



## MATHS

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#### DETERMINANTS

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1. If  $A = \begin{vmatrix} 1+i & -i \\ -i & -3i \\ i & 4+5i \end{vmatrix}$  then  $\det(A)$  is

- A. complex number with positive real part
- B. complex number with negative imaginary part
- C. pure imaginary
- D. real

**Answer: D**



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2. Let  $A = \begin{pmatrix} \cos a & -\sin a & 0 \\ \sin a & \cos a & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  then

A.  $A_{a+\beta} = A_a A_\beta$

B.  $A_a^{-1} = A_a$

C.  $A_a^{-1} = -A_a$

D.  $A_a^2 = -I$

**Answer: A**



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3. The value of 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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4. 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. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

**Answer: C**



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5. The determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} xp + y & x & y \\ yp + z & y & z \\ 0 & xp + y & yp + z \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , if

- A. x, y and z are in AP
- B. x, y and z are in GP
- C. x, y and z are in HP
- D. xy, yz and zx are in AP

**Answer: B**

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6. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a - b - c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b - c - a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c - a - b \end{vmatrix} = k(a + b + c)^3$ , then k is equal

to

- A. 0
- B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

**Answer: B**



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7. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are cube roots of unity, then the value of

$$\begin{vmatrix} e^\alpha & e^{2\alpha} & (e^{3\alpha} - 1) \\ e^\beta & e^{2\beta} & (e^{3\beta} - 1) \\ e^\gamma & e^{2\gamma} & (e^{3\gamma} - 1) \end{vmatrix} =$$

A. 0

B. e

C.  $e^2$

D.  $e^3$

**Answer: A**



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8. If  $\begin{vmatrix} a & a^2 & 1 + a^3 \\ b & b^2 & 1 + b^3 \\ c & c^2 & 1 + c^3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$  and vectors  $(1, a, a^2)$ ,  $(1, b, b^2)$  and  $(1, c, c^2)$  are non-coplanar, then the value of  $abc + 1$  is

A. 2

B. -1

C. 1

D. 0

**Answer: B**

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9. Let  $px^4 + qx^3 + rx^2 + sx + t = \begin{vmatrix} x^2 + 3x & x - 1 & x + 3 \\ x + 1 & -2 & x - 4 \\ x - 3 & x + 4 & 3x \end{vmatrix}$  be an

identity where p,q,r,s and t are constants, then the value of s is equal to

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. -1

**Answer: A**



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

$$\begin{vmatrix} \log a_n, \log a_{n+1}, \log a_{n+2} \\ \log a_{n+3}, \log a_{n+4}, \log a_{n+5} \\ \log a_{n+6}, \log a_{n+7}, \log a_{n+8} \end{vmatrix} \text{ is}$$

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 4

Answer: A

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11. If  $f(y) = \begin{vmatrix} a & -1 & 0 \\ ay & a & -1 \\ ay^2 & ay & a \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $f(2y) - f(y)$  is divisible by

A.  $y^3$

B. 0

C.  $2a + 3y$

D.  $y^2$

Answer: C

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12. Suppose  $\begin{vmatrix} x + 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 2 & x + 2 & 5 \\ 2 & 3 & x + 4 \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then the value of  $x$  is equal to



A. 1, 9

B. -1, 9

C. -1, -9

D. 1, -9

**Answer: D**



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13. If  $a + b + c = 0$ , then one root of  $\begin{vmatrix} a - n & c & b \\ c & b - n & a \\ b & a & c - n \end{vmatrix} = 0$  is

A.  $n = 1$

B.  $n = 2$

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

D.  $n = 0$

**Answer: D**



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14. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & 5\alpha & \alpha \\ 0 & \alpha & 5\alpha \\ 0 & 0 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$  if  $|A^2| = 25$ , then  $|\alpha|$  equals :

A.  $5^2$

B. 1

C.  $\frac{1}{5}$

D. 5

Answer: C



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15. 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

A. divisible by neither  $x$  nor  $y$

B. divisible by both  $x$  and  $y$

C. divisible byx but noty

D. divisible byy but notx

**Answer: B**



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

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 + \sin A & 1 + \sin B & 1 + \sin C \\ \sin A + \sin^2 A & \sin B + \sin^2 B & \sin C + \sin^2 C \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

then prove that  $\Delta ABC$  must be isosceles.

