



## MATHS

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#### DETERMINANTS

#### Illustration

1.  $\begin{vmatrix} \log_3 512 & \log_4 3 \\ \log_3 8 & \log_4 9 \end{vmatrix} \times \begin{vmatrix} \log_2 3 & \log_8 3 \\ \log_3 4 & \log_3 4 \end{vmatrix} =$

A. 7

B. 10

C. 13

D. 17

**Answer: B**



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2. If  $[ ]$  denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to the real number under consideration, and  $-1 \leq x < 0$ ,  $0 \leq y < 1$ ,  $1 \leq z < 2$ , then find the value of the following determinant:

$$\begin{vmatrix} [x] + 1 & [y] & [z] \\ [x] & [y] + 1 & [z] \\ [x] & [y] & [z] + 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

A.  $[z]$

B.  $[y]$

C.  $[x]$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**

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3. If the value of the determinants  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c \end{vmatrix}$  is positive then:

A.  $abc > 1$

B.  $abc > -8$

C.  $abc < -8$

D.  $abc > -2$

**Answer: B**

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4. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ b & 0 & a \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then which one of the following is correct ?

A.  $a/b$  is one of the cube roots of unity

B.  $a$  is one of the cube roots of unity

C.  $b$  is one of the cube roots of unity

D.  $a/b$  is one of the cube roots of  $-1$

**Answer: D**

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5. The largest value of a third order determinant whose elements are equal to 1 or 0 is

A. 1

B. 0

C. 2

D. 3

**Answer: C**

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6. The determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & a & 1 \\ \cos(nx) & \cos(n+1)x & \cos(n+2)x \\ \sin(nx) & \sin(n+1)x & \sin(n+2)x \end{vmatrix}$  is

independent of

A. n

B. a

C. x

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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7. Let 
$$\begin{vmatrix} x^2 + 3x & x - 1 & x + 3 \\ x + 1 & -2x & x - 4 \\ x - 3 & x + 4 & 3x \end{vmatrix} = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$$
 be an

identity in x, where a, b, c, d, e are independent of x. Then, the value of e is

A. 4

B. 0

C. 1

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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8. The value of  $x$  for which the matrix  $\begin{vmatrix} -x & x & 2 \\ 2 & x & -x \\ x & -2 & -x \end{vmatrix}$  will be non-singular, are

A.  $-2 \leq x \leq -2$

B. for all  $x$  other than  $2$  and  $-2$

C.  $x > 2$

D.  $x \leq -2$

**Answer: B**

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9. The sum of the products of the elements of any row of a matrix  $A$  with the corresponding cofactors of the elements of the same row is always equal to

A.  $|A|$

B.  $\frac{1}{2}|A|$

C. 1

D. 0

**Answer: A**



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10. Let  $\{D_1, D_2, D_3, D_n\}$  be the set of third order determinant that can be made with the distinct non-zero real numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3$ . Then

$\sum_{i=1}^n D_i = 1$  b.  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i = 0$  c.  $D_i = D_j, \forall i, j$  d. none of these

A.  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i = 1$

B.  $\sum_{i=1}^n D_i = 0$

C.  $D_i = D_j$  for all  $i, j$

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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11. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ m & n & p \\ x & y & z \end{vmatrix} = k$ , then  $\begin{vmatrix} 6a & 2b & 2c \\ 3m & n & p \\ 3x & y & z \end{vmatrix} =$

A.  $\frac{k}{6}$

B.  $2k$

C.  $3k$

D.  $6k$

**Answer: D**



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12. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} 5^2 & 5^3 & 5^4 \\ 5^3 & 5^4 & 5^5 \\ 5^4 & 5^5 & 5^6 \end{vmatrix}$ , is



A.  $5^2$

B. 0

C.  $5^{13}$

D.  $5^9$

**Answer: B**



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13. If every element of a third order determinant of value  $Det < a$  is multiplied by 5, then the value of new determinant, is

A.  $\Delta$

B.  $5\Delta$

C.  $25\Delta$

D.  $125\Delta$

**Answer: D**

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14. Let  $P = [a_{ij}]$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and let  $Q = [b_{ij}]$ , where  $b_{ij} = 2^{I+j}a_{ij}$  for  $1 \leq i, j \leq 3$ . If the determinant of P is 2, then the determinant of the matrix Q is

A.  $2^{10}$

B.  $2^{11}$

C.  $2^{12}$

D.  $2^{13}$

**Answer: D**

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15. If A is a square matrix such that  $|A| = 2$ , then for any positive integer  $n$ ,  $|A^n|$  is equal to

A.  $2^n$

B.  $n^2$

C. 0

D.  $2n$

**Answer: A**



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**16.** If the value of a third order determinant is 11 then the value of the square of the determinant formed by the cofactors will be

A. 11

B. 121

C. 1331

D. 14641

**Answer: D**

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17. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 5$ , then the value of

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b_2c_3 - b_3c_2 & a_3c_2 - a_2c_3 & a_2b_3 - a_3b_2 \\ b_3c_1 - b_1c_3 & a_1c_3 - a_3c_1 & a_3b_1 - a_1b_3 \\ b_1c_2 - b_2c_1 & a_2c_1 - a_1c_2 & a_1b_2 - a_2b_1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is}$$

A. 5

B. 25

C. 125

D. 0

**Answer: B**

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18. Let  $A = [a_{ij}]$  be a  $3 \times 3$  matrix and let  $A_1$  denote the matrix of the cofactors of elements of matrix A and  $A_2$  be the matrix of cofactors of

elements of matrix  $A_1$  and so on. If  $A_n$  denote the matrix of cofactors of elements of matrix  $A_{n-1}$ , then  $|A_n|$  equals

A.  $|A|^{2n}$

B.  $|A|^{2n}$

C.  $|A|^{n^2}$

D.  $|A|^2$

**Answer: B**



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**19.** If  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of order 3 such that

$|A| = -1$ ,  $|B| = 3$ , then  $|3AB|$  equals

A.  $-9$

B.  $-81$

C.  $-27$

D. 81

**Answer: B**

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20. If  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & b-a & c-a \\ a-b & 0 & c-b \\ a-c & b-c & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\Delta$  equals

A.  $a + b + c$

B.  $-(a + b + c)$

C.  $abc$

D. 0

**Answer: D**

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21. If  $w$  is a complex cube root of unity, then the value of the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & w & w^2 \\ w & w^2 & 1 \\ w^2 & 1 & w \end{bmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A. 1

B. 0

C.  $w^2$

D.  $w$

**Answer: B**



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22. The value of  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b+c \\ 1 & b & c+a \\ 1 & c & a+b \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A. 1

B.  $-1$

C.  $a + b + c$

D. 0

**Answer: D**



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23. The value of  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b - c & c - a & a - b \\ c - a & a - b & b - c \\ a - b & b - c & c - a \end{vmatrix}$  is

A.  $a + b + c$

B. 0

C. 1

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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24. Without expanding evaluate the determinant

$$|\sin \alpha \cos \alpha \sin(\alpha + \delta) \sin \beta \cos \beta \sin(\beta + \delta) \sin \gamma \cos \gamma \sin(\gamma + \delta)|$$

A. 0

B.  $\sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma$

C.  $\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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25. The value of  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} (a^x + a^{-x})^2 & (a^x - a^{-x})^2 & 1 \\ (a^y + a^{-y})^2 & (a^y - a^{-y})^2 & 1 \\ (a^z + a^{-z})^2 & (a^z - a^{-z})^2 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A. 1

B. -1

C. 0

D. none of these

**Answer: C**



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**26.** Choose the correct answer from the following :

The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is :

A.  $(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)$

B.  $(a^2 - b^2)(b^2 - c^2)(c^2 - a^2)$

C.  $(a - b + c)(b - c + a)(c - a + b)$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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27.  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a = x & b & c \\ b & x + c & a \\ c & a & x + b \end{vmatrix}$ . Which of the following is a factor for

the above determinant ?

A.  $x - (a + b + c)$

B.  $x + (a + b + c)$

C.  $a + b + c$

D.  $-(a + b + c)$

**Answer: B**



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28. What is  $\begin{vmatrix} -a^2 & ab & ac \\ ab & -b^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & -c^2 \end{vmatrix}$  equal to ?

A.  $4a^2b^2$

B.  $4b^2c^2$

C.  $4c^2a^2$

D.  $4a^2b^2c^2$

**Answer: D**



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29. Given that  $xyz = -1$ , the value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1+x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1+y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1+z^3 \end{vmatrix}$

is

A. 0

B. positive

C. negative

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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30. Let  $a, b, c$  be positive and not all equal. Show that the value of the

determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix}$  is negative

A. +ive

B. -ive

C. zero

D. none of these

Answer: B



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31. If  $\Delta_r = \begin{vmatrix} r & x & \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ 2r-1 & y & n^2 \\ 3r-2 & z & \frac{n(3n-1)}{2} \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\sum_{r=1}^n \Delta_r$  is equal o

A. xyz

B. n xyz

C. 0

D. none of these

**Answer: C**



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32. If  $\Delta_r = \begin{vmatrix} 2^{r-1} & 2 \cdot 3^{r-1} & 4 \cdot 5^{r-1} \\ x & y & z \\ 2^n - 1 & 3^n - 1 & 5^n - 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\sum_{r=1}^n \Delta_r$  is equal to

A. xyz

B. 1

C. -1

D. 0

**Answer: D**



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$$33. \begin{bmatrix} a & b & ax + by \\ b & c & bx + cy \\ ax + by & bx + cy & 0 \end{bmatrix} = (b^2 - ac)(ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2)$$

A. zero

B. positive

C. negative

D.  $b^2 + ac$

**Answer: C**



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$$34. \text{The value of the determinant } \begin{vmatrix} b + c & a - b & a \\ c + a & b - c & b \\ a + b & c - a & c \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A.  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$

B.  $3abc - a^3 - b^3 - c^3$

C.  $3abc + a^3 + b^3 + c^3$

D. none of these

Answer: B



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35. The value of 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1x_1 + b_1y_1 & a_1x_2 + b_1y_2 & a_1x_3 + b_1y_3 \\ a_2x_1 + b_2y_1 & a_2x_2 + b_2y_2 & a_2x_3 + b_2y_3 \\ a_3x_1 + b_3y_1 & a_3x_2 + b_3y_2 & a_3x_3 + b_3y_3 \end{vmatrix}$$
, is

