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Part 1 Multiple-choice Answers

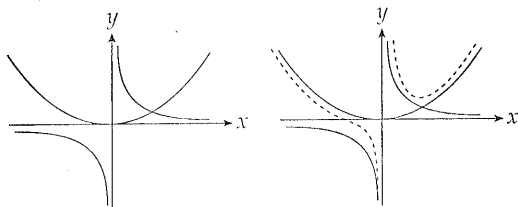
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| 1. E | 2. E | 3. D | 4. A | 5. A |
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1. The ellipse shown is a translation of an ellipse $\frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{1} = 1$ from centre $(0, 0)$ to a new centre at $(2, -1)$

The equation of the translated ellipse is:

$$\frac{(x-2)^2}{4} + \frac{(y+1)^2}{1} = 1 \quad [E]$$

2. Think of $f(x) = \frac{x^3+16}{4x}$ as composed of two fractions $\frac{x^3}{4x}$ and $\frac{16}{4x}$ that is $\frac{x^2}{4}$ and $\frac{4}{x}$.
 Essentially, the values of $f(x)$ are obtained by the addition of ordinates for the two graphs:



For x small positive, $\frac{4}{x}$ will dominate, giving the function a vertical asymptote.

For x large positive, $\frac{x^2}{4}$ will dominate, giving the graph a shape close to that of the parabola.

For x small negative, $\frac{4}{x}$ will dominate, giving the function a vertical asymptote.

For x large negative, $\frac{x^2}{4}$ will dominate, giving the graph a shape close to that of the parabola. [E]

3. $\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2}$

If $u = \frac{1}{2x}$ $\frac{du}{dx} = -\frac{1}{2x^2}$

$$\frac{d}{dx}(\tan^{-1}u) = \frac{d}{du}(\tan^{-1}u) \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+u^2} \cdot -\frac{1}{2x^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{4x^2}} \cdot -\frac{1}{2x^2}$$

$$= \frac{4x^2}{4x^2+1} \cdot -\frac{1}{2x^2}$$

$$= -\frac{2}{4x^2+1}$$

[D]

4. $\cos(x) = -\frac{1}{10}$ for $\frac{\pi}{2} < x < \pi$

Note that x is in the second quadrant, making $\sin(x)$ positive and so $\operatorname{cosec}(x)$ positive.

$$\sin^2 x = 1 - \cos^2 x$$

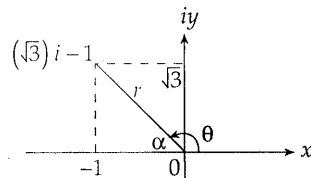
$$\sin(x) = \frac{\sqrt{100-1}}{10} = \frac{\sqrt{99}}{10} = \frac{3\sqrt{11}}{10}$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}(x) = \frac{1}{\sin(x)}$$

$$\operatorname{cosec}(x) = \frac{10}{3\sqrt{11}} \times \frac{\sqrt{11}}{\sqrt{11}} = \frac{10\sqrt{11}}{33}$$

[A]

5.



$$r = \sqrt{3+1} = 2 \quad \tan \alpha = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{1}$$

$$\alpha = \frac{\pi}{3}$$

$$\theta = \pi - \alpha$$

$$\theta = \pi - \frac{\pi}{3} = \frac{2\pi}{3} \quad \text{OR} \quad -\pi - \frac{\pi}{3} = -\frac{4\pi}{3}$$

Required polar form is $2\operatorname{cis}\left(-\frac{4\pi}{3}\right)$, since there

is no answer corresponding to $2\operatorname{cis}\left(\frac{2\pi}{3}\right)$ [A]

6. $z^3 - 8 = 0$

$$z^3 = 8$$

One root of the equation will be $z = 2$,
let $u = 2$

The other two roots will be equally spaced on a circle in the Argand diagram with $z = 2$ as an 'anchor' value.

Diagram E is the only diagram that shows this properly.