A. right angled triangle

B. equilateral triangle

C. isosceles triangle

D. scalene triangle

**Answer: C**



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17. Prove that  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a + bx & c + dx & p + qx \\ ax + b & cx + d & px + q \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix} = (1 - x^2) \begin{vmatrix} a & c & p \\ b & d & q \\ u & c & w \end{vmatrix}$

A.  $\begin{vmatrix} a & c & p \\ b & d & q \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix}$

B.  $\begin{vmatrix} a & c & p \\ d & b & q \\ w & v & u \end{vmatrix}$

C.  $(1 - x^2) \begin{vmatrix} a & c & p \\ b & d & q \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix}$

D.  $(x^2 - 1) \begin{vmatrix} a & c & p \\ b & d & q \\ u & v & w \end{vmatrix}$

**Answer: C**



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18. If  $1, \omega, \omega^2$  are the cube 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. 1

C.  $\omega$

D.  $\omega^2$

**Answer: A**

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**19.** 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.  $> 0$

B.  $\geq 0$

C.  $< 0$

D.  $\leq 0$

Answer: C



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$$20. \left| \begin{array}{ccc} n & n+1 & n+2 \\ {}^n P_n & {}^{(n+1)} P_{(n+1)} & {}^{(n+2)} P_{(n+2)} \\ {}^n C_n & {}^{(n+1)} C_{(n+1)} & {}^{(n+2)} C_{(n+2)} \end{array} \right| \text{ is equal to}$$

A.  $n(n!)$

B.  $(n+1)(n+1)!$

C.  $(n+2)(n+2)!$

D.  $(n^2 + n + 1)n!$

Answer: D



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21. When the determinant  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos 2x & \sin^2 x & \cos 4x \\ \sin^2 x & \cos 2x & \cos^2 x \\ \cos 4x & \cos^2 x & \cos 2x \end{vmatrix}$  is expanded in

powers of  $\sin x$ , the constant term in than or equal to expression is

A. 0

B. 1

C. -1

D. 2

**Answer: C**

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

A. 0

B. 50

C. 1

D. - 50

**Answer: A**



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23. 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.  $a^3 + b^3 + c^2 - 3abc$

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

C. 0

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

**Answer: C**



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24. If the number of distinct real roots of

$$\begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x \end{vmatrix} = 0 \text{ in the interval } -\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4} \text{ is}$$

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

**Answer: B**



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25. for  $x, y, z > 0$  Prove that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \log_x y & \log_x z \\ \log_y x & 1 & \log_y z \\ \log_z x & \log_z y & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

A. 0

B. 1

C.  $-1$

D. none

**Answer: A**



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26. If 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 4\theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & 1 + \cos^2 \theta & 4 \sin 4\theta \\ \sin^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta & 1 + 4 \sin 4\theta \end{vmatrix} = 0$$
, then  $\theta$  is equal to

A.  $\frac{7\pi}{24}, \frac{11\pi}{24}$

B.  $\frac{5\pi}{24}, \frac{7\pi}{24}$

C.  $\frac{11\pi}{24}, \frac{\pi}{24}$

D.  $\frac{\pi}{24}, \frac{7\pi}{24}$

**Answer: A**



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27. If  $\alpha, \beta$  &  $\gamma$  are the roots the equations  $x^3 + px + q = 0$  then the value

of the determinant 
$$\begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & \alpha \\ \gamma & \alpha & \beta \end{bmatrix}$$

A. 0

B. -2

C. 2

D. 4

**Answer: A**



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28. If  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = -2$  and

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 + a^2x & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \\ (1 + a^2)x & 1 + b^2x & (1 + c^2)x \\ (1 + a^2)x & (1 + b^2)x & (1 + c^2)x \end{vmatrix}$$
 then  $f(x)$  is a polynomial of degree

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. 3

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

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

A.  $-a^3$

B.  $a^3 - ab$

C.  $a^3$

D.  $a^2 - 3b$

**Answer: C**



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30. The parameter, on which the value of the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ \cos(p-d)x & \cos px & \cos(p+d)x \\ \sin(p-d)x & \sin px & \sin(p+d)x \end{vmatrix}$$
 does not depend, is

A. a

B. p

C. d

D. x

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31.