A.  $a_1a_2a_3b_1b_2b_3$

B.  $x_1x_2x_3y_1y_2y_3$

C. 0

D. none of these

Answer: C



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36. The value of 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 2y_1z_1 & y_1z_2 + y_2z_1 & y_1z_3 + y_3z_1 \\ y_1z_2y_2z_1 & 2y_2z_2 & y_2z_3 + y_3z_2 \\ y_1z_3 + y_3z_1 & y_2z_3 + y_3z_2 & 2y_3z_3 \end{vmatrix}$$
, is



A.  $y_1 y_2 y_3 z_1 z_2 z_3$

B.  $y_1 + y_2 + y_3$

C.  $z_1 + z_2 + z_3$

D. 0

**Answer: D**

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37. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos(\beta - \alpha) & \cos(\gamma - \alpha) \\ \cos(\alpha - \beta) & 1 & \cos(\gamma - \beta) \\ \cos(\beta - \alpha) & \cos(\beta - \gamma) & 1 \end{vmatrix} =$$

A.  $\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$

B.  $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma$

C. 1

D. 0

**Answer: D**

38. If  $l_1, m_1, n_1, l_2, m_2, n_2$  and  $l_3, m_3, n_3$  are direction cosines of three

mutually perpendicular lines then, the value of  $\begin{vmatrix} l_1 & m_1 & n_1 \\ l_2 & m_2 & n_2 \\ l_3 & m_3 & n_3 \end{vmatrix}$  is

A.  $l_3 m_3 n_3$

B.  $\pm 1$

C.  $l_1 m_1 n_1$

D.  $l_2 m_2 n_2$

Answer: B

39. If  $f(x)$ ,  $g(x)$  and  $h(x)$  are three polynomials of degree 2 and  $\Delta =$

$\begin{vmatrix} f(x) & g(x) & h(x) \\ f'(x) & g'(x) & h'(x) \\ f''(x) & g''(x) & h''(x) \end{vmatrix}$  then  $\Delta(x)$  is a polynomial of degree (dashes

denote the differentiation).

A. 2

B. 3

C. 4

D. none of these

**Answer: D**



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**40.** Let  $f, g, h$  be differentiable functions of  $x$ . if

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} f & g & h \\ (xf)' & (xg)' & (xh)' \\ (x^2f)'' & (x^2g)'' & (x^2h)'' \end{vmatrix} \text{ and } \Delta' = \begin{vmatrix} f & g \\ f' & g' \\ (x^n f'')' & (x^n g'')' \end{vmatrix} (x')$$

, then  $n =$

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

**Answer: C**



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41. If  $A(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $B(x_2, y_2)$  and  $C(x_3, y_3)$  are vertices of an equilateral triangle whose each side is equal to  $a$ , then prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 2 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 2 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 2 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is equal to}$$

A.  $2a^2$

B.  $2a^4$

C.  $3a^2$

D.  $3a^4$

**Answer: D**



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42. If the system of equations  $x - ky - z = 0$ ,  $kx - y - z = 0$ ,  $x + y - z = 0$  has a nonzero solution, then the possible value of  $k$  are

A.  $-1, 2$

B.  $1, 2$

C.  $0, 1$

D.  $-1, 1$

**Answer: D**



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43. If the system of equations  $ax + by + c = 0$ ,  $bx + cy + a = 0$ ,  $cx + ay + b = 0$  has infinitely many solutions then the system of equations

$(b + c)x + (c + a)y + (a + b)z = 0$   $(c + a)x + (a + b)y + (b + c)z = 0$  has

- A. only one solution
- B. no solution
- C. infinite number of solutions
- D. none of these

**Answer: C**

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**44.** if  $a > b > c$  and the system of equations  $ax + by + cz = 0$ ,  $bx + cy + az = 0$  and  $cx + ay + bz = 0$  has a non-trivial solution, then the quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has

- A. at least one positive root
- B. roots opposite in sign
- C. positive roots
- D. imaginary roots

**Answer: A**



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**45.** The number of values of  $k$  for which the system of the equations  $(k + 1)x + 8y = 4k$  and  $kx + (k + 3)y = 3k - 1$  has infinitely many solutions is 0 b. 1 c. 2 d. infinite

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. infinite

**Answer: B**



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1. If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $x^3 + px + q = 0$  (with  $p \neq 0$  and  $q \neq 0$ ), the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & \alpha \\ \gamma & \alpha & \beta \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A.  $p$

B.  $q$

C.  $p^2 - 2q$

D. none of these

**Answer: D**

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2. If  $m$  is a positive integer and

$$\Delta_r = \begin{vmatrix} 2r - 1 & {}^m C_r & 1 \\ m^2 - 1 & 2^m & m + 1 \\ \sin^2(m^2) & \sin^2(m) & \sin^2(m + 1) \end{vmatrix}$$

Then, the value of  $\sum_{r=0}^m \Delta_r$ , is



A. 0

B.  $m^2 - 1$

C.  $2^m$

D.  $2^m \sin^2(2^m)$

**Answer: A**



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3. If  $x, y, z$  are in A.P., then the values of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} a + 2 & a + 3 & a + 2x \\ a + 3 & a + 4 & a + 2y \\ a + 4 & a + 5 & a + 2z \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A. 1

B. 0

C.  $2a$

D.  $a$

**Answer: B**



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4. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} x + 2 & x + 3 & x + 5 \\ x + 4 & x + 6 & x + 9 \\ x + 8 & x + 11 & x + 15 \end{vmatrix}$  is

A. 2

B.  $-2$

C. 3

D.  $x - 1$

**Answer: B**



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5. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of  $x^3 + ax^2 + b = 0$ , then the value of

$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & \alpha \\ \gamma & \alpha & \beta \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A.  $-a^3$

B.  $a^3 - 3b$

C.  $a^3$

D.  $a^2 - 3b$

**Answer: C**



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6. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} a & -1 & 0 \\ ax & a & -1 \\ ax^2 & ax & a \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f(2x) - f(x)$  equals

A.  $a(2a + 3x)$

B.  $ax(2x + 3a)$

C.  $ax(2a + 3x)$

D.  $x(2a + 3x)$

**Answer: C**

7. If  $w$  is a complex cube root of unity.

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix} = -(a + b + c)(a + bk + ck^2)(a + bk^2 + ck), \quad \text{then } k$$

equals

- A. 1
- B.  $-1$
- C.  $\omega$
- D.  $-\omega$

**Answer: C**

8. If  $\omega$  is an imaginary cube root of unity, then the value of the

determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \omega & \omega^2 & -\omega \\ 1 + \omega^2 & \omega & -\omega^2 \\ \omega + \omega^2 & \omega & -\omega^2 \end{vmatrix}$

A. 0

B.  $2\omega$

C.  $2\omega^2$

D.  $-3\omega^2$

**Answer: D**



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9. If 
$$\begin{vmatrix} x^n & x^{n+2} & x^{n+3} \\ y^n & y^{n+2} & y^{n+3} \\ z^n & z^{n+2} & z^{n+3} \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (x - y)(y - z)(z - x) \left( \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \right),$$
 then n equals

A. 1

B. -1

C. 2

D. -2

**Answer: B**



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10. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & (x+1) \\ 2x & x(x-1) & (x+1)x \\ 3x(x-1) & x(x-1)(x-2) & x(x-1)(x+1) \end{vmatrix}$  then

$f(50) + f(51) \dots + f(99)$  is equal to

A. 0

B. 1

C. 100

D. -100

**Answer: A**



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11.

Given

$$a_i^2 + b_i^2 + c_i^2 = 1, i = 1, 2, 3 \text{ and } a_i a_j + b_i b_j + c_i c_j = 0 (i \neq j, i, j = 1, 2, 3)$$

, then the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ b_1 & b_2 & b_3 \\ c_1 & c_2 & c_3 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A.  $\frac{1}{2}$

B. 0

C. 2

D. 1

**Answer: D**
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12. If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are such that  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$ , then

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos \gamma & \cos \beta \\ \cos \gamma & 1 & \cos \alpha \\ \cos \beta & \cos \alpha & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

A.  $\cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$

B.  $\cos \alpha + \cos \beta + \cos \gamma$

C. 1

D. none of these

**Answer: D**

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13. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 1 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 1 \\ \cos(\alpha + \beta) & -\sin(\alpha + \beta) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal

A. independent of  $\alpha$

B. independent of  $\beta$

C. independent of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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14. If  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 1 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 1 \\ \cos(\alpha + \beta) & -\sin(\alpha + \beta) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then

A.  $\Delta \in [1 - \sqrt{2}, 1 + \sqrt{2}]$

B.  $\Delta \in [-1, 1]$

C.  $\Delta \in [-\sqrt{2}\sqrt{2}]$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**

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15. Let  $D_r = \begin{vmatrix} a & 2^r & 2^{16} - 1 \\ b & 3(4^r) & 2(14^{16} - 1) \\ c & 7(8^r) & 4(8^{16} - 1) \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value of  $\sum_{k=1}^{16} D_k$ , is

A. 0

B.  $a + b + c$

C.  $ab + bc + ca$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**

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16. If  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(\alpha_1 - \beta_1) & \cos(\alpha_1 - \beta_2) & \cos(\alpha_1 - \beta_3) \\ \cos(\alpha_2 - \beta_1) & \cos(\alpha_2 - \beta_2) & \cos(\alpha_2 - \beta_3) \\ \cos(\alpha_3 - \beta_1) & \cos(\alpha_3 - \beta_2) & \cos(\alpha_3 - \beta_3) \end{vmatrix}$  then  $\Delta$

equals

A.  $\cos \alpha_1 \cos \alpha_2 \cos \alpha_3 \cos \beta_1 \cos \beta_2 \cos \beta_3$

B.  $\cos \alpha_1 + \cos \alpha_2 + \cos \alpha_3 + \cos \beta_1 + \cos \beta_2 + \cos \beta_3$

C.  $\cos(\alpha_1 - \beta_1) \cos(\alpha_2 - \beta_2) \cos(\alpha_3 - \beta_3)$

D. none of these

**Answer: D**

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17. The determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} y^2 & -xy & x^2 \\ a & b & c \\ a' & b' & c' \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

A.  $\begin{vmatrix} bx + ay & cx + by \\ b'x + a'y & c'x + b'y \end{vmatrix}$

B.  $\begin{vmatrix} ax + by & bx + cy \\ a'x + b'y & b'x + c'y \end{vmatrix}$

C.  $\begin{vmatrix} bx + cy & ax + by \\ b'x + c'y & d'x + b'y \end{vmatrix}$

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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18. If  $\begin{vmatrix} p & q - y & r - z \\ p - x & q & r - z \\ p - x & q - y & r \end{vmatrix} = 0$  find the value of  $\frac{p}{x} + \frac{q}{y} + \frac{r}{z}$

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 4 pqr

**Answer: C**



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19. The number of distinct real roots of  $\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0$  in the interval  $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$  is

A. 0

B. 2

C. 1

D. 3

**Answer: C**



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20. The value of  $a$  for which system of equation ,  
 $a^3x + (a + 1)^3y + (a + 2)^3z = 0, ax + (a + 1)y + (a + 2)z = 0, x + y + z = 0$   
has a non-zero solution is:

- A. 0
- B.  $-1$
- C. 1
- D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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21. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ . then, which  
of the following is not correct ?

