

Subject: Mathematics

1. Let S_1 be the sum of first $2n$ terms of an arithmetic progression. Let S_2 be the sum of first $4n$ terms of the same arithmetic progression. If $(S_2 - S_1)$ is 1000 then sum of the first $6n$ terms of the arithmetic progression is equal to :

☒ A. 3000

☐ B. 7000

☐ C. 5000

☐ D. 1000

$$S_{4n} - S_{2n} = 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4n}{2}(2a + (4n - 1)d) - \frac{2n}{2}(2a + (2n - 1)d) = 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow n(2a + (6n - 1)d) = 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6n}{2}(2a + (6n - 1)d) = 3000$$

$$\therefore S_{6n} = 3000$$

2. If sum of the first 21 terms of the series $\log_{\frac{1}{9^2}} x + \log_{\frac{1}{9^3}} x + \log_{\frac{1}{9^4}} x + \dots$, where $x > 0$ is 504, then x is equal to:

☒ A. 81

☐ B. 243

☐ C. 9

☐ D. 7

$$\log_{\frac{1}{9^2}} x + \log_{\frac{1}{9^3}} x + \log_{\frac{1}{9^4}} x + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_9 x^2 + \log_9 x^3 + \log_9 x^4 + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_9 (x^{2+3+\dots+21 \text{ terms}}) = 504$$

$$\Rightarrow 252 \log_9 x = 504$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 9^2 = 81$$

3. Let S_n denote the sum of first n -terms of an arithmetic progression. If $S_{10} = 530$, $S_5 = 140$, then $S_{20} - S_6$ is equal to:

☐ A. 1842

☐ B. 1852

☒ C. 1862

☐ D. 1872

Let first term of A.P. be a and common difference is d .

$$\therefore S_{10} = \frac{10}{2}\{2a + 9d\} = 530$$

$$\therefore 2a + 9d = 106 \dots (i)$$

$$S_5 = \frac{5}{2}\{2a + 4d\} = 140$$

$$a + 2d = 28 \dots (ii)$$

from equation (i) and (ii), $a = 8, d = 10$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore S_{20} - S_6 &= \frac{20}{2}\{2 \times 8 + 19 \times 10\} - \frac{6}{2}\{2 \times 8 + 5 \times 10\} \\ &= 2060 - 198 = 1862 \end{aligned}$$

4. Let S_n be the sum of the first n terms of an arithmetic progression. If

$S_{3n} = 3S_{2n}$, then the value of $\frac{S_{4n}}{S_{2n}}$ is

☒ A. 4

☒ B. 2

☒ C. 6

☒ D. 8

$$S_{3n} = \frac{3n}{2}[2a + (3n - 1)d]$$

$$S_{2n} = n[2a + (2n - 1)d],$$

where a is the first term & d is the common difference of A.P.

$$S_{3n} = 3S_{2n}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{2}[2a + (3n - 1)d] = 3[2a + (2n - 1)d]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + (3n - 1)d = 4a + 2(2n - 1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a = (3n - 1 - 4n + 2)d$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{d} = \frac{1 - n}{2} \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{S_{4n}}{S_{2n}} = \frac{\frac{4n}{2}[2a + (4n - 1)d]}{\frac{2n}{2}[2a + (2n - 1)d]}$$

$$= \frac{2 \left[2 \left(\frac{1 - n}{2} \right) + (4n - 1) \right]}{\left[2 \left(\frac{1 - n}{2} \right) + (2n - 1) \right]}$$

$$= \frac{2(1 - n + 4n - 1)}{1 - n + 2n - 1}$$

$$= \frac{2(3n)}{n} = 6$$

5. In an increasing geometric series, the sum of the second and the sixth term is $\frac{25}{2}$ and the product of the third and fifth term is 25. Then, the sum of 4^{th} , 6^{th} and 8^{th} terms is equal to :

☒ **A.** 35

☐ **B.** 30

☐ **C.** 26

☐ **D.** 32

Let a be the first term and r be the common ratio.

