

Solutions to JEE Main - 1 | JEE - 2024

PHYSICS

SECTION-1

1.(B) $R = \sqrt{30^2 + 30^2 + 2 \times 30 \times 30 \cos 120^\circ} = 30N$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{30 \sin 120^\circ}{30 + 30 \cos 120^\circ} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \alpha = 60^\circ$$

$$(\cos 120^\circ = \cos(180^\circ - 60^\circ) = -\cos 60^\circ = -\frac{1}{2})$$

$$\& \sin 120^\circ = \sin(180^\circ - 60^\circ) = \sin 60^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

2.(C) $\vec{r} = (-3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) m$

$$\vec{\tau} = \vec{r} \times \vec{F}$$

$$= (-3\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \times (\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k}) = 6\hat{k} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k} - \hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{i} = (3\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 7\hat{k}) N.m$$

3.(D) For three non collinear vectors adding up to zero, sum of magnitudes of 2 > magnitude of 3rd vector

(A) $2 + 3 < 8$

(B) $3 + 4 < 9$

(C) $5 + 6 < 20$

(D) $4 + 5 > 8$

4.(C) $\vec{a} = \frac{1}{4}(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$ and $\frac{7}{4}\hat{i} - \frac{7}{4}\hat{j} + \frac{7}{8}\hat{k} = \frac{7}{8}(2\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + \hat{k})$

Hence, Option (C) is correct

5.(D) $AB \sin \theta = \sqrt{3} AB \cos \theta \quad \therefore \tan \theta = \sqrt{3}$

$$\theta = 60^\circ \quad \therefore |\vec{A} + \vec{B}| = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + 2AB \cos 60^\circ} = \sqrt{A^2 + B^2 + AB}$$

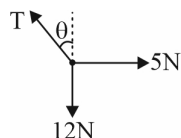
6.(C) $T \cos \theta = 12$

$$T \sin \theta = 5$$

Squaring & adding

$$T^2 = 144 + 25 = 169$$

$$\Rightarrow T = 13N$$



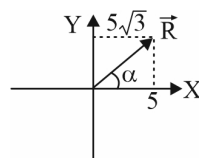
7.(A) $\vec{a} \perp \vec{a} \times \vec{b} \Rightarrow \vec{a} \cdot (\vec{a} \times \vec{b}) = 0$

8.(B) Using law of vector addition:

$$\vec{A} + \vec{B} + \vec{E} = 0, \vec{B} + \vec{E} + \vec{D} = \vec{C} \& \vec{A} + \vec{C} = \vec{D}$$

9.(A) $R_x = 2 + \sqrt{3} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + 5 \times \frac{1}{2} - 2 \times \frac{1}{2} = 5$

$$R_y = \sqrt{3} \times \frac{1}{2} + 5 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \sqrt{3} + 2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = 5\sqrt{3}$$



$$R = \sqrt{5^2 + (5\sqrt{3})^2} = 10N$$

$$\tan \alpha = \frac{5\sqrt{3}}{5} = \sqrt{3} \Rightarrow \alpha = 60^\circ$$

10.(B) $T_2 = 400N$

$$T_3 = 300N$$

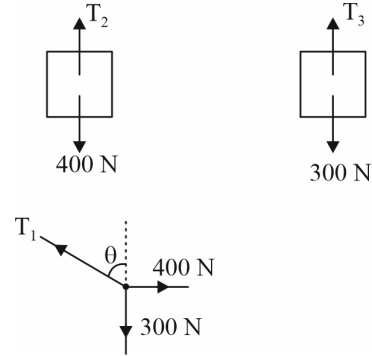
$$T_1 \sin \theta = 400$$

$$T_1 \cos \theta = 300$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{4}{3} \therefore \theta = 53^\circ$$

$$T_1 \sin 53^\circ = 400 \therefore T_1 = 500N$$

Hence, Option (B) is correct



11.(C) $\vec{R} = \vec{P} + \vec{Q}$

$$R^2 = P^2 + Q^2 + 2PQ \cos \theta \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\vec{R}_1 = \vec{P} + 2\vec{Q}$$