- A.  $D = 0$

B.  $D \in (0, \infty)$

C.  $D \in [2, 4]$

D.  $D \in [2, \infty)$

**Answer: C**



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22. Let  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & x \\ x^2 & x & 6 \\ x & x & 6 \end{vmatrix} = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx^2 + dx + e$  Then, the value of

$5a + 4b + 3c + 2d + e$  is equal to

A. 0

B. -16

C. 16

D. none of these

**Answer: D**



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23. If  $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$ ,  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & bc & a \\ 1 & ca & b \\ 1 & ab & c \end{vmatrix}$ , then

A.  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = 0$

B.  $\Delta_1 + 2\Delta_2 = 0$

C.  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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24. If  $D_k = |1 \cap 2kn^2 + n + 2n^2 + n2k - 1n^2n^2 + n + 2|$  and

$\sum_{k=1}^n D_k = 48$ , the  $\cap$  equals 4 (b) 6 (c) 8 (d) none of these

A. 4

B. 6

C. 8

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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25. Let 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+x & x & x^2 \\ x & 1+x & x^2 \\ x^2 & x & 1+x \end{vmatrix} = ax^5 + bx^4 + cx^3 + dx^2 + \lambda x + \mu$$

be an identity in  $x$ , where  $a, b, c, \lambda, \mu$  are independent of  $x$ . Then, the value of  $\lambda$  is

A. 3

B. 2

C. 4

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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26. If  $A = \int_1^{\sin \theta} \frac{t}{1+t^2} dt$  and  $B = \int_1^{\operatorname{cosec} \theta} \frac{1}{t(1+t^2)} dt$ , then the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} A & A^2 & B \\ e^{A+B} & B^2 & -1 \\ 1 & A^2 + B^2 & -1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is}$$

- A.  $\sin \theta$
- B.  $\cos \theta$
- C. 0
- D. 1

**Answer: C**

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27. If  $I_n = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & k & k \\ 2n & k^2 + k + 1 & k^2 + k \\ 2n - 1 & k^2 & k^2 + k + 1 \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\sum_{n=1}^k I_n = 72$ , then k

=

A. 8

B. 9

C. 6

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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28. If  $x$  is a positive integer, then  $\left| \begin{array}{ccc} x! & (x+1)! & (x+2)! \\ (x+1)! & (x+2)! & (x+3)! \\ (x+2)! & (x+3)! & (x+4)! \end{array} \right|$  is equal to

A.  $2x!(x+1)!$

B.  $2x!(x+1)!(x+2)!$

C.  $2x!(x+3)!$

D.  $2(x+1)!(x+2)!(x_3)!$

**Answer: B**



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29. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x + \lambda & x & x \\ x & x + \lambda & x \\ x & x & x + \lambda \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f(3x) - f(x) =$

A.  $3x\lambda^2$

B.  $6x\lambda^2$

C.  $x\lambda^2$

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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30. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} bc & ca & ab \\ p & q & r \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , where a, b and c

respectively the pth, qth and rth terms of a H.P., is

A. 0

B. abc

C. pqr

D. none of these

**Answer: A**

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31. Prove that all values of theta:

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin \theta & \cos \theta & \sin 2\theta \\ \sin\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\theta + \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \sin\left(2\theta + \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \\ \sin\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \cos\left(\theta - \frac{2\pi}{3}\right) & \sin\left(2\theta - \frac{4\pi}{3}\right) \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

A.  $\sin \theta$

B.  $\cos \theta$

C.  $\sin \theta \cos \theta$

D. none of these

**Answer: D**



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**32.** If  $a, b, c$  are distinct, then the value of  $x$  satisfying

$$|0x^2 - ax^3 - bx^2 + a0x^2 + cx^4 + bx - c0| = 0 \text{ is } c \text{ (b) } a \text{ (c) } b \text{ (d) } 0$$

A.  $c$

B.  $a$

C.  $b$

D.  $0$

**Answer: D**



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**33.** If the determinant  $|ab2a\alpha + 3c2b\alpha + 3c2a\alpha + 3b2b\alpha + 3c0| = 0$

then  $a, b, c$  are in H.P.  $\alpha$  is root of  $4ax^2 + 12bx + 9c = 0$  or  $a, b, c$  are in

G.P.  $a, b, c,$  are in G.P. only  $a, b, c$  are in A.P.

A.  $a, b, c$  are in H.P.

B.  $a$  is a root of  $4ax^2 + 12bx + 9c = 0$  or  $a, b, c$  are in G.P.

C.  $a, b, c$  are in G.P. only

D.  $a, b, c$  are in A.P.

**Answer: B**



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**34.** If the system of linear equation

$$x + 4ay + ax = 0,$$

$$x + 3b + bz = 0$$

$$x + 2cy + cz = 0$$

have a non-trivial solution, then  $a, b, c$  are in

A. H.P.

B. G.P.

C. A.P.

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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35. If  $\alpha$  is a non-real cube root of  $-2$ , then the value of  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2\alpha & 1 \\ \alpha^2 & 1 & 3\alpha^2 \\ 2 & 2\alpha & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A.  $-11$

B.  $-12$

C.  $-13$

D.  $0$

**Answer: C**



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36. The value of the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(\alpha + \beta) & -\sin(\alpha + \beta) & \cos 2\beta \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \sin \beta \\ -\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & -\cos \beta \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A.  $\cos^2 \alpha$

B.  $\sin^2 \alpha$

C.  $\sin(\alpha - \beta)$

D. 0

Answer: D



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37. If  $1, \omega, \omega^2$  are the roots of unity, then  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega^n & \omega^{2n} \\ \omega^n & \omega^{2n} & 1 \\ \omega^{2n} & 1 & \omega^n \end{vmatrix}$  is equal

to

A. 0

B.  $\omega$



C.  $\omega^2$

D. 1

**Answer: A**



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38. If  $\omega$  is a non-real cube root of unity, then

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 + b_1\omega & a_1\omega^2 + b_1 & a_1 + b_1 + c_1\omega^2 \\ a_2 + b_2\omega & a_2\omega^2 + b_2 & a_2 + b_2\omega + c_2\omega^2 \\ a_3 + b_3\omega & a_3\omega^2 + b_3 & a_3 + b_3\omega + c_3\omega^2 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is equal to}$$

A.  $-1$

B. 0

C.  $-\omega^2$

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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39. If  $\Delta_r = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & r & 2^r \\ 2 & n & n^2 \\ n & \frac{n(n-1)}{2} & 2^{n+1} \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value of  $\sum_{r=1}^n \Delta_r$  is

- A.  $n$
- B.  $2n$
- C.  $-2n$
- D.  $n^2$

Answer: C



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40. If  $\Delta_r = \begin{vmatrix} 2^{r-1} & \frac{(r+1)!}{(1+1/r)} & 2r \\ a & b & c \\ 2^n - 1 & (n+1)! - 1 & n(n+1) \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\sum_{r=1}^n \Delta_r$  is equal to

- A. 0
- B.  $n + 3!$
- C.  $a(n!) + b$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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41. The value of the determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a_1b_1 & 1 + a_1b_2 & 1 + a_1b_3 \\ 1 + a_2b_1 & 1 + a_2b_2 & 1 + a_2b_3 \\ 1 + a_3b_1 & 1 + a_3b_2 & 1 + a_3b_3 \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A.  $a_1a_2a_3 + b_1b_2b_3$

B.  $(a_1a_2a_3)(b_1b_2b_3)$

C.  $a_1a_2b_1b_2 + a_2a_3b_2b_3 + a_3a_1b_3b_1$

D. none of these

**Answer: D**



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42. If  $a, b, c$  are complex numbers, then the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & -b & -c \\ \bar{b} & 0 & -a \\ \bar{c} & \bar{a} & 0 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

- A. is a non-zero real number
- B. purely imaginary
- C. 0
- D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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43. The value of the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \sin 2\alpha & \sin(\alpha + \beta) & \sin(\alpha + \gamma) \\ \sin(\beta + \gamma) & \sin 2\beta & \sin(\gamma + \beta) \\ (\sin \gamma + \alpha) & \sin(\gamma + \beta) & \sin 2\gamma \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

- A. 0
- B.  $\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma$

C.  $\frac{3}{2}$

D. None of these

A. 0

B.  $\sin^2 \alpha + \sin^2 \beta + \sin^2 \gamma$

C.  $\frac{3}{2}$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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**44.** If A, B and C denote the angles of a triangle, then

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ \cos C & -1 & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos A & -2 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is independent of}$$

A. A

B. B

C. C

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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45. If  $X, Y$  and  $Z$  are positive numbers such that  $Y$  and  $Z$  have respectively 1 and 0 at their unit's place and  $\Delta$  is the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} X & 4 & 1 \\ Y & 0 & 1 \\ Z & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$$

If  $(\Delta + 1)$  is divisible by 10, then  $x$  has at its unit's place

A. 1

B. 0

C. 2

D. none of these

**Answer: C**



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46. If  $a > 0$  and discriminant of  $ax^2 + 2bx + c$  is negative, then

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & ax + b \\ b & c & bx + c \\ ax + b & bx + c & 0 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A. positive

B.  $(ac - b^2)(ax^2 + 2bx + c)$

C. negative

D. 0

Answer: C



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47. If  $C = 2 \cos \theta$ , then the value of the determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} C & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & C & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & c \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A.  $\frac{\sin 4\theta}{\sin \theta}$

B.  $\frac{2 \sin^2 2\theta}{\sin \theta}$

C.  $4 \cos^2 \theta (2 \cos \theta - 1)$

D. none of these

**Answer: D**



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**48.**

if

$$x^a y^b = e^m, x^c y^d = e^n, \Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} m & b \\ n & d \end{vmatrix}, \text{ and } \Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} a & m \\ c & n \end{vmatrix} \text{ and } \Delta_3 = \begin{vmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{vmatrix}$$

then the values of x and y are

A.  $\frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_3}$  and  $\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_3}$

