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APPLICATIONS OF DERIVATIVES

Single Correct Answer Type

1. The equation of the normal to the curve parametrically represented by $x = t^2 + 3t - 8$ and $y = 2t^2 - 2t - 5$ at the point $P(2, -1)$ is

A. $2x + 3y - 1 = 0$

B. $6x - 7y - 11 = 0$

C. $7x + 6y - 8 = 0$

D. $3x + y - 1 = 0$

Answer: C

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2. In the curve $y = x^3 + ax$ and $y = bx^2 + c$ pass through the point $(-1, 0)$ and have a common tangent line at this point then the value of $a + b + c$ is

A. 0

B. 1

C. -3

D. -1

Answer: D

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3. If the function $f(x) = x^4 + bx^2 + 8x + 1$ has a horizontal tangent and a point of inflection for the same value of x then the value of b is equal to – 1 (b) 1 (c) 6 (d) – 6

A. – 2

B. – 6

C. 6

D. 3

Answer: B



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4. Let $f(x) = x^3 + x + 1$ and let $g(x)$ be its inverse function then equation of the tangent to $y = g(x)$ at $x = 3$ is

A. $x - 4y + 1 = 0$

B. $x + 4y - 1 = 0$

C. $4x - y + 1 = 0$

D. $4x + y - 1 = 0$

Answer: A



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5. A curve is represented parametrically by the equations $x = t + e^{at}$ and $y = -t + e^{at}$ when $t \in \mathbb{R}$ and $a > 0$. If the curve touches the axis of x at the point A, then the coordinates of the point A are

A. $(1, 0)$

B. $(2e, 0)$

C. $(e, 0)$

D. $(1/e, 0)$

Answer: B

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6. The equation of the straight lines which are both tangent and normal to the curve $27x^2 = 4y^3$ are

A. $x = \pm \sqrt{2}(y - 2)$

B. $x = \pm \sqrt{3}(y - 2)$

C. $x = \pm \sqrt{2}(y - 3)$

D. $x = \pm \sqrt{3}(y - 3)$

Answer: A

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7. If the tangent at $(1, 1)$ on $y^2 = x(2 - x)^2$ meets the curve again at P , then find coordinates of P

A. $(4, 4)$

B. $(2, 0)$

C. $\left(\frac{9}{4}, \frac{3}{8}\right)$

D. $\left(3, 3^{1/2}\right)$

Answer: C



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8. A curve with equation of the form $y = ax^4 + bx^3 + cx + d$ has zero gradient at the point $(0, 1)$ and also touches the x - axis at the point $(-1, 0)$ then the value of x for which the curve has a negative gradient are:

A. $x > -1$

B. $x > 1$

C. $x < -1$

D. $-1 \leq x \leq 1$

Answer: C



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9. Find Distance between the points for which lines that pass through the point $(1, 1)$ and are tangent to the curve represent parametrically as $x = 2t - t^2$ and $y = t + t^2$

A. $\frac{2\sqrt{43}}{9}$

B. 2

C. 3

D. $\frac{2\sqrt{53}}{9}$

Answer: D

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10. The value of parameter t so that the line $(4 - t)x + ty + (a^3 - 1) = 0$ is normal to the curve $xy = 1$ may lie in the interval

- A. $(1, 4)$
- B. $(-\infty, 0) \cup (4, \infty)$
- C. $(-4, 4)$
- D. $[3, 4]$

Answer: B

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11. The tangent at any point on the curve $x = at^3$. $y = at^4$ divides the abscissa of the point of contact in the ratio $m:n$, then $|n + m|$ is equal to (m and n are co-prime)

A. $1/4$

B. $3/4$

C. $3/2$

D. $2/5$

Answer: B



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12. The length of the sub-tangent to the hyperbola $x^2 - 4y^2 = 4$ corresponding to the normal having slope unity is $\frac{1}{\sqrt{k}}$, then the value of k is

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: C



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13. Cosine of the acute angle between the curve $y = 3^{x-1} \log_e x$ and $y = x^x - 1$, at the point of intersection $(1, 0)$ is

A. 0

B. 1

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

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

Answer: B



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14. Acute angle between two curve $x^2 + y^2 = a^2\sqrt{2}$ and $x^2 - y^2 = a^2$ is

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

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

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

D. none of these

Answer: C



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15. The minimum distance between a point on the curve $y = e^x$ and a point on the curve $y = \log_e x$ is

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

B. $\sqrt{2}$

C. 3

D. $2\sqrt{2}$

Answer: B



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16. Tangents are drawn from origin to the curve $y = \sin x + \cos x$