$$R_1^2 = P^2 + 4Q^2 + 4PQ \cos \theta$$

and $|\vec{R}_1| = 2|\vec{R}|$

$$4R^2 = P^2 + 4Q^2 + 4PQ \cos \theta \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\vec{R}_2 = \vec{P} - \vec{Q}$$

$$R_2^2 = P^2 + Q^2 - 2PQ \cos \theta \text{ and } |\vec{R}_2| = 2|\vec{R}|$$

$$4R^2 = P^2 + Q^2 - 2PQ \cos \theta \quad \dots (iii)$$

Solving (i), (ii) and (iii)

$$|\vec{P}| : |\vec{Q}| = \sqrt{2} : \sqrt{3}$$

12.(B) Projection of \vec{P} along $\vec{Q} = \frac{\vec{P} \cdot \vec{Q}}{Q}$

$$= \frac{(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}) \cdot (3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} + 12\hat{k})}{\sqrt{3^2 + 4^2 + 12^2}}$$

$$= \frac{6 - 4 + 24}{\sqrt{169}} = \frac{26}{13} = 2$$

13.(D) Let Tension in the string be T ; for the equilibrium of 2kg block :

$$T = 2g = 20N$$

For the equilibrium of 5 kg block, Net horizontal force will be zero :

$$\Rightarrow f = T \cos 45^\circ = 20 \times \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} = 10\sqrt{2}N$$

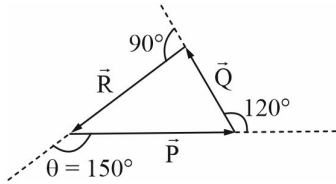
14.(B) As these vectors are orthogonal

$$\vec{A} \cdot \vec{B} = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{2\hat{i} + \lambda\hat{j} + \hat{k}}{\sqrt{5+\lambda^2}} \cdot \frac{\hat{i} - 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}}{\sqrt{14}} = 0$$

$$2 - 2\lambda + 3 = 0; \quad \lambda = \frac{5}{2}$$

15.(A) \vec{P} , \vec{Q} , \vec{R} will be the sides of a triangle. Angle between \vec{R} and \vec{P} , $\theta = 150^\circ$



16.(B) $\Delta \vec{r} = 3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$

$$\vec{F} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}}(\hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k})$$

$$\vec{W} = \vec{F} \cdot \Delta \vec{r} = \frac{10}{\sqrt{3}} \times (3 + 3 - 3) = 10\sqrt{3}J$$

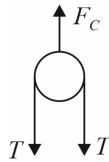
$$17.(C) \cos \theta = \frac{\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}}{ab} = \frac{2 \times 1 - 1 \times 1 + 2 \times 1}{\sqrt{9}\sqrt{3}} = \frac{3}{3\sqrt{3}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta = \cos^{-1} \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

18.(C) Considering equilibrium of pulley:

$$F_C = 2T = 24mg$$

$$= 8mg$$



19.(B) Given horizontal force $F = 25N$ and the coefficient of friction between block and wall (μ) = 0.4.

We know that at equilibrium, horizontal force equals the normal reaction to the block against the wall.

Therefore, normal reaction to the block (R) = $F = 25N$.

We also know that weight of the block (W) = Frictional force = $\mu R = 0.4 \times 25 = 10N$

$$20.(B) \text{ Area of parallelogram } = |\vec{a} \times \vec{b}| = |4\hat{k} - 5\hat{j} - 4\hat{k} + 10\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - 8\hat{i}| = |2\hat{i} - \hat{j}| = \sqrt{5}m^2$$

SECTION - 2

$$21.(60) |\vec{a}| = 1 \quad |\vec{b}| = 1$$

$$(\vec{a} + 2\vec{b}) \cdot (5\vec{a} - 4\vec{b}) = 0$$

$$5a^2 - 4ab \cos \theta + 10ab \cos \theta - 8b^2 = 0$$

$$5 - 4 \cos \theta + 10 \cos \theta - 8 = 0$$

$$6 \cos \theta = 3$$

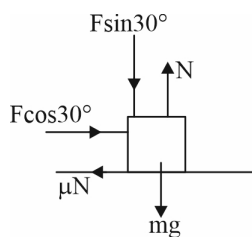
$$\cos \theta = \frac{1}{2} \quad \therefore \quad \theta = 60^\circ$$

