

## JEE – Advanced 17<sup>th</sup> May 2026

### Paper 01

#### Question paper and Solution MATHEMATICS

##### SECTION 1 (Maximum Marks: 12)

This section contains **FOUR (04)** questions.

- Each question has **FOUR** options (A), (B), (C) and (D). **ONLY ONE** of these four options is the correct answer.
- For each question, choose the option corresponding to the correct answer.
- Answer to each question will be evaluated **according to the following marking scheme:**  
*Full Marks* : +3 If **ONLY** the correct option is chosen;  
*Zero Marks* : 0 If none of the options is chosen (i.e. the question is unanswered);  
*Negative Marks* : –1 In all other cases.

##### SECTION 2 (Maximum Marks: 16)

- This section contains **FOUR (04)** questions.
- Each question has **FOUR** options (A), (B), (C) and (D). **ONE OR MORE THAN ONE** of these four option(s) is(are) correct answer(s).
- For each question, choose the option(s) corresponding to (all) the correct answer(s).
- Answer to each question will be evaluated according to the following marking scheme:  
*Full Marks* : +4 **ONLY** if (all) the correct option(s) is(are) chosen;  
*Partial Marks* : +3 If all the four options are correct but **ONLY** three options are chosen;  
*Partial Marks* : +2 If three or more options are correct but **ONLY** two options are chosen, both of which are correct;  
*Partial Marks* : +1 If two or more options are correct but **ONLY** one option is chosen and it is a correct option;  
*Zero Marks* : 0 If none of the options is chosen (i.e. the question is unanswered); *Negative Marks*: –1 In all other cases.
- For example, in a question, if (A), (B) and (D) are the **ONLY** three options corresponding to correct answers, then  
 choosing **ONLY** (A), (B) and (D) will get +4 marks; choosing **ONLY** (A) and (B) will get +2 marks; choosing **ONLY** (A) and (D) will get +2 marks; choosing **ONLY** (B) and (D) will get +2 marks; choosing **ONLY** (A) will get +1 mark; choosing **ONLY** (B) will get +1 mark; choosing **ONLY** (D) will get +1 mark;  
 choosing no option (i.e. the question is unanswered) will get 0 marks; and choosing any other combination of options will get –1 marks.

**SECTION 3 (Maximum Marks: 16)**

- This section contains **FOUR (04)** questions.
- The answer to each question is a **NUMERICAL VALUE**.
- For each question, enter the correct numerical value corresponding to the answer in the designated place using the mouse and the on-screen virtual numeric keypad.
- If the numerical value has more than two decimal places, **truncate/round-off** the value to **TWO** decimal places.
- Answer to each question will be evaluated according to the following marking scheme:  
Full Marks : +4 If **ONLY** the correct numerical value is entered in the designated place;  
Zero Marks : 0 In all other cases.

**SECTION 4 (Maximum Marks: 16)**

- This section contains **FOUR (04)** Matching List Sets.
- Each set has **ONE** Multiple Choice Question.
- Each set has **TWO** lists: List-I and List-II.
- List-I has Four entries (P), (Q), (R) and (S) and List-II has Five entries (1), (2), (3), (4) and (5).
- **FOUR** options are given in each Multiple Choice Question based on List-I and List-II and **ONLY ONE** of these four options satisfies the condition asked in the Multiple Choice Question.
- Answer to each question will be evaluated **according to the following marking scheme**:  
Full Marks : +4 **ONLY** if the option corresponding to the correct combination is chosen;  
Zero Marks : 0 If none of the options is chosen (i.e. the question is unanswered);  
Negative Marks: -1 In all other cases.

**Section 1****Multiple choice questions with one correct alternative**

1. Consider the function  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$  given  $f(x) = \sqrt{x} \log_e(x) - x + 1$

Then which one of the following statements is TRUE?

