac{x+y+xy}{1-x-y+xy}$

(3)  $\frac{x}{1-x} + \frac{y}{1-y}$

(4)  $\frac{(x-y)(x+y-xy)}{1-x-y+xy}$

**Q6**

If  $|3x - 1|, 3, |x - 3|$  are the first three terms of an arithmetic progression, then the sum of the first five terms can be

(1) 5

(2) 10

(3) 20

(4) 30

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If  $x, y, z \in R^+$  and  $16(x^2 + y^2 - 4xy) = z(16x + 4y - z)$ , then

(1)

$y, z, x$  are in A. P.

(2)

$y, z, x$  are in G. P.

(3)

$x, y, z$  are in A. P.

(4)

$x, y, z$  are in G. P.

**Q8**

In a sequence of 21 terms first 11 terms are in A.P. with common difference 2 and last 11 terms are in G.P. with

common ratio 2. If middle term of A.P. is equal to middle term of G.P. then, middle term in the complete

sequence is

$$(1) \frac{10}{1-2^5}$$

$$(2) \frac{10(1-2^{11})}{(2^{10}-1)}$$

$$(3) \frac{1-2^{11}}{2^{10}-1} + 10$$

$$(4) \frac{20}{2^{10}-1}$$

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If  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{10}$  are positive numbers in an arithmetic progression such that  $\frac{1}{a_1 a_2} + \frac{1}{a_2 a_3} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_9 a_{10}} = \frac{9}{64}$

and  $\frac{1}{a_1 a_{10}} + \frac{1}{a_2 a_9} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{10} a_1} = \frac{1}{10} \left( \frac{1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{10}} \right)$ , then sum of digits of  $\left( 4 \left( \frac{a_1}{a_{10}} + \frac{a_{10}}{a_1} \right) \right)$  is

**Q10**

Three numbers  $a, b$  and  $c$  are in between 2 and 18 such that 2,  $a, b$  are in arithmetic progression and  $b, c, 18$  are in geometric progression. If  $a + b + c = 25$ , then the value of  $c - a$  is

(1) 4

(2) 3

(3) 7

(4) 0

**Q11**

The harmonic mean of two positive numbers  $a$  and  $b$  is 4, their arithmetic mean is  $A$  and the geometric mean is

$G$ . If  $2A + G^2 = 27$ ,  $a + b = \alpha$  and  $|a - b| = \beta$ , then the value of  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$  is equal to

(1) 1

(2) 3

(3)  $\frac{5}{2}$ 

(4) 5

**Q12**

If 11 arithmetic means are inserted between 28 and 10, then the number of integral arithmetic means are

(1) 5

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(2) 6

(3) 7

(4) 8

**Q13**

There are  $n$  sets of observations given as (1), (2, 3), (4, 5, 6), (7, 8, 9, 10), .... The mean of the 13<sup>th</sup> set of observations is equal to

(1) 70

(2) 80

(3) 75

(4) 85

**Q14**

The sum of the first 20 terms common between the series  $3 + 7 + 11 + 15 + \dots$  and  $1 + 6 + 11 + 16 + \dots$  is

(1) 4000

(2) 4200

(3) 4220

(4) 4020

**Q15**

The sum to infinity of the series  $1 + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{7}{5^2} + \frac{10}{5^3} + \dots$  is

(1)  $\frac{16}{25}$ (2)  $\frac{11}{5}$

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(3)  $\frac{35}{16}$

(4)  $\frac{8}{11}$

**Q16**

The sum (upto two decimal places) of the infinite series  $\frac{7}{17} + \frac{77}{17^2} + \frac{777}{17^3} + \dots$  is

- (1) 1.06
- (2) 2.06
- (3) 3.06
- (4) 4.06

**Q17**

It is given that  $\frac{1}{1^4} + \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \dots = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$  then  $\frac{1}{1^4} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \frac{1}{5^4} + \dots = \frac{\pi^4}{90}$  is equal to -

- (1)  $\frac{\pi^4}{96}$
- (2)  $\frac{\pi^4}{45}$
- (3)  $\frac{89\pi^4}{90}$
- (4) None of these

**Q18**

If  $S = 1(25) + 2(24) + 3(23) + \dots + 24(2) + 25(1)$ , then the value of  $\frac{S}{900}$  is equal to