$$22.(60) \quad F \cos 30^\circ = \mu N \quad \dots (i)$$

$$N = F \sin 30^\circ + mg \quad \dots (ii)$$

Solving (i) and (ii)

$$F = 2mg = 60N$$

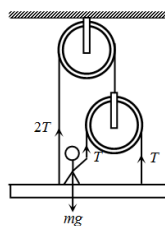


$$23.(15) \text{ Man : } T + N = mg$$

$$\text{Plank: } 3T = N$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad 4T = mg$$

$$\therefore \quad T = \frac{60 \times 10}{4} = 150 \text{ N}$$



24.(50) FBD of block:

$$N + 50 \sin 53^\circ = W$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad N = W - 50 \sin 53^\circ = 80 - 50 \times \frac{4}{5} = 40 \text{ N}$$

$$\text{Also } f = 50 \cos 53^\circ = 50 \times \frac{3}{5} = 30 \text{ N}$$

$$F_{\text{net, ground}} = \sqrt{N^2 + f^2} = \sqrt{30^2 + 40^2} = 50 \text{ N}$$

$$25.(10) \text{ Let } \vec{A} = A_x \hat{i} + A_y \hat{j}$$

$$\vec{B} = 3\hat{i} + 4\hat{j}$$

$$\text{If } \vec{R} = \vec{A} + \vec{B}, \text{ given that } R_x = 0 \Rightarrow A_x = -3$$

$$\text{Also } R_y = 4 - A_y = |\vec{B}| \Rightarrow 4 + A_y = 5 \Rightarrow A_y = +1$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad |\vec{A}| = \sqrt{3^2 + 1^2} = \sqrt{10}$$

CHEMISTRY

SECTION-1

1.(C) meq. of acid = $100 \times 0.2 \times 2 = 40$

meq. of NaOH = $100 \times 0.2 = 20$

meq. of excess acid = $40 - 20 = 20$

$$N_{\text{mix}} = \frac{20}{200} = 0.1 \text{ N}$$

2.(C) i. 1 molecule of $\text{O}_2 = \frac{32}{6 \times 10^{23}}$

ii. 1 atom of N = $\frac{14}{6 \times 10^{23}}$

iii. 1 mol of $\text{H}_2\text{O} = 18 \text{ g}$

iv. Weight of Fe = 10^{-10} g

3.(B) CaCO_3 will react with H_2SO_4

meq. of $\text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 = \text{meq. of } \text{CaCO}_3$

$$= \frac{1}{15} \times 2 \times 30 = 4$$

meq. of $\text{CaCO}_3 = 4 = \frac{\text{g}}{\text{E}} \times 1000$

$$\text{Mass of } \text{CaCO}_3 (\text{g}) = \frac{4 \times \text{E}}{1000} = \frac{4 \times 50}{1000} = 0.2 \text{ g}$$

Mass of NaCl = $1 - 0.2 = 0.8 \text{ g}$

% of NaCl = 80%

4.(A) Volume of 1 drop of $\text{H}_2\text{O} = 0.04 \text{ mL}$

Weight of 1 drop of $\text{H}_2\text{O} = \text{Volume} \times \text{Density} = 0.04 \times 1 = 0.04 \text{ g}$

1 mole of $\text{H}_2\text{O} = 18 \text{ g} = 6.023 \times 10^{23}$ molecules

$$\therefore \frac{6.023 \times 10^{23} \times 0.04}{18} = 1.3384 \times 10^{21} \text{ molecules}$$

5.(B) meq. of $\text{H}_3\text{PO}_3 = \text{meq. of } \text{KOH}$

$$M_a \times n_f \times V_a = M_b \times V_b \times n_f$$

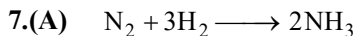
$$0.1 \times 2 \times 20 = 0.2 \times 1 \times V_b \Rightarrow V = 20 \text{ mL}$$

6.(A) Equation of dilution :

$$N_1 V_1 = N_2 V_2$$

$$\frac{1}{4} \times V_1 = \frac{1}{10} \times 1000 \quad V_1 = 400 \text{ mL}$$

Volume of H_2O added = $1000 - 400 = 600 \text{ mL}$



$$n_{\text{H}_2} = \frac{5}{2} = 2.5 \quad n_{\text{N}_2} = \frac{14}{28} = 0.5$$

1 mole of N_2 reacts with 3 moles of H_2 .

