

## HINTS & SOLUTIONS

### EXERCISE - 1 Single Choice

2.  $\frac{\log b}{\log b + \log a + \log c} + \frac{\log c}{\log c + \log a + \log b} + \frac{\log a}{\log a + \log b + \log c} = 1$

3.  $1+x>0, 1-x>0, 1-x^2>0, x \neq 0$

4.  $(7x-9)^2(3x-4)^2=100$

$\Rightarrow (21x^2 - 55x + 36)^2 = 100$

$\Rightarrow 21x^2 - 55x + 36 = \pm 10$

$21x^2 - 55x + 26 = 0$

$$x = \frac{55 \pm \sqrt{3025 - 2184}}{42} = \frac{55 \pm 29}{42} = 2, \frac{13}{21}$$

only two real solution

5. Take log on both sides of equation & solve the equation simultaneously.

6. Use  $a^{\log_b c} = c^{\log_b a}$

$\Rightarrow 3^{\log_4 5} + 4^{\log_5 3} - 3^{\log_4 5} - 4^{\log_5 3} = 0$

7. Let  $\log_3 n = x$

$y = 5x^2 - 12x + 9$

y is minimum at  $x = -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{12}{10} = \frac{6}{5}$

Here  $\log_3 n = \frac{6}{5}$

$\Rightarrow n = 3^{6/5} \approx 3.70s$

which is not natural hence minimum occurs at the closest integer

now  $4 > 3^{6/5}$

$4^5 > 3^6$

$1024 > 729$  which is true

8. Using property we get

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

11. Let  $\log_2 x = y$

$\Rightarrow 1 + 2y + y^2 + y + 2y^2 + y^3 = 1$

$\Rightarrow y(y^2 + 3y + 3) = 0$

$\Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ or } y^2 + 3y + 3 = 0$

$\Rightarrow \log_2 x = 0 \text{ or } D < 0 \text{ no real solution}$

$\Rightarrow x = 1$

(which is not in domain as x is in the base in one term)

12.  $(1+k)^n = \frac{s}{p} \Rightarrow n \log(1+k) = \log \frac{s}{p} \text{ (s/p)}$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{\log s/p}{\log(1+k)}$$

### Case-I

when B is a quadratic equation

$D_1 = (m+3)^2 \text{ and } D_2 = (m-2)^2$

roots of 1<sup>st</sup> equation are  $2, -(m+1)$  set A

roots of 2<sup>nd</sup> equation are  $-1, \frac{1}{1-m}$  set B

For exactly there elements in  $A \cup B$  two of the roots must be same note that  $2 \neq -1$

possibilities are

$2 = -(m+1) \Rightarrow m = -3$

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

$\Rightarrow m = 1/2$

$-m - 1 = -1 \Rightarrow m = 0$

$$-(m+1) = \frac{1}{1-m} \Rightarrow 1 - m^2 = -1$$

$\Rightarrow m = \pm \sqrt{2}$

$$\frac{1}{1-m} = -1 \Rightarrow m - 1 = 1$$

$\Rightarrow m = 2$ .

### Case-II

Now if  $m = 1$ , then B becomes linear

roots of B as  $x = -1$

roots of A are 2 and  $-2$

$\Rightarrow 3$  elements in common

$\therefore$  all permissible  $m$  are  $\{-3, \frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}, 2, 0, 1\}$



15.  $\frac{\log x}{\log \frac{p}{q}} = \frac{\log x}{\log p - \log q} = \frac{1}{\frac{\log p}{\log x} - \frac{\log q}{\log x}}$

$$= \frac{1}{\log_x p - \log_x q} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{1}{\beta}} = \frac{\alpha\beta}{\beta - \alpha}$$

17.  $B = \frac{12}{3 + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{8}}$

$$B = \left( \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{8})}{(3 + \sqrt{5})^2 - 8} \right) = \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{8})}{6 + 6\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \left( \frac{2(3 + \sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2})}{1 + \sqrt{5}} \right) = \frac{6 + 2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5} + 1} - \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5} + 1}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{5} + 1)^2}{\sqrt{5} + 1} - \frac{4\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{5} - 1)}{4}$$

$$= \sqrt{5} + 1 - \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{2} = A \Rightarrow \log_A B = 1$$

20.  $x = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{-100} \Rightarrow \log_{10} x = -100(\log 5 - \log 3)$

$$= -100 (\log_{10} 10 - \log_{10} 2 - \log_{10} 3)$$

$$= -100(1 - .3010 - .4771)$$

$$= -22.19 = \overline{23}.81 \quad \text{hence } 0's = 23 - 1 = 22$$

EXERCISE - 2

Part # I : Multiple Choice

1. (A)  $\log_3 19 \cdot \log_{1/7} 3 \cdot \log_4 \frac{1}{7} = \log_3 19 \log_4 3$

$$= \log_4 19 > 2$$

(B)  $\frac{1}{5} > \frac{1}{23} > \frac{1}{25}$

$$\log_5 \frac{1}{5} > \log_5 \frac{1}{23} > \log_5 \frac{1}{25}$$

(C)  $m = 7 \quad \& \quad n = 7^4$   
 $\Rightarrow n = m^4$

(D)  $\log_{\sqrt{5}} 5^2 = 4$

$$\sin^2 \beta = \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$

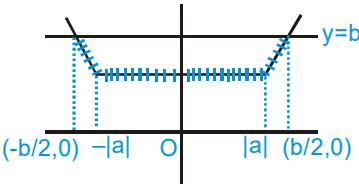
$$\frac{1 - \cos 2\beta}{2} = \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2}$$

$$\cos 2\beta = 1 - \sin 2\alpha \quad (\text{A})$$

$$= 1 - \cos(\pi/2 - 2\alpha) = 2\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \alpha\right) \Rightarrow (\text{B})$$

$$= 2\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \alpha\right) \Rightarrow (\text{D})$$

10.  $\log_2 3 > 1, \log_{12} 10 < 1 \Rightarrow \log_2 3 > \log_{12} 10$   
 $\log_6 5 < 1, \log_7 8 > 1 \Rightarrow \log_6 5 < \log_7 8$   
 $\log_3 26 < 3, \log_2 9 > 3 \Rightarrow \log_3 26 < \log_2 9$   
 $\log_{16} 15 < 1, \log_{10} 11 > 1 \Rightarrow \log_{16} 15 < \log_{10} 11$



11.