**Q19**

$0.2 + 0.22 + 0.222 + \dots$  upto  $n$  terms is equal to

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$$(1) \left(\frac{2}{9}\right) - \left(\frac{2}{81}\right)(1 - 10^{-n})$$

$$(2) n\left(\frac{1}{9}\right)(1 - 10^{-n})$$

$$(3) \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)\left[n - \left(\frac{1}{9}\right)(1 - 10^{-n})\right]$$

$$(4) \left(\frac{2}{9}\right)$$

**Q20**

If the sum  $\frac{3}{1^2} + \frac{5}{1^2+2^2} + \frac{7}{1^2+2^2+3^2} + \dots +$  up to 20 terms is equal to  $\frac{k}{21}$ , then k is equal to

(1) 240

(2) 120

(3) 60

(4) 180

**Q21**

If  $S = \sum_{n=1}^{9999} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{n} + \sqrt{n+1})(\sqrt[4]{n} + \sqrt[4]{n+1})}$ , then the value of S is equal to

(1) 9

(2) 99

(3) 999

(4) 9999

**Q22**

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If  $S = \sum_{r=1}^{80} \frac{r}{(r^4+r^2+1)}$ , then the value of  $\frac{6481S}{1000}$  is

**Q23**

For the series  $S = 1 + \frac{1}{(1+3)}(1+2)^2 + \frac{1}{(1+3+5)}(1+2+3)^2 + \frac{1}{(1+3+5+7)}(1+2+3+4)^2 + \dots$ , if the sum of the first 10 terms is K, then  $\frac{4K}{101}$  is equal to

**Q24**

Let the sum  $\sum_{n=1}^9 \frac{1}{n(n+1)(n+2)}$ , written in the rational form be  $\frac{p}{q}$  (where p and q are co-prime), then the value of  $\left[ \frac{q-p}{10} \right]$  is, (where [.] is the greatest integer function)

**Q25**

If  $S_n = (1^2 - 1 + 1)(1!) + (2^2 - 2 + 1)(2!) + \dots + (n^2 - n + 1)(n!)$ , then  $S_{50}$  is:

(1)  $52!$ (2)  $1 + 49 \times 51!$ (3)  $52! - 1$ (4)  $50 \times 51! - 1$ **Q26**

Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be real numbers such that  $\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_2 - 1} + \sqrt{a_3 - 2} + \dots + \sqrt{a_n - (n-1)} = \frac{1}{2} (a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n) - \frac{n(n-3)}{4}$ . Compute the value of  $\sum_{i=1}^{100} a_i$ .

(1)  $1010$

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(2) 505

(3) 2525

(4) 5050

**Q27**

Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{11}$  be real numbers satisfying  $a_1 = 15, 27 - 2a_2 > 0$  and

$a_k = 2a_{k-1} - a_{k-2} \forall k = 3, 4, \dots, 11$ . If  $\frac{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_{11}^2}{11} = 90$ , then the value of  $\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{11}}{11}$  is equal to

**Q28**

$$\frac{1.2}{1!} + \frac{2.3}{2!} + \frac{3.4}{3!} + \frac{4.5}{4!} + \dots \infty =$$

(1)  $2e$ (2)  $3e$ (3)  $3e - 1$ (4)  $e$ **Q29**

The minimum value of sum of real numbers  $a^{-6}, 2a^{-4}, 2a^{-3}, 1$  and  $2a^{10}$  with  $a > 0$  is equal to

(1) 1

(2) 2

(3) 4

(4) 8

**Q30**

If  $a + b + c = 3$  (where  $a, b, c > 0$ ), then the greatest value of  $a^2b^3c^2$  is