- (A) The derivative of the function  $f$  is decreasing in the interval  $(0, 1)$   
 (B) The function  $f$  has a local maximum at some point  $a \in (0, \infty)$   
 (C) The function  $f$  has a local minimum at some point  $b \in (0, \infty)$   
 (D) The function  $f$  has **NEITHER** a point of local maximum **NOR** a point of local minimum in the interval  $(0, \infty)$

**Ans (D)**

$$f'(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x}}{x} + \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} \ln x - 1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}} + \frac{\ln x}{2\sqrt{x}} - 1$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} \ln x + \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} - \frac{1}{2}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} = -\frac{1}{4}x^{-\frac{3}{2}} \ln x$$

$$f'' > 0 \quad \forall x \in (0, 1) \Rightarrow f'(x) \text{ is increasing in the interval } (0, 1)$$

$$f'(1) = 0 = f''(1) \Rightarrow \text{it is a point of inflexion.}$$

So, no local minima or maxima.

2. Let P be the point on the parabola  $y = x^2$  such that the slope of the tangent to the parabola at the point P is 4. Let Q be the point in the first quadrant lying on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 2$  such that the slope of the tangent to the circle at the point Q is  $-1$ . Let R be the point in the first quadrant lying on the ellipse  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 8$  such that the slope of the tangent to the ellipse at the point R is  $-\frac{1}{2}$ . Then the radius of the circle passing through the points P, Q and R is

- (A)  $\sqrt{10}$                       (B)  $\sqrt{5}$                       (C)  $\sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$                       (D)  $2\sqrt{5}$

**Ans (C)**

Parabola:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = 2x = 4 \Rightarrow x = 2 \Rightarrow P(2, 4)$

Circle:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = -\frac{x}{y} = -1 \Rightarrow x = 1 \Rightarrow Q(1, 1)$

Ellipse:  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-x}{4y} = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow R(2, 1)$ .

$PQ = \sqrt{10}$ ,  $PR = 3$ ,  $QR = 1$

$\Delta = \frac{1}{2} |2(1-1) + 1(1-4) + 2(4-1)| = \frac{3}{2}$

$R = \frac{abc}{4\Delta} = \sqrt{\frac{5}{2}}$

3. Which one of the following matrices can be obtained by performing elementary row transformations on the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix?

- (A)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$                       (B)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$                       (C)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$                       (D)  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

**Ans (B)**

Only invertible matrices are obtained by row transformations.

Hence checking determinants,

(A)  $|A| = 0$

(B)  $|B| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{vmatrix} = -(4-2) = -2 \neq 0$

(C)  $|C| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 5 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -3 & -3 & 8 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

(D)  $|D| = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 2 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ -2 & -1 & 3 \end{vmatrix} = 0$

4. Considering only the principal values of the inverse trigonometric functions, the value of  $\cot^{-1}(\cot(-11)) + 10\sin\left(2\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)\right) + 10\sin(2\tan^{-1}(2))$  is

(A)  $3\pi + 7$                       (B) 7                      (C)  $4\pi + 7$                       (D)  $3\pi - 5$

**Ans (C)**

$$\begin{aligned} & \pi - \cot^{-1}(\cot 11) + 10\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) + 10\frac{(2\tan(\tan^{-1} 2))}{1 + \tan^2(\tan^{-1}(2))} \\ &= \pi - \cot^{-1}(\cot(3\pi + (11 - 3\pi))) + 10 + 10\left(\frac{4}{4+1}\right) \\ &= \pi - (11 - 3\pi) + 18 = 4\pi + 7. \end{aligned}$$

**Section 2**

**Multiple choice questions with one or more than correct alternative/s**

5. Suppose that Box I contains 6 red balls and 9 green balls and Box II contains 8 red balls and 12 green balls. All the balls of Box I and Box II are mixed together and a ball is chosen at random from them. Let  $E_1$  be the event that the ball chosen belonged to Box I and let  $E_2$  be the event that the ball chosen belonged to Box II. Let  $F_1$  be the event that the ball chosen is red and let  $F_2$  be the event that the ball chosen is green. Then which of the following statements is (are) TRUE?