B.  $\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_1}$  and  $\frac{\Delta_3}{\Delta_1}$

C.  $\log\left(\frac{\Delta_1}{\Delta_3}\right), \log\left(\frac{\Delta_2}{\Delta_3}\right)$

D.  $e^{\Delta_1 / \Delta_3}$  and  $e^{\Delta_2 / \Delta_3}$

**Answer: D**



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49. If  $s = (a + b + c)$ , then value of  $\begin{vmatrix} s + c & a & b \\ c & s + a & b \\ c & a & s + b \end{vmatrix}$  is

A.  $2s^2$

B.  $2s^3$

C.  $s^3$

D.  $3s^3$

**Answer: B**



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50. In a  $\Delta ABC$  if  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & b & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C$  is

A.  $\frac{9}{4}$

B.  $\frac{4}{9}$

C.  $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

D. 1

**Answer: A**



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51. If  $\omega$  is a complex cube root of unity, then a root of the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} x + 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & x + \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & x + \omega \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ is}$$

A.  $x = 1$

B.  $x = \omega$

C.  $x = \omega^2$

D.  $x = 0$

**Answer: D**



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52. The value of  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1+ac & 1+bc \\ 1 & 1+ad & 1+bd \\ 1 & 1+ae & 1+be \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A. 1

B. 0

C. 3

D.  $a + b + c$

**Answer: B**



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53. If the system of equations  $x + ay = 0$ ,  $az + y = 0$  and  $ax + z = 0$  has infinite solutions, then the value of  $a$  is  $-1$  (b)  $1$  (c)  $0$  (d) no real values

A.  $-1$

B.  $1$

C. 0

D. no real values

**Answer: A**



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**54.** If the system of linear equations

$$x + 2ay + az = 0$$

$$x + 3by + bz = 0$$

$$x + 4cy + cz = 0$$

has a non-zero solution, then  $a, b, c$

A. satisfy  $a + 2b + 3c = 0$

B. are in A.P.

C. are in G.P.

D. are in H.P.

**Answer: D**



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55. Given,  $2x - y + 2z = 2$ ,  $x - 2y + z = -4$ ,  $x + y + \lambda z = 4$ , then the value of  $\lambda$  such that the given system of equations has no solution, is

A. 3

B. 1

C. 0

D. -3

Answer: B



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56. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 10! & 11! & 12! \\ 11! & 12! & 13! \\ 12! & 13! & 14! \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A.  $2(10!11!)$

B.  $2(10!13!)$

C.  $2(10!11!12!)$

D.  $2(11!12!13!)$

**Answer: C**



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57. If  $A = \begin{vmatrix} \sin(\theta + \alpha) & \cos(\theta + \alpha) & 1 \\ \sin(\theta + \beta) & \cos(\theta + \beta) & 1 \\ \sin(\theta + \gamma) & \cos(\theta + \gamma) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then

A.  $A = 0$  for all  $\theta$

B. A is an odd function of  $\theta$

C.  $A = 0$  for  $\theta = \alpha + \beta + \gamma$

D. A is independent of  $\theta$

**Answer: D**



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58.  $a \neq p, b \neq q, c \neq r$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r \end{vmatrix} = 0$  the value of

$$\frac{p}{p-a} + \frac{q}{q-b} + \frac{r}{r-c} =$$

A. 3

B. 2

C. 1

D. 0

**Answer: B**



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If  $a = 1 + 2 + 4 + \dots$  to  $n$  terms

59.  $b = 1 + 3 + 9 + \dots$  to  $n$  terms

$c = 1 + 5 + 25 + \dots$  to  $n$  terms

then  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 2b & 4c \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2^n & 3^n & 5^n \end{vmatrix} =$

A.  $30^n$

B.  $10^n$

C. 0

D.  $2^n + 3^n + 5^n$

**Answer: C**



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60. If  $D_r = \begin{vmatrix} r & 1 & \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ 2r-1 & 4 & n^2 \\ 2^{r-1} & 5 & 2^n - 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value of  $\sum_{r=1}^n D_r$ , is

A. 0

B. 1

C.  $\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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61.

If

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = -2 \text{ and } f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a^2x & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \\ (1 + a^2)x & 1 + b^2x & (1 + c^2)x \\ (1 + a^2)x & (1 + b^2)x & 1 + c^2x \end{vmatrix},$$

then  $f(x)$  is a polynomial of degree

A. 2

B. 3

C. 0

D. 1

**Answer: A**



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62. The system of equations

$\alpha x + y + z = \alpha - 1, x + \alpha y + z = \alpha - 1, x + y + \alpha z = \alpha - 1$  has no

solution if alpha is (A) 1 (B) not -2 (C) either -2 or 1 (D) -2

A. 1

B. not  $-2$

C. either  $-2$  or  $1$

D.  $-2$

**Answer: D**



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**63.** Let  $a, b, c$  be such that  $b(a+c) \neq 0$ . If

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & a+1 & a-1 \\ -b & b+1 & b-1 \\ c & c-1 & c+1 \end{vmatrix} + \begin{vmatrix} a+1 & b+1 & c-1 \\ a-1 & b-1 & c+1 \\ (-1)^{n+2}a & (-1)^{n+1}b & (-1)^n c \end{vmatrix} = 0,$$

Then the value of 'n' is:

A. zero

B. any even integer

C. any odd integer

D. any integer

**Answer: C**



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**64.** The greatest value of  $n$  for which the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ {}^n C_1 & {}^{n+3} C_1 & {}^{n+6} C_1 \\ {}^n C_2 & {}^{n+3} C_2 & {}^{n+6} C_2 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is divisible by } 3^n, \text{ is}$$

A. 7

B. 5

C. 3

D. 1

**Answer: C**



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65. The number of  $3 \times 3$  non-singular matrices, with four entries as 1 and all other entries as 0, is (1) 5 (2) 6 (3) at least 7 (4) less than 4

A. 6

B. at least 7

C. less than 4

D. 5

**Answer: B**



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66. Consider the system of linear equations:

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

$$3x_1 + 5x_2 + 2x_3 = 1$$

The system has

- A. a unique solution
- B. no solution
- C. infinite number of solutions
- D. exactly three solution

**Answer: B**

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67.

If

$$f(\theta) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \tan \theta & 1 \\ -\tan \theta & 1 & \tan \theta \\ -1 & -\tan \theta & 1 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ then the set } \left\{ f(\theta) : 0 \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{2} \right\}$$

is

- A.  $(-\infty, 0] \cup [2, \infty)$
- B.  $[2, \infty)$
- C.  $(-\infty, 0) \cup (0, \infty)$
- D.  $(-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty)$

**Answer: B**



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68. If  $a, b, c$  are non zero complex numbers satisfying

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 0 \text{ and } \begin{vmatrix} b^2 + c^2 & ab & ac \\ ab & c^2 + a^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & a^2 + b^2 \end{vmatrix} = ka^2b^2c^2, \text{ then } k \text{ is}$$

equal to

A. 3

B. 2

C. 4

D. 1

**Answer: C**



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69. In a  $\triangle ABC$  if  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & b & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C$  is

A.  $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

B.  $\frac{9}{4}$

C.  $\frac{5}{4}$

D. 2

**Answer: B**



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70.  $\begin{vmatrix} (1 + \alpha)^2 & (1 + 2\alpha)^2 & (1 + 3\alpha)^2 \\ (2 + \alpha)^2 & (2 + 2\alpha)^2 & (2 + 3\alpha)^2 \\ (3 + \alpha)^2 & (3 + 2\alpha)^2 & (3 + 3\alpha)^2 \end{vmatrix} = -648\alpha$  Find the value of  $\alpha$

A.  $-4$

B. 9

C.  $-9$

D. 4

**Answer: B::C**



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71. The set of all values of  $\lambda$  for which the system of linear equations :  
 $2x_1 - 2x_2 + x_3 = \lambda x_1$   $2x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3 = \lambda x_2$   $-x_1 + 2x_2 = \lambda x_3$  has  
a non-trivial solution, (1) is an empty set (2) is a singleton (3) contains two  
elements (4) contains more than two elements

- A. contains two elements
- B. contains more than two elements
- C. is an empty set
- D. is a singleton set

**Answer: A**



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72. If  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + ab + bc + ca \leq 0$  for all,  $a, b, c \in R$ , then the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} (a+b+2)^2 & a^2+b^2 & 1 \\ 1 & (b+c+2)^2 & b^2+c^2 \\ c^2+a^2 & 1 & (c+a+2)^2 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is equal to}$$

A. 65

B.  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 31$

C.  $4(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$

D. 0

**Answer: A**



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73. For all values of  $\theta \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ , the determinant of the matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} -2 & \tan \theta + \sec^2 \theta & 3 \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -3 & -4 & 3 \end{bmatrix} \text{ always lies in the interval :}$$

A.  $\left[\frac{7}{2}, \frac{21}{4}\right]$

B. [3, 5]

C. (4, 6)

D.  $\left(\frac{5}{2}, \frac{19}{4}\right)$

**Answer: B**



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74. The total number of distinct  $x \in R$  for which

$$\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1 + x^3 \\ 2x & 4x^2 & 1 + 8x^3 \\ 3x & 9x^2 & 1 + 27x^3 \end{vmatrix} = 10 \text{ is (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 3}$$

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

**Answer: B**



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## Section II Assertion Reason Type

1. Consider the system of equations  $x - 2y + 3z = -1$ ,  $x - 3y + 4z = 1$  and  $-x + y - 2z = k$  Statement

1: The system of equation has no solution for  $k \neq 3$  and Statement 2: The

determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 3 & -1 \\ -1 & -2 & k \\ 1 & 4 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0$  for  $k \neq 0$

- A. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is a correct explanation for Statement 1
- B. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is not a correct explanation for Statement 1
- C. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is False
- D. Statement 1 is False, Statement 2 is true

**Answer: A**



2. Let  $D$  be the determinant given by

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos(\beta - \alpha) & \cos(\gamma - \alpha) \\ \cos(\alpha - \beta) & 1 & \cos(\gamma - \beta) \\ \cos(\alpha - \gamma) & \cos(\beta - \gamma) & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

where  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are real number

Statement -1: The value of  $D$  is zero

Statement 2: The determinant  $D$  is expressible as the product of two determinant each equal to zero

- A. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is a correct explanation for Statement 2
- B. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is not a correct explanation for Statement 2
- C. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is False
- D. Statement 1 is False, Statement 2 is true

**Answer: A**





3. Consider the system of equations

$$(a - 1)x - y - z = 0$$

$$x - (b - 1)y + z = 0$$

$$x + y - (c - 1)z = 0$$

Where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are non-zero real number

Statement 1 : If  $x, y, z$  are not all zero, then  $ab + bc + ca + abc$

Statement 2 :  $abc \geq 27$

- A. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is a correct explanation for Statement 3
- B. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is not a correct explanation for Statement 3
- C. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is False
- D. Statement 1 is False, Statement 2 is true

**Answer: B**



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4. Statement I If

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} a^2 + x^2 & ab - cx & ac + bx \\ ab + cx & b^2 + x^2 & bc - ax \\ ac - bx & bc + ax & c^2 + x^2 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } B = \begin{bmatrix} x & c & -b \\ -c & x & a \\ b & -a & x \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then}$$

$|A| = |B|^2$  Statement II  $A^c$  is cofactor of a square matrix A of order n,

then  $|A^c| = |A|^{n-1}$

A. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is a correct

explanation for Statement 4

B. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is not a correct

explanation for Statement 4

C. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is False

D. Statement 1 is False, Statement 2 is true

**Answer: A**



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5. Let  $a, b, c$  be distinct real number and  $D$  be the determinant given by

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c \end{vmatrix}$$

Statement 1: If  $D > 0$  then  $abc > -8$

Statement - 2:  $A.M. > G.M.$

- A. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is a correct explanation for Statement 5
- B. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is not a correct explanation for Statement 5
- C. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is False
- D. Statement 1 is False, Statement 2 is true

**Answer: A**



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6. Statement -1 : Determinant of a skew-symmetric matrix of order 3 is zero.