If

$$e^{i\theta} = \cos \theta + i \sin \theta, A + B + C = \pi \text{ and } z = \begin{vmatrix} e^{2iA} & e^{-iC} & e^{-iB} \\ e^{-iC} & e^{2iB} & e^{-iA} \\ e^{-iB} & e^{-iA} & e^{2iC} \end{vmatrix},$$

then

A.  $Re(z) = 4$

B.  $\text{Im}(z) = 0$

C.  $\text{Re}(z) = -4$

D.  $\text{Im}(z) = -1$

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**32.** 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.  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 1 \\ \cos \beta & \sin \beta & 1 \\ \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma & 1 \end{vmatrix}^2$

B.  $\begin{vmatrix} \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \beta & \cos \beta & 0 \\ \sin \gamma & \cos \gamma & 0 \end{vmatrix}^2$

C.  $\begin{vmatrix} \cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ \sin \beta & 0 & \cos \beta \\ 0 & \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma \end{vmatrix}^2$

D. none of these

**Answer: B**



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**33.** If  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  are angles of a triangle then the determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} -1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ \cos C & -1 & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos A & -1 \end{vmatrix} \text{ is equal to}$$

A. 0

B.  $-1$

C. 1

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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34. If 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 2bc - a^2 & c^2 & b^2 \\ c^2 & 2ca - b^2 & a^2 \\ b^2 & a^2 & 2ab - c^2 \end{vmatrix} = (a^3 + b^3 + c^3 + kabc)^2$$
, then the value of k is

A. 3

B. -3

C. 4

D. 0

Answer: B



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35.

If

$\alpha, \beta \neq 0$  and  $f(n) = \alpha^n + \beta^n$  and 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 1 + f(1) & 1 + f(2) \\ 1 + f(1) & 1 + f(2) & 1 + f(3) \\ 1 + f(2) & 1 + f(3) & 1 + f(4) \end{vmatrix} = k(1$$

, then k is equal to

A.  $\alpha\beta$



B.  $\frac{1}{\alpha\beta}$

C. 1

D. -1

**Answer: C**



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**36.** Using the factor theorem it is found that  $a + b$ ,  $b + c$  and  $c + a$  are three factors of the determinant  $|\begin{matrix} -2a & a + b + c \\ a - 2 & + ac + b - 2c \end{matrix}|$ . 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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**37.** If the coordinates of the vertices of an equilateral triangle with sides of length  $a$  are  $(x_1, y_1)$ ,  $(x_2, y_2)$  and  $(x_3, y_3)$  then

$$\begin{vmatrix} x_1 & y_1 & 1 \\ x_2 & y_2 & 1 \\ x_3 & y_3 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \frac{3a^4}{4}$$

A.  $\frac{3a^4}{4}$

B.  $\frac{3a^5}{4}$

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

D.  $\frac{3a^2}{4}$

**Answer: A**



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38. The equations  $\lambda x - y = 2$ ,  $2x - 3y = -\lambda$  and  $3x - 2y = -1$  are consistent for

A.  $\lambda = -4$

B.  $\lambda = -1, 4$

C.  $\lambda = -1$

D.  $\lambda = 1, -4$

**Answer: B**



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39. If the equations are  $x + y - 3 = 0$

$(1 + \beta)x + (2 + \beta)y - 8 = 0$  and  $x - (1 + \beta)y + (2 + \beta) = 0$ , then

the value of  $\beta$  for the consistent solution, is

A. 2

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

C.  $\frac{-5}{3}$

D.  $\frac{5}{3}$

**Answer: C**



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40. If  $a > b > c$  and the system of equations  $ax + by + cz = 0, bx + cy + az = 0, cx + ay + bz = 0$  has a non-trivial solution then both the roots of the quadratic equation

$$at^2 + bt + c \text{ are}$$

A. non-real

B. of opposite sign

C. positive

D. complex

**Answer: B**



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41. The value of  $a$  for which the system of equations

$$a^3x + (a + 1)^3y + (a + 2)^3z = 0$$

$$ax + (a + 1)y + (a + 2)z = 0$$

$$x + y + z = 0$$

has a non-zero solution is

A.  $-1$

B.  $2$

C.  $3$

D.  $-2$

**Answer: A**



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42. The number of values of  $k$  which the linear equations

$$4x + ky + 2z = 0$$

$$kx + 4y + z = 0$$

$$2x + 2y + z = 0$$

Possess a non-zero solution is

A. 2

B. 1

C. 0

D. 3

**Answer: A**



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43. If the trivial solution is the only solution of the system of equations

$$x - ky + z = 0$$

$$kx + 3y - kz = 0$$

$$3x + y - z = 0$$

Then, the set of all values of  $k$  is

A.  $(2, -3)$

B.  $R - \{2, -3\}$

C.  $R - \{2\}$

D.  $R - \{-3\}$

**Answer: B**



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**44.** Consider the system of linear equations