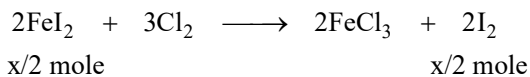
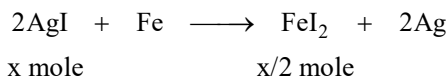
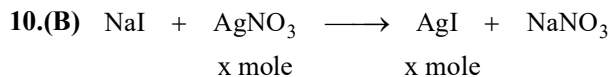
0.5 mole of N_2 reacts with 1.5 moles of H_2 .

$$\Rightarrow n_{\text{H}_2} \text{ unreacted} = 2.5 - 1.5 = 1 \text{ mole} \Rightarrow 2 \text{ g}$$

$$8.(C) \quad \text{Final conc. of } H^+ \text{ ions} = \frac{N_1 V_1 + N_2 V_2}{V_{\text{total}}} = \frac{(100 \times 0.3) + (100 \times 0.3)}{200} = \frac{30 + 30}{200} = \frac{60}{200} = \frac{3}{10} = 0.3 \text{ N}$$

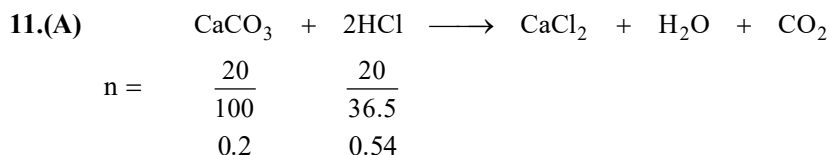
9.(A) As per the reaction, theoretical yield of the Ti is 1.88 moles and actual yield is $\frac{2}{3}$ moles.

$$\therefore \% \text{ yield of Ti} = \frac{2/3}{1.88} \times 100 = 35.46\%$$



$$\frac{x}{2} \text{ mole} = \frac{254 \times 10^3}{254} = 1000$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2000 \text{ moles, } W_{\text{AgNO}_3} = 34 \times 10^4 \text{ g}$$



Here limiting reagent is CaCO_3

$$1 \text{ mole } \text{CaCO}_3 = 1 \text{ mole } \text{CO}_2$$

$$0.2 \text{ mole } \text{CaCO}_3 = 0.2 \text{ mole } \text{CO}_2$$

$$\text{Mass} = n \times M^\circ = 0.2 \times 44 = 8.8 \text{ g}$$

12.(D) Molality = 0.2

$$\Rightarrow 0.2 \text{ moles } \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 \text{ in } 1000 \text{ g solvent}$$

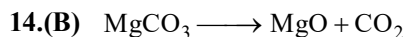
$$\text{Mass of } \text{H}_2\text{SO}_4 = 0.2 \times 98 = 19.6 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Mass of solvent} = 1000 \text{ g}$$

$$\text{Total mass of solution} = 19.6 + 1000 = 1019.6 \text{ g}$$

13.(A) I. Molality and mole fraction are independent of small change in temperature, in which there will no evaporation losses.

II. Not correct : Molar volume of ideal gases is 22.4 L only at NTP/STP.



8 g MgO is formed

$$n_{\text{MgO}} = \frac{8}{40} = \frac{1}{5} \text{ mole MgO is formed}$$

$$1 \text{ mole MgO} \equiv 1 \text{ mole MgCO}_3$$

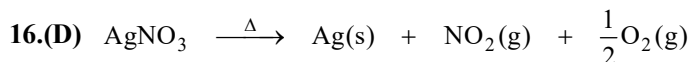
$$\therefore \text{Moles of MgCO}_3 \text{ used} = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{Mass of MgCO}_3 \text{ used} = \frac{1}{5} \times 84 = 16.8$$

$$\% \text{ purity} = \frac{16.8}{20} \times 100 = 84\%$$

$$15.(D) \left\{ z = \frac{x(z-2)}{100} + \frac{(100-x)(z+1)}{100} \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 100z = xz - 2x + 100z + 100 - xz \Rightarrow x = \frac{100}{3} \text{ or } x = 33.33\%$$