$$ar + ar^5 = \frac{25}{2}$$

$$\text{and } ar^2 \times ar^4 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 r^6 = 25$$

$$\Rightarrow ar^3 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{5}{r^3} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{Now, } \frac{5r}{r^3} + \frac{5r^5}{r^3} = \frac{25}{2} \quad [\text{From (1)}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r^2} + r^2 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\text{Put } r^2 = t$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{t^2 + 1}{t} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t^2 - 5t + 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (2t - 1)(t - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = \frac{1}{2}, 2$$

$$\Rightarrow r^2 = \frac{1}{2}, 2$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \sqrt{2} \text{ as the G.P. is increasing.}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore ar^3 + ar^5 + ar^7 \\ &= ar^3(1 + r^2 + r^4) \\ &= 5(1 + 2 + 4) \\ &= 35 \end{aligned}$$

6. $\frac{1}{3^2 - 1} + \frac{1}{5^2 - 1} + \frac{1}{7^2 - 1} + \dots + \frac{1}{(201)^2 - 1}$ is equal to:

☐ A. $\frac{101}{404}$

☐ B. $\frac{101}{408}$

☐ C. $\frac{99}{400}$

☒ D. $\frac{25}{101}$

$$S = \sum_{r=1}^{100} \frac{1}{(2r+1)^2 - 1} = \sum_{r=1}^{100} \frac{1}{(2r+2) \cdot 2(r)}$$

$$\therefore S = \frac{1}{4} \sum_{r=1}^{100} \left| \frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{r+1} \right|$$

$$S = \frac{1}{4} \left(\left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}\right) + \left(\frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{4}\right) + \dots + \left(\frac{1}{100} - \frac{1}{101}\right) \right)$$

$$\therefore S = \frac{1}{4} \left| \frac{100}{101} \right| = \frac{25}{101}$$

7. If $[x]$ be the greatest integer less than or equal to x , then $\sum_{n=8}^{100} \left[\frac{(-1)^n n}{2} \right]$ is equal to

☐ A. 2

☐ B. -2

☐ C. 0

☒ D. 4

$$\begin{aligned} & \sum_{n=8}^{100} \left[\frac{(-1)^n n}{2} \right] \\ &= 4 - 5 + 5 - 6 + 6 - 7 + 7 + \dots - 50 + 50 \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

8. If $0 < \theta, \phi < \frac{\pi}{2}$, $x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos^{2n} \theta$, $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sin^{2n} \phi$ and $z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos^{2n} \theta \cdot \sin^{2n} \phi$
then :

- ☐ A. $xyz = 4$
- ☐ B. $xy - z = (x + y)z$
- ☐ C. $xy + xy + zx = z$
- ☒ D. $xy + z = (x + y)z$

$$x = 1 + \cos^2 \theta + \cos^4 \theta + \dots \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{1 - \cos^2 \theta} \left(\text{For GP : } S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1 - r} \right)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sin^2 \theta} \dots (1)$$

$$y = 1 + \sin^2 \phi + \sin^4 \phi + \dots \infty$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{1 - \sin^2 \phi}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{1}{\cos^2 \phi} \dots (2)$$

$$z = \frac{1}{1 - \cos^2 \theta \cdot \sin^2 \phi}$$

$$= \frac{1}{1 - \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{y}\right)} \quad [\text{From (1) and (2)}]$$

$$z = \frac{xy}{xy - (x - 1)(y - 1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow xz + yz - z = xy$$

$$\Rightarrow xy + z = (x + y)z$$

9. $e^{(\cos^2 x + \cos^4 x + \cos^6 x + \dots \infty) \log_e 2}$ satisfies the equation $t^2 - 9t + 8 = 0$, then the value of $\frac{2 \sin x}{\sin x + \sqrt{3} \cos x}$, $\left(0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$ is :

- ☐ A. $\frac{3}{2}$
- ☐ B. $2\sqrt{3}$
- ☒ C. $\frac{1}{2}$
- ☐ D. $\sqrt{3}$

$$\begin{aligned} e^{(\cos^2 x + \cos^4 x + \dots \infty) \ln 2} &= 2^{\cos^2 x + \cos^4 x + \dots \infty} \\ &= 2^{\frac{\cos^2 x}{1 - \cos^2 x}} \quad (\text{sum of infinite G.P.}) \\ &= 2^{\cot^2 x} \end{aligned}$$

$$t^2 - 9t + 8 = 0 \Rightarrow t = 1, 8$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\cot^2 x} = 1, 8 \Rightarrow x = 0, 3$$

$$0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2} \Rightarrow \cot x = \sqrt{3}$$