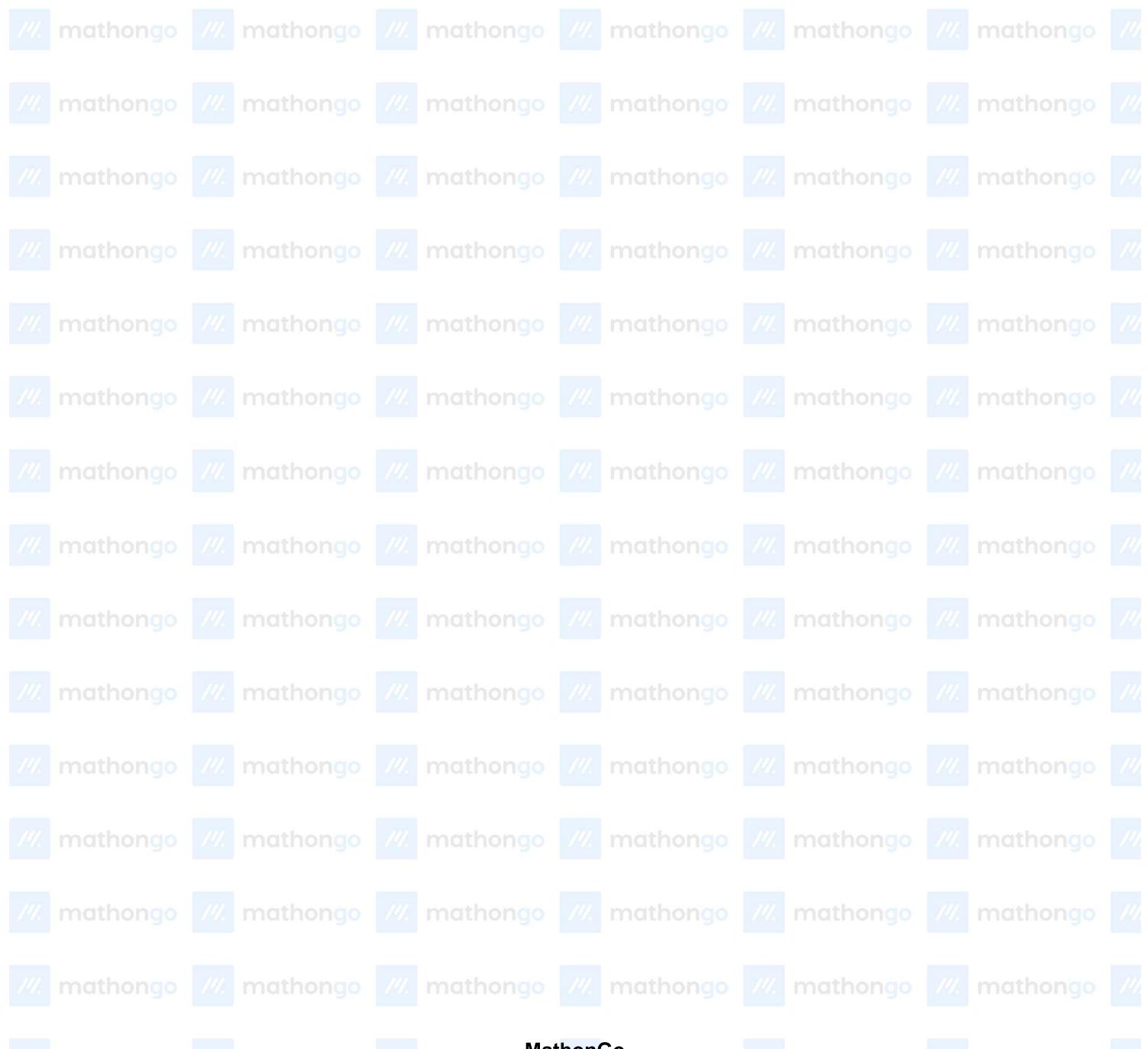
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(1)  $\frac{3^{10}2^4}{7^7}$

(2)  $\frac{3^{92}4}{7^7}$

(3)  $\frac{3^{82}4}{7^7}$

(4)  $\frac{3^{92}3}{7^6}$

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$$S = a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{23} + a_{24}$$

$$S = \frac{24}{2}(a_1 + a_{24}) = 12(a_1 + a_{24})$$

Given that,  $a_1 + a_5 + a_{10} + a_{15} + a_{20} + a_{24} = 225$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 + a_1 + 4d + a_1 + 9d + a_{24} - 9d + a_{24} - 4d + a_{24} = 225$$

$$\Rightarrow 3(a_1 + a_{24}) = 225$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 + a_{24} = 75$$

$$\Rightarrow S = 12(a_1 + a_{24}) = 12 \times 75 = 900$$

**Q2**

Let the numbers be  $a, ar, ar^2, ar^3$ ,

$\Rightarrow a - 2, ar - 7, ar^2 - 9$  and  $ar^3 - 5$  are in A.P.

