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PARABOLA

Multiple Choice Question Level I

1. If the focus of a parabola is $(0, -3)$ and its directrix is $y = 3$ then its equation is

A. $x^2 = -12y$

B. $x^2 = 12y$

C. $y^2 = -12x$

D. $y^2 = 12x$

Answer: A



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2. If the parabola $y^2 - 4ax$ passes through the point (3,2) then the length of its latus rectum is

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

B. $\frac{4}{3}$

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

D. 4

Answer: B



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3. If the vertex of a parabola is the point $(-3, 0)$ and the directrix is the line $x + 5 = 0$, then its equation is

A. $y^2 = 8(x + 3)$

B. $x^2 = 8(y + 3)$

C. $y^2 = -8(x + 3)$

D. $y^2 = 8(x + 5)$

Answer: A



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4. The area of the triangle formed by the line joining the vertex of the parabola $x^2 = 12y$ to the ends of Latus rectum is

A. 12 sq units

B. 16 sq units

C. 18 sq units

D. 24 sq units

Answer: C



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5. The equation of the lines joining the vertex of the parabola $y^2 = 6x$ to the points on the parabola which have abscissa 24 are

A. $y \pm 2x = 0$

B. $2ypxx = 0$

C. $x \pm 2y = 0$

D. $2x \pm y = 0$

Answer: B



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6. The focus of the parabola

$x^2 - 8x + 2y + 7 = 0$ is

A. $\left(0, \frac{1}{2}\right)$

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

C. $(4, 4)$

D. $\left(-4, -\frac{9}{2}\right)$

Answer: C



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7. The co - ordinates of a point on the parabola

$y^2 = 8x$ whose focal distance is 4 are :

A. $(1 \pm 2\sqrt{2})$

B. (2 ± 4)

C. $\left(\frac{1}{2}, px^2\right)$

D. none of these

Answer: B



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8. Length of focal of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ making an angle α with the axis of the parabola is

A. $4a \sec^2 \alpha$

B. $a \cos ec^2 \alpha$

C. $4a \cos ec^2 \alpha$

D. none of these

Answer: C



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9. The latus rectum of the parabola

$$y^2 = 5x + 4y + 1 \text{ is}$$

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

B. 10

C. 5

D. $\frac{5}{2}$

Answer: C



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10. Consider the equation of the parabola $y^2 + 4ax = 0$ where $a > 0$ which of the following is false

A. vertex of the parabola is at the origin

B. focus of the parabola is $(a,0)$

C. directrix of the parabola is $x=0$

D. tangent at the vertex is $x=0$

Answer: B



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11. The point of intersection of the tangents at the ends of the latus rectum of the parabola

$$y^2 = 4x \text{ is}$$

A. $(-1, 0)$

B. $(0, -1)$

C. $(1, 1)$

D. $(-1, -1)$

Answer: A



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12. If $x+y=k$ is a normal to the parabola $y^2 = 12x$ then it touches the parabola

A. $y^2 = -9x$

B. $y^2 = -12x$

C. $y^2 = -16x$

D. $y^2 = -36x$

Answer: D



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13. The line $y=2x+c$ is a tangent to the parabola

$y^2 = 4x$ if c is equal to

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

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

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

D. 4

Answer: B



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14. If the line $2x-3y+6=0$ is a tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ then a is

A. $4/3$

B. $-3/4$

C. $-4/3$

D. $3/4$

Answer: A



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15. The st line $lx+my+n=0$ will be a tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 4bx$ if

A. $mn = bl^2$

B. $ln = bm^2$

C. $lm = bn^2$

D. $bm = ln^{ln^2}$

Answer: B



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16. The parametric equation of the parabola
are

$$x = t^2 + 1, y = 2t + 1$$

The cartesian equation of the directrix is

A. $x=0$

B. $y=0$

C. $x+1=0$

D. $y+1=0$

Answer: A



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17. The curve described parametrically by

$$x = t^2 + t + 1, y = t^2 - t + 1 \text{ represents}$$

A. a pair of st lines

B. a parabola

C. an ellipse

D. a hyperbola

Answer: B



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18. The two parabolas $y^2 = 4x$ and $x^2 = 4y$ intersect at a point p whose abscissa is not zero such that