Hence

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{2 \sin x}{\sin x + \sqrt{3} \cos x} \\ &= \frac{2}{1 + \sqrt{3} \cot x} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

10. If $2^{10} + 2^9 \cdot 3^1 + 2^8 \cdot 3^2 + \dots + 2 \cdot 3^9 + 3^{10} = S - 2^{11}$, then S is equal to:

- ☒ A. 3^{11}
- ☐ B. $\frac{3^{11}}{2} + 2^{10}$
- ☐ C. $2 \cdot 3^{11}$
- ☐ D. $3^{11} - 2^{12}$

Let

$$S' = 2^{10} + 2^9 3^1 + 2^8 3^2 + \dots + 2 \cdot 3^9 + 3^{10}$$

$$\frac{3 \times S'}{2} = 2^9 \times 3^1 + 2^8 \cdot 3^2 + \dots + 3^{10} + \frac{3^{11}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-S'}{2} = 2^{10} - \frac{3^{11}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow S' = 3^{11} - 2^{11}$$

$$\text{Now, } S' = S - 2^{11}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } S = 3^{11}$$

11. The maximum value of the term independent of t in the expansion of

$$\left(tx^{1/5} + \frac{(1-x)^{1/10}}{t} \right)^{10} \text{ where } x \in (0, 1) \text{ is :}$$

☐ A. $\frac{10!}{\sqrt{3}(5!)^2}$

☐ B. $\frac{2 \times 10!}{3(5!)^2}$

☐ C. $\frac{10!}{3(5!)^2}$

☒ D. $\frac{2 \times 10!}{3\sqrt{3}(5!)^2}$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r (tx^{1/5})^{10-r} \times \left[\frac{(1-x)^{1/10}}{t} \right]^r$$

$$= {}^{10}C_r \cdot t^{(10-2r)} \times x^{(10-r)/5} \times (1-x)^{r/10}$$

For a term to be independent of t ,

$$10 - 2r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 5$$

$$T_6 = {}^{10}C_5 x \sqrt{1-x}$$

$$\frac{dT_6}{dx} = {}^{10}C_5 \left[\sqrt{1-x} - \frac{x}{2\sqrt{1-x}} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - x = \frac{x}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore \max(T_6) = \frac{10!}{5! 5!} \times \frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$$

12. If n is the number of irrational terms in the expansion of $\left(3^{\frac{1}{4}} + 5^{\frac{1}{8}}\right)^{60}$, then $(n - 1)$ is divisible by:

- ☒ A. 8
☒ B. 26
☐ C. 7
☐ D. 30

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{60}C_r (3^{1/4})^{60-r} (5^{1/8})^r$$

rational if $\frac{60-r}{4}, \frac{r}{8}$ both are whole numbers, $r \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, 60\}$

$$\frac{60-r}{4} \in W \Rightarrow r \in \{0, 4, 8, \dots, 60\}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{r}{8} \in W \Rightarrow r \in \{0, 8, 16, \dots, 56\}$$

\therefore Common terms $r \in \{0, 8, 16, \dots, 56\}$

So 8 terms are rational

Then irrational terms $= 61 - 8 = 53 = n$

$$\therefore n - 1 = 52 = 13 \times 2^2$$

Factors 1, 2, 4, 13, 26, 52

13. If the fourth term in the expansion of $(x + x^{\log_2 x})^7$ is 4480, then the value of x where $x \in N$ is equal to:

☒ A. 4

☒ B. 3

☒ C. 2

☒ D. 1

Given : $(x + x^{\log_2 x})^7$

Now, we know

$${}^7C_3 x^4 (x^{\log_2 x})^3 = 4480$$

$$\Rightarrow 35x^4 (x^{\log_2 x})^3 = 4480$$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 (x^{\log_2 x})^3 = 128$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{4+3\log_2 x} = 128$$

Taking \log_2 , we get

$$\Rightarrow (4 + 3\log_2 x) \log_2 x = 7$$

Let $\log_2 x = y$

$$\Rightarrow 4y + 3y^2 = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow 3y^2 + 4y - 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y - 1)(3y + 7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 1, -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 x = 1, -\frac{7}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2, x = 2^{-7/3}$$

Hence, from the given options $x = 2$.