Statement -2 : For any matrix  $A$ ,  $\text{Det}(A) = \text{Det}(A^T)$  and  $\text{Det}(-A) = -\text{Det}(A)$

where  $\text{Det}(B)$  denotes the determinant of matrix  $B$ . Then,

- A. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is a correct explanation for Statement 1
- B. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is true, Statement 2 is not a correct explanation for Statement 1
- C. Statement 1 is true, Statement 2 is False
- D. Statement 1 is False, Statement 2 is true

**Answer: C**

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1. if  $a, b, c$  are in A.P. show that : 
$$\begin{vmatrix} x + 1 & x + 2 & x + a \\ x + 2 & x + 3 & x + b \\ x + 3 & x + 4 & x + c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

A. 3

B.  $-3$

C. 0

D. none of these

**Answer: C**



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2. If  $p + q + r = 0 = a + b + c$ , then the value of the determinant

$\begin{vmatrix} pa & qb & rc \\ qa & br & cp \\ ra & cr & ap \end{vmatrix}$  is 0 b.  $pa + qb + rc$  c. 1 d. none of these

A. 0

B.  $pa + qb + rc$

C. 1

D. none of these

**Answer: A**

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3. If  $a, b, c$  are positive and are the  $p$ th,  $q$ th and  $r$ th terms respectively of an A.P., the value of  $|( \log a, p, 1 ), ( \log b, q, 1 ), ( \log c, r, 1 )| =$  (A) 1 (B)  $pqr(\log a + \log b + \log c)$  (C) 0 (D)  $a^p b^q c^r$

A. 1

B. 0

C.  $-1$

D. none of these

**Answer: B**

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4. If A is an invertible matrix then  $\det(A^{-1})$  is equal to (A) 1 (B)  $\frac{1}{|A|}$  (C)

$|A|$  (D) none of these

A.  $\det(A)$

B.  $\frac{1}{\det(A)}$

C. 1

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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5. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ .^m C_1 & .^{m+1} C_1 & .^{m+2} C_1 \\ .^m C_2 & .^{m+1} C_2 & .^{m+2} C_2 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

A. 1

B. -1

C. 0

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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6. If  $A, B, C$  are the angles of a triangle, then the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \sin 2A & \sin C & \sin B \\ \sin C & \sin 2B & \sin A \\ \sin B & \sin A & \sin 2C \end{vmatrix} \text{ is equal to}$$

A. 1

B.  $-1$

C.  $\sin A + \sin B + \sin C$

D. none of these

**Answer: D**



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7. The determinant  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 + x^2 & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2 + x^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & c^2 + x^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is divisible

A.  $x^5$

B.  $x^4$

C.  $x^4 + 1$

D.  $x^4 - 1$

**Answer: B**



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8.  $D_r = \begin{vmatrix} 2^{r-1} & 2 \cdot 3^{r-1} & 4 \cdot 5^{r-1} \\ \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ 2^n - 1 & 3^n - 1 & 5^n - 1 \end{vmatrix}$ . Then, the value of  $\sum_{r=1}^n D_r$  is

A.  $\alpha\beta\gamma$

B.  $2^n\alpha + 2^n\beta + 4^n\gamma$

C.  $2\alpha + 3\beta + 4\gamma$

D. none of these

**Answer: D**



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9. The non-zero roots of the equation

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & ax + b \\ b & c & bx + c \\ ax + b & bx + c & c \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ are}$$

A.  $a, b, c$  are in A.P

B.  $a, b, c$  are in G.P

C.  $a, b, c$  are in H.P

D.  $\alpha$  is a root of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

**Answer: B**



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10. If  $\Delta_m = \begin{vmatrix} m-1 & n & 6 \\ (m-1)^2 & 2n^2 & 4n-2 \\ (m-1)^3 & 3n^3 & 3n^2-3n \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\sum_{m=1}^n \Delta_m$  is equal to

A. 0

B. 1

C.  $\left\{ \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \right\} \left\{ \frac{a(a+1)}{2} \right\}$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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11. If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  are in G.P. then the value of determinant

$\begin{vmatrix} \log(a_n) & \log(a_{n+1}) & \log(a_{n+2}) \\ \log(a_{n+3}) & \log(a_{n+4}) & \log(a_{n+5}) \\ \log(a_{n+6}) & \log(a_{n+7}) & \log(a_{n+8}) \end{vmatrix}$  equals (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 3

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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12. If  $x \neq y \neq z$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} x & x^2 & 1 + x^3 \\ y & y^2 & 1 + y^3 \\ z & z^2 & 1 + z^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $xyz =$

A.  $-2$

B.  $-1$

C.  $-3$

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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13. If  $\begin{vmatrix} b+c & c+a & a+b \\ a+b & b+c & c+a \\ c+a & a+b & b+c \end{vmatrix} = k \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value of k, is

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

**Answer: B**



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14. If A is a square matrix of order n such that its elements are polynomials in x and its r-rows become identical for x = k, then

A.  $(x - k)^r$  is a factor of  $|A|$

B.  $(x - k)^r - 1$  is a factor of  $|A|$

C.  $(x - k)^r + 1$  is a factor of  $|A|$

D.  $(x - k)^r$  is a factor of A

**Answer: A**



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15. If  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 0$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} b^2 + c^2 & ab & ac \\ ab & c^2 + a^2 & bc \\ ac & bc & a^2 + b^2 \end{vmatrix} = ka^2b^2c^2$ , then

the value of k is

A. 2

B. 1

C. 4

D. 3

**Answer: C**



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16. If  $a^{-1} + b^{-1} + c^{-1} = 0$  such that  $\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} = \lambda$ , then

what is  $\lambda$  equal to ?

A. 0

B.  $abc$

C.  $-abc$

D. none of these

**Answer: B**

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17. If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are real number without expanding at any stage prove

that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \cos(\beta - \alpha) & \cos(\gamma - \alpha) \\ \cos(\alpha - \beta) & 1 & \cos(\gamma - \beta) \\ \cos(\alpha - \gamma) & \cos(\beta - \gamma) & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0.$$

A.  $4 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$

B.  $2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$

C.  $4 \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma$

D. none of these

**Answer: D**



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**18.** If  $A, B$  and  $C$  denote the angles of a triangle, then

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} -1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ \cos C & -1 & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos A & -2 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is independent of}$$

A.  $\cos A \cos B \cos C$

B.  $\sin A \sin B \sin C$

C. 0

D. none of these

**Answer: C**



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19. If  $\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & x & x & x \\ x & \beta & x & x \\ x & x & \gamma & x \\ x & x & x & \delta \end{vmatrix} = f(x) - xf'(x)$  then  $f(x)$  is equal to

- A.  $(x - \alpha)(x - \beta)(x - \gamma)(x - \delta)$
- B.  $(x + \alpha)(x + \beta)(x + \gamma)(x + \delta)$
- C.  $2(x - \alpha)(x - \beta)(x - \gamma)(x - \delta)$
- D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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20. If  $x, y, z$  are in A.P., then the value of the  $\det(A)$  is , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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**21.** If  $a \neq b \neq c$ , are value of  $x$  which satisfies the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x - a & x - b \\ x + a & 0 & x - c \\ x + b & x + c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ is given by}$$

A.  $a$

B.  $b$

C.  $c$

D. 0

**Answer: D**



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**22.** If  $a, b, c$  are different, then the value of

$$|0x^2 - ax^3 - bx^2 + a0x^2 + cx^4 + bx - c0| = 0 \text{ is } c \text{ b. } c \text{ c. } b \text{ d. } 0$$

A. a

B. b

C. c

D. 0

**Answer: D**



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**23.** The system of equation

$$kx + y + z = 1, x + ky + z = k \text{ and } x + y + kz = k^2 \text{ has no solution}$$

if k equals

A. 0

B. 1

C. -1

D. -2

**Answer: D**



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24. Show that:  $|b^2 + c^2 abacbac^2 + a^2 bacba^2 + b^2| = 4a^2 b^2 c^2$

A. 3

B. 2

C. 4

D. none of these

**Answer: C**





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$$25. \begin{vmatrix} 2a_1b_1 & a_1b_2 + a_2b_1 & a_1b_3 + a_3b_1 \\ a_1b_2 + a_2b_1 & 2a_2b_2 & a_2b_3 + a_3b_2 \\ a_1b_3 + a_3b_1 & a_3b_2 + a_2b_3 & 2a_3b_3 \end{vmatrix} =$$

A. 1

B. -1

C. 0

D.  $a_1a_2a_3b_1b_2b_3$

**Answer: C**



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26. If B is a non-singular matrix and A is a square matrix, then  $\det(B^{-1}AB)$  is equal to (A)  $\det(A^{-1})$  (B)  $\det(B^{-1})$  (C)  $\det(A)$  (D)  $\det(B)$

A. Det (B)

B. Det(A)

C. Det( $B^{-1}$ )

D. Det( $A^{-1}$ )

**Answer: B**



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27. If  $0 < \theta < \pi$  and the system of equations

$$(\sin \theta)x + y + z = 0$$

$$x + (\cos \theta)y + z = 0$$

$$(\sin \theta)x + (\cos \theta)y + z = 0$$

has a non-trivial solution, then  $\theta =$

A.  $\frac{\pi}{6}$

B.  $\frac{\pi}{4}$

C.  $\frac{\pi}{3}$

D.  $\frac{\pi}{2}$

Answer: D



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28. If the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} b - c & c - a & a - b \\ b' - c' & c' - a' & a' - b' \\ b'' - c'' & c'' - a'' & a'' - b'' \end{vmatrix}$  is expressible  
an  $m \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ a' & b' & c' \\ a'' & b'' & c'' \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value of m, is

A.  $-1$

B.  $0$

C.  $1$

D.  $2$

Answer: B



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29. If  $a \neq b$ , then the system of equation  $ax + by + bz = 0$   
 $bx + ay + bz = 0$  and  $bx + by + az = 0$  will have a non-trivial solution,  
 if

A.  $a + b = 0$

B.  $a + 2b = 0$

C.  $2a + b = 0$

D.  $a + 4b = 0$

**Answer: B**

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30. If 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^3 & b^3 & c^3 \end{vmatrix} = (a - b)(b - c)(c - a)(a + b + c)$$

where  $a, b, c$  are all different, then the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ (x - a)^2 & (x - b)^2 & (x - c)^2 \\ (x - b)(x - c) & (x - c)(x - a) & (x - a)(x - b) \end{vmatrix}$$
 vanishes when

A.  $a + b + c = 0$

B.  $x = \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c)$

C.  $x = \frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)$

D.  $x = a + b + c$

**Answer: B**



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**31.** Show that  $ax + by + r = 0$ ,  $by + cz + p = 0$  and  $cz + ax + q = 0$  are perpendicular to  $x - y$ ,  $y - z$  and  $z - x$  planes, respectively.