Then their points of contact lie on the curve

A. $\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{2}{y^2} = 1$

B. $\frac{2}{x^2} - \frac{1}{y^2} = 1$

$$C. \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2} = 1$$

$$D. \frac{2}{y^2} - \frac{1}{x^2} = 1$$

Answer: D



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17. If $3x + 2y = 1$ is a tangent to $y = f(x)$ at $x = 1/2$, then

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(x-1)}{f\left(\frac{e^{2x}}{2}\right) - f\left(\frac{e^{-2x}}{2}\right)}$$

A. $1/3$

B. $1/2$

C. $1/6$

D. $1/7$

Answer: A



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18. Distance of point P on the curve $y = x^{3/2}$ which is nearest to the point M (4, 0) from origin is

A. $\sqrt{\frac{112}{27}}$

B. $\sqrt{\frac{100}{27}}$

C. $\sqrt{\frac{101}{9}}$

D. $\sqrt{\frac{112}{9}}$

Answer: A

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19. If the equation of the normal to the curve $y = f(x)$ at $x = 0$ is $3x - y + 3 = 0$ then the value of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\{f(x^2) - 5f(4x^2) + 4f(7x^2)\}}$$
 is

A. -3

B. $1/3$

C. 3

D. $-1/3$

Answer: D



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20. The rate of change of $\sqrt{x^2 + 16}$ with respect to $\frac{x}{x-1}$ at $x = 3$ is

A. 1

B. $\frac{11}{5}$

C. $-\frac{12}{5}$

D. -3

Answer: C



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21. The eccentricity of the ellipse $3x^2 + 4y^2 = 12$ is decreasing at the rate of 0.1 per sec. The time at which it will coincide with auxiliary circle is:

- A. 2 seconds
- B. 3 seconds
- C. 5 seconds
- D. 6 seconds

Answer: C



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22. A particle moves along the parabola $y = x^2$ in the first quadrant in such a way that its x-coordinate (measured in metres) increases at a rate of 10 m/sec. If the angle of inclination θ of the line joining the particle to the origin change, when $x = 3$ m, at the rate of k rad/sec., then the value of k is

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. $1/2$
- D. $1/3$

Answer: A



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23. The rate of change of volume of a sphere is equal to the rate of change of its radius, then its radius is equal to (a) 1 unit (b) units (c) unit (d) unit

A. 1

B. 2

C. 0.5

D. none of these

Answer: B

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24. Water is dropped at the rate of $2m^2/s$ into a cone of semivertical angle of 45° . The rate at which periphery of water surface changes when height of water in the cone is 2 m, is

A. $0.5m/s$

B. $2m/s$

C. $3m/s$

D. $1m/s$

Answer: D



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25. Suppose that water is emptied from a spherical tank of radius 10 cm. If the depth of the water in the tank is 4 cm and is decreasing at the rate of 2 cm/sec, then the radius of the top surface of water is decreasing at the rate of

A. 1

B. $2/3$

C. $3/2$

D. 2

Answer: C



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26. The altitude of a cone is 20 cm and its semi-vertical angle is 30° . If the semi-vertical angle is increasing at the rate of 2° per second, then the radius of the base is increasing at the rate of

A. 30 cm/sec

B. $\frac{160}{3}$ cm/sec

C. 10 cm/sec

D. 160 cm/sec

Answer: B



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27. Let the equation of a curve be $x = a(\theta + \sin \theta)$, $y = a(1 - \cos \theta)$. If θ changes at a constant rate k then the rate of change of the slope of the tangent to the curve at $\theta = \frac{\pi}{3}$ is (a) $\frac{2k}{\sqrt{3}}$ (b) $\frac{k}{\sqrt{3}}$ (c) k (d) none of these

A. $2k / \sqrt{3}$

B. $k / \sqrt{3}$

C. k

D. none of these

Answer: D



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28. Consider

$$f(x) = |1 - x|, 1 \leq x \leq 2 \text{ and } g(x) = f(x) + b \sin. \frac{\pi}{2}x, 1 \leq x \leq 2$$

then which of the following is correct?

- A. Rolle's theorem is applicable to both f and g with $b = \frac{3}{2}$.
- B. LMVT is not applicable to f and Rolle's theorem is applicable to g with $b = \frac{1}{2}$.
- C. LMVT is applicable to f and Rolle's theorem is applicable to g with $b = 1$.
- D. Rolle's theorem is not applicable to both f and g for any real b .