14. The coefficient of x^{256} in the expansion of $(1 - x)^{101}(x^2 + x + 1)^{100}$ is

- ☒ A. ${}^{100}C_{15}$
- ☐ B. ${}^{100}C_{16}$
- ☐ C. $- {}^{100}C_{16}$
- ☐ D. $- {}^{100}C_{15}$

$$(1 - x)^{101}(x^2 + x + 1)^{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - x)((1 - x)(1 + x + x^2))^{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 - x)(1 - x^3)^{100}$$

General term in $(1 - x^3)^{100}$ is ${}^{100}C_r(-x^3)^r = {}^{100}C_r(-x)^{3r}$

$\therefore x^{256}$ occurs if $3r = 256$ or $3r + 1 = 256$

$$r = \frac{256}{3} \text{ (not valid)} \quad r = \frac{255}{3} = 85$$

\therefore Coefficient of x^{256} is $-(-1)^{100}C_{85} = {}^{100}C_{15}$

15. If $n \geq 2$ is a positive integer, then the sum of the series

$${}^{n+1}C_2 + 2({}^2C_2 + {}^3C_2 + {}^4C_2 + \dots + {}^nC_2)$$

- ☐ A. $\frac{n(n+1)^2(n+2)}{12}$
- ☐ B. $\frac{n(n-1)(2n+1)}{6}$
- ☒ C. $\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$
- ☐ D. $\frac{n(2n+1)(3n+1)}{6}$

We know ${}^2C_2 = {}^3C_3$

Let $S = {}^3C_3 + {}^3C_2 + \dots + {}^nC_2 = {}^{n+1}C_3$ ($\because {}^nC_r + {}^nC_{r-1} = {}^{n+1}C_r$)

$\therefore {}^{n+1}C_2 + {}^{n+1}C_3 + {}^{n+1}C_3$

$= {}^{n+2}C_3 + {}^{n+1}C_3$

$= \frac{(n+2)!}{3!(n-1)!} + \frac{(n+1)!}{3!(n-2)!}$

$= \frac{(n+2)(n+1)n}{6} + \frac{(n+1)(n)(n-1)}{6}$

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

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TRICK : Put $n = 2$ and verify the options.

16. The value of $-^{15}C_1 + 2 \times ^{15}C_2 - 3 \times ^{15}C_3 + \dots - 15 \times ^{15}C_{15}$ is :
 $+ ^{14}C_1 + ^{14}C_3 + ^{14}C_5 + \dots + ^{14}C_{11}$

- ☐ A. 2^{14}
- ☐ B. $2^{13} - 13$
- ☐ C. $2^{16} - 1$
- ☒ D. $2^{13} - 14$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_1 &= -^{15}C_1 + 2 \times ^{15}C_2 - 3 \times ^{15}C_3 + \dots - 15 \times ^{15}C_{15} \\
 &= \sum_{r=1}^{15} (-1)^r \times r \times ^{15}C_r = 15 \sum_{r=1}^{15} (-1)^{r-1} ^{14}C_{r-1} \\
 &= 15(-^{14}C_0 + ^{14}C_1 - ^{14}C_2 + \dots - ^{14}C_{14}) = 15(0) = 0
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 S_2 &= ^{14}C_1 + ^{14}C_3 + ^{14}C_5 + \dots + ^{14}C_{11} \\
 &= (^{14}C_1 + ^{14}C_3 + ^{14}C_5 + \dots + ^{14}C_{11} + ^{14}C_{13}) - ^{14}C_{13} \\
 &= 2^{13} - 14 \\
 \therefore S_1 + S_2 &= 2^{13} - 14
 \end{aligned}$$