13. Let any two distinct odd number be  $(2n + 3)$  and  $(2n + 1)$  when  $n \in \mathbb{W}$

Now According to question  $(2n + 3)^2 - (2n + 1)^2$

$$= (4n^2 + 12n + 9) - (4n^2 + 4n + 1)$$

$$4n^2 + 12n + 9 - 4n^2 - 4n - 1$$

$$= 8n + 8 = 8(n + 1)$$

Which is always divisible by 4 & 8.

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16.  $2x^2 + 2x + a + 3$  must be positive hence  $D < 0$   
 i.e.  $4 - 8(a + 3) < 0 \Rightarrow 1 - 2a - 6 < 0$   
 $\Rightarrow -2a < 5 \Rightarrow a > -\frac{5}{2}$  ....(i)

Also base of the logarithm

$$\begin{aligned} 7-a > 0 \text{ and } 7-a \neq 1 \\ a < 7 \text{ & } a \neq 6 \end{aligned} \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

from (1) and (2)

$$a \in \left(-\frac{5}{2}, 6\right) \cup (6, 7)$$

$\Rightarrow$  (B), (C) and (D) are correct

17.  $|z_1 + z_2|^2 = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2$

$$z_1 \bar{z}_2 + \bar{z}_1 z_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{z_1}{z_2} = -\frac{\bar{z}_1}{\bar{z}_2}$$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} + \overline{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{z_1}{z_2} \text{ Pure imaginary}$$

$$\text{amp}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

19. (A)  $\log_{10} 5(2\log_{10} 2 + \log_{10} 5) + (\log_{10} 2)^2$   
 $= (\log_{10} 2 + \log_{10} 5)^2 = (\log_{10} 10)^2 = 1$

(B)  $\frac{\log 4 + \log 3}{2 \log 4 + \log 3 - \log 4} = 1$

(C)  $-\log_5 \log_3 3^{1/5} = -\log_5 \frac{1}{5} = 1$

(D)  $\frac{1}{6} \log \frac{\sqrt[3]{4}}{4} = \log_{3/4} \frac{4}{3} = -1$

20.  $[2-x] + 2[x-1] \geq 0$   
 $\Rightarrow 2 + [-x] + 2[x] - 2 \geq 0$   
 $2[x] + [-x] \geq 0$

Case-I

$$x \in I \text{ then } 2I - I \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow I \geq 0$$

$$\text{so } x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\}$$

case II

$$x \notin I \text{ then } I - 1 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow I \geq 1 \Rightarrow I = 1, 2, 3, \dots$$

$$\text{so } x \in (1, 2) \cup (2, 3) \cup (3, 4), \dots$$

from (1) and (2)

$$x \in \{0\} \cup [1, \infty)$$

21. Let  $\log_3 2 = y$

$$N = \frac{1+2y}{(1+y)^2} + \frac{1}{(\log_2 6)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1+2y}{(1+y)^2} + \frac{1}{\left(1+\frac{1}{y}\right)^2} = \frac{1+2y+y^2}{(1+y)^2} = 1$$

$$\log_7 6 < 1 < \log_3 \pi$$

22.  $\log_{x^2} 16 + \log_{2x} 64 = 3$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \log_{x^2} 2 + 6 \log_{2x} 2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{\log_2 x^2} + \frac{6}{\log_2 2x} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{\log_2 x} + \frac{6}{1 + \log_2 x} = 3$$

but  $\log_2 x = t$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{t} + \frac{6}{1+t} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + 2t + 6t = 3t + 3t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3t^2 - 5t - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3t^2 - 5t - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3t+1)(t-2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{3}, \quad \boxed{t=2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 x = -\frac{1}{3} \quad \boxed{\log_2 x = 2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2^{-1/3} \quad \boxed{x=4}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{1/3}}.$$

24. Only value of x satisfying given equation are 1 & 4.

25.  $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{\{x\}} > \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{1/2} \Rightarrow \{x\} < \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore \text{solution } x = \pi, x = 2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{9}}, x = \frac{e}{2}$$

26.  $\log_p \log_p (p)^{1/p^n} = \log_p \frac{1}{p^n} = \log_p p^{-n} = -n$



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29.  $x^{\left[\left(\log_3 x\right)^2 - \frac{9}{2} \log_3 x + 5\right]} = 3\sqrt{3}$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_3 x)^2 - \frac{9}{2} \log_3 x + 5 = \log_x 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_3 x)^2 - \frac{9}{2} \log_3 x + 5 = \frac{3}{2} \log_x 3$$

let  $\log_3 x = t$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - \frac{9}{2}t + 5 = \frac{3}{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t^3 - 9t^2 + 10t - 3 = 0$$