- A. the tangents to each curve at p make complementary angles with x axis
- B. they cut at right angle at p
- C. they both touch each other at p
- D. none of these

Answer: A



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19. If the chord which is normal to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ at one end subtends a right angle at the vertex then its slope is

A. 2

B. $\sqrt{2}$

C. $\sqrt{3}$

D. 6

Answer: B



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20. If t is a parameter of one end of a focal chord of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ then its length is

A. $a\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)$

B. $a\left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right)$

C. $a\left(t - \frac{1}{t}\right)^2$

D. $a\left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right)^2$

Answer: D



21. An equilateral triangle is inscribed in the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ one of whose vertex is at the vertex of the parabola the length of each side of the triangle is

A. $8\sqrt{3}$

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

C. $\frac{4\sqrt{3}}{2}$

D. $\frac{8\sqrt{3}}{2}$

Answer: A



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22. A set of parallel chords of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ have their mid point on any st line

A. through vertices

B. through axis

C. parallel to axis

D. none of these

Answer: C



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23. The length of the latus rectum of the parabola $169[(x-1)^2 + (y-3)^2] = (5x-12y+17)^2$

A. $\frac{12}{13}$

B. $\frac{14}{13}$

C. $\frac{28}{13}$

D. $\frac{25}{13}$

Answer: C



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24. If the line $x - 1 = 0$ is the directrix of the parabola $y^2 - kx + 8 = 0$ then one of the values of k is

A. $\frac{1}{8}$

B. 4

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

D. 8

Answer: B



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25. If $x+y=k$ is normal to $y^2 = 12x$ then k is

A. 3

B. 9

C. -9

D. -3

Answer: B



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26. The slopes of the normal to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ intersecting at a point on the axis of the parabola at a distance $4a$ from its vertex are in

A. H.P

B. G.P

C. A.P

D. none of these

Answer: C



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27. The equation of the directrix of the parabola $y^2 + 4y + 4x + 2 = 0$ is

A. $x = -1$

B. $x = 1$

C. $x = -\frac{3}{2}$

D. $x = \frac{3}{2}$

Answer: D



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28. The normal at the point on a parabola meets the parabola again in the point $by_2^2, 2by_2$ then

A. $t_2 = -t_1 + \frac{2}{t_1}$

B. $t_2 = t_1 - \frac{2}{t_1}$

C. $t_2 = t_1 + \frac{2}{t_1}$

D. $t_2 = -t_1 - \frac{2}{t_1}$

Answer: D



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29. The focal chord of $y^2 = 16x$ is tangent to $(x - 6)^2 + y^2 = 2$ then the possible values of the slope of this chord are

A. $1, -1$

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

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

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

Answer: A



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30. If $a \neq 0$ and the line $2bx+3cy+4d=0$ passes through the points of intersection of the parabolas $y^2 = 4ax$ and $x^2 = 4ay$ then

A. $d^2 + (2b + 3c)^2 = 0$

B. $d^2 + (3b + 2c)^2 = 0$

C. $d^2 + (2b - 3c)^2 = 0$

D. $d^2 + (3b - 2c)^2 = 0$

Answer:



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31. Angle between tangents drawn from the point $(1,4)$ to the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ is

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

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

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

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

Answer: C



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32. Let p be the point $(1,0)$ and Q a point on the locus $y^2 = 8x$ the locus of mid point of PQ is

A. $y^2 + 4x + 2 = 0$

B. $y^2 - 4x + 2 = 0$

C. $x^2 - 4y + 2 = 0$

D. $x^2 4y + 2 = 0$

Answer: B



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33. Angle between the tangents to the curve