A.  $-1$

B.  $0$

C.  $1$

D.  $2$

**Answer: A**

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32. One factor of  $\begin{vmatrix} a^2 + x & ab & ac \\ ab & b^2 + x & cb \\ ca & cb & c^2 + x \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A.  $x^2$

B.  $(a^2 + x)(b^2 + x)(c^2 + x)$

C.  $\frac{1}{x}$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**

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33. The equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x - a & x - b & x - c \\ x - b & x - a & x - c \\ x - c & x - b & x - a \end{vmatrix} = 0$  (a,b,c are different) is

satisfied by (A)  $x = (a + b + c)0$  (B)  $x = \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c)$  (C)  $x = 0$  (D)

none of these

A.  $x = 0$

B.  $x = a$

C.  $x = \frac{1}{3}(a + b + c)$

D.  $x = a + b + c$

**Answer: C**

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34. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ , where  $0 \leq \theta < 2\pi$ . then,

which of the following is correct ?

A.  $\text{Det}(A) = 0$

B.  $\text{Det}(A) \in (-\infty, 0)$

C.  $\text{Det}(A) \in [2, 4]$

D.  $\text{Det}(A) \in [-2, \infty)$

Answer: C



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35. If  $a, b, c$  are non-zero real number such that  $\begin{vmatrix} bc & ca & ab \\ ca & ab & bc \\ ab & bc & ca \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then

A.  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 0$

B.  $\frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{c} = 0$

C.  $\frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{a} = 0$

D.  $\frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{a} = 0$

Answer: A



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36. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} kak^2 + a^2 & 1kbbk^2 + b^2 & 1kck^2 + c^2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is  $k(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$   $abc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$   $k(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$



$$k(a + b - c)(b + c - a)(c + a - b)$$

A.  $k(a + b)(b + c)(c + a)$

B.  $kabc(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$

C.  $k(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)$

D.  $k(a + b - c)(b + c - a)(c + a - b)$

**Answer: C**



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**37.** The system of simultaneous equations

$$kx + 2y - z = 1$$

$$(k - 1)y - 2z = 2$$

$$(k + 2)z = 3$$

have a unique solution if  $k$  equals

A.  $-2$

B.  $-1$

C. 0

D. 1

**Answer: B**



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38. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega^3 & \omega^5 \\ \omega^3 & 1 & \omega^4 \\ \omega^5 & \omega^4 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , where  $\omega$  is an imaginary cube root of unity, is

A.  $(1 - \omega)^2$

B. 3

C.  $-3$

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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39. If  $a, b, c$  are non-zero real number such that  $\begin{vmatrix} bc & ca & ab \\ ca & ab & bc \\ ab & bc & ca \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then

A.  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b\omega} + \frac{1}{c\omega^2} = 0$

B.  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b\omega^2} + \frac{1}{c\omega} = 0$

C.  $\frac{1}{a\omega} + \frac{1}{b\omega^2} + \frac{1}{c} = 0$

D. all the above

**Answer: D**



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40. If the system of equations

$$x + ay + az = 0$$

$$bx + y + bz = 0$$

$$cx + cy + z = 0$$

where  $a, b$  and  $c$  are non-zero non-unity, has a non-trivial solution, then

value of  $\frac{a}{1-a} + \frac{b}{1-b} + \frac{c}{1-c}$  is

A. 0

B. 1

C.  $-1$

D.  $\frac{abc}{a^2 + b^2 + c^2}$

**Answer: C**



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**41.** The value of the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \cos(\alpha + \beta) & -\sin(\alpha + \beta) & \cos 2\beta \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \sin \beta \\ -\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & -\cos \beta \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A.  $\alpha$

B.  $\beta$

C.  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

D. neither  $\alpha$  nor  $\beta$

**Answer: A**



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**42.** If  $\omega$  is a cube root of unity, then for polynomila is

$$\begin{vmatrix} x + 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & x + \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & x + \omega \end{vmatrix}$$

A. 1

B.  $\omega$

C.  $\omega^2$

D. 0

**Answer: D**



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**43.** If  $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} x & b & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & a & x \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & b \\ a & x \end{vmatrix}$  are given then

A.  $\Delta_1 = 3(\Delta_2)^2$

B.  $\frac{d}{dx}(\Delta_1) = 3\Delta_2$

C.  $\frac{d}{dx}(\Delta_1) = 3\Delta_2^2$

D.  $\Delta_1 = 3(\Delta_2)^{3/2}$

**Answer: B**



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**44.** If  $y = \sin px$  and  $y_n$  is the  $n$ th derivative of  $y$ , then

$$\begin{vmatrix} y & y_1 & y_2 \\ y_3 & y_4 & y_5 \\ y_6 & y_7 & y_8 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is}$$

A.  $m^9$

B.  $m^2$

C.  $m^3$

D. none of these

Answer: D



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45.  $a \neq p, b \neq q, c \neq r$  and  $\begin{vmatrix} p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r \end{vmatrix} = 0$  the value of

$$\frac{p}{p-a} + \frac{q}{q-b} + \frac{r}{r-c} =$$

A. 0

B. 1

C. -1

D. 2

Answer: D



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46.  $\begin{vmatrix} x & p & q \\ p & x & q \\ p & q & x \end{vmatrix} =$

A.  $(x + p)(x + q)(x - p - q)$

B.  $(x - p)(x - q)(x + p + q)$

C.  $(x - p)(x - q)(x - p - q)$

D.  $(x + p)(x + q)(x + p + q)$

**Answer: B**



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47. The factors of  $\begin{vmatrix} x & a & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & b & x \end{vmatrix}$ , are

A.  $x - a, x - b,$  and  $x + a + b$

B.  $x + a, x + b$  and  $x + a + b$

C.  $x + a, x + b$  and  $x - a - b$

D.  $x - a, x - b$  and  $x - a - b$

**Answer: A**



48. Let  $\omega = -\frac{1}{2} + i\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ , then the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 - \omega^2 & \omega^2 \\ 1 & \omega^2 & \omega^4 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A.  $3\omega$

B.  $3\omega(\omega - 1)$

C.  $3\omega^2$

D.  $3\omega(1 - \omega)$

**Answer: D**

49. If  $a + b + c = 0$ , then one of the solution of

$$\begin{vmatrix} a - x & c & b \\ c & b - x & a \\ b & a & c - x \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ is}$$

A.  $x = 1$

B.  $x = 2$

C.  $x = a^2 + b^2 + c^2$

D.  $x = 0$

**Answer: D**

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**50.**

Suppose

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} \text{ and } D' = \begin{vmatrix} a_1 + pb_1 & b_1 + qc_1 & c_1 + ra_1 \\ a_2 + pb_2 & b_2 + qc_2 & c_2 + ra_2 \\ a_3 + pb_3 & b_3 + qc_3 & c_3 + ra_3 \end{vmatrix}. \text{ Then,}$$

A.  $D' = D$

B.  $D' = D(1 - pqr)$

C.  $D' = D(1 + p + q + r)$

D.  $D' = D(1 + pqr)$

**Answer: A**



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**51.** A and B are two non-zero square matrices such that  $AB = O$ . Then,

- A. both A and B are singular
- B. either of them is singular
- C. neither matrix is singular
- D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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**52.** The roots of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x - 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x - 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x - 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , are

- A. 1, 2

B.  $-1, 2$

C.  $1, -2$

D.  $-1, -2$

**Answer: B**



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**53.** From the matrix equation  $AB = AC$  we can conclude  $B = C$  provided that

A.  $A$  is singular

B.  $A$  is non-singular

C.  $A$  is symmetric

D.  $A$  is square

**Answer: B**



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54. If  $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^2 & b^2 & c^2 \end{vmatrix}$ ,  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & bc & a \\ 1 & ca & b \\ 1 & ab & c \end{vmatrix}$ , then

A.  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = 0$

B.  $\Delta_1 + 2\Delta_2 = 0$

C.  $\Delta_1 = \Delta_2$

D.  $\Delta_1 = 2\Delta_2$

**Answer: A**



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55. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} 11 & 12 & 13 \\ 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 13 & 14 & 15 \end{vmatrix}$  is

A. 1

B. 0

C. -1

D. 67

**Answer: B**



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56. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 4 & y + z \\ y & 4 & z + x \\ z & 4 & x + y \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A. 4

B.  $x + y + z$

C.  $xyz$

D. 0

**Answer: D**



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57. If  $a \neq b \neq c$ , are value of  $x$  which satisfies the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x - a & x - b \\ x + a & 0 & x - c \\ x + b & x + c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ is given by}$$

A.  $a$

B.  $b$

C.  $0$

D.  $1$

**Answer: C**



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58. Let  $a, b, c$  be the real numbers. The following system of equations in

$x, y, \text{ and } z$

$$\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} - \frac{z^2}{a^2} = 1, \quad \frac{x^2}{a^2} - \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{a^2} = 1, \quad -\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} + \frac{z^2}{a^2} = 1 \text{ has}$$

a. no solution b. unique solution c. infinitely many solutions d. finitely

many solutions

- A. no solution
- B. unique solution
- C. infinitely many solution
- D. finitely many solutions

**Answer: B**

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59. If  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices such that  $A + B$  and  $AB$  are both defined, then