$$\begin{array}{cccc} n = 0.4 & - & - & - \\ - & 0.4 & 0.4 & 0.2 \end{array}$$

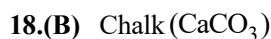
Moles of gases obtained = 0.6

$$\Rightarrow \text{Volume of gases} = (0.6 \times 22.4) \text{L} = 13.44 \text{L}$$



m moles of HCl used = m moles of Na_2CO_3

$$1 \times V = \frac{1}{106} \times 1000; \therefore V = 9.43 \text{mL}$$



Let mass of CaCO_3 in mixture = x g

CaSO_4 does not react with H_2SO_4 as it is neutral solution in aqueous medium.

Only CaCO_3 react with acid.

Excess of H_2SO_4 is neutralised by Al(OH)_3

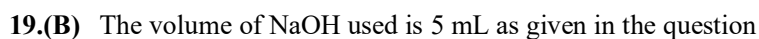
$$\text{meq. of Al(OH)}_3 = \text{meq. of excess H}_2\text{SO}_4 = 310 \times \frac{1}{10} \times 3 = 31 \times 3 = 93$$

$$\text{meq. of H}_2\text{SO}_4 \text{ taken} = 290 \times \frac{1}{5} \times 2 = 116$$

$$\text{meq. of H}_2\text{SO}_4 \text{ used for CaCO}_3 = 116 - 93 = 23$$

$$\text{meq. of CaCO}_3 = 23 = \frac{g}{E} \times 1000$$

$$g_{\text{CaCO}_3} = \frac{23 \times 50}{1000} = 1.15 \text{ g}; \quad \% \text{CaCO}_3 = \frac{1.15}{2} \times 100 = 57.5\%$$



meq. of NaOH = meq. of oxalic acid

$$M \times 5 = 1.25 \times 2 \times 10; M = \frac{1.25 \times 2 \times 10}{5} = \frac{25}{5} = 5 \text{M}$$

So the answer will be 5.



Reaction in presence of phenolphthalein indicator.

$$\text{meq. of HCl} = \text{meq. of NaOH} + \frac{1}{2} \text{ meq. of Na}_2\text{CO}_3$$

$$20 \times 1 = x + \frac{y}{2} \times 2$$

Reactions in presence of methyl orange

$$\text{meq. of HCl} = \frac{1}{2} \text{ meq. of Na}_2\text{CO}_3$$

$$5 \times 1 = \frac{y}{2} \times 2 \Rightarrow y = 5; x = 15$$

SECTION - 2

21.(8) Molar mass of $\text{Na}_2\text{SO}_4 \cdot n\text{H}_2\text{O} = (142 + 18n)$

$$\% \text{ Loss in mass} = \frac{18n}{(142 + 18n)} \times 100$$

$$50.3 = \frac{18n \times 100}{142 + 18n} \Rightarrow n = 8$$

22.(8) 100 g of protein has 0.07 g of Fe.

$$\text{So, 56 g of Fe should have minimum weight of } \frac{100}{0.07} \times 56 = 80000 = 8 \times 10^4 \text{ g}$$

23.(10) 90% w/w alcohol

$$d = 0.8 \text{ g / mL}$$

$$\text{Molarity} = M_1 = \frac{10 \times d}{M^\circ}$$

$$M_1 = \frac{10 \times 90 \times 0.8}{M^\circ} = \frac{720}{M^\circ}$$

80 mL 10% w/w alcohol ($d = 0.9 \text{ g / mL}$)

$$M_2 = \text{Molarity} = \frac{10 \times d}{M^\circ} = \frac{10 \times 10 \times 0.9}{M^\circ} = \frac{90}{M^\circ}$$

Equation of dilution :

$$M_1 V_1 = M_2 V_2$$

$$\frac{720}{M^\circ} \times V_1 = \frac{80 \times 90}{M^\circ} \Rightarrow V_1 = \frac{80 \times 90}{720} = 10 \text{ mL}$$

24.(3) meq. of acid = meq. of base

$$10 \times 0.1 \times n_f = 30 \times 0.05 \times 2$$

$$n_f = \frac{30 \times 0.05 \times 2}{10 \times 0.1} = 3$$

25.(3) Molarity = $\frac{10 \times d}{M^\circ} = \frac{10 \times 30 \times 0.365}{36.5} = 3 \text{ molar}$