$$\Rightarrow (a - 2) + (ar^2 - 9) = 2(ar - 7) \text{ and } (ar - 7) + (ar^3 - 5) = 2(ar^2 - 9)$$

$$\Rightarrow a + ar^2 = 2ar - 3 \text{ and } ar + ar^3 = 2ar^2 - 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + r^2 = 2r - \frac{3}{a} \text{ and } 1 + r^2 = 2r - \frac{6}{ar}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{a} = \frac{6}{ar} \Rightarrow r = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{a} = 2r - 1 - r^2 = 4 - 1 - 4 = -1 \Rightarrow a = -3$$

So, the numbers are  $-3, -6, -12, -24$

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$$a + 3c = 2b \text{ and } b^2 = 4ac$$

$$\Rightarrow c = \frac{2b-a}{3} = \frac{b^2}{4a}$$

$$\therefore 8ab - 4a^2 = 3b^2 \Rightarrow 4a^2 - 8ab + 3b^2 = 0$$

$$4\frac{a^2}{b^2} - 8\frac{a}{b} + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{8 \pm \sqrt{64 - 4 \times 4 \times 3}}{2 \times 4}$$

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 - 3}}{2} = \frac{2 \pm 1}{2} = \frac{3}{2}, \frac{1}{2}.$$

**Q4**

$$a_2 = a_1 r, a_3 = a_1 r^2$$

$$a_3 > a_2 + 2a_1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 r^2 > a_1 r + 2a_1$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 - r - 2 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (r - 2)(r + 1) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r < -1 \text{ or } r > 2$$

**Q5**

As we know that  $\frac{x+y}{1} \times \frac{x-y}{x-y} = \frac{x^2-y^2}{x-y}$  similarly  $x^2 + xy + y^2 = \frac{x^3-y^3}{x-y}$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2-y^2}{x-y} + \frac{x^3-y^3}{x-y} + \frac{x^4-y^4}{x-y} + \dots \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x-y} [(x^2 + x^3 + \dots \infty) - (y^2 + y^3 + \dots \infty)]$$

Now we will find the sum of infinite G.P.series

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x-y} \left[ \frac{x^2}{1-x} - \frac{y^2}{1-y} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ \frac{x+y-xy}{1-x-y+xy} \right]$$

**Q6**

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Case-I :  $x < \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow -3x + 1, 3, -x + 3$  are in A.P.

$$\Rightarrow 6 = -3x + 1 - x + 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = -2 \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{terms are } \frac{5}{2}, 3, \frac{7}{2}, 4, \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{sum} = \frac{35}{2}$$

Case-II:  $\frac{1}{3} \leq x < 3$

$3x - 1, 3, -x + 3$  are in A.P.

$$\Rightarrow 6 = 3x - 1 - x + 3 = 2x + 2 \Rightarrow x = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{terms are } 5, 3, 1, -1, -3$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{sum} = 5$$

Case-III:  $x \geq 3$

$3x - 1, 3, x - 3$

$$\Rightarrow 6 = 3x - 1 + x - 3 = 4x - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x = 10 \Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{2} \text{ not possible}$$

**Q7**

$$(16x)^2 + (4y)^2 + (z)^2 - (16x)(4y) - (4y)(z) - (z)(16x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \left[ (16x - 4y)^2 + (4y - z)^2 + (z - 16x)^2 \right] = 0 \Rightarrow 16x = 4y = z$$

**Q8**

Let the first term of the given sequence be  $a$

First 11 terms are:  $a, a + 2, \dots, a + 20$

Since, eleventh term of the sequence is the first of last 11 terms of this sequence.