17. The value of $\sum_{r=0}^6 ({}^6C_r \cdot {}^6C_{6-r})$ is equal to:

☐ A. 1124

☒ B. 924

☐ C. 1324

☐ D. 1024

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{r=0}^6 ({}^6C_r \cdot {}^6C_{6-r}) \\ = {}^6C_0 \cdot {}^6C_6 + {}^6C_1 \cdot {}^6C_5 + \dots + {}^6C_6 \cdot {}^6C_0 \end{aligned}$$

Now, we know

$$\begin{aligned} (1+x)^6 \cdot (1+x)^6 \\ = ({}^6C_0 + {}^6C_1x + \dots) ({}^6C_0 + {}^6C_1x + \dots) \end{aligned}$$

Comparing coefficient of x^6 on both sides

$$\begin{aligned} {}^6C_0 \cdot {}^6C_6 + {}^6C_1 \cdot {}^6C_5 + \dots + {}^6C_6 \cdot {}^6C_0 \\ = {}^{12}C_6 = \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7}{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2} \\ = 2 \times 11 \times 2 \times 3 \times 7 \\ = 924 \end{aligned}$$

18. A scientific committee is to be formed from 6 Indians and 8 foreigners, which includes at least 2 Indians and double the number of foreigners as Indians. Then the number of ways, the committee can be formed is:

☐ A. 560

☐ B. 1050

☒ C. 1625

☐ D. 575

The possible ways are

$$\begin{aligned} (2I, 4F) + (3I, 6F) + (4I, 8F) \\ = {}^6C_2 \cdot {}^8C_4 + {}^6C_3 \cdot {}^8C_6 + {}^6C_4 \cdot {}^8C_8 \\ = 15 \times 70 + 20 \times 28 + 15 \times 1 \\ = 1050 + 560 + 15 = 1625 \end{aligned}$$

19. Team 'A' consists of 7 boys and n girls and Team 'B' has 4 boys and 6 girls. If a total of 52 single matches can be arranged between these two teams when a boy plays against a boy and a girl plays against a girl, then n is equal to:

☐ A. 5

☐ B. 6

☐ C. 2

☒ D. 4

$$7 \times 4 + 6 \times n = 52$$

$$\Rightarrow 6n = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 4$$

20. A natural number has prime factorization given by $n = 2^x 3^y 5^z$, where y and z are such that $y + z = 5$ and $y^{-1} + z^{-1} = \frac{5}{6}$, $y > z$. Then the number of odd divisors of n , including 1, is:

☐ A. 11

☐ B. $6x$

☒ C. 12

☐ D. 6

$$y + z = 5 \dots (1)$$

$$\frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = \frac{5}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow yz = 6$$

$$\text{Also } (y - z)^2 = (y + z)^2 - 4yz$$

$$\Rightarrow y - z = \pm 1 \dots (2)$$

from (1) and (2), $y = 3$ or 2 and $z = 2$ or 3

for calculating odd divisor of $p = 2^x \cdot 3^y \cdot 5^z$

x must be zero

$$P = 2^0 \cdot 3^3 \cdot 5^2$$

$$\therefore \text{total odd divisors must be } (3 + 1)(2 + 1) = 12$$

21. The number of seven digit integers with sum of the digits equal to 10 and formed by using the digits 1, 2 and 3 only is :

☒ A. 77

☐ B. 42

☐ C. 35

☐ D. 82

CASE -I : 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 3

Number of ways = $\frac{7!}{5!} = 42$

CASE -II : 1, 1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 2

Number of ways = $\frac{7!}{4! \times 3!} = 35$

Total number of ways = $42 + 35 = 77$

22. The sum of all the 4–digit distinct numbers that can be formed with the digits 1, 2, 2 and 3 is:

- ☒ A. 26664
- ☐ B. 122664
- ☐ C. 122234
- ☐ D. 22264

Digits are 1, 2, 2 and 3.

$$\text{Total distinct numbers} = \frac{4!}{2!} = 12$$

There are three distinct numbers when 1 is at unit place.

There are three distinct numbers when 3 is at unit place.

There are six distinct numbers when 2 is at unit place.