MATHEMATICS

SECTION-1

- 1.(A) We have $\alpha^2 = 5\alpha - 3$ and $\beta^2 = 5\beta - 3$; $\Rightarrow \alpha$ and β are roots of equation $x^2 = 5x - 3$ or $x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = 5 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 3$$

Thus, the equation having $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ and $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ as its roots is

$$x^2 - x\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) + \frac{\alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta} = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 - x\left(\frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha\beta}\right) + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{or } 3x^2 - 19x + 3 = 0$$

2.(A) $\frac{x+7}{x-5} + \frac{3x+1}{2} \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x+14+(x-5)(3x+1)}{2(x-5)} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2x+14+3x^2+x-15x-5}{(x-5)} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x^2-12x+9}{(x-5)} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2-4x+3}{(x-5)} \geq 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2-3x-x+3}{(x-5)} \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x-3)(x-1)}{(x-5)} \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \in [1, 3] \cup [5, \infty) \text{ but } x \neq 5 \Rightarrow x \in [1, 3] \cup (5, \infty)$$

3.(D)

- 4.(A) The inequality is $|x+2| - |x-2| < x - \frac{3}{2}$

Dividing the problem into three intervals:

(i) If $x < -2$, then $-(x+2) + (x-1) < x - \frac{3}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow x > -\frac{3}{2}$$

But $-\frac{3}{2} > -2$, hence no common values

(ii) If $-2 \leq x < 1$, then $(x+2) + (x-1) < x - \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow x < -\frac{5}{2}$

But $-\frac{5}{2} < -2$, hence no common values

(iii) If $x \geq 1$, then

$$\Rightarrow x > \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{9}{2} > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{common solution is } x > \frac{9}{2} \Rightarrow x \in \left(\frac{9}{2}, \infty\right)$$

$$\therefore \text{Solution set is } x \in \left(\frac{9}{2}, \infty \right)$$

$$5.(C) \quad \frac{x^2 + 6x - 7}{|x + 4|} < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 6x - 7 < 0, \text{ provided } x + 4 \neq 0$$

$$[\because |x + 4| > 0 \text{ if } x \neq -4]$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + 7)(x - 1) < 0, x \neq -4 \Rightarrow -7 < x < 1$$

$$x \neq -4$$

$$\therefore x \in (-7, -4) \cup (-4, 1)$$

$$6.(C) \quad \text{Since } \frac{x^2 + x}{x + 4} > 0 \text{ and } 0 < 0.8 < 1$$

$$\therefore \text{The given inequality implies } \log_6 \left(\frac{x^2 + x}{x + 4} \right) > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2 + x}{x + 4} > 6 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2 - 6x + x - 24}{x + 4} > 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-4, -3) \cup (8, \infty)$$

$$7.(A) \quad 175 = 5^2 \cdot 7, 245 = 5 \cdot 7^2, 875 = 5^3 \cdot 7, 1715 = 5 \cdot 7^3$$

$$\text{Let } \alpha = \log 5, \beta = \log 7$$

$$a = \frac{\log 175}{\log 245} = \frac{2\alpha + \beta}{\alpha + 2\beta}$$

$$b = \frac{\log 875}{\log 1715} = \frac{3\alpha + \beta}{\alpha + 3\beta}$$

$$\frac{1 - ab}{a - b} = \frac{(\alpha + 2\beta)(\alpha + 3\beta) - (2\alpha + \beta)(3\alpha + \beta)}{(2\alpha + \beta)(\alpha + 3\beta) - (\alpha + 2\beta)(3\alpha + \beta)} = \frac{5(\beta^2 - \alpha^2)}{\beta^2 - \alpha^2} = 5$$

$$8.(A) \quad \text{I. } -75 < 3x - 6 \Rightarrow x > -23$$

$$3x - 6 \leq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 2$$

$$\text{II. } 14 \leq 3x + 11 \Rightarrow 3 \leq 3x \Rightarrow 1 \leq x$$

$$3x + 11 \leq 22 \Rightarrow 3x \leq 11 \Rightarrow x \leq \frac{11}{3}$$

$$\text{III. } -20 \leq 2 - 3x \Rightarrow x \leq \frac{22}{3}$$

$$2 - 3x \leq 36 \Rightarrow -34 \leq 3x \Rightarrow x \geq \frac{-34}{3}$$

$$9.(A) \quad \text{Let } a \frac{(x-b)(x-c)}{(a-b)(a-c)} + b \frac{(x-c)(x-a)}{(b-c)(b-a)} + c \frac{(x-a)(x-b)}{(c-a)(c-b)} - x$$

$$\text{We have } f(a) = 0, f(b) = 0 \text{ and } f(c) = 0$$

$f(x)$ is quadratic equation having more than 2 roots.