Answer: C



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29. If $c = \frac{1}{2}$ and $f(x) = 2x - x^2$, then interval of x in which LMVT is applicable, is

A. (1, 2)

B. (− 1, 1)

C. (0, 1)

D. (2, 1)

Answer: C



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30. If a twice differentiable function $f(x)$ on (a, b) and continuous on $[a, b]$ is such that $f''(x) < 0$ for all $x \in (a, b)$ then for any

$$c \in (a, b), \frac{f(c) - f(a)}{f(b) - f(c)} >$$

A. $\frac{b - c}{c - a}$

B. $\frac{c - a}{b - c}$

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

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

Answer: B



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31. Let $a, n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $a \geq n^3$. Then $\sqrt[3]{a+1} - \sqrt[3]{a}$ is always

A. less than $\frac{1}{3n^2}$

B. less than $\frac{1}{2n^3}$

C. more than $\frac{1}{n^3}$

D. more than $\frac{1}{4n^2}$

Answer: A



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32. Given $f'(1) = 1$ and $f(2x) = f(x) \forall x > 0$. If $f'(x)$ is differentiable, then there exists a number $c \in (2, 4)$ such that $f''(c)$ equal

A. $1/4$

B. $-1/2$

C. $-1/4$

D. $-1/8$

Answer: D



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Multiple Correct Answer Type

1. Equation of a line which is tangent to both the curve

$$y = x^2 + 1 \text{ and } y = x^2 \text{ is } y = \sqrt{2}x + \frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{b}) \quad y = \sqrt{2}x - \frac{1}{2}$$

$$y = -\sqrt{2}x + \frac{1}{2} \quad (\text{d}) \quad y = -\sqrt{2}x - \frac{1}{2}$$

A. $y = \sqrt{2}x - \frac{1}{2}$

B. $y = \sqrt{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$

C. $y = -\sqrt{2}x + \frac{1}{2}$

D. $y = -\sqrt{2}x - \frac{1}{2}$

Answer: B::C::D



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2. For the functions defined parametrically by the equations

$$f(t) = x = \begin{cases} 2t + t^2 \sin. \frac{1}{t} & t \neq 0 \\ 0 & t = 0 \end{cases} \text{ and}$$

$$g(t) = y = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{t} \sin t^2 & t \neq 0 \\ 0 & t = 0 \end{cases}$$

A. equation of tangent at $t = 0$ is $x - 2y = 0$

B. equation of normal at $t = 0$ is $2x + y = 0$

C. tangent does not exist at $t = 0$

D. normal does not exist at $t = 0$

Answer: A:B



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3. Prove that the segment of the normal to the curve $x = 2a \sin t + a \sin t \cos^2 t$; $y = -a \cos^3 t$ contained between the co-ordinate axes is equal to $2a$.

A. normal is inclined at an angle $\frac{\pi}{2} + t$ with x-axis.

B. normal is inclined at an angle t with x-axis.

C. portion of normal contained between the co-ordinate axes is equal to $2a$.

D. portion of normal contained between the co-ordinate axes is equal to $4a$.

Answer: A:C

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4. The curve $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx$ is inclined at 45° to x-axis at $(0, 0)$ but it touches x-axis at $(1, 0)$, then

A. $f'(1) = 0$

B. $f''(1) = 2$

C. $f'''(2) = 12$

D. $f(2) = 2$

Answer: A::B::D

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5. If L_T , L_N , L_{ST} and L_{SN} denote the lengths of tangent, normal sub-tangent and sub-normal, respectively, of a curve $y = f(x)$ at a point $P(2009, 2010)$ on it, then

A. $\frac{L_{ST}}{2010} = \frac{2010}{L_{SN}}$

B. $\left| \frac{L_T}{L_N} \sqrt{\frac{L_{SN}}{L_{ST}}} \right| = \text{constant}$

C. $1 - L_{ST}L_{SN} = \frac{2000}{2010}$

D. $\left(\frac{L_T + L_N}{L_T - L_N} \right)^2 = \frac{L_{ST}}{L_{SN}}$

Answer: A::B

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6. Which of the following pair(s) of family is/are orthogonal?

where c and k are arbitrary constant.

A. $16x^2 + y^2 = c$ and $y^{16} = kx$

B. $y = x + ce^{-x}$ and $x + 2 = y + ke^{-y}$

C. $y = cx^2$ and $x^2 + 2y^2 = k$

D. $x^2 - y^2 = c$ and $xy = k$

Answer: A::B::C::D



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7. Let $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 - x & 5 - 3x^2 & 3x^3 - 1 \\ 2x^2 - 1 & 3x^5 - 1 & 7x^8 - 1 \end{vmatrix}$ then the equation of

$f(x) = 0$ has

A. $f(x) = 0$ has at least two real roots

B. $f'(x) = 0$ has at least one real root.

C. $f(x)$ is many-one function

D. none of these

Answer: A::B::C

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8. Which of the following is correct ?