So, the sum of all the 4–digit distinct numbers is,

$$= (3 + 9 + 12)(10^3 + 10^2 + 10 + 1)$$

$$= 26664$$

Alternate Solution:

1	2	2	3
1	2	3	2
1	3	2	2
3	1	2	2
3	2	1	2
3	2	2	1
2	1	3	2
2	3	1	2
2	2	1	3
2	2	3	1
2	3	2	1
+2	1	2	3
2	6	6	6
			4

Subject: Mathematics

1. The sum of first four terms of a geometric progression (G.P.) is $\frac{65}{12}$ and the sum of their respective reciprocals is $\frac{65}{18}$. If the product of first three terms of the G.P. is 1, and the third term is α , then 2α is

Accepted Answers

3 3.0 3.00

Solution:

Let the first four terms be a, ar, ar^2, ar^3 .

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 = \frac{65}{12} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\text{and } \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{ar} + \frac{1}{ar^2} + \frac{1}{ar^3} = \frac{65}{18}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} \left(\frac{r^3 + r^2 + r + 1}{r^3} \right) = \frac{65}{18} \quad \dots (2)$$

$\frac{(1)}{(2)}$, we get

$$a^2 r^3 = \frac{18}{12} = \frac{3}{2}$$

Also, $a^3 r^3 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow a \left(\frac{3}{2} \right) = 1 \Rightarrow a = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\frac{4}{9} r^3 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow r^3 = \frac{3^3}{2^3} \Rightarrow r = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\alpha = ar^2 = \frac{2}{3} \left(\frac{3}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2\alpha = 3$$

2. Consider an arithmetic series and a geometric series having four initial terms from the set $\{11, 8, 21, 16, 26, 32, 4\}$. If the last terms of these series are the maximum possible four digit numbers, then the number of common terms in these two series is equal to

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3 3.0 3.00

Solution:

By observation

A. P : 11, 16, 21, 26...

G. P : 4, 8, 16, 32...

So common terms are 16, 256, 4096

3. Let $S_n(x) = \log_{a^{1/2}} x + \log_{a^{1/3}} x + \log_{a^{1/6}} x + \log_{a^{1/11}} x + \log_{a^{1/18}} x + \log_{a^{1/27}} x + \dots$ up to n -terms, where $a > 1$. If $S_{24}(x) = 1093$ and $S_{12}(2x) = 265$, then value of a is equal to

Accepted Answers

16 16.0 16.00

Solution:

$$S_n(x) = \log_{a^{1/2}} x + \log_{a^{1/3}} x + \log_{a^{1/6}} x + \log_{a^{1/11}} x + \log_{a^{1/18}} x + \log_{a^{1/27}} x + \dots \text{ up to } n\text{-terms}$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n(x) = 2 \log_a x + 3 \log_a x + 6 \log_a x + 11 \log_a x + \dots$$

$$\Rightarrow S_n(x) = (\log_a x)(2 + 3 + 6 + 11 + \dots)$$

$$S_r = 2 + 3 + 6 + 11 + \dots$$

$$\text{General term, } T_r = r^2 - 2r + 3$$

$$S_n(x) = \sum_{r=1}^n (\log_a x)(r^2 - 2r + 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow S_{24}(x) = (\log_a x) \sum_{r=1}^{24} (r^2 - 2r + 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 1093 = 4372 \log_a x$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_a x = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a^{1/4} \dots (1)$$

$$S_{12}(2x) = \log_a(2x) \sum_{r=1}^{12} (r^2 - 2r + 3)$$

$$\Rightarrow 265 = 530 \log_a(2x)$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_a(2x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = a^{1/2} \dots (2)$$

After solving (1) and (2), we get

$$a^{1/4} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 16$$

4. Let n be a positive integer. Let $A = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k {}^nC_k \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^k + \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^k + \left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^k + \left(\frac{31}{32}\right)^k \right]$. If $63A = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{30}}$, then n is equal to