[E]

7. All the equations $P(z) = 0$ for options A to E have real coefficients, so if $z = 3i$ is a solution, another solution **must** be $z = -3i$.

$$\begin{aligned} P(z) &= (z - 3i)(z + 3i)(z - a) \\ &= (z^2 + 9)(z - a) \end{aligned}$$

Among the options available, only $a = 0$ will provide an answer.

$$\begin{aligned} P(z) &= (z^2 + 9)z \\ &= z^3 + 9z \end{aligned}$$

[C]

8. $\{z: (z - 2)(\bar{z} - 2) = 4, z \in \mathbb{C}\}$

let $z = x + yi$

$$\bar{z} = x - yi$$

$$(z - 2)(\bar{z} - 2) = 4$$

$$(x + iy - 2)(x - iy - 2) = 4$$

$$(x - 2 + iy)(x - 2 - iy) = 4$$

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

This is the equation of a circle with original equation $x^2 + y^2 = 4$, translated two units to the right, that is with a new centre at $(2, 0)$ and radius still 2 units.

[A]

9. The line S is the set of points which lie on the perpendicular bisector of the line joining $(0, 2i)$ and $(2, 0)$. In other words, the points that lie on S are equidistant from $(0, -2i)$ and $(2, 0)$. For any point z

on the line, therefore, $|z - 2| = |z + 2i|$

[E]

10. Using the function of a function rule:

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_e (\log_e x)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\log_e x} \cdot \frac{1}{x}$$

AND

$$\frac{d}{dx} [\log_e (\log_e ax)]$$

$$= \frac{1}{\log_e(ax)} \cdot \frac{a}{ax}$$

So $\frac{d}{dx} [\log_e (\log_e 2x)]$

$$= \frac{1}{x \log_e(2x)}$$

[C]

11. $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{6}} \cos^2(2x) \cdot \cos(2x) dx$

$\cos^2(2x) \cdot \cos(2x)$ can be rewritten as

$$(1 - \sin^2(2x)) \cdot \cos(2x)$$

So by letting $u = \sin(2x)$ with $\frac{du}{dx} = 2 \cos 2x$,

$\cos^2(2x) \cdot \cos(2x)$ can be re-written as

$$(1 - u^2) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{du}{dx}$$

The integral can therefore be expressed as:

$$\int_a^b (1 - u^2) \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{du}{dx} \cdot dx$$

$$\frac{1}{2} \int_a^b (1 - u^2) du \text{ where}$$

$$a = \sin 0 \text{ therefore } a = 0$$

$$b = \sin 2\left(\frac{\pi}{6}\right) \text{ therefore } b = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

[C]

$$12. \int_{\sqrt{3}}^3 \frac{3}{x^2 + 3} dx$$

$$\sqrt{3} \int_{\sqrt{3}}^3 \frac{\sqrt{3}}{x^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2} dx$$

$$\sqrt{3} \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{x}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right]_{\sqrt{3}}^3$$

$$\sqrt{3} \left[\tan^{-1} \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt{3}} \right) - \tan^{-1} \left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{3}} \right) \right]$$

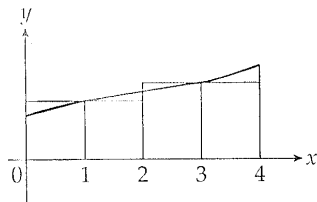
$$\sqrt{3} \left[\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}) - \tan^{-1}(1) \right]$$

$$\sqrt{3} \left[\frac{\pi}{3} - \frac{\pi}{4} \right]$$

$$\frac{\pi\sqrt{3}}{12}$$

[D]

13.



Using two equal intervals to approximate the area, the first rectangle has base 2 units and height $1 + \cos(1)$; and the second rectangle has a base of 2 units and height $3 + \cos(3)$.

Area of the two rectangles added together

$$2(1 + 0.5403) + 2(3 - 0.98999)$$

$$= 3.0806 + 4.0200$$

$= 7.1006$ which gives 7.101 correct to three decimal places.

[B]

$$14. \text{ Let } y_1 = 2\sin^2(x)$$

$$y_2 = \sin(2x)$$

The area of a small sector of the shaded region will be given by:

$$SA \approx (y_2 - y_1)\delta x \text{ for } 0 \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$$

$$\text{and } SA \approx (y_1 - y_2)\delta x \text{ for } \frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \pi$$

So the required definite integral is in two parts:

$$\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} (\sin(2x) - 2\sin^2(x)) dx + \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\pi} (2\sin^2(x) - \sin(2x)) dx$$

The second integral needs to be re-expressed as:

$$- \int_{\frac{\pi}{4}}^{\pi} \sin(2x) - 2\sin^2(x) dx$$

to be in a form that matches.