$y = x^2 - 5x + 6$ at the point $(2,0)$ and $(3,0)$ is

A. $\pi / 2$

B. $\pi / 3$

C. $\pi / 6$

D. $\pi / 4$

Answer: A



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34. The equation of a tangent to the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ is $y=x+2$ the point on this line for which the other tangent to the parabola is perpendicular to the given tangent is

A. (0,2)

B. (2,4)

C. (-2,0)

D. (-1,1)

Answer: C



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35. A parabola has the origin as its focus and the line $x=2$ as the directrix then the vertex of the parabola is at

A. (0,2)

B. (0,2)

C. (1,0)

D. (0,1)

Answer: C



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1. Length of sub normal to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ at any point is equal to

A. $2a$

B. $\frac{a}{\sqrt{2}}$

C. $a\sqrt{2}$

D. $2\sqrt{2a}$

Answer: A



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2. The vertex of a parabola is $(a,0)$ and the directrix is $x+y=3a$ the equation of the parabola is

A.

$$x^2 - 2xy + y^2 - 6ax + 10ay - 7a^2 = 0$$

B.

$$x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 6ax + 10ay - 7a^2 = 0$$

C.

$$x^2 - 2xy + y^2 + 6ax + 10ay - 7a^2 = 0$$

D.

$$x^2 + 2xy + y^2 + 6ax + 10ay - 7a^2 = 0$$

Answer: B



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3. The normal at a point on $y^2 = 4x$ passes through (5,0) there are three such normals one of which is the axis the feet of three normals form a triangle whose centroid is

A. (0,2)

B. (2,2)

C. (2,0)

D. none of these

Answer: C



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4. The arithmetic mean of the ordinates of the feet of the normals from $(3,5)$ to the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ is

A. 0

B. 3

C. 4

D. 8

Answer: A



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5. Let $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_2), (x_3, y_3)$ be three points on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ if the normals meet in a point then

A. $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0$

B. $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 0$

C. $y_1 + y_2 + y_3 = 2a$

D. none of these

Answer: B



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6. We are given with two ends of the latus rectum of a parabola then the maximum number of parabolas which can be draw is

A. 0

B. 1

C. 2

D. infinite

Answer: C



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7. A double ordinate of the parabola $y^2 = 8ax$ of length $16a$ subtends an angle at the vertex of the parabola is

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

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

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

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

Answer: D



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8. The equation of the common tangent to equal parabolas $y^2 = 4ax$ and $x^2 = 4ay$ is

A. $x-y=a$

B. $x+y=a$

C. $x+y+a=0$

D. $x+y-a=0$

Answer: C



9. The circle $x^2 + y^2 + 2kx = 0$ $k \in R$

touches the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ externally then

A. $k < 0$

B. $k > 0$

C. $k < 1$

D. $k > 1$

Answer: B



10. If the polar of the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ is always touching the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ then the locus of the pole is

A. $4y = 3x^2$

B. $y^2 = 9x$

C. $2y^2 = 9x$

D. $2y^2 = -9x$

Answer: D



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11. Angle subtended by the latus rectum at the origin is

A. $\frac{\tan^{-1} 4}{3}$

B. $\pi - \frac{\tan^{-1} 4}{3}$

C. $\pi - \frac{\tan^{-1} 3}{4}$

D. none of these

Answer: A



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12. A ray of light moving parallel to x axis gets reflected from a parabolic mirror whose equation is $(y - 2)^2 = 4(x + 1)$ after reflection the ray must pass through the point

A. (2,0)

B. (0,-2)

C. (0,2)

D. (-1,-2)

Answer: C



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13. Range of values of k for which the point $(k-1)$ is exterior to both the parabolas $y^2 = |x|$ is

A. $(-1,0)$

B. $(-1,1)$

C. $(0,1)$

D. $(0,-1)$

Answer: B



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14. If PQ is a focal chord of the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ with focus at S then $\frac{2SP \cdot SQ}{SP + SQ}$ is equal to