$t = 1$  satisfied

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So } 2t^3 - 9t^2 + 10t - 3 &= 2t^2(t-1) - 7t(t-1) + 3(t-1) \\ &= (t-1)(2t^2 - 7t + 3) \\ &= (t-1)(2t-1)(t-3) \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 1$$

$$t = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_3 x = 1$$

$$\log_3 x = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$x = 27.$$

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

$$\log_3 x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = 3^{1/2}$$

### EXERCISE - 3

#### Part # I : Matrix Match Type

1. (A)  $\rightarrow$  (r), (B)  $\rightarrow$  (t), (C)  $\rightarrow$  (q), (D)  $\rightarrow$  (p)

$$(A) \frac{5x+1-x^2-2x-1}{(x+1)^2} < 0$$

$$-x^2+3x < 0, x \neq -1$$

$$x(x-3) > 0, x \neq -1$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 0) \cup (3, \infty)$$

$$(B) |x| + |x-3| = \begin{cases} -2x+3 & : x < 0 \\ 3 & : 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 2x-3 & : x > 3 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (3, \infty)$$

$$(C) \frac{1}{|x|-3} - \frac{1}{2} < 0$$

$$\frac{2-|x|+3}{2(|x|-3)} < 0$$

$$(5-|x|)/(|x|-3) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| < 3 \text{ or } |x| > 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -5) \cup (-3, 3) \cup (5, \infty)$$

$$(D) \frac{x^4}{(x-2)^2} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$$

2. (A)  $2\log_{10}(x-3) = \log_{10}(x^2 - 21)$

$$\Rightarrow (x-3)^2 = x^2 - 21$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x = 30 \Rightarrow x = 5$$

$$(B) x^{\log_2 x+4} = 32$$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_2 x + 4) \log_2 x = \log_2 32$$

Let  $\log_2 x = y$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 4y - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+5)(y-1) = 0$$

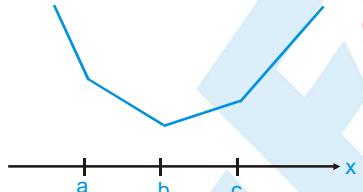
$$\log_2 x = -5 \quad \log_2 x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{32} \quad \& \quad x = 2$$

#### Part # II : Assertion & Reason

1.

(A) Graph of  $y = |x-a| + |x-b| + |x-c|$



We get its minimum value at  $x = b$ .

So minimum value  $|b-a| + |b-c|$

3.

(A)

Statement 2 is correct and from statement 1

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0 \text{ (for } x \in \mathbb{Z})$$

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

Also,  $x^2 - 5x + 6 = -1 \text{ (for } x \notin \mathbb{Z})$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 7 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{no real root}$$

St. 1 is true.

5.

$$-\log_{2+x} (5+x^2) = \log_{3+x^2} (15+\sqrt{x})$$

Q LHS < 0 and RHS > 0

hence no solution.



$$(C) \quad 5^{\log_{10} x} + \frac{5^{\log_{10} x}}{5} = 3 \cdot 3^{\log_{10} x} + \frac{3^{\log_{10} x}}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{6}{5}\right)5^{\log_{10} x} = \left(\frac{10}{3}\right)3^{\log_{10} x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{\log_{10} x} = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10} x = 2 \Rightarrow x = 100$$

$$(D) \quad 9 \cdot 9^{\log_3 x} - 3 \cdot 3^{\log_3 x} - 210 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 - 3x - 210 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - x - 70 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 15x + 14x - 70 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5 ; x = \frac{-14}{3} \text{ (Reject)}$$

3. (A)  $\rightarrow$  (p,r,s), (B)  $\rightarrow$  (r,s), (C)  $\rightarrow$  (t), (D)  $\rightarrow$  (p,r,s)

$$(A) \quad (3-x) > 3\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\text{Case-I} \quad (i) \quad 3-x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 3$$

$$(ii) \quad \sqrt{1-x^2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \in [-1, 1]$$

$$(iii) \quad 9+x^2-6x > 9-9x^2$$

$$10x^2-6x > 0$$

$$x(5x-3) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup \left(\frac{3}{5}, \infty\right)$$

$$\therefore x \in [-1, 0) \cup \left[\frac{3}{5}, 1\right]$$

$$\text{Case-II} \quad (i) \quad 3-x < 0 \\ -\text{ve} > +\text{ve not possible}$$

$$\text{by case-I \& II} \quad x \in [-1, 0) \cup \left[\frac{3}{5}, 1\right]$$

$$(B) \quad -\sqrt{x+2} < -x \Leftrightarrow x < \sqrt{x+2}$$

$$\text{case-I} \quad (i) \quad x \geq 0$$

$$(ii) \quad x+2 > 0$$

$$(iii) \quad x^2 < x+2$$

$$\text{so} \quad x \in [0, 2)$$

$$\text{case-II} \quad (i) \quad x < 0$$

$$(ii) \quad x+2 \geq 0$$

$$(iii) \quad -\text{ve} < +\text{ve}$$

$$\text{so} \quad x \in [-2, 0)$$

$$\text{by case-I \& II} \quad x \in [-2, 2)$$

$$(C) \quad \log_5(x-3) + \frac{1}{2} \log_5 3 < \frac{1}{2} \log_5(2x^2 - 6x + 7)$$

$$3(x-3)^2 < (2x^2 - 6x + 7)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (2, 10)$$

$$\cancel{x} \quad x > 3$$

$$\text{so} \quad x \in (3, 10)$$

$$(D) \quad 7^{x+2} - \frac{1}{7} \cdot 7^{x+1} - 14 \cdot 7^{x-1} + 2 \cdot 7^x = 48$$

$$\text{Let} \quad 7^x = t \quad 49t - t - 2t + 2t = 48$$

$$\therefore t = 1$$

### Part # II : Comprehension

#### Comprehension 1

$$1. \quad (A) \quad |x^3 - x| + |2 - x| = (x^3 - x) - (2 - x)$$

$$\therefore x^3 - x \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2 - x \leq 0$$

$$x^3 - x \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x \geq 2$$

$$x(x^2 - 1) \geq 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x \geq 2$$

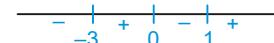
$$\therefore x \in [2, \infty)$$

$$2. \quad (D)$$

$$(x^2 - x)(x + 3) \leq 0$$

$$x(x-1)(x+3) \leq 0$$

$$x \in (-\infty, -3] \cup [0, 1]$$



$$3. \quad (C)$$

$$|f(x) - g(x)| = |f(x)| + |g(x)|$$

obviously  $f(x) \cdot g(x) \leq 0$

#### Comprehension 3

$$1. \quad (C)$$

Since  $2m - n = 3$  has the solution  $m = 4$

and  $a_5 - (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) = 9 - (1 + 3 + 4 + 7) = -6 < 5$