Last 11 terms are:  $a + 20, (a + 20) \cdot 2, \dots, (a + 20) \cdot 2^{10}$

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Thus, the sequence obtained is as follows:

$$a, a+2, \dots, a+20, (a+20)2, (a+20)2^2, \dots, (a+20)2^{10}$$

Now middle term of the AP is the  $\left(\frac{(11+1)}{2}\right)^{\text{th}}$  term, i.e., 6<sup>th</sup> term and the same goes for GP.

$$\text{So, } (a+10) = (a+20)2^5$$

$$\Rightarrow 10 - 20 \cdot 2^5 = a(2^5 - 1) \Rightarrow 10 \frac{(1-2^6)}{2^5-1} = a$$

$$\text{Middle term of the whole sequence} = T_{11} = a + 20 = 10 \frac{(1-2^6)}{2^5-1} + 20$$

$$= 10 \left[ \frac{-1}{2^5-1} \right] = \frac{10}{1-2^5}$$

**Q9**

$$\left( \frac{1}{a_1} - \frac{1}{a_2} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{a_2} - \frac{1}{a_3} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{a_9} - \frac{1}{a_{10}} \right) = \frac{9d}{64}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a_{10}-a_1}{a_1a_{10}} = \frac{9d}{64}$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1a_{10} = 64$$

$$\text{Also } (a_1 + a_{10}) \left( \frac{1}{a_1a_{10}} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{10}a_1} \right) = \frac{a_1+a_{10}}{10} \left( \frac{1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{10}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \left( \frac{1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{10}} \right) = \frac{a_1+a_{10}}{10} \left( \frac{1}{a_1} + \dots + \frac{1}{a_{10}} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 + a_{10} = 20$$

$$a_1a_{10} = 64 \dots (1)$$

$$a_1 + a_{10} = 20 \dots (2)$$

From (1) & (2)

$$a_1 = 4 \text{ & } a_{10} = 16$$

$$4 \left( \frac{a_1}{a_{10}} + \frac{a_{10}}{a_1} \right) = 4 \left( \frac{4}{16} + \frac{16}{4} \right) = 17$$

Sum of digits of 17 = 1 + 7 = 8

**Q10**

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$$a + b + c = 25; 2a = 2 + b; c^2 = 18b$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 2b + 2c = 50$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + b + 2b + 2c = 50$$

$$\Rightarrow 3b + 2c = 48 \Rightarrow \frac{c^2}{6} + 2c = 48$$

$$\Rightarrow c^2 + 12c - 48 \times 6 = 0 \Rightarrow c^2 + 12c - 24 \times 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (c + 24)(c - 12) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow c = 12, -24 \Rightarrow c = 12 (\text{between 2 and 18})$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{c^2}{18} = \frac{144}{18} = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{b+2}{2} = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 5, b = 8 \text{ and } c = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow c - a = 7$$

**Q11**Given, harmonic mean  $H = 4$ We know that,  $G^2 = AH$ Since,  $2A + G^2 = 27$ 

$$\Rightarrow 2A + AH = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow 2A + 4A = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow A = \frac{27}{6} = \frac{9}{2} = \frac{a+b}{2} \Rightarrow a + b = 9$$

$$G^2 = AH = \frac{9}{2} \times 4 = 18$$

$$\Rightarrow ab = 18$$

$$|a - b| = \sqrt{(a + b)^2 - 4ab} = \sqrt{81 - 4 \times 18} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 9, \beta = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = 3$$

**Q12****MathonGo**

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Let,  $A_1, A_2, A_3, \dots, A_{11}$  be 11 A.M.'s between 28 and 10

$\Rightarrow 28, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{11}, 10$  are in A.P

Let,  $d$  be the common difference of A.P.

Also, the number of terms = 13

$$\Rightarrow 10 = T_{13} = T_1 + 12d = 28 + 12d$$

$$\Rightarrow d = \frac{10-28}{12} = \frac{-18}{12} = \frac{-3}{2}$$

$\Rightarrow$  Number of integral A.M.'s are 5

**Q13**

In the  $n^{th}$  set of observation, the total observations are ' $n$ '

and the first observation of  $n^{th}$  set is

$$1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n-1) + 1 = \frac{(n-1)n}{2} + 1 = a$$

Sum of all the  $n$  observations in the  $n^{th}$  set

$$= \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

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

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

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{\frac{n(n^2+1)}{2}}{n} = \frac{n^2+1}{2}$$

Hence, for  $n = 13$

$$\text{Mean} = \frac{13^2+1}{2} = \frac{170}{2} = 85$$

**Q14**

$$S_1 \equiv 3, 7, 11, 15, \dots \Rightarrow c.d = 4 \Rightarrow d_1 = 4$$

$$S_2 \equiv 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots \Rightarrow c.d = 5 \Rightarrow d_2 = 5$$