- A. a
- B. 2a
- C. 3a
- D. 4a

Answer: B

15. The point $(a, 2a)$ is an interior point of the region bounded by the parabola $y^2 = 16x$ and the double ordinate through the focus the range of 'a' is

A. $a < 4$

B. $a > 4$

C. $0 < a < 2$

D. $0 < a < 4$

Answer: A



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16. Locus of the middle points of parallel chords of a parabola $x^2 = 4ay$ is a

- A. st line parallel to x axis
- B. st line parallel to y axis
- C. st line parallel to the bisector of the angles between the axes

D. circle

Answer: B



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17. The tangent to a parabola at the vertex A and any point P meet at Q if S is the focus then SP, SQ, SA are in

A. A.P

B. G.P

C. H.P

D. none of these

Answer: B



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18. The tangents at three points A,B,C on the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ taken in pairs intersect at the points P,Q,R if Δ_1 , Δ_2 be the areas of triangle ABC and PQR respectively then

A. $\triangle_1 = \triangle_2$

B. $\triangle_2 = 2 \triangle$

C. $\triangle_1 = 2 \triangle_2$

D. none of these

Answer: C



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19. AB is a chord of a parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ with the end A at the vertex of the given parabola BC is drawn perpendicular to AB meeting the

axis of the parabola at C then the projection of BC on this axis is

A. a

B. $2a$

C. $4a$

D. $6a$

Answer: C



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20. The point of intersection of the tangents to the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ at the points where the circle $(x - 3)^2 + y^2 = 9$ meets the parabola other than origin is

A. (0,0)

B. (-2,0)

C. (-1,-1)

D. (1,0)

Answer: B



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21. If the tangents at (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ meet at (x_3, y_3) then

A. x_1, x_2, x_3 are A.P

B. x_1, x_3, x_2 are A.P

C. y_1, y_2, y_3 are A.P

D. x_1, x_2, x_3 are A.P

Answer: B



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22. If b and c are the length of the segments of any focal chord of a parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ then the length of the semi latus rectum is

A. $\frac{b + c}{2}$

B. $\frac{bc}{b + c}$

C. $\frac{2bc}{b + c}$

D. \sqrt{bc}

Answer: C



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23. If the focus of a parabola divides a focal chord of the parabola in segment of length 3 and 2 the length of the latus rectum of the parabola is

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

B. $\frac{24}{5}$

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

D. $\frac{6}{5}$

Answer: D



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24. Equation of the common tangent touching the circle $(x - 3)^2 + y^2 = 9$ and the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ above the x axis is

A. $\sqrt{3y} = 3x + 1$

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

C. $\sqrt{3y} = x + 3$

D. $\sqrt{3y} = -(3x + 1)$

Answer: C



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25. The locus of the mid point of the line segment joining the focus to a moving point on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ is another parabola with directrix

A. $x = -a$

B. $x = -\frac{a}{2}$

C. $x=0$

D. $x = -\frac{a}{2}$

Answer: C



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26. A tangent is drawn to the parabola $y = x^2 + 6$ at the point $(1,7)$ which also touches the circle $x^2 + ty^2 + 16x + 12y + c = 0$ at

A. $(-8, -6)$

B. $(-7, -6)$

C. $(-6, -7)$

D. (6, 7)

Answer: C



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27. The locus of the vertices of the family of

parabolas $y = \frac{a^3 x^2}{3} + \frac{a^2 x}{2} - 2a$ is

A. $xy = \frac{105}{64}$

B. $xy = \frac{3}{4}$

C. $xy = \frac{35}{16}$

$$D. xy = \frac{64}{105}$$

Answer: A



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28. The axis of a parabola is along the line $y=x$ and the distance of its vertex from origin is $\sqrt{2}$ and that from its focus is $2\sqrt{2}$ if vertex and focus both lie in the first quadrant then the equatio of the parbola is

$$A. (x + y)^2 = (x - y - 2)$$

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

C. $(x - y)^2 = 4(x + y - 2)$

D. $(x - y)^2 = 8(x + y - 2)$

Answer: D



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29. Three normals are drawn to a parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ from a given point (x_1, y_1) the algebraic sum of the ordinates of their feet is