$\therefore$  there are 2 solutions

$$2. \quad (A)$$

Since  $2m - n = 2$  is not possible

but  $2m - n + 1 = 2$  has the solution  $m = 3$  and  $2 < 5$

and  $10 - (1 + 3 + 4) = 2 > 1$

$\therefore$  there is no solution

$$3. \quad (C)$$

Since  $2m - n = 2$  has no solution

$2m - n + 1 = 2$  has a solution  $m = 3$  and  $2 < 5$

and  $7 - (1 + 2 + 4) = 0 < 10$

$\therefore$  there are two solutions.



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**EXERCISE - 4**  
**Subjective Type**

1.  $\begin{cases} a > 0 ; a \neq 1 \\ N > 0 ; N \neq 1 \\ b > 0 ; b \neq 1 / a \end{cases}$

2. 5

3.  $\frac{\log_a x}{\log_a y} = 4 \quad \& \quad \frac{\log_a z}{\log_a y} = 7$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log_a x}{4} = \frac{\log_a y}{1} = \frac{\log_a z}{7} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a^{4\lambda}, y = a^\lambda, z = a^{7\lambda}$$

Now  $\log_a a^{4\lambda} \log_a (a^{4\lambda+\lambda+7\lambda}) = 48$

$$48\lambda^2 = 48 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1$$

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

5.  $a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \quad a > 0, b > 0, c > 0$

$$\log_{c+b} a + \log_{c-b} a = 2 \log_{c+b} a \log_{c-b} a$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= \frac{1}{\log_a(c+b)} + \frac{1}{\log_a(c-b)} \\ &= \frac{\log_a(c^2 - b^2)}{\log_a(c+b) \log_a(c-b)} = \frac{\log_a a^2}{\log_a(c+b) \log_a(c-b)} \\ &= \frac{2}{\log_a(c+b) \log_a(c-b)} = 2 \log_{c+b} a \log_{c-b} a \end{aligned}$$

6.  $x = 2, y = 1$

7.  $x = 50 \log_{10} x \Rightarrow 10^x = x^{50}$

$$\Rightarrow 10^{2x} = x^{50 \times 2} \Rightarrow 100^x = x^{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 100$$

8.  $x = 2$  or  $81$

9.  $\log 4 + \log 3 + \log 3^{1/2x} = \log(3^{1/x} + 27)$

$$\Rightarrow 12 \cdot 3^{2x} = 3^{1/x} + 27$$

$$\text{Let } 3^{1/2x} = y \Rightarrow y^2 - 12y + 27 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 9 \text{ or } y = 3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } x = \frac{1}{2}$$

but  $x \in \mathbb{N} \geq 2$  have no solution

10.  $x = 10/3, y = 20/3 \quad \& \quad x = -10, y = 20$

11.  $\log_{100} |x+y| = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and}$

$$\log_{10} y - \log_{10} |x| = \log_{10} 4 = \log_{10} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow |x+y| = 10 \quad \& \quad \frac{y}{|x|} = 2 \Rightarrow y = 2|x|$$

when  $x > 0 \quad ; \quad y = 2x$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{10}{3} \quad \& \quad y = \frac{20}{3}$$

when  $x < 0; y = -2x$

$$\Rightarrow |x| = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -10 \quad y = 20$$

12. (i)  $\frac{(1+i)x - 2i}{3+i} + \frac{(2-3i)y + i}{3-i} = i$

$$\frac{(3-i)(x+ix-2i)+(3+i)(2y-3iy+i)}{(3+i)(3-i)} = i$$

$$3x + 3ix - 6i - ix + x - 2 + 6y - 9iy + 3i + 2iy + 3y - 1 = 10i$$

$$4x + 9y - 3 + i(2x - 7y - 13) = 10i$$

$$4x + 9y - 3 = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$2x - 7y - 13 = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$23y + 23 = 0$$

$$y = -1$$

$$4x - 9 - 3 = 0$$

$$4x = 12$$

$$x = 3.$$

13.  $k_1 p + 7 = 296$

$$k_2 p + 11 = 436$$

$$k_3 p + 15 = 542$$

$$k_1 p = 289 = (17)(17)$$

$$k_2 p = 425 = (17)(25)$$

$$k_3 p = 527 = (17)(31)$$

Hence  $p$  is 17

14. (i)  $x \in \left[-2, -\frac{3}{2}\right]$

(ii)  $(\log_2 5, \infty)$

(iii)  $(0, 10^{-1}] \cup [10^2, \infty)$

(iv)  $(-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, -1) \cup (3, \infty)$

(v)  $(-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$

(vi)  $x \in (-2, -1) \cup (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$



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**15. (i)**  $(-\infty, 1) \cup (5, \infty)$

**(ii)**  $[-1, (\sqrt{5} - 1)/2]$     **(iii)**  $x \in [3, \infty)$

**(iv)**  $x \in \left[\frac{7-\sqrt{21}}{2}, 2\right] \cup \left[4, \frac{7+\sqrt{21}}{2}\right]$     **(v)**  $x=2$

**(vi)**  $\left(0, \frac{1}{4}\right] \cup [1, 4)$

**16. (i)**  $|x| + 2 = 3$

$\Rightarrow |x| = 1$

$\Rightarrow x = \pm 1$

**(ii)**  $|x| - 2x + 5 = 0$

**case (i)**

$$x < 0$$

$$-x - 2x + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{3} \quad (\text{not possible}) \quad (\cancel{x} < 0)$$