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⇒ Every 5<sup>th</sup> term of  $S_1$  and 4<sup>th</sup> term of  $S_2$  will be same

⇒ Terms common to both AP will have  $a = 11$  and  $d = 20$

$$\text{Hence, } S_{20} = \frac{20}{2} [(2 \times 11) + (20 - 1) 20]$$

$$= 10 \times 402$$

$$= 4020$$

**Q15**

$$S = 1 + \frac{4}{5} + \frac{7}{5^2} + \frac{10}{5^3} + \dots + \infty \dots \quad (1)$$

$$\frac{S}{5} = 0 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{4}{5^2} + \frac{7}{5^3} + \dots + \infty \dots \quad (2)$$

On subtracting both the eq (1) and (2), we get,

$$\frac{4}{5}S = 1 + \frac{3}{5} + \frac{3}{5^2} + \dots + \infty$$

$$S = \frac{35}{16}$$

**Q16**

$$S = \frac{7}{17} + \frac{77}{17^2} + \frac{777}{17^3} + \dots \dots$$

$$\frac{S}{17} = \frac{7}{17^2} + \frac{77}{17^3} + \frac{777}{17^4} + \dots \dots$$

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Subtracting both the above results, we get,

$$\frac{16}{17}S = \frac{7}{17} + \frac{70}{17^2} + \frac{700}{17^3} + \dots \dots$$

(Infinite G. P. with  $r = \frac{10}{17}$ )

$$\frac{16}{17}S = \frac{\frac{7}{17}}{1 - \frac{10}{17}} = \frac{\frac{7}{17}}{\frac{7}{17}} = 1$$

$$S = \frac{17}{16}$$

**Q17**

$$x = \frac{1}{1^4} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \frac{1}{5^4} + \dots \infty$$

$$= \left( \frac{1}{1^4} + \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \dots \infty \right) - \left( \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1}{4^4} + \dots \infty \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi^4}{90} - \frac{1}{16} \left( \frac{1}{1^4} + \frac{1}{2^4} + \frac{1}{3^4} + \dots \infty \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi^4}{90} - \frac{1}{16} \cdot \frac{\pi^4}{90} = \frac{\pi^4}{96}.$$

**Q18**

$$S = \sum_{r=1}^{25} r(26 - r) = 26 \sum_{r=1}^{25} r - \sum_{r=1}^{25} r^2$$

$$= 26 \times \frac{25 \times 26}{2} - \frac{25 \times 26 \times 51}{6}$$

$$= \frac{25 \times 26}{2} \left( 26 - \frac{51}{3} \right) = \frac{25 \times 26}{2} \times 9$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{S}{900} = \frac{13}{4} = 3.25$$

**Q19**

$$0.2 + 0.22 + 0.222 + \dots n \text{ terms}$$

$$= 2(0.1 + 0.11 + 0.111 + \dots n \text{ terms})$$

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$$= 2 \left( \frac{1}{10} + \frac{11}{100} + \frac{111}{1000} + \dots n \text{ terms} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left( \frac{9}{10} + \frac{99}{100} + \frac{999}{1000} + \dots n \text{ terms} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{10} + 1 - \frac{1}{100} + 1 - \frac{1}{1000} + \dots n \text{ terms} \right)$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left[ n - \left( \frac{1}{10} + \frac{1}{100} + \frac{1}{1000} + \dots n \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left[ n - \frac{1}{10} \frac{\left\{ 1 - \left( \frac{1}{10} \right)^n \right\}}{\left( 1 - \frac{1}{10} \right)} \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left[ n - \frac{1}{10} \times \frac{10}{9} \cdot \left( \frac{10^n - 1}{10^n} \right) \right]$$

$$= \frac{2}{9} \left[ n - \frac{1}{9} (1 - 10^{-n}) \right]$$

**Q20**

$$S_{20} = \frac{3}{1^2} + \frac{5}{1^2+2^2} + \frac{7}{1^2+2^2+3^2} + \dots + \text{up to } 20 \text{ terms}$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^{20} \frac{(2r+1)}{1^2+2^2+3^2+\dots r^2}$$