Accepted Answers

6 6.0 6.00

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned}
 A &= \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k {}^nC_k \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^k + \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^k + \left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^k + \left(\frac{31}{32}\right)^k \right] \\
 \Rightarrow A &= \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{7}{8}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{15}{16}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{31}{32}\right)^n \\
 \Rightarrow A &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{8}\right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{16}\right)^n + \left(\frac{1}{32}\right)^n \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{2n}} + \frac{1}{2^{3n}} + \frac{1}{2^{4n}} + \frac{1}{2^{5n}} \\
 &= \frac{1}{2^n} \left[\frac{1 - \left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)^5}{1 - \frac{1}{2^n}} \right] \\
 A &= \frac{2^{5n} - 1}{2^{5n}(2^n - 1)} \\
 63A &= \frac{63(2^{5n} - 1)}{2^{5n}(2^n - 1)} \\
 &= \frac{63}{2^n - 1} \left(1 - \frac{1}{2^{5n}}\right) = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{30}} \\
 \Rightarrow n &= 6
 \end{aligned}$$

5. If the remainder when x is divided by 4 is 3, then the remainder when $(2020 + x)^{2022}$ is divided by 8 is

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Solution:

Let $x = 4k + 3$

$(2020 + x)^{2022}$

$$= (2020 + 4k + 3)^{2022}$$

$$= (2024 + 4k - 1)^{2022}$$

$$= (4A - 1)^{2022}$$

$$= {}^{2022}C_0(4A)^{2022}(-1)^0 + {}^{2022}C_1(4A)^{2021}(-1)^1 + \dots + {}^{2022}C_{2021}(4A)^1(-1)^{2021} + {}^{2022}C_{2022}(4A)^0(-1)^{2022}$$

Which will be of the form $8\lambda + 1$

So, Remainder is 1.

6. The ratio of the coefficient of the middle term in the expansion of $(1+x)^{20}$ and the sum of the coefficients of two middle terms in expansion of $(1+x)^{19}$ is

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Solution:

Coefficient of middle term in $(1+x)^{20} = {}^{20}C_{10}$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of coefficient of two middle terms in } (1+x)^{19} &= {}^{19}C_9 + {}^{19}C_{10} \\ &= {}^{20}C_{10} \quad (\because {}^nC_r + {}^nC_{r-1} = {}^{n+1}C_r) \end{aligned}$$

Hence, required ratio is 1

7. The students S_1, S_2, \dots, S_{10} are to be divided into 3 groups A, B and C such that each group has at least one student and the group C has at most 3 students. Then the total number of possibilities of forming such groups is

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Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} C \rightarrow 1 & \quad 9 \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} \\ C \rightarrow 2 & \quad 8 \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} \\ C \rightarrow 3 & \quad 7 \begin{bmatrix} A \\ B \end{bmatrix} \end{aligned}$$

Number of ways

$$\begin{aligned} &= {}^{10}C_1[2^9 - 2] + {}^{10}C_2[2^8 - 2] + {}^{10}C_3[2^7 - 2] \\ &= 2^7[{}^{10}C_1 \times 4 + {}^{10}C_2 \times 2 + {}^{10}C_3] - 20 - 90 - 240 \\ &= 128[40 + 90 + 120] - 350 \\ &= (128 \times 250) - 350 \\ &= 10(3165) \\ &= 31650 \end{aligned}$$

8. Let $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$. Then the number of possible functions $f : S \rightarrow S$ such that $f(m \cdot n) = f(m) \cdot f(n)$ for every $m, n \in S$ and $m \cdot n \in S$ is equal to

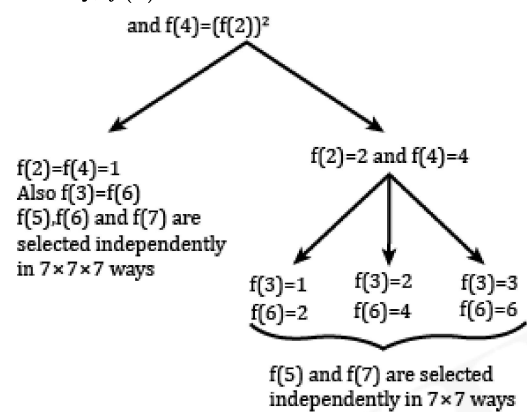
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Solution:

Given $f(m \cdot n) = f(m) \cdot f(n)$

Clearly, $f(1) = 1$



Total number of ways $= 7^3 + 3 \cdot 7^2 = 490$