**case (ii)**

$$x \geq 0$$

$$x - 2x + 5 = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 5$$

**(iii)**  $x|x|=4$

**case (i)**

$$x < 0$$

$$\therefore -x^2 = 4 \quad (\text{no solution})$$

**case (ii)**

$$x \geq 0$$

$$x^2 = 4$$

$$x = \pm 2$$

$$\therefore x = 2$$

**(iv)**  $||x-1|-2|=1$

**(vi)**  $|x-3|+2|x+1|=4$

**case (i)**

$$x < -1$$

$$-x + 3 - 2x - 2 = 4$$

$$-3x = 3$$

$$x = -1$$

**case (ii)**

$$-1 \leq x < 3$$

$$-x + 3 + 2x + 2 = 4$$

$$x = -1$$

**case (iii)**

$$x \geq 3$$

$$x - 3 + 2x + 2 = 4$$

$$3x = 5$$

$$x = \frac{5}{3} \quad (\text{not possible})$$

$$\therefore x = -1$$

**(vii)**  $||x-1|-2|=|x-3|$

by using property

$$||a| - |b|| = |a - b| \Rightarrow a \cdot b \geq 0$$

$$2(x-1) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [1, \infty)$$

**17.**  $x = 9, \frac{1}{9}$

**18.**  $x = 3 \text{ or } -3$

**20.**  $\left\{\frac{1}{4}\right\}$

**21.**  $(x^2 + y^2)$

**22.**  $x \in \emptyset$

**23.**  $x \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, 5\right]$

**24. (i)**  $x \in (-\infty, 1] \cup [5, \infty)$

**(ii)**  $x = 5 \text{ or } x = -1$

**(iii)**  $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$

**(iv)**  $x \in [0, 6]$

**25.** 2



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**EXERCISE - 5**

**Part # I : AIEEE/JEE-MAIN**

6. (A)

$$(x^2 - 5x + 5)^{x^2+4x-60} = (x^2 - 5x + 5)^0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x - 60 = 0 \quad [a^x = a^y \Rightarrow x = y \text{ if } a \neq 1, 0, -1]$$

$$x = -10, 6 \quad \& \quad \text{base } x^2 - 5x + 5 = 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 1 \quad \text{or} \quad -1$$

If  $x^2 - 5x + 5 = 0$

But it will not satisfy original equation

$$\begin{aligned} x^2 - 5x + 5 &= 1 & x^2 - 5x + 5 &= -1 \\ \therefore x = 4, 1 & & \therefore x = 2, 3 & \\ & & x = 3 \text{ does not satisfy eqn.} & \end{aligned}$$

**Part # II : IIT-JEE ADVANCED**

12. (4)

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}} \dots = y$$

$$\text{So, } 4 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} y = y^2 \quad (y > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} y - 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad y = \frac{8}{3\sqrt{2}}$$

so, the required value is  $6 + \log_{3/2} \left( \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{8}{3\sqrt{2}} \right)$

$$= 6 + \log_{3/2} \frac{4}{9} = 6 - 2 = 4.$$

13. (ABC)

$$\log_2 3^x = (x-1) \log_2 4 = 2(x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \log_2 3 = 2x - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{2 - \log_2 3}$$

Rearranging, we get

$$x = \frac{2}{2 - \frac{1}{\log_2 3}} = \frac{2 \log_3 2}{2 \log_3 2 - 1}$$

Rearranging again,

$$x = \frac{\log_3 4}{\log_3 4 - 1} = \frac{\frac{1}{\log_4 3}}{\frac{1}{\log_4 3} - 1} = \frac{1}{1 - \log_4 3}$$

**MOCK TEST**

1. (C)

$$\log_2 15 \log_{1/6} 2 \log_3 1/6 = \frac{\log 15}{\log 2} \times \frac{\log 2}{\log 1/6} \times \frac{\log 1/6}{\log 3}$$

$$= \frac{\log(3 \times 5)}{\log 3} = 1 + \log_3 5 > 2 \quad (\text{but } < 3)$$

2. (C)

$$(i) \log_{\frac{1}{3}} (x^2 + x + 1) > -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x + 1 < 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x - 2 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+2)(x-1) < 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-2, 1) \quad \dots \dots (i)$$

$$\text{and (ii) } x^2 + x + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \dots \dots (ii)$$

by (i) & (ii)  $x \in (-2, 1)$

3. (D)

$$|x^2 - 9| + |x^2 - 4| = 5$$

$$|x^2 - 9| + |x^2 - 4| = |(x^2 - 9) - (x^2 - 4)|$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - 9)(x^2 - 4) \leq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |a| + |b| = |a - b| \Leftrightarrow a \cdot b \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [-3, -2] \cup [2, 3]$$

4. (A)

$$|a| + |b| = |a - b| \Rightarrow a \cdot b \leq 0$$

$$(x^2 - 5x + 7)(x^2 - 5x - 14) \leq 0$$

$$(x-7)(x+2) \leq 0 \Rightarrow x \in [-2, 7]$$

5. (A)

$$S_1 : e^{y \bullet n^7 - x \bullet n^{11}} = e^{\ln \frac{7^y}{11^x}} = \frac{7^y}{11^x} = \frac{7^{\sqrt{\log_7 11}}}{11^{\sqrt{\log_{11} 7}}}$$

$$= \frac{7^{\frac{\log_7 11}{\log_7 11}}}{11^{\frac{\log_{11} 7}{\log_{11} 7}}} = \frac{11^{\sqrt{\log_{11} 7}}}{11^{\sqrt{\log_{11} 7}}} = 1$$

$$S_2 : \log_x 3 > \log_x 2 \Rightarrow x > 1$$

$$S_3 : |x-2| = [-\pi]$$

$$|x-2| = -4 \quad \text{no solution}$$

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**S<sub>4</sub>** :  $\log_{25}(2 + \tan^2 \theta) = 0.5$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \log_5(2 + \tan^2 \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2 + \tan^2 \theta = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta = 3 \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta \text{ may take values } \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ or } \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

**6. (C)**

Since  $x = 0$  is one of the solution so the product will be zero.