- A.  $A$  and  $B$  are two matrices not necessarily of same order
- B.  $A$  and  $B$  are square matrices of same order
- C. number of column of  $A$  = number of rows of  $B$
- D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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60. If  $\omega$  is an imaginary cube root of unity, then the value of

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & b\omega^2 & a\omega \\ b\omega & c & b\omega^2 \\ c\omega^2 & a\omega & c \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A.  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3$

B.  $a^2b - b^2c$

C. 0

D.  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$

**Answer: C**

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61. If  $\alpha, \beta, \lambda$  are non-real numbers satisfying  $x^3 - 1 = 0$ , then the value

of  $\begin{vmatrix} \lambda + 1 & \alpha & \beta \\ \alpha & \lambda + \beta & 1 \\ \beta & 1 & \lambda + 1 \end{vmatrix}$

A. 0

B.  $\lambda^3$

C.  $\lambda^3 + 1$

D.  $\lambda^3 - 1$

**Answer: B**



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62. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} -1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

A.  $-4$

B. 0

C. 1

D. 4

**Answer: D**



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63. In a third order determinant, each element of the first column consists of sum of two terms, each element of the second column consists of sum of three terms and each element of the third column consists of sum of four terms, Then it can be decomposed into four terms, Then it can be decomposed into  $n$  determinants, where  $n$  has value

- A. 1
- B. 9
- C. 16
- D. 24

**Answer: D**



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64. A root of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 3-x & -6 & 3 \\ -6 & 3-x & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & -6-x \end{vmatrix} = 0$

A. 6

B. 3

C. 0

D. none of these

**Answer: C**



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65. For positive numbers  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$ , the numerical value of the

determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \log_x y & \log_x z \\ \log_y x & 1 & \log_y z \\ \log_z x & \log_z y & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is

A. 0

B.  $\log x \log y \log z$

C. 1

D. 8

**Answer: D**



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66. The value of the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20 \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

A. 0

B. -1

C. 2

D. 10

**Answer: C**



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67. If  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4 & 5 & x \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & y \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\Delta$  equals

A.  $(y - 2z + 3x)^2$

B.  $(x - 2y + z)^2$

C.  $(x + y + z)^2$

D.  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - zy - yz - zx$

**Answer: B**



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68. If A, B and C are the angles of a triangle and

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 + \sin A & 1 + \sin B & 1 + \sin C \\ \sin A + \sin^2 A & \sin B + \sin^2 B & \sin C + \sin^2 C \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ then the triangle}$$

ABC is

A. isosceles

B. equilateral

C. right angled isosceles

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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69. If  $a, b,$  and  $c$  are the sides of a triangle and  $A, B$  and  $C$  are the angles opposite to  $a, b,$  and  $c,$  respectively, then

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b \sin A & c \sin A \\ b \sin A & 1 & \cos A \\ c \sin A & \cos A & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

A.  $\sin A \sin B \sin C$

B.  $abc$

C. 1

D. 0

**Answer: D**



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70. If  $[ \ ]$  denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to the real number under consideration, and  $-1 \leq x < 0$ ,  $0 \leq y < 1$ ,  $1 \leq z < 2$ , then find the value of the following determinant:

$$| [x] + 1 [y][z][x][y] + 1 [z][x][y][z] + 1 |$$

A. 2

B. 6

C. 4

D. none of these

Answer: C



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71. Coefficient of  $x$  in  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & (1 + \sin x)^3 & \cos x \\ 1 & \log(1 + x) & 2 \\ x^2 & (1 + x)^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$  is



A. 0

B. 1

C.  $-2$

D. cannot be determined

**Answer: C**



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72. The determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos C & \tan A & 0 \\ \sin B & 0 & -\tan A \\ 0 & \sin B & \cos C \end{vmatrix}$

has the value, where A, B, C are angled of a triangle

A. 0

B. 1

C.  $\sin A \sin B$

D.  $\cos A \cos B \cos C$

**Answer: A**



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73. Using the factor theorem it is found that  $a + b$ ,  $b + c$  and  $c + a$  are three factors of the determinant  $|\begin{matrix} -2a & a + b & a - 2c \\ a + b & -2b & b + c \\ a - 2c & b + c & -2c \end{matrix}|$ . The other factor in the value of the determinant is (a) 4 (b) 2 (c)  $a + b + c$  (d) none of these

A. 4

B. 2

C.  $a + b + c$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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74. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 - bc & 1 \\ b & b^2 - ca & 1 \\ c & c^2 - ab & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A. 1

B. -1

C. 0

D.  $-abc$

**Answer: C**



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75. If  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \pi$ , then the value of the determinant

$\begin{vmatrix} e^{2i\alpha} & e^{-i\gamma} & e^{-i\beta} \\ e^{-i\gamma} & e^{2i\beta} & e^{-i\alpha} \\ e^{-i\beta} & e^{-i\alpha} & e^{2i\gamma} \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A. 4

B. -4

C. 0

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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76. If  $a \neq b \neq c$ , are value of  $x$  which satisfies the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x - a & x - b \\ x + a & 0 & x - c \\ x + b & x + c & 0 \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ is given by}$$

A.  $x = 0$

B.  $x = c$

C.  $x = b$

D.  $x = a$

**Answer: A**



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77. The repeated factor of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} y+z & x & y \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A.  $z - x$

B.  $x - y$

C.  $y - z$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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78. The value of the determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1-a_1^3b_1^3}{1-a_1b_1} & \frac{1-a_1^3b_2^3}{1-a_1b_2} & \frac{1-a_1^3b_3^3}{1-a_1b_3} \\ \frac{1-a_2^3b_1^3}{1-a_2b_1} & \frac{1-a_2^3b_2^3}{1-a_2b_2} & \frac{1-a_2^3b_3^3}{1-a_2b_3} \\ \frac{1-a_3^3b_1^3}{1-a_3b_1} & \frac{1-a_3^3b_2^3}{1-a_3b_2} & \frac{1-a_3^3b_3^3}{1-a_3b_3} \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A. 0

B. dependent only on  $a_1, a_2, a_3$

C. dependent only  $b_1, b_2, b_3$

D. dependent on  $a_1, a_2, a_3b_1, b_2, b_3$

**Answer: D**



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**79.** The determinant

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} b & c & b\alpha + c \\ c & d & c\alpha + d \\ b\alpha + c & c\alpha + d & a\alpha^3 - c\alpha \end{vmatrix}$$

is equal to zero, if

A.  $b, c, d$  are in A.P

B.  $b, c, d$  are in G.P

C.  $b, c, d$  are in H.P

D.  $\alpha$  is a root of  $ax^3 - cx - d = 0$

**Answer: B**



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$$80. \Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1/a & 1 & bc \\ 1/b & 1 & ca \\ 1/c & 1 & ab \end{vmatrix} =$$

A. 0

B.  $abc$

C.  $\frac{1}{abc}$

D. none of these

Answer: A



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$$81. \text{ If } \begin{vmatrix} 1 + ax & 1 + bx & 1 + cx \\ 1 + a_1x & 1 + b_1x & 1 + c_1x \\ 1 + a_2x & 1 + b_2x & 1 + c_2x \end{vmatrix} = A_0 + A_1x + A_2x^2 + A_3x^3, \text{ then}$$

$A_1$  is equal to

A.  $abc$

B. 0

C. 1

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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82. If  $a \neq 0$ ,  $b \neq 0$ ,  $c \neq 0$ , then

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} \text{ is equal to}$$

A.  $abc$

B.  $abc \left( 1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \right)$

C. 0

D.  $1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$

**Answer: B**



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83. If  $1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} = 0$ , then

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} \text{ is equal to}$$

A. 0

B.  $abc$

C.  $-abc$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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84. If  $a, b$  and  $c$  are all different from zero and

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ then the value of } \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} \text{ is}$$

A.  $abc$

B.  $\frac{1}{abc}$

C.  $-a - b - c$

D.  $-1$

**Answer: D**

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**85.** In a  $\triangle ABC$ ,  $a, b, c$  are sides and  $A, B, C$  are angles opposite to them, then the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} a^2 & b \sin A & c \sin A \\ b \sin A & 1 & \cos A \\ c \sin A & \cos A & 1 \end{vmatrix}, \text{ is}$$

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

Answer: A



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86. If  $\begin{vmatrix} -12 & 0 & \lambda \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 15 \end{vmatrix} = -360$ , then the value of  $\lambda$  is

A.  $-1$

B.  $-2$

C.  $-3$

D.  $4$

Answer: C



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87. If  $a_i, i = 1, 2, \dots, 9$  are perfect odd squares, then  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & a_2 & a_3 \\ a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \\ a_7 & a_8 & a_9 \end{vmatrix}$  is

always a multiple of

A. 4

B. 7

C. 16

D. 5

**Answer: A**



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**88.** If the maximum and minimum values of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & \sin 2x \\ \sin^2 x & 1 + \cos^2 x & \sin 2x \\ \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & 1 + \sin 2x \end{vmatrix} \text{ are } \alpha \text{ and } \beta, \text{ then}$$

A.  $\alpha + \beta^{99} = 4$

B.  $\alpha^3 - \beta^{17} = 26$

C.  $\alpha^{2n} - \beta^{2n}$  is always even integer for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

D. a triangle can be constructed having its sides as  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\alpha - \beta$

**Answer: A::B::C**



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89. If  $[x]$  denote the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$  then in order that the set of equations  $x - 3y = 5$ ,  $5x + y = 2$ ,  $[2\pi]x - [e]y = [2a]$  may be consistent then 'a' should lie in

A.  $[3, 7/2)$

B.  $(3, 7/3)$

C.  $(3, 7/3]$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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90. If  $a, b > 0$  and  $\Delta(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & a & a \\ b & x & a \\ b & b & x \end{vmatrix}$ , then

- A.  $\Delta(x)$  is increasing on  $(-\sqrt{ab}, \sqrt{ab})$
- B.  $\Delta(x)$  is decreasing on  $(\sqrt{ab}, \infty)$
- C.  $\Delta(x)$  has a local maximum at  $x = \sqrt{ab}$
- D. none of these

**Answer: C**



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91. Let  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ ,  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}$  and equation  $f(x) - x = 0$  has imaginary roots  $\alpha, \beta$ . If  $r, s$  be the roots of  $f(f(x)) - x = 0$ , then

$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & \alpha & \delta \\ \beta & 0 & \alpha \\ \gamma & \beta & 1 \end{vmatrix}$  is

- A. 0
- B. purely real

C. purely imaginary

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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92. If  $g(x) = \begin{vmatrix} f(x+c) & f(x+2c) & f(x+3c) \\ f(c) & f(2c) & f(3c) \\ f(c) & f'(2c) & f'(3c) \end{vmatrix}$ , where  $c$  is a constant,  
then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{g(x)}{x}$  is equal to

A. 0

B. 1

C. -1

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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93.

