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Section A – MCQs

Q1. $100 \bmod 7 = 2$. Answer: (a) 2.

Q2. A covers 1000 m while B covers 950 m in same time. Since A beats B by 10 s, B takes 200 s and A takes 190 s. Answer: (c) 190 s.

Q3. $-4 < 3 + 2x \leq 11 \Rightarrow -7 < 2x \leq 8 \Rightarrow -3.5 < x \leq 4$. Answer: (b).

Q4. When dividing by a negative number the inequality reverses. Answer: (c) $x/b > y/b$.

Q5. $(I+A)^2 - 3A = I + 2A + A^2 - 3A = I$ (since $A^2 = A$). Answer: (a).

Q6. 2×3 matrix has 6 entries, each 0 or 1 $\Rightarrow 2^6 = 64$. Answer: (d).

Q7. $|3A| = 3^3 |A| = 27 |A|$. Answer: (c).

Q8. $|A| = \alpha^2 - 4$. Given $|A|^3 = 125 \Rightarrow |A| = 5 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 = 9 \Rightarrow \alpha = \pm 3$. Answer: (a).

Q9. Determinant = $-3x$, and $-3x + 3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1$. Answer: (c).

Q10. Differentiate implicitly. $dy/dx = (y - 4x(x^2 + y^2)) / (4y(x^2 + y^2) - x)$. Answer: (c).

Q11. $y = x^2 e^{-x}$, $y' = e^{-x} x(2 - x)$. Negative for $x < 0$ and $x > 2$. Answer: (d).

Q12. Maximum value = 1 at $x = 0$ or $x = 1$. Answer: (c).

Q13. $\int (x+1)/x \, dx = x^2/2 + \log x + C$. Answer: (b).

Q14. $\int (\log x)/x^7 \, dx = -(\log x)/(6x^6) - 1/(36x^6) + C$.

Q15. Supply $p = 4 + x$. Producer surplus = $\int_0^{12} [(16) - (4 + x)] dx = 72$. Answer: (a).

Q16. Order = 4, Degree = 2. Answer: (a).

Q17. Fourth-order DE has four arbitrary constants. Answer: (d).

Q18. $\text{Area} = (\sqrt{3}/4)a^2$, $dA/dt = (\sqrt{3}/2)a \cdot da/dt$. With $da/dt = 4$ and $a = 5$, $dA/dt = 10\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2/\text{s}$. Answer: (c).

Q19. Assertion and Reason are both true and R explains A. Answer: (A).

Q20. $MR = 5 + 2x + 3x^2 \Rightarrow R = 5x + x^2 + x^3$. Demand $p = R/x = 5 + x + x^2$. Answer: (A).

Section B – Very Short Answers

Q21. By alligation: $(200-165):(165-150) = 35:15 = 7:3$.

Q22. $X = -(2A+B)$. $2A+B = [[1,2],[7,13]]$. Therefore $X = [[-1,-2],[-7,-13]]$.

Q22 (OR). Solve the two matrix equations simultaneously to obtain X and Y.

Q23. Differentiate x^x with respect to $x \log x$. Since $d(xx)/dx = x^x(\log x + 1)$ and $d(x \log x)/dx = \log x + 1$, required derivative $= x^x$.

Q24. $\int_0^4 (\sqrt{x} - 2x + x^2) dx = [(2/3)x^{3/2} - x^2 + x^3/3]_0^4 = 16/3 - 16 + 64/3 = 32/3$.

Q24 (OR). $\int_0^a x/\sqrt{a^2+x^2} dx = [\sqrt{a^2+x^2}]_0^a = a(\sqrt{2}-1)$.

Q25. $y = ax + bx^2$. Differentiate: $y' = a + 2bx$, $y'' = 2b$. Eliminating a, b gives $y = xy' - (x^2/2)y''$.

Section C – Short Answers

Q26. Let first pipe take x h. Second $= x-5$, third $= x-9$. From $1/x + 1/(x-5) = 1/(x-9)$. Solving gives $x = 15$ h.

Q27. $3(x-2)^5 \geq 5(2-x)^3$. Since $(2-x)^3 = -(x-2)^3$, factor $(x-2)^3[3(x-2)^2+5] \geq 0$. Hence $x \geq 2$.

Q28. Expanding the determinant gives $(x-y)(y-z)(z-x)$.

Q28 (OR). $\text{Area} = |ab-ay-bx|/2$. For collinear points, $ab-ay-bx=0$.

Q29. $f(x) = (x+2)e^{-x}$. $f'(x) = -(x+1)e^{-x}$. Increasing on $(-\infty, -1)$; decreasing on $(-1, \infty)$.

Q30. Demand $= 8/(x+1) - 2$, Supply $= (x+3)/2$. Equilibrium: $x=1$, $p=2$. Consumer surplus $= \int_0^1 (D-2)dx = 4\ln 2 - 2$. Producer surplus $= \int_0^1 (2-S)dx = 1/4$.

Q30 (OR). $TR = \int (9-2x+4x^2)dx = 9x - x^2 + 4x^3/3$. Demand $p = TR/x = 9 - x + 4x^2/3$.

Q31. Rearranging and separating variables: $y/(1-y^2)dy = -x/(1-x^2)dx$. Integrating gives

$$\ln(1-y^2) = \ln(1-x^2) + C, \text{ i.e. } (1-y^2) = C(1-x^2).$$

Section D – Long Answers

Q32. Using Cramer's Rule for $6x+y-3z=5$, $x+3y-2z=5$, $2x+y+4z=8$ gives $x=1$, $y=2$, $z=1$.

Q32 (OR). Compute A^{-1} by adjoint method and solve the given linear equations.

Q33. Total Cost $= x^3/3 - x^2 + 5x + 3$. Marginal Cost $= x^2 - 2x + 5$. MC minimum at $x=1$. $AVC = x^2/3 - x + 5$. AVC minimum at $x=3/2$.

Q34. Equilibrium from $25 - 5x + x^2/4 = 5x + x^2/4$ gives $x=2$, $p=16$. Consumer surplus $= \int_0^2 (D - 16)dx = 10$. Producer surplus $= \int_0^2 (16 - S)dx = 10$.

Q34 (OR). Equilibrium from $90 - x^2/10 = x^2/5 + x + 50$ gives $x=10$ thousand tyres and $p=80$ thousand rupees. Consumer and producer surplus are obtained by integrating between 0 and 10.

Q35. Family: $(x-a)^2 + (y-a)^2 = a^2$. Eliminating a by differentiation gives the required differential equation of circles touching both axes.

Section E – Case Study

Q36. Equations: $x+y+z=600$, $3x+2y+z=1000$, $4x+y+3z=1500$. Coefficient matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$. $\text{adj}(A) = \begin{bmatrix} 5 & -2 & -1 \\ -5 & -1 & 2 \\ -5 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$. Solution: $x=100$, $y=200$, $z=300$.

Q37. Demand passes through (25, 20000) and (125, 15000): $D(x) = 21250 - 50x$.

Supply passes through (180, 25000) and (80, 15000): $S(x) = 100x + 7000$.

Equilibrium $x=95$, $p=16500$. Consumer surplus $= \int_0^{95} (D - 16500)dx = 225625$ rupees.

Q38. (i) $x(d^2y/dx^2)^3 + y(dy/dx)^4 + x^3 = 0$ has order 2 and degree 3.

(ii) $\sqrt{(1-y^2)}dx + y\sqrt{(1-x^2)}dy = 0$ has order 1 and degree 1, so the sum is 2.