- (A) The events  $E_1$  and  $F_1$  are independent  
 (B) The events  $E_2$  and  $F_2$  are dependent  
 (C) The conditional probability  $P\left(\frac{F_1}{E_1}\right)$  is equal to the conditional probability  $P\left(\frac{F_1}{E_2}\right)$   
 (D) The conditional probability  $P\left(\frac{F_1}{E_1}\right)$  is greater than the conditional probability  $P\left(\frac{F_2}{E_2}\right)$

**Ans (A) and (C)**

$$P(E_1) = \frac{15}{35} = \frac{3}{7}, P(E_2) = \frac{20}{35} = \frac{4}{7}$$

$$P(F_1) = \frac{14}{35} = \frac{2}{5}, P(F_2) = \frac{21}{35} = \frac{3}{5}$$

(A)  $P(E_1 \cap F_1) = P(E_1) \cdot P(F_1) \Rightarrow$  independent

(B)  $P(E_2 \cap F_2) = P(E_2)P(F_2) \Rightarrow$  independent

(C)  $P(F_1 | E_1) = \frac{P(F_1 \cap E_1)}{P(E_1)} = P(F_1)$

$$P(F_1 | E_2) = \frac{P(F_1 \cap E_2)}{P(E_2)} = P(F_1)$$

(D) Since the events are independent,  $P(F_1 | E_1) = P(F_1)$  and  $P(F_2 | E_2) = P(F_2)$ .

6. Let P be the plane such that it contains the straight line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{3} = \frac{z+2}{1}$  and is perpendicular to the plane  $x + 2y + 3z = 4$ . Let  $P_1$  be the plane which passes through the point  $(4, 2, 2)$  and is parallel to P. Then which of the following statements is (are) TRUE?
- (A) The equation of the plane P is  $7x - 5y + z = -10$
- (B) The distance between the planes P and  $P_1$  is 30
- (C) The distance of the plane P from the origin is  $2\sqrt{3}$
- (D) The acute angle between the plane P and the plane  $2x + 2y + z = 3$  is  $\cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)$

**Ans** (A) and (D)

Dr's of the normal to P is

$$\vec{n} = \begin{vmatrix} \hat{i} & \hat{j} & \hat{k} \\ 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\vec{n} = -7\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - \hat{k} \Rightarrow (7, -5, 1)$$

$$P: 7(x-1) - 5(y-3) + 1(z+2) = 0$$

(A)  $7x - 5y + z + 10 = 0$

(B)  $P_1: 7(x-4) - 5(y-2) + (z-2) = 0$

$$7x - 5y + z - 20 = 0$$

$$\text{Distance between } P_1 \text{ and } P = \left| \frac{10 + 20}{\sqrt{7^2 + 5^2 + 1}} \right| = \frac{30}{\sqrt{75}} \Rightarrow 2\sqrt{3}$$

(C) Distance of P from origin:  $D(0, 0) = \left| \frac{10}{\sqrt{7^2 + 5^2 + 1}} \right| = \frac{10}{5\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

(D) Angle between  $2x + 2y + z = 3$  and  $7x - 5y + z + 10 = 0$

$$\cos \theta = \left| \frac{14 - 10 + 1}{3 \cdot 5\sqrt{3}} \right| = \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} \therefore \theta = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}\right)$$

7. Let  $\mathbb{R}$  denote the set of all real numbers. Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be an arbitrary function and let  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be the function defined by  $g(x) = xf(x)$ , for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .

Then which of the following statements is (are) TRUE?