$$\text{Thus, } f(x) \equiv 0$$

10.(B) $\alpha + \beta = -2|a|$ and $\alpha \cdot \beta = 4$

α	2	4	-2	-4
β	2	1	-2	-1

$$\Rightarrow a = \frac{-5}{2}$$

11.(C) $x^2 + ax + c = (x - \gamma)(x - \delta)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, } \frac{(\alpha - \gamma)(\alpha - \delta)}{(\beta - \gamma)(\beta - \delta)} &= \frac{\alpha^2 + a\alpha + c}{\beta^2 + a\beta + c} \\ &= \frac{-b + c}{-b + c} = 1 \quad [\because \alpha, \beta \text{ are roots of } x^2 + ax + b = 0] \end{aligned}$$

12.(A) $\frac{c}{a} < 0$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 - 2a < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < a < 2$$

13.(C) Let $y = \frac{x^2 - bc}{2x - b - c}$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2yx + (b + c)y - bc = 0$$

$$\therefore x \in R \text{ so } 4y^2 - 4(b + c)y + 4bc \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y \leq b \text{ or } y \geq c \quad (\because b < c)$$

14.(A) $ax^2 - 2bx + c = 0$

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{(-2b)}{a} = \frac{2b}{a}$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\alpha^3\beta^3 + \alpha^2\beta^2 + \alpha^3\beta^2$$

$$= \alpha^2\beta^2(\alpha\beta + \alpha + \beta) = (\alpha\beta)^2(\alpha\beta + \alpha + \beta)$$

$$= \left(\frac{c}{a}\right)^2 \left(\frac{c}{a} + \frac{2b}{a}\right) = \frac{c^2}{a^2} \times \left(\frac{c + 2b}{a}\right) = \frac{c^2 \cdot (c + 2b)}{a^3}$$

15.(C) Given $a + b = -a$, $ab = b$

As $b \neq 0$, we get $a = 1$

$$\text{Thus, } x^2 + ax + b = x^2 + x - 2 = \left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 - \frac{9}{4} \geq -\frac{9}{4}$$

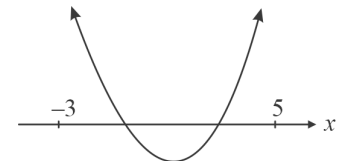
$$\therefore \text{Least value of } x^2 + ax + b \text{ is } -\frac{9}{4} \text{ which is attained at } x = -\frac{1}{2}$$

16.(D) Let $f(x) = x^2 - 2kx + k^2 = 4$

Conditions are:

$$(1) \quad D \geq 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad (-2k)^2 - 4(k^2 - 4) = 16 \geq 0 \quad \forall k$$

$$(2) \quad f(-3) > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad k^2 + 6k + 5 > 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad k < -5 \text{ or } k > -1$$



$$(3) \quad f(5) > 0 \Rightarrow k^2 - 10 + 21 > 0 \Rightarrow k < 3 \text{ or } k > 7$$

$$(4) \quad -3 < k < 5$$

\therefore Values of k satisfying conditions (1), (2), (3), (4) are:
 $-1 < k < 3$

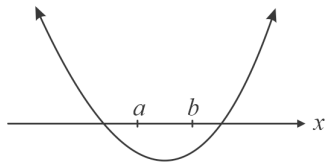
17.(B) Let the discriminant of the equation $x^2 + px + q = 0$ be D_1 then $D_1 = p^2 - 4q$ and the discriminant D_2 of the equation $x^2 + rx + s = 0$ is $D_2 = r^2 - 4s$

$$\therefore D_1 + D_2 = p^2 + r^2 - 4(q + s) = p^2 + r^2 - 2pr \quad [\text{From the given relation}]$$

$$\therefore D_1 + D_2 = (p - r)^2 \geq 0$$

Clearly at least one of D_1 and D_2 must be non-negative consequently at least one of the equation has real roots.