**7. (B)**

### Case I

$$[x] - 2x = 4 \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] - 2([x] + \{x\}) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] + 2\{x\} + 4 = 0 \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$\nexists 0 \leq 2\{x\} < 2$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq -[x] - 4 < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -6 < [x] \leq -4 \Rightarrow [x] = -4, -5$$

$$\therefore \text{from (i) we get } x = -4, \frac{-9}{2}$$

### Case II

$$[x] - 2x = -4 \quad \dots \text{(iii)}$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = 2x - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = 2([x] + \{x\}) - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\{x\} = 4 - [x] \quad \dots \text{(iv)}$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq 2\{x\} < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq 4 - [x] < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 < [x] \leq 4 \quad \therefore [x] = 3, 4$$

$$\therefore \text{from (iii) we get } x = 4, \frac{7}{2}$$

$\therefore$  Number of solutions of  $|[x] - 2x| = 4$  are 4.

**8. (A)**

$$5\{x\} = x + [x] \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$[x] - \{x\} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

$$\nexists 0 \leq \{x\} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq [x] - \frac{1}{2} < 1 \quad (\text{by (ii)})$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = 1 \quad \therefore \{x\} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{from (i) we get } \frac{5}{2} = x + 1$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3}{2}, \text{ (one value)}$$

**9. (D)**

$$0 \leq \log_e[2x] \leq 1$$

$$1 \leq [2x] \leq e$$

$$\Rightarrow [2x] = 1, 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq 2x < 3$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \leq x < \frac{3}{2}$$

**10. (A)**

$$N = \frac{(3^{4 \log_9 5} + 3^{3 \log_3 \sqrt{6}})}{409} [7^{\log_7 25} - (5^3)^{\log_5 6}]$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{3^{\log_3 25} + 3^{\log_3 \sqrt{6}}}{409} [25 - 6\sqrt{6}]$$

$$N = \frac{(25 + 6\sqrt{6})(25 - 6\sqrt{6})}{409}$$

$$N = 1 \\ \log_2 N = \log_2 1 = 0$$

**11. (A, D)**

$$\bullet n(x+z) + \bullet n(x-2y+z) = 2 \bullet n(x-z)$$

$$\bullet n(x+z)(x-2y+z) = \bullet n(x-z)^2$$

$$x^2 - 2xy + 2zx - 2yz + z^2 = x^2 + z^2 - 2zx$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{2xz}{z+x} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x}{z} = \frac{x-y}{y-z}$$

**12. (C,D)**

$$\log_{10} 5 \cdot \log_{10} 20 + (\log_{10} 2)^2$$

$$= \log_{10} 5 (1 + \log_{10} 2) + (\log_{10} 2)^2 = \log_{10} 5 +$$

$$\log_{10} 2 [\log_{10} 5 + \log_{10} 2]$$

$$= 1$$

**13. (B)**

Here  $x \neq 0$

**Case I** when  $x \geq -2$

$$\frac{|x+2|-x}{x} < 2 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{x} < 2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)/x > 0$$

$$x \in [-2, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$$

.....(i)



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**Case II** when  $x < -2$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{|x+2|-x}{x} < 2 &\Rightarrow \frac{-2-2x}{x} < 2 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1+x}{x} + 1 > 0 & \\ \Rightarrow (1+2x)/x > 0 &\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -2) \quad \dots\dots \text{(ii)} \\ \therefore \text{from (i) and (ii) we get } x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty) & \end{aligned}$$

**14. (B, D)**

(A)  $\log_3 \log_{27} \log_4 64 = \log_3 \log_{27} 3 = \log_3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = -1$

(B)  $2 \log_{18} (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{8}) = 2 \cdot \log_{(3\sqrt{2})^2} (\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2}) = 2 \cdot \log_{(3\sqrt{2})^2} (3\sqrt{2}) = \frac{2}{2} = 1$

(C)  $\log_2 \left(\sqrt{10} \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = \log_2 2\sqrt{2} = \frac{3}{2}$

(D)  $-\log_{\sqrt{2}-1} (\sqrt{2} + 1) = \log_{\sqrt{2}-1} (\sqrt{2} + 1)^{-1}$   
 $= \log_{\sqrt{2}-1} (\sqrt{2} - 1) = 1$

**15. (A, B)**

→ AM ≥ GM

$$\frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{2-z}{2}\right) \geq \sqrt{xy}$$

$$\frac{2-z}{2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{z^2+4}{2}}$$

$$\frac{4+z^2-4z}{4} \geq \frac{4+z^2}{2}$$

$$(z+2)^2 \leq 0 \quad \therefore z = -2$$

$$x+y=4 \quad \text{and} \quad xy=4$$

$$x-y=0$$

$$\therefore x=2, y=2 \quad \text{and} \quad z=-2$$

only one real solution.

**16. (D) Statement I** is false

→ Sum of the length of any two sides of a triangle is greater than length of third side

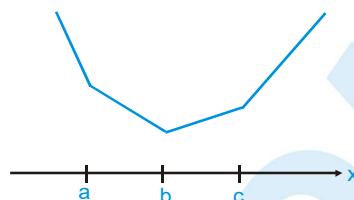
**Statement II** is true

$$\rightarrow a^2 + c^2 - b^2 < 0$$

then  $\cos B < 0 \Rightarrow B$  is obtuse

**17. (A)**

Graph of  $y = |x-a| + |x-b| + |x-c|$



We get its minimum value at  $x = b$ .

So minimum value  $|b-a| + |b-c|$

**18. (C)**

The result can be easily understood with the help of nature of graph of  $y = \log_a x$

**19. (A)**

Statement 2 is correct and from statement 1

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0 \text{ (for } x \in \mathbb{Z})$$

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

$$\text{Also, } x^2 - 5x + 6 = -1 \text{ (for } x \notin \mathbb{Z})$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 7 = 0$$

⇒ no real root ⇒ St. 1 is true.