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

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

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

Then, the system has

A. infinite number of solutions

B. exactly 3 solutions

C. a unique solution

D. no solution

**Answer: D**



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1. The system of equations  $x - y + 3z = 4$ ,  $x + z = 2$ ,  $x + y - z = 0$  has

A. a unique solution

B. finitely many solutions

C. infinitely many solutions

D. none of these



**Answer: C**



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2. If  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & a & a^2 \\ 1 & b & b^2 \\ 1 & c & c^2 \end{vmatrix} = k(a - b)(b - c)(c - a)$ , then  $k$  is equal to

A.  $-2$

B.  $1$

C.  $2$

D.  $abc$

**Answer: B**



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3.  $\begin{vmatrix} a + b & a & b \\ a & a + c & c \\ b & c & b + c \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

A.  $4abc$

B.  $abc$

C.  $a^2b^2c^2$

D.  $4a^2bc$

**Answer: A**



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4. The system  $x + 4y - 2z = 3$ ,  $3x + y + 5z = 7$  and  $2x + 3y + z = 5$  has

A. infinite number of solutions

B. unique solution

C. trivial solution

D. no solution

**Answer: D**

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5. If the three points  $(k, 2k)$   $(2k, 3k)$   $(3, 1)$  are collinear, then  $k$  is equal to

A.  $-2$

B.  $1$

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

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

**Answer: A**

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6. 
$$\begin{vmatrix} a - b - c & 2a & 2a \\ 2b & b - c - a & 2b \\ 2c & 2c & c - a - b \end{vmatrix}$$

A.  $(a - b - c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)$

B.  $(a + b + c)^3$

C.  $(a + b + c)(ab + bc + ca)$

D. none of the above

**Answer: B**



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7. If  $\omega$  is cube root of unity, then  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \omega & \omega^2 \\ \omega & \omega^2 & 1 \\ \omega^2 & 1 & \omega \end{vmatrix}$  is equal to

A. 1

B.  $\omega$

C.  $\omega^2$

D. 0

**Answer: D**



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8. The equations

$$x + 2y + 3z = 1$$

$$2x + y + 3z = 1$$

$$5x + 5y + 9z = 4$$

- A. there is only one solution
- B. there exists infinitely many solutions
- C. there is no solution
- D. none of the above

**Answer: A**



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

B.  $8 \cos^3 \theta - 4 \cos \theta + 6$

C.  $\frac{2 \sin 2\theta}{\sin \theta}$

D.  $8 \cos^3 \theta + 4 \cos \theta + 6$

**Answer: B**



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10. The solutions of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} x & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & x \\ -1 & 2 & x \end{vmatrix} = 0$  are

A. 3, -1

B. -3, 1

C. 3, 1

D. -3, -1

**Answer: A**



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11.  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 \theta & \sin^2 \theta & \sin^2 \theta \\ \cos^2 \theta & 1 + \cos^2 \theta & \cos^2 \theta \\ 4 \sin 4\theta & 4 \sin 4\theta & 1 + 4 \sin 4\theta \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  $\sin 4\theta$  equals to

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

B. 1

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

D. -1

**Answer: C**



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12. Let the homogeneous system of linear equations  $px + y + z = 0$ ,  $x + qy + z = 0$  and  $x + y + rz = 0$ , where  $p, q, r \neq 1$ , have a non-zero solution, then the value of  $\frac{1}{1-p} + \frac{1}{1-q} + \frac{1}{1-r}$  is

A. -1

B. 0

C. 2

D. 1

**Answer: D**



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**13.** Let the determinant of a  $3 \times 3$  matrix  $A$  be 6, then  $B$  is a matrix defined by  $B = 5A^2$ . Then, determinant of  $B$  is

A. 180

B. 100

C. 80

D. none of these

**Answer: A**



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