A. $\frac{\tan^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} y}{x - y} \leq 1 \forall x, y \in R, (x \neq y)$

B. $\frac{\sin^{-1} x - \sin^{-1} y}{x - y} > 1 \forall x, y \in [-1, 1], x \neq y$

C. $\frac{\cos^{-1} x - \cos^{-1} y}{x - y} < 1 \forall x, y \in [-1, 1], x \neq y$

D. $\frac{\cot^{-1} x - \cot^{-1} y}{x - y} < 1 \forall x, y \in R, x \neq y$

Answer: A::B

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1. A lamp post of length 10 meter placed at the end A of a ladder AB of length 13 meters, which is leaning against a vertical wall as shown in figure and its base slides away from the wall. At the instant base B is 12 m from the vertical wall, the base B is moving at the rate of 5 m/sec. A man (M) of height 1.5 meter standing at a distance of 15 m from the vertical wall.



Rate at which θ decreases, when the base B is 12 m from the vertical wall, is

- A. 1 rad/sec
- B. 2 rad/sec
- C. 5 rad/sec
- D. $\frac{1}{2}$ rad/sec

Answer: A



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2. A lamp post of length 10 meter placed at the end A of a ladder AB of length 13 meters, which is leaning against a vertical wall as shown in figure and its base slides away from the wall. At the instant base B is 12 m from the vertical wall, the base B is moving at the rate of 5 m/sec. A man (M) of height 1.5 meter standing at a distance of 15 m from the vertical wall.



The rate at which the length of shadow of man increases, when the base B is 12 m from vertical wall, is

A. 15 m/sec

B. $\frac{40}{27}$ m/sec

C. $\frac{15}{2}$ m/sec

D. 5 m/sec

Answer: B



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3. Let $f(x)$ be a function such that its derivative $f'(x)$ is continuous in $[a, b]$ and differentiable in (a, b) . Consider a function $\phi(x) = f(b) - f(x) - (b - x)f'(x) - (b - x)^2 \lambda$. If Rolle's theorem is applicable to $\phi(x)$ on $[a, b]$, answer following questions. If there exists some number c ($a < c < b$) such that $\phi'(c) = 0$ and $f(b) = f(a) + (b - a)f'(a) + \lambda(b - a)^2 f''(c)$, then λ is

A. 1

B. 0

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

D. $-\frac{1}{2}$

Answer: C



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4. Let $f(x)$ be a function such that its derivative $f'(x)$ is continuous in $[a, b]$ and differentiable in (a, b) . Consider a function $\phi(x) = f(b) - f(x) - (b - x)f'(x) - (b - x)^2 A$. If Rolle's theorem is applicable to $\phi(x)$ on $[a, b]$, answer following questions.

Let $f(x) = x^3 - 3x + 3$, $a = 1$ and $b = 1 + h$. If there exists $c \in (1, 1 + h)$ such that $\phi'(c) = 0$ and $\frac{f(1 + h) - f(1)}{h^2} = \lambda c$,

then $\lambda =$

A. $1/2$

B. 2

C. 3

D. does not exist

Answer: C



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5. Let $f(x)$ be a function such that its derivative $f'(x)$ is continuous in $[a, b]$ and differentiable in (a, b) . Consider a function $\phi(x) = f(b) - f(x) - (b - x)f'(x) - (b - x)^2 A$. If Rolle's theorem is applicable to $\phi(x)$ on $[a, b]$, answer following questions.

Let $f(x) = \sin x$, $a = \alpha$ and $b = \alpha + h$. If there exists a real number t such that $0 < t < 1$, $\phi'(\alpha + th) = 0$ and $\frac{\sin(\alpha + h) - \sin \alpha - h \cos \alpha}{h^2} = \lambda \sin(\alpha + th)$, then $\lambda =$

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

B. $-\frac{1}{2}$

C. $\frac{1}{4}$

D. $\frac{1}{3}$

Answer: B

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Subjective Type

1. Prove that for $\lambda > 1$, the equation $x \log x + x = \lambda$ has least one solution in $[1, \lambda]$.

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2. If $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ are continuous and differentiable functions, then prove that there exists $c \in [a, b]$ such that

$$\frac{f'(c)}{f(a) - f(c)} + \frac{g'(c)}{g(b) - g(c)} = 1.$$

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