**20. (A)**

$$\log_a b < 0$$

⇒ either  $\{0 < a < 1 \text{ and } b > 1\}$

or  $\{a > 1 \text{ and } b < 1\}$

⇒ 1 lies between the roots

∴  $\alpha + \beta < 0$  and so  $\alpha + \beta < 0$

∴ both the statements are true. Statement-2 is a correct explanation for Statement-1.

**21. (A) - (r), (B) - (t), (C) - (p,q,r), (D) - (p,q)**

(A)  $\log_{\sin x} (\log_3 (\log_{0.2} x)) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow \log_3 (\log_{0.2} x) > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{0.2} x > 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < x < (0.2)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < x < \frac{1}{125} \text{ (which also satisfy } 0 < \sin x < 1)$$

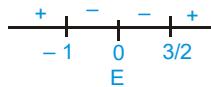


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(B)  $\frac{(e^x - 1)(2x - 3)(x^2 + x + 2)}{(\sin x - 2)x(x+1)} \leq 0$

$$\frac{(e^x - 1)(x - 3/2)}{x(x+1)} \geq 0$$



$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup [3/2, \infty)$$

(C)  $|2 - |[x] - 1|| \leq 2 \Rightarrow ||[x] - 1| - 2| \leq 2$   
 $\Rightarrow 0 \leq |[x] - 1| \leq 4 \Rightarrow -3 \leq [x] \leq 5$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in [-3, 6)$

(D)  $|\sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3)| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \leq 3x - 4x^3 \leq 1 \Rightarrow -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

22. (A)  $\rightarrow$  (p,r,s), (B)  $\rightarrow$  (r,s), (C)  $\rightarrow$  (t), (D)  $\rightarrow$  (p,r,s)

(A)  $(3-x) > 3\sqrt{1-x^2}$

Case-I (i)  $3-x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 3$

(ii)  $\sqrt{1-x^2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \in [-1, 1]$

(iii)  $9+x^2-6x > 9-9x^2$

$$10x^2-6x > 0$$

$$x(5x-3) > 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup \left(\frac{3}{5}, \infty\right)$$

$$\therefore x \in [-1, 0) \cup \left[\frac{3}{5}, 1\right]$$

Case-II (i)  $3-x < 0$

-ve > +ve not possible

$$\therefore \text{by case-I \& II } x \in [-1, 0) \cup \left(\frac{3}{5}, 1\right]$$

(B)  $-\sqrt{x+2} < -x \Leftrightarrow x < \sqrt{x+2}$

Case-I (i)  $x \geq 0$

(ii)  $x+2 > 0$

(iii)  $x^2 < x+2$

so  $x \in [0, 2)$

Case-II (i)  $x < 0$

(ii)  $x+2 \geq 0$

(iii) -ve < +ve

so  $x \in [-2, 0)$

by case-I \& II  $x \in [-2, 2)$

(C)  $\log_5(x-3) + \frac{1}{2} \log_5 3 < \frac{1}{2} \log_5(2x^2-6x+7)$

$$3(x-3)^2 < (2x^2-6x+7) \Rightarrow x \in (2, 10)$$

$\nexists x > 3$

so  $x \in (3, 10)$

(D)  $7^{x+2} - \frac{1}{7} \cdot 7^{x+1} - 14 \cdot 7^{x-1} + 2 \cdot 7^x = 48$

Let  $7^x = t$

$$49t - t - 2t + 2t = 48 \therefore t = 1 \text{ so } x = 0$$

23.

1. (A)  $|x^3 - x| + |2 - x| = (x^3 - x) - (2 - x)$

$$\therefore x^3 - x \geq 0 \text{ and } 2 - x \leq 0$$

$$x^3 - x \geq 0 \text{ and } x \geq 2$$

$$x(x^2 - 1) \geq 0 \text{ and } x \geq 2$$

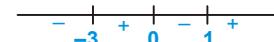
$$\therefore x \in [2, \infty)$$

2. (D)

$$(x^2 - x)(x + 3) \leq 0$$

$$x(x-1)(x+3) \leq 0$$

$$x \in (-\infty, -3] \cup [0, 1]$$



3. (C)

$$|f(x) - g(x)| = |f(x)| + |g(x)|$$

obviously  $f(x) \cdot g(x) \leq 0$

24.

1. This equation is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{cases} 2x > 0 \\ (2x)^2 = 7x - 2 - 2x^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x > 0 \\ 6x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x > 0 \\ (x-1/2)(x-2/3) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{2} \\ x = \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

∴ Number of solutions = 2.



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2. This equation is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} 4x - 15 > 0 \\ 2x = (4x - 15)^2 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{cases} x > \frac{15}{4} \\ 2x = 16x^2 - 120x + 225 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{cases} x > \frac{15}{4} \\ 16x^2 - 122x + 225 = 0 \end{cases} \\ \therefore & x = \frac{9}{2} \\ \therefore & \text{Number of solutions} = 1. \end{aligned}$$

3. This equation is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{aligned} & \begin{cases} 3x^2 + x - 2 > 0 \\ 3x^2 + x - 2 = (3x - 2)^3 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{cases} (x - 2/3)(x + 1) > 0 \\ (x - 2/3)(9x^2 - 13x + 3) = 0 \end{cases} \\ \Rightarrow & \begin{cases} x < 2/3 \text{ and } x < -1 \\ x = 2/3, x = \frac{13 \pm \sqrt{61}}{18} \end{cases} \\ \therefore & \text{No root.} \end{aligned}$$

25.