If

$$a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = -2 \text{ and } f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 + a^2x & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \\ (1 + a^2)x & 1 + b^2x & (1 + c^2)x \\ (1 + a^2)x & (1 + b^2)x & 1 + c^2x \end{vmatrix},$$

then  $f(x)$  is a polynomial of degree

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

**Answer: C**
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94. Coefficient of  $x$  in  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} x & (1 + \sin x)^3 & \cos x \\ 1 & \log(1 + x) & 2 \\ x^2 & (1 + x)^2 & 0 \end{vmatrix}$  is

A.  $\Delta_2^3$



B.  $\Delta_2^2$

C.  $D \leq ta_2^4$

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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## Chapter Test

1. Consider the system of equations

$$a_1x + b_1y + c_1z = 0$$

$$a_2x + b_2y + c_2z = 0$$

$$a_3x + b_3y + c_3z = 0$$

If  $\begin{vmatrix} a_1 & b_1 & c_1 \\ a_2 & b_2 & c_2 \\ a_3 & b_3 & c_3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the system has

A. more than two solutions

B. one trivial and one non-trivial solutions

C. no solution

D. only trivial solution  $(0, 0, 0)$

**Answer: A**



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2. If  $D = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+y \end{vmatrix}$  for  $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$ , then D is divisible by

A. x but not y

B. y but not x

C. neither x nor y

D. both x and y

**Answer: D**



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3. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x+a & b & c \\ a & x+b & c \\ a & b & x+c \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $x$  equals

A.  $a + b + c$

B.  $-(a + b + c)$

C.  $0, a + b + c$

D.  $0, -(a + b + c)$

**Answer: D**



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4.  $\begin{vmatrix} \sin^2 x & \cos^2 x & 1 \\ \cos^2 x & \sin^2 x & 1 \\ -10 & 12 & 2 \end{vmatrix} =$

A. 0

B.  $12 \cos^2 x - 10 \sin^2 x$

C.  $12 \sin^2 x - 10 \cos^2 x - 2$

D.  $10 \sin 2x$

**Answer: A**



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**5. The system of linear equations**

$$x + y + z = 2$$

$$2x + y - z = 3$$

$$3x + 2y + kz = 4$$

has a unique solution, if

A.  $k \neq 0$

B.  $-1 < k < 1$

C.  $-2 < k < 2$

D.  $k = 0$

**Answer: A**



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6. The roots of the equation

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3x^2 & x^2 + x \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta & x^2 + x \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta \\ x^2 + x \cos \theta + \cos^2 \theta & 3 \cos^2 \theta & 1 + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} \\ x^2 + x \sin \theta + \sin^2 \theta & 1 + \frac{\sin 2\theta}{2} & 3 \sin^2 \theta \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

- A.  $\sin \theta, \cos \theta$
- B.  $\sin^2 \theta, \cos^2 \theta$
- C.  $\sin \theta, \cos^2 \theta$
- D.  $\sin^2 \theta, \cos \theta$

Answer: A

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7.  $\begin{vmatrix} bc & bc' + b'c & b'c' \\ ca & ca' + c'a & c'a' \\ ab & ab' + a'b & a'b' \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

- A.  $(ab - a'b')(bc - b'c')(ca - c'a')$
- B.  $(ab + a'b')(bc + b'c')(ca + c'a')$

$$C. (ab' - a'b)(bc' - b'c)(ca' - c'a)$$

$$D. (ab' + a'b)(bc' + b'c)(ca' + c'a)$$

**Answer: C**



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8. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the cube roots of 8, then 
$$\begin{vmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & \alpha \\ \gamma & \alpha & \beta \end{vmatrix} =$$

A. 0

B. 1

C. 8

D. 2

**Answer: A**



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9. One root of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 3x - 8 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3x - 8 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3x - 8 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  is

A.  $8/3$

B.  $2/3$

C.  $1/3$

D.  $\frac{16}{3}$

**Answer: B**

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10. If  $a, b, c$  are non-zero real numbers then  $D = \begin{vmatrix} b^2c^2 & bc & b+c \\ c^2a^2 & ca & c+a \\ a^2b^2 & ab & a+b \end{vmatrix} =$

(A)  $abc$  (B)  $a^2b^2c^2$  (C)  $bc+ca+ab$  (D)  $0$

A.  $abc$

B.  $a^2b^2c^2$

C.  $ab + bc + ca$

D. 0

**Answer: D**



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11. If  $x, y, z$  are in A.P., then the value of the  $\det (A)$  is , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. none of these

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12. The value of  $\begin{vmatrix} b+c & a & a \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b \end{vmatrix}$ , is

A.  $6abc$

B.  $a + b + c$

C.  $4abc$

D.  $abc$

**Answer: C**

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13. If  $a, b, c$  are non-zero real numbers and if the system of equations  $(a - 1)x = y = z$   $(b - 1)y = z + x$   $(c - 1)z = x + y$  has a non-trivial solution, then prove that  $ab + bc + ca = abc$

A.  $a + b + c$

B.  $abc$

C. 1

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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14. If  $a \neq 6$ ,  $b, c$  satisfy  $\begin{vmatrix} a & 2b & 2c \\ 3 & b & c \\ 4 & a & b \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $abc =$

A.  $a + b + c$

B. 0

C.  $b^3$

D.  $ab + bc$

**Answer: C**



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15. The value of  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 1^2 & 2^2 & 3^2 \\ 2^2 & 3^2 & 4^2 \\ 3^2 & 4^2 & 5^2 \end{vmatrix}$  is

- A.  $-8$
- B.  $-96$
- C.  $400$
- D.  $1$

**Answer: A**



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16. The value of  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & a + b & a + 2b \\ a + 2b & a & a + b \\ a + b & a + 2b & a \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

- A.  $9a^2(a + b)$
- B.  $9b^2(a + b)$
- C.  $a^2(a + b)$
- D.  $b^2(a + b)$

**Answer: B**



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17. If all the elements in a square matrix  $A$  of order 3 are equal to 1 or -1, then  $|A|$ , is

- A. an odd number
- B. an even number
- C. an imaginary number
- D. a real number

**Answer: B**



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18. The roots of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 4 & 20 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2x & 5x^2 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  are

A.  $-1, -2$

B.  $-1, 2$

C.  $1, -2$

D.  $1, 2$

**Answer: B**



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19. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \tan x \\ x^3 & x^2 & x \\ 2x & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2}$ , is

A. 3

B.  $-1$

C. 0

D. 1

**Answer: D**



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20. If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are the angles of a triangle and

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 + \sin A & 1 + \sin B & 1 + \sin C \\ \sin A + \sin^2 A & \sin B + \sin^2 B & \sin C + \sin^2 C \end{vmatrix} = 0, \text{ then the triangle}$$

$ABC$  is

- A. equilateral
- B. isosceles
- C. any triangle
- D. right angled

**Answer: B**



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21. If  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & x \\ 3 & x & 2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & 4 \\ x & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & x \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 5 & x \\ 5 & x & 0 \\ x & 0 & 5 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the value of  $x$  equals ( $x \in R$ ):

A. 0

B. 5

C.  $-5$

D. none of these

**Answer: C**



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22. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a+x & a-x & a-x \\ a-x & a+x & a-x \\ a-x & a-x & a+x \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $x$  is equal to

A. 0,  $2a$

B.  $a$ ,  $2a$

C. 0,  $3a$

D. none of these

**Answer: C**

23. If  $\Delta_1 = \begin{vmatrix} 7 & x & 2 \\ -5 & x+1 & 3 \\ 4 & x & 7 \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & 7 \\ x+1 & 3 & -5 \\ x & 7 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$ , then the value

of  $x$  for which  $\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = 0$ , is

A. 2

B. 0

C. any number

D. none of these

**Answer: D**

24. If  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} 10 & 4 & 3 \\ 17 & 7 & 4 \\ 4 & -5 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$ ,  $\Delta_2 = \begin{vmatrix} 4 & x+5 & 3 \\ 7 & x+12 & 4 \\ -5 & x-1 & 7 \end{vmatrix}$  such that

$\Delta_1 + \Delta_2 = 0$ , then



A.  $x = 5$

B.  $x = 0$

C.  $x$  has no real value

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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25. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a+d & a+2d \\ a^2 & (a+d)^2 & (a+2d)^2 \\ 2a+3d & 2(a+d) & 2a+d \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then

A.  $d = 0$

B.  $a + d = 0$

C.  $d = 0$  or  $a + d = 0$

D. none of these

**Answer: C**

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26. If  $\Delta_k = \begin{vmatrix} k & 1 & 5 \\ k^2 & 2n + 1 & 2n + 1 \\ k^3 & 3n^2 & 3n + 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\sum_{k=1}^n \Delta_k$  is equal to

A.  $2 \sum_{k=1}^n k$

B.  $2 \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$

C.  $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^n k^2$

D. 0

**Answer: B**

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27. If the system of equations

$$bx + ay = c, cx + az = b, cy + bz = a$$

has a unique solution, then

A.  $abc = 1$

B.  $abc = -2$

C.  $abc \neq 0$

D. none of these

**Answer: C**



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28. If  $a, b, c$  are non-zero, then the system of equations  $(\alpha + a)x + \alpha y + \alpha z = 0, \alpha x + (\alpha + b)y + \alpha z = 0, \alpha x + \alpha y + (\alpha + c)z = 0$  has a non-trivial solution if  $\alpha^{-1} = -(a^{-1} + b^{-1} + c^{-1})$  b.  $\alpha^{-1} = a + b + c$  c.  $\alpha + a + b + c = 1$  d. none of these

A.  $\alpha^{-1} = -(a^{-1} + b^{-1} + c^{-1})$

B.  $\alpha^{-1} = a + b + c$

C.  $\alpha + a + b + c = 1$

D. none of these

Answer: A

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29. If  $a, b, c$  be respectively the  $p^{\text{th}}$ ,  $q^{\text{th}}$  and  $r^{\text{th}}$  terms of a H.P., then

$$\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} bc & ca & ab \\ p & q & r \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ equals}$$

A.  $p + q + r$

B.  $(a + b + c)$

C. 1

D. none of these

Answer: D

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30. If  $A = \begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ p & q & r \end{vmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{vmatrix} q & -b & y \\ -p & a & -x \\ r & -c & z \end{vmatrix}$ , then

A.  $A = 2B$

B.  $A = B$

C.  $A = -B$

D. none of these

**Answer: C**



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