[D]

$$15. \text{ The graph shown is that of } y = f'(x).$$

From the graph, it can be deduced that the original function $f(x)$ has a stationary point of inflexion at $x = -3$; that is, the gradient is negative either side of $x = -3$ and is zero at $x = -3$. It can also be deduced that $f(x)$ has a local minimum at $x = 0$; that is, the gradient goes from negative for x just less than zero, and becomes positive for x just a bit more than zero.

[C]

$$16. \frac{dv}{dt} = -0.05(v^2 - 5)$$

$$\frac{dt}{dv} = \frac{1}{-0.05(v^2 - 5)}$$

$$= \frac{-20}{v^2 - 5}$$

$$t = \int_{v_1}^{v_2} \frac{-20}{v^2 - 5} dv$$

So the time for the velocity to fall from 50m/s to 3m/s will be given by:

$$t = \int_{50}^3 \frac{-20}{v^2 - 5} dv$$

$$= 20 \int_{50}^3 \frac{1}{v^2 - 5} dv$$

[B]

$$\begin{aligned}
 17. \quad f'(x) &= \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x^2}} \\
 f(0) &= 1 \\
 f(0+0.2) &\approx 0.2f'(0) + f(0) \\
 &\approx 0.2 \times 1 + 1 \\
 &\approx 1.2 \\
 f(0.2+0.2) &\approx 0.2f'(0.2) + f(0.2) \\
 &\approx \frac{0.2}{\sqrt{1.04}} + 1.2 \\
 &\approx 0.2 \times 0.98058 + 1.2 \\
 &\approx 1.3961
 \end{aligned}$$

[C]

$$\begin{aligned}
 18. \quad V &= 0.03\pi h^3 \\
 \frac{dV}{dh} &= 0.09\pi h^2 \\
 \text{We are also given that:}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \frac{dV}{dt} &= -0.1\sqrt{h} \text{ (m}^3\text{/hr)} \quad \text{Note: } \frac{dV}{dt} < 0 \\
 \frac{dh}{dt} &= \frac{dh}{dV} \cdot \frac{dV}{dt} \\
 &= \frac{1}{0.09\pi h^2} \cdot -0.1\sqrt{h} \\
 &= -\frac{1}{0.9\pi h^{3/2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

[D]

$$\begin{aligned}
 19. \quad \frac{dv}{dt} &= 6 \sin(2t) \text{ m/s}^2 \text{ at } t=0, \frac{dv}{dt}=0, x=0 \\
 v &= -3 \cos(2t) + c \\
 t=0, \quad 0 &= -3 + c \\
 v &= 3 - 3 \cos(2t), \quad \text{since } v = \frac{dx}{dt} \\
 x &= 3t - \frac{3}{2} \sin(2t) + c \\
 t=0, x=0, c &= 0 \\
 x &= 3t - 1.5 \sin(2t)
 \end{aligned}$$

• [E]

$$20. \quad \frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{v}$$

Note that $\frac{dv}{dt} = \frac{dv}{dx} \cdot \frac{dx}{dt} = v \cdot \frac{dv}{dx}$, hence

from $\frac{dv}{dx} = \frac{1}{v}$, it follows that

$$v \cdot \frac{dv}{dx} = 1, \text{ i.e. } \frac{dv}{dt} = 1$$

If acceleration is constant (= 1)
then velocity will be increasing. [B]

21. The given vector $\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 5\underline{k}$ has

magnitude $\sqrt{1^2 + 2^2 + 5^2} = \sqrt{30}$, so

the unit vector parallel to the given vector is

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{30}}(\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 5\underline{k})$, and so a vector of

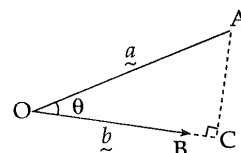
magnitude 6 will be given by:

$$\frac{6}{\sqrt{30}}(\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 5\underline{k}) \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{30}}{5}(\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + 5\underline{k}) \quad [\text{B}]$$

$$22. \quad \underline{a} = 3\underline{i} - 2\underline{j} + \underline{k}$$

$$\underline{b} = -\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} + 2\underline{k}$$

The vector resolute
of $\underline{a}$ in the direction
of $\underline{b}$ is $\underline{OC}$.