1. (C)

Since  $2m - n = 3$  has the solution  $m = 4$   
and  $a_5 - (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) = 9 - (1 + 3 + 4 + 7) = -6 < 5$   
 $\therefore$  there are 2 solutions

2. (A)

Since  $2m - n = 2$  is not possible  
but  $2m - n + 1 = 2$  has the solution  $m = 3$  and  $2 < 5$   
and  $10 - (1 + 3 + 4) = 2 > 1$   
 $\therefore$  there is no solution

3. (C)

Since  $2m - n = 2$  has no solution  
 $2m - n + 1 = 2$  has a solution  $m = 3$  and  $2 < 5$   
and  $7 - (1 + 2 + 4) = 0 < 10$   
 $\therefore$  there are two solutions.

26.

4.

Case - I

$$0 < x^2 < 1 \Rightarrow x \in (-1, 1) - \{0\} \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

$$|x - 1| < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < x - 1 < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < x < 2 \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

from (i) and (ii), we get  $x \in (0, 1)$

Case - II

$$x^2 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty) \quad \dots \text{(iii)}$$

$$|x - 1| > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 1 > 1 \text{ or } x - 1 < -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 2 \text{ or } x < 0 \quad \dots \text{(iv)}$$

from (iii) and (iv), we get  $x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$

$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (0, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$

inequality is not defined for

$$x = -1, 0, 1, 2$$

$\therefore$  sum of their absolute values

$$= |-1| + |0| + |1| + |2| = 4.$$

27.

2.

$$|x^2 - 3x - 1| < |3x^2 + 2x + 1| + |2x^2 + 5x + 2|, x^2 - 3x - 1 \neq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |(3x^2 + 2x + 1) - (2x^2 + 5x + 2)| < |3x^2 + 2x + 1| + |2x^2 + 5x + 2|, x^2 - 3x - 1 \neq 0$$

The inequality holds if and only if

$$(3x^2 + 2x + 1)(2x^2 + 5x + 2) > 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } 2x^2 + 5x + 2 > 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } (2x+1)(x+2) > 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (-1/2, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2 \text{ and } b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore a + \log ab = 2$$

$$28. \sqrt[p]{\sqrt[p]{\sqrt[p]{\dots \sqrt[p]{\sqrt[p]{p}}}}} = (p)^{\frac{1}{p^{2008}}} = p^{p^{-2008}}$$

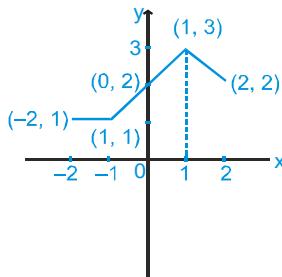
$$\log_p \log_p \sqrt[p]{\sqrt[p]{\sqrt[p]{\dots \sqrt[p]{\sqrt[p]{p}}}}} = \log_p \log_p (p^{p^{-2008}})$$

$$= \log_p (p^{-2008}) = -2008,$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 2008$$

29. (3)

Drawing the graph of  $y = f(x)$



Clearly the range of  $y = f(x)$  is  $[1, 3]$

when  $-2 \leq x \leq -1$ ,  $\{f(x)\} = 0$

when  $-1 \leq x \leq 0$ ,  $\{f(x)\}$  will have the value  $\frac{1}{2}$  for one value of  $x$ .

when  $0 \leq x \leq 1$ ,  $\{f(x)\}$  will have the value  $\frac{1}{2}$  for one value of  $x$ .

when  $1 \leq x \leq 2$ ,  $\{f(x)\}$  will have the value  $\frac{1}{2}$  for one value of  $x$ .

Hence the total number of values of  $x$  for which  $\{f(x)\} = \frac{1}{2}$  are 3

30. (1)

$$\sqrt{\left[ x + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] \right]} + \left[ \sqrt{\{x\}} + \left[ \frac{x}{3} \right] \right] = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right]} + \left[ \sqrt{\{x\}} \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{3} \right] = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right]} + \left[ \frac{x}{3} \right] = 3$$

$$\text{Case-1 } \sqrt{\left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right]} = 3 \text{ and } \left[ \frac{x}{3} \right] = 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 9 \text{ and } 0 \leq x < 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq x < 3 \Rightarrow \left[ x \right] = 0, 1 \text{ or } 2; \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 0 \text{ or } 1$$

$\therefore$  There is no solution in this case.

$$\text{Case-2 } \sqrt{\left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right]} = 2 \text{ and } \left[ \frac{x}{3} \right] = 1$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 4 \text{ and } 3 \leq x < 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 3 \leq x < 6 \Rightarrow \left[ x \right] = 3, 4 \text{ or } 5; \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 1 \text{ or } 2$$

$$\therefore \left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 4 \text{ has a solution for } \left[ x \right] = 3 \text{ and}$$

$$\left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 1 \text{ and } \left[ \frac{x}{3} \right] = 1.$$

$$\text{i.e. } 3 \leq x < 4, 2 \leq x < 4 \text{ and } 3 \leq x < 6$$

$$\therefore [3, 4) \text{ are solutions.}$$

$$\text{Case-3 } \sqrt{\left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right]} = 1 \text{ and } \left[ \frac{x}{3} \right] = 2$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 1 \text{ and } 6 \leq x < 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 6 \leq x < 9$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ x \right] = 6, 7 \text{ or } 8; \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 3 \text{ or } 4$$

$$\therefore \left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 1 \text{ and } \left[ \frac{x}{3} \right] = 2 \text{ is not possible.}$$

$$\text{Case-4 } \sqrt{\left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right]} = 0 \text{ and } \left[ \frac{x}{3} \right] = 3$$

$$\text{i.e. } \left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 0 \text{ and } 9 \leq x < 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 \leq x < 12$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[ x \right] = 9, 10 \text{ or } 11; \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 4 \text{ or } 5$$

$$\therefore \left[ x \right] + \left[ \frac{x}{2} \right] = 0 \text{ has no solution.}$$

Hence the solution set is  $[3, 4)$ .



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