18.(C) Let $f(x) = (x - a)(x - b) - c \Rightarrow f(a) = -c = f(b) < 0$



19.(B) Given $\alpha < \beta, c < 0, b > 0$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = -b < 0 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = c < 0$$

Clearly, α and β have opposite signs and $\alpha < \beta$

$$\therefore \alpha < 0 \text{ and } \beta > 0 \Rightarrow \alpha < 0 < \beta$$

$$\text{Further } \alpha + \beta < 0 \Rightarrow \beta < -\alpha \Rightarrow |\beta| < |-\alpha|$$

$$\Rightarrow \beta < |\alpha|$$

$$\text{Hence, } \alpha < 0 < \beta < |\alpha|$$

20.(A) $ax^2 + bx + c = 0 \rightarrow$ roots α, β ...**(i)**

$$\ell x^2 + mx + n = 0 \rightarrow \text{roots } \frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ell \left(\frac{1}{x} \right)^2 + m \left(\frac{1}{x} \right) + n = 0 \rightarrow \text{roots } \alpha, \beta$$

$$\Rightarrow nx^2 + mx + \ell = 0 \rightarrow \text{roots } \alpha, \beta \quad \dots\text{(ii)}$$

From (i) and (ii)

$$a : b : c = n : m : \ell$$

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21.(3) Let α, α^2 be the roots of $3x^2 + px + 3 = 0$

$$\text{Now, } S = \alpha + \alpha^2 = -\frac{p}{3},$$

$$P = \alpha^3 = 1$$

$$\left(\alpha + \alpha^2 \right)^3 = \left(-\frac{p}{3} \right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^3 + (\alpha^3)^2 + 3\alpha^3(\alpha + \alpha^2) = \left(\frac{-p}{3}\right)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 1 - p = \left(\frac{-p}{3}\right)^3 \Rightarrow p = 3$$

22.(15) If α is a common root of the three equations, then $\alpha^2 + a\alpha + 12 = 0$, $\alpha^2 + b\alpha + 15 = 0$

$$\text{and } \alpha^2 + (a+b)\alpha + 36 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow b\alpha = -24, a\alpha = -21$$

$$\text{Thus, } \alpha^2 - 21 + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = \pm 3$$

As $\alpha > 0$, we get $\alpha = 3$

Therefore, $a = -7$, $b = -8$

23.(69) $A_{n+1} = \alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1}$

$$aA_n - bA_{n-1} = a(\alpha^n + \beta^n) - b(\alpha^{n-1} + \beta^{n-1})$$

$$\text{Now, } \alpha + \beta = a, a\beta = b \quad \therefore aA_n - bA_{n-1} = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^n + \beta^n) - \alpha\beta(\alpha^{n-1} + \beta^{n-1})$$

$$= \alpha^{n+1} + \alpha\beta^n + \alpha^n\beta + \beta^{n+1} - \alpha^n\beta - \alpha\beta^n = \alpha^{n+1} + \beta^{n+1} = A_{n+1}$$

$$\therefore A_{n+1} = aA_n - bA_{n-1}$$

24.(1) Let $\log_{16} x = t$

$$\text{Hence, } t^2 - t + \log_{16} k = 0 \text{ and } k > 0$$

The equation has exactly one solution. Hence, the discriminant must be zero.

$$\Delta = 1 - 4\log_{16} k$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 = 1 - 4\log_{16} k$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{16} k = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 2$$

25.(2) Given equations are $x^2 - 3x + a = 0$... (i)

$$\text{and } x^2 + ax - 3 = 0 \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

Subtracting (ii) from (i), we get:

$$-3x - ax + a + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a+3)(-x+1) = 0 \Rightarrow \text{either } a = -3 \text{ or } x = 1$$

when $a = -3$, the two equations are identical.

So, we taken $x = 1$, which is the common roots of the two equations. Substituting $x = 1$ in (i), we get:

$$1 + a - 3 = 0 \Rightarrow a = 2$$