$$= \sum_{r=1}^{20} \frac{2r+1}{\frac{1}{6} (r+1)(2r+1)}$$

$$= 6 \sum_{r=1}^{20} \frac{1}{r(r+1)}$$

$$= 6 \sum_{r=1}^{20} \left( \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r+1} \right)$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 &= 6 \left\{ \left[ \frac{1}{1} - \frac{1}{2} \right] + \left[ \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} \right] + \left[ \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4} \right] + \dots + \left[ \frac{1}{20} - \frac{1}{21} \right] \right\} \\
 &= 6 \left( 1 - \frac{1}{21} \right) \\
 &= \frac{6 \times 20}{21} \\
 &= \frac{120}{21} \\
 &= \frac{k}{21}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$k = 120$$

**Q21**

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Given, } S &= \sum_{n=1}^{9999} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{n}+\sqrt{n+1})(\sqrt[4]{n}+\sqrt[4]{n+1})} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{9999} \frac{1}{(\sqrt{n}+\sqrt{n+1})(\sqrt[4]{n}+\sqrt[4]{n+1})} \times \frac{(\sqrt[4]{n+1}-\sqrt[4]{n})}{(\sqrt[4]{n+1}-\sqrt[4]{n})} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{9999} \frac{(\sqrt[4]{n+1}-\sqrt[4]{n})}{(\sqrt{n}+\sqrt{n+1})(\sqrt{n+1}-\sqrt{n})} \\
 &= \sum_{n=1}^{9999} (\sqrt[4]{n+1}-\sqrt[4]{n}) \\
 &= (2^{\frac{1}{4}}-1) + (3^{\frac{1}{4}}-2^{\frac{1}{4}}) + (4^{\frac{1}{4}}-3^{\frac{1}{4}}) + \dots + (10000^{\frac{1}{4}}-9999^{\frac{1}{4}}) \\
 &= 10000^{\frac{1}{4}} - 1 = 10 - 1 = 9
 \end{aligned}$$

**Q22**

$$\begin{aligned}
 T_r &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{(r^2+r+1)-(r^2-r+1)}{(r^2+r+1)(r^2-r+1)} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{r^2-r+1} - \frac{1}{r^2+r+1} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ \frac{1}{r^2-r+1} - \frac{1}{(r+1)^2-(r+1)+1} \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \{f(r)-f(r+1)\}
 \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}
 S &= \sum T_r = \sum_{r=1}^{80} \frac{1}{2}(f(\alpha) - f(\alpha + 1)) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left\{ f(1) - f(2) + f(2) - f(3) \dots + f(80) - f(81) \right\} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}(f(1) - f(81)) = \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{81^2 - 81 + 1} \right) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2} \left( 1 - \frac{1}{6481} \right) \Rightarrow 6481S = \frac{6480}{2} = 3240
 \end{aligned}$$

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**Q23**

$$r^{\text{th}} \text{ term, } T_r = \frac{(1+2+3+\dots+r)^2}{(1+3+5+\dots+(2r-1))}$$

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

$$S_{10} = K = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{r=1}^{10} (r^2 + 2r + 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4K = \sum_{r=1}^{10} r^2 + 2 \sum_{r=1}^{10} r + \sum_{r=1}^{10} 1$$

$$= \frac{10 \times 11 \times 21}{6} + 2 \frac{10 \times 11}{2} + 10$$

$$= 385 + 110 + 10 = 505$$

$$\frac{4K}{101} = 5$$

**Q24**

$$\sum_{n=1}^9 \frac{1}{2} \frac{n+2-n}{n(n+1)(n+2)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \left( \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} - \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} - \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{9 \cdot 10} - \frac{1}{10 \cdot 11} \right) \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{110} \right) = \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{55-1}{110} \right) = \frac{27}{110}$$

$$\Rightarrow q - p = 110 - 27 = 83$$

**Q25**

Given,

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$$S_n = (1^2 - 1 + 1)(1!) + (2^2 - 2 + 1)(2!) + \dots + (n^2 - n + 1)(n!)$$