$$\begin{aligned}
 \underline{OC} &= \left(\left| \underline{a} \right| \cos \theta \right) \frac{\underline{b}}{\left| \underline{b} \right|} \\
 &= \left(\left| \underline{a} \right| \left| \underline{b} \right| \cos \theta \right) \frac{\underline{b}}{\left| \underline{b} \right|^2} \\
 &= \left(\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} \right) \cdot \frac{\underline{b}}{14} \\
 &= (-3 - 6 + 2) \cdot \frac{(-\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} + 2\underline{k})}{14} \\
 &= -\frac{7}{14}(-\underline{i} + 3\underline{j} + 2\underline{k}) \\
 &= \frac{1}{2}(\underline{i} - 3\underline{j} - 2\underline{k}) \quad [\text{E}]
 \end{aligned}$$

23. $\underline{a} = -m \underline{i} - 2 \underline{j} + \underline{k}$

$$\underline{b} = \underline{i} - n \underline{j} - 6 \underline{k}$$

If $\underline{a}$ and $\underline{b}$ are perpendicular then $\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = 0$

$$\underline{a} \cdot \underline{b} = -m + 2n - 6$$

$$\text{Hence } m - 2n + 6 = 0$$

The only option which satisfies this condition is:

$$m = -2, n = 2$$

[A]

24. $\underline{p} = 2 \underline{q} - 3 \underline{r}$

This implies a linear relationship between all three vectors $\underline{p}$, $\underline{q}$ and $\underline{r}$.

In other words, if two of the vectors are known, the third can be deduced.

[A]

25. $\underline{r}(t) = (t - 3) \underline{i} - (\sqrt{t}) \underline{j}$

$$|\underline{r}(t)|^2 = (t - 3)^2 + (\sqrt{t})^2$$

$$= t^2 - 6t + 9 + t$$

$$= t^2 - 5t + 9$$

$$|\underline{r}(t)| \text{ is smallest when } t^2 - 5t + 9 \text{ is a}$$

$$\text{minimum, i.e. when } \frac{d}{dt}(t^2 - 5t + 9) = 0$$

$$2t - 5 = 0$$

$$t = 2.5$$

[C]

26. $\underline{r}(t) = e^{-2t} \underline{i} + (\sin(\pi t)) \underline{j} + 2 \underline{k}$

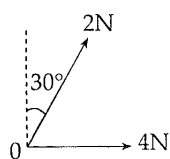
Need to find $\underline{v}(t)$ and substitute for $t = 0$ to get the initial direction of motion of the particle.

$$\underline{v}(t) = -2e^{-2t} \underline{i} + (\pi \cos(\pi t)) \underline{j}$$

$$\underline{v}(0) = -2 \underline{i} + \pi \underline{j}$$

[D]

27.



Resolving horizontally and vertically

$$2N \cos 30^\circ$$

$$4N + 2N \sin 30^\circ$$

Magnitude of vertical component is

$$2N \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{3}N$$

Horizontal component is $4N + N = 5N$

Magnitude of resultant force is

$$\sqrt{3 + 25} = \sqrt{28} = 2\sqrt{7} \quad [\text{B}]$$

28. Constant force means constant acceleration.

Acceleration is

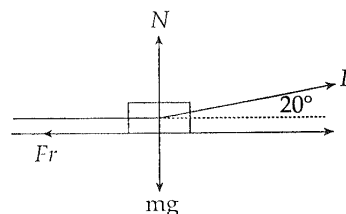
$$\frac{v_2 - v_1}{t_2 - t_1}$$

$$\frac{8 \underline{j} - (-6 \underline{i})}{2}$$

$$4 \underline{j} + 3 \underline{i}$$

[B]

29.



The body is on the point of moving:

Horizontally,

$$P \cos(20^\circ) = Fr$$

$$Fr = \mu N$$

$$P \cos(20^\circ) = \mu N$$

$$[\text{Vertically, } P \sin 20^\circ + N = mg] \quad [\text{D}]$$

30. The caravan is being pulled forward by the towbar. This force T newtons must therefore be shown acting to the right of the diagram. Resistance force R_2 newtons must be shown acting to the left. R_1 is irrelevant to the motion of the caravan. [A]