(A) The function  $g$  is always continuous at  $x = 0$

(B) If  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 0$ , then  $g$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$

(C) If  $g$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 0$

(D) If  $g$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  exists

**Ans** (A), (B) and (D)

$$f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$$

$$g(x) = xf(x) \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$$

(A) Since  $f$  is continuous,  $g(x) = xf(x)$  is always continuous

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} g(x) = g(0) = 0$$

(B)  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 0 \Rightarrow f(0^-) = f(0) = f(0^+)$

$$g'(0^+) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) + x f'(x) = f(0^+)$$

$$g'(0^-) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) + x f'(x) = f(0^-)$$

$$g'(0^-) = g'(0^+)$$

$\Rightarrow g$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$

(C)  $g$  is differentiable at  $x = 0$ , then  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 0$

$$g'(0^-) = g'(0^+)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$$

$f(0^-) = f(0^+)$  but not necessarily equal to  $f(0)$

(D)  $g$  is discontinuous at  $x = 0$   $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  exists

Proved in option (C).

8. Consider the matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Let  $p, q, r, s, a, b, c$  and  $d$  be integers such that  $M^{26} = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{bmatrix}$  and

$$\sum_{k=1}^{26} M^k = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

Then which of the following statements is (are) TRUE?

(A) There exists a  $2 \times 2$  invertible matrix  $N$  with real entries such that  $MN = N \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

(B) The value of  $a$  is 378

(C) For any two given integers  $m$  and  $n$ , then exist unique integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $px + qy = m$  and  $rx + sy = n$

(D) For each positive real number  $t$ , the system of linear equations  $(a + t)x + by = 1$   $cx + (d + t)y = -1$  has a unique solution

**Ans** (A), (C) and (D)

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M^{26} = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } \sum_{k=1}^{26} M^k = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

(A)  $MN = N \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

$$\text{Let } N = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}, \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\begin{bmatrix} 2a - c & 2b - d \\ a & b \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} a & a + b \\ c & c + d \end{bmatrix}$$

Comparing elements,  $a = c, b = a + d, a = c, b = c + d$

$$N = \begin{bmatrix} a & a + d \\ a & d \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow |N| = ad - a^2 - ad - a^2 \neq 0 \text{ possible if } a \neq 0.$$

(B)  $M = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow M^{26} = \begin{bmatrix} p & q \\ r & s \end{bmatrix}$

$$M^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$M^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -2 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -3 \\ 3 & -2 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$M^n = \begin{bmatrix} n+1 & -n \\ n & -(n-1) \end{bmatrix} M^{26} = \begin{bmatrix} 27 & -26 \\ 26 & -25 \end{bmatrix}$$

Comparing,  $p = 27$ ,  $q = -26$ ,  $r = 26$ ,  $s = -25$

$$\sum_{k=1}^{26} M^k = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$$

$$a = \sum_{n=1}^{26} (n+1) = \frac{26 \cdot 27}{2} + 26 = 377$$

$$b = \sum_{n=1}^{26} -n = -351$$

$$c = \sum_{n=1}^{26} n = 351$$

$$d = -\sum_{n=1}^{26} (n-1) = -325$$

(C) The system of equations is  $27x - 26y = m$  and  $26x - 25y = n$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} 27 & -26 \\ 26 & -25 \end{vmatrix} \neq 0 \Rightarrow \text{unique solution}$$

(D) The system of equations is

$$(a+t)x + by = 1$$

$$cx + 1(d+t)y = -1$$

$$D = \begin{vmatrix} a+t & b \\ c & d+t \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 377+t & -351 \\ 351 & -325+t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= (377+t)(t-325) + 351 \times 351$$

$$= t^2 + 52t + 676 = (t+26)^2 > 0 \forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+ \Rightarrow \text{unique solution.}$$

### Section 3

#### Numerical Problems

9. Let  $S = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$ . Consider the set  $X = \{R : R \text{ is an equivalence relation on the set } S \text{ such that } R \text{ has exactly 42 elements}\}$ .