A. 0

B. 1

C. $-a$

D. none of these

Answer: A



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30. Consider the two curves

$C_1: y^2 = 4x, C_2: x^2 + y^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$ then

A. C_1 and C_2 touch each other only at one point

B. C_1 and C_2 touch each other only at two points

C. C_1 and C_2 intersect at exactly two points

D. C_1 and C_2 neither intersect nor touch each other

Answer: B



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1. If two tangents drawn from a point p to the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ are at right angles then the locus of p is

A. $x=1$

B. $2x+1=0$

C. $x=-1$

D. $2x-1=0$

Answer: C



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2. Let a and b two distinct points on the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ if the axis of the parabola touches a circle of radius r having then the slope of the line joining a and b can be

A. $-\frac{1}{r}$

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

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

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

Answer: C::D



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3. Let (x,y) be any point on the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ let P be the point that divides the line segment from $(0,0)$ to (x,y) in the ratio 1:3 then the locus of p is

A. $x^2 = y$

B. $y^2 = 2x$

C. $y^2 = x$

D. $x^2 = 2y$

Answer: C



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4. The slope of the line touching both the parabolas $y^2 = 4x$ and $x^2 = 32y$ is

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

B. $\frac{1}{8}$

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

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

Answer: D



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5. Let O be the vertex and Q be any point on the parabola $x^2 = 8y$ if the point p divides the line segment OQ internally in the ratio $1:3$ then the locus of P is

A. $x^2 = y$

B. $y^2 = x$

C. $y^2 = 2x$

D. $x^2 = 2y$

Answer: D



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1. The locus of the mid points of the line joining the focus and any point on the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ is a parabola with equation of directrix as

A. $x = \frac{a}{2}$

B. $x=0$

C. $2x+a=0$

D. $x+a=0$

Answer: B



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2. The tangents drawn at the extremities of a focal chord of the parabola $y^2 = 16x$

A. intersect at an angle of 45°

B. intersect at an angle of 60°

C. intersect on the line $x+4=0$

D. intersect on $x=0$

Answer: C



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3. The locus of the point of intersection of tangents drawn at the ends of a focal chord of the parabola $x^2 = -8y$ is

A. $y=-2$

B. $y=2$

C. $x=-2$

D. $x=2$

Answer: B



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4. The condition for the line $y = mx + c$ to be normal to the parabola $y^2 = 4ax$ is

A. $c = 2a + am^3$

B. $c = \frac{a}{m}$

C. $c = -\frac{a}{m}$

D. $c = -2am - am^3$

Answer: D



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5. The length of the latus rectum of the parabola $bx^2 - 4ay + dx + e = 0$

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

B. $4a$

C. $\frac{4d}{b}$

D. $\frac{4a}{b}$

Answer: D



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6. The length of the latus rectum of

$$3x^2 - 4y + 6x - 3 = 0 \text{ is}$$

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

B. $\frac{4}{3}$

C. 2

D. 3

Answer: A



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7. The sum of the reciprocals of focal distances of a focal chord PQ of $y^2=4ax$ is

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

B. a

C. $2a$

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

Answer: A



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8. The area of the triangle formed by the lines joining the vertex of the parabola $x^2 = 12y$ to the ends of latus rectum is

A. 18 sq units

B. 19 sq units

C. 20 sq units

D. 17 sq units

Answer: A



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9. The ends of the latus rectum of the parabola $x^2 + 10x - 16y + 25 = 0$ are

A. $(3,4),(-13,4)$

B. $(5,-8),(-5,8)$

C. $(3,-4),(13,4)$

D. $(-3,-4),(13,-4)$

Answer: A



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