Part 2

1. $\sin(4x) = 2\sin(2x)\cos(2x)$

$$2\sin(2x)\cos(2x) - \cos(2x) = 0$$

$$\cos(2x)[2\sin(2x) - 1] = 0$$

$$\cos(2x) = 0$$

$$2x = \frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{3\pi}{2} \text{ hence } x = \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

or

$$\sin(2x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$2x = \frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6} \text{ hence } x = \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{5\pi}{12}$$

$$\text{Solutions are } \frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{3\pi}{4}$$

2. a. $\frac{2x-1}{x^2+6x+9} = \frac{2x-1}{(x+3)^2}$

$$\frac{2x-1}{(x+3)^2} = \frac{A}{x+3} + \frac{B}{(x+3)^2}$$

$$2x-1 = A(x+3) + B$$

$$\text{let } x = -3$$

$$-7 = B$$

$$\text{let } x = 0$$

$$-1 = 3A + B$$

$$-1 = 3A - 7$$

$$A = 2$$

$$\text{So } \frac{2x-1}{x^2+6x+9} = \frac{2}{x+3} - \frac{7}{(x+3)^2}$$

b. $\int \frac{2x-1}{x^2+6x+9} = \frac{7}{x+3} + 2\log_e(x+3)$
for $x > -3$

c. $\int_{-2}^4 \frac{2x-1}{x^2+6x+9} dx$

$$= \frac{7}{7} + 2\log_e(7) - \frac{7}{1} - 2\log_e(1) \quad (1)$$

$$= 1 + 2\log_e(7) - 7 - 0$$

$$= -6 + 2\log_e(7)$$

$$= -6 + 3.892$$

$$= -2.108$$

$$= -2.11 \quad (\text{correct to 3 significant figures})$$

3. $-2 + 2i$ needs to be expressed in polar form. Its polar form is:

$$(rcis\theta)^3 = 2\sqrt{2}cis\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$rcis\theta = \sqrt{2}cis\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right), \sqrt{2}cis\left(\frac{2\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right),$$

$$\sqrt{2}cis\left(\frac{4\pi}{3} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$$

$$= \sqrt{2}cis\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right), \sqrt{2}cis\left(\frac{11\pi}{12}\right), \sqrt{2}cis\left(\frac{19\pi}{12}\right)$$

$$\sqrt{2}cis\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = 1 + i$$

$$\sqrt{2}cis\left(\frac{11\pi}{12}\right) = -1.366 + 0.366i$$

$$\sqrt{2}cis\left(\frac{19\pi}{12}\right) = 0.366 - 1.366i$$

4. $\underline{AD} = \underline{u} + \underline{v}$

$$\underline{AB} = \underline{u} - \underline{v}$$

$$\underline{AD} \cdot \underline{AB} = (\underline{u} + \underline{v}) \cdot (\underline{u} - \underline{v})$$

$$= |\underline{u}|^2 - |\underline{v}|^2$$

$$= 0$$

$$\text{As } |\underline{u}| = |\underline{v}|$$

$$\underline{AD} \cdot \underline{AB} = 0$$

So $\angle BAD$ is a right angle.

5. Let Q kg be the amount of salt dissolved in the tank after t minutes.

Volume of water in the tank after t min is $(500 + 2t)$ litres.

Concentration after t minutes is therefore:

$$\frac{Q}{500 + 2t} \text{ kg/litre}$$

Outflow per minute will be: $\frac{3Q}{500 + 2t}$ kg/min

Inflow per minute will be: 5×0.05 kg/min (constant)

Rate of change at t mins will be:

$$\frac{dQ}{dt} = 0.25 - \frac{3Q}{500 + 2t}$$

6. The required solid of revolution is the difference of two solids of revolution.

$$\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^2(x) dx - \pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [1 - \cos(x)]^2 dx$$

$$\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [\sin^2(x) - (1 - 2\cos(x) + \cos^2(x))] dx$$

$$\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [2\cos(x) + 1 - \cos^2(x) - 1 - \cos^2(x)] dx$$

$$\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [2\cos(x) - 2\cos^2(x)] dx$$

Note:

$$2\cos^2(x) - 1 = \cos(2x)$$

$$-2\cos^2(x) = -1 - \cos(2x)$$

$$\pi \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} [2\cos(x) - 1 - \cos(2x)] dx$$

$$\pi \left[2\sin(x) - x - \frac{1}{2}\sin(2x) \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}}$$

$$\pi \left[2 - \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$