Its general term  $t_r$  is given as,

$$(r^2 - r + 1)r!$$

$$t_r = [(r^2 - 1) - (r - 2)](r!)$$

$$t_r = (r - 1)(r + 1)! - (r - 2)(r)!$$

$$S_n = \sum_{r=1}^n t_r$$

$$S_n = (0 - (-1)) + (3! - 0) + (2(4)! - 3!) + \dots + (n - 1)(n + 1)! - (n - 2)n!$$

$$S_{50} = 1 + 49(51)!$$

**Q26**

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{a_1} = b_1;$$

$$\sqrt{a_2 - 1} = b_2;$$

$$\sqrt{a_3 - 2} = b_3;$$

$$\sqrt{a_n - (n - 1)} = b_n$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = b_1 + b_2 + \dots + b_n = \frac{1}{2} [b_1^2 + (b_2^2 + 1) + (b_3^2 + 2) + \dots + (b_n^2 + (n - 1))] - \frac{n(n-3)}{4}$$

$$\therefore \Sigma b_i = \frac{1}{2} [(b_1^2 + b_2^2 + b_3^2 + \dots + b_n^2) + (1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + (n - 1))] - \frac{n(n-3)}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\Sigma b_i = \Sigma b_i^2 + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} - \frac{n(n-3)}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\Sigma b_i = \Sigma b_i^2 + n$$

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$$\therefore \Sigma b_i^2 - 2\Sigma b_i + \Sigma 1 = 0$$

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^n (b_i - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$b_1 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow b_1^2 = a_1 = 1$$

$$b_2 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow b_2^2 = a_2 - 1 = 1 \Rightarrow a_2 = 2$$

$$b_3 - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow b_3^2 = a_3 - 2 = 1 \Rightarrow a_3 = 3 \text{ and so on.}$$

Hence,  $a_n = n$ .

$$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^{100} a_i = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 100 = 5050$$

**Q27**

$$a_k = 2a_{k-1} - a_{k-2}$$

$\Rightarrow a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{11}$  are in AP with let common difference be  $d$

$$\therefore \frac{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_{11}^2}{11} = \frac{11a^2 + 35 \times 11d^2 + 110ad}{11} = 90$$

$$\Rightarrow 225 + 35d^2 + 150d = 90$$

$$35d^2 + 150d + 135 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow d = -3, -\frac{9}{7}$$

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Given,  $a_2 < \frac{27}{2} \therefore d = -3$  and  $d \neq -\frac{9}{7}$

Hence,  $a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{11} = \frac{11}{2}[2 \times 15 + 10(-3)] = 0$

**Q28**

$$\frac{1.2}{1!} + \frac{2.3}{2!} + \frac{3.4}{3!} + \frac{4.5}{4!} + \dots \infty,$$

$$\text{Here, } T_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{n!} = \frac{n+1}{(n-1)!} = \frac{(n-1)+2}{(n-1)!}$$

$$= \frac{1}{(n-2)!} + \frac{2}{(n-1)!}$$

$$\Rightarrow S = \sum T_n = e + 2e = 3e$$

**Q29**

$\therefore A.M. \geq G.M.$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a^{-6} + a^{-4} + a^{-3} + a^{-3} + a^{-3} + 1 + a^{10} + a^{10}}{8} \geq 1$$

$\therefore$  Minimum value = 8

**Q30**

Given,  $a + b + c = 3$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cdot \frac{a}{2} + 3 \cdot \frac{b}{3} + 2 \cdot \frac{c}{2} = 3$$

$$\frac{\frac{a}{2} + \frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{3} + \frac{b}{3} + \frac{b}{3} + \frac{c}{2} + \frac{c}{2}}{7} \geq \left( \left( \frac{a}{2} \right)^2 \left( \frac{b}{3} \right)^3 \left( \frac{c}{2} \right)^2 \right)^{\frac{1}{7}}$$

$$\frac{a+b+c}{7} \geq \left( \frac{a^2 b^3 c^2}{2^4 3^3} \right)^{\frac{1}{7}}$$

$$\left( \frac{3}{7} \right)^7 \geq \frac{a^2 b^3 c^2}{2^4 3^3}$$

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$$\Rightarrow a^2 b^3 c^2 \leq \frac{3^7}{7^7} \times 2^4 \times 3^3 = \frac{2^4 \times 3^{10}}{7^7}$$

Hence, maximum value =  $\frac{2^4 \times 3^{10}}{7^7}$