Then the number of elements in  $X$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans** 2520

$$S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, \dots, 10\}$$

$X = \{R : R \text{ is an equivalence relation on the set } S \text{ such that } R \text{ has exactly 42 elements}\}$ .

Let  $n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots$  be the number of elements in the partition.

$$n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots = 10$$

$$n_1^2 + n_2^2 + n_3^2 + \dots = 42$$

We need to think the non-negative integral solution of  $n_1, n_2, n_3, \dots$

First case is

$$36 + 4 + 1 + 1 = 42$$

$$6^2 + 2^2 + 1^2 + 1^2 = 42$$

$$6 + 2 + 1 + 1 = 10$$

$$(6, 2, 1, 1)$$

Total number of ways to divide 10 different object into 4 groups of group size 6, 2, 1, 1

$$\frac{10!}{6! 2! 1! 1!} \times \frac{1}{2!}$$

Second case is

$$25 + 16 + 1 = 42$$

$$5^2 + 4^2 + 1^2$$

$$5 + 4 + 1 = 10$$

$$\frac{10!}{5! 4! 1!}$$

So, total number of ways will be

$$= \frac{10!}{6! 2! 1! 1!} \times \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{10!}{5! 4! 1!}$$

$$= \frac{10!}{5!} \left( \frac{1}{6 \times 4} + \frac{1}{24} \right)$$

$$= 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times \frac{1}{12}$$

$$= 2520$$



10. Consider the function  $f : \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$  defined by  $f(x) = (|x| + |x - 1|) \sin x + [x \sin x]$ , where

$[x \sin x]$  is the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x \sin x$ .

Let  $\alpha$  be the total number of points in the interval  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  at which  $f$  is NOT continuous, and let  $\beta$  be the total number of points in the interval  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  at which  $f$  is NOT differentiable.

Then the value of  $\alpha + \beta$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans 5**

$$f : \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right) \rightarrow (-\infty, \infty)$$

$$f(x) = \underbrace{(|x| + |x - 1|) \sin x}_{\text{Continuous}} + [x \sin x]$$

$$\text{Let } g(x) = [x \sin x]$$

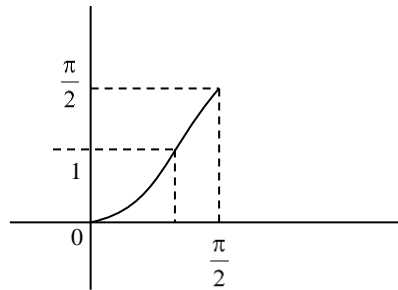
$$h(x) = x \sin x$$

$$h(-x) = h(x) \Rightarrow h \text{ is an even function}$$

$$\text{At } x = 0, h(0) = 0$$

$$h'(x) = x \cos x + \sin x$$

$$h'(x) > 0 \text{ in } \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$



$h$  is increasing in  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

$$h(0) = 0 \text{ and } h\left(\frac{\pi}{2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

So, the number of point of discontinuity will be 2

For point of non-differentiability

$$f(x) = (|x| + |x - 1|)\sin x + [x \sin x]$$

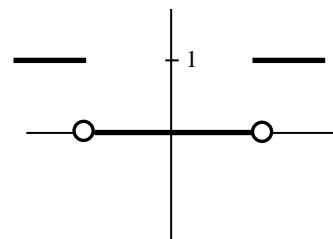
$$= |x|\sin x + |x - 1|\sin x + [x \sin x]$$

$x = 0$  and  $1$  are problematic points.

But at  $x = 0$ ,  $\sin 0 = 0 \therefore$  differentiable and at  $x = 1$ ,  $\sin 1 \neq 0$ .

Hence,  $x = 1$  is point of non-differentiability.

So, total number of points of non-differentiability is 3



11. The number of ways to distribute 10 identical red pens and 14 identical blue pens among four persons such that each person get 6 pens, is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans** 206

Let the number of red pens given to the four people be  $r_1, r_2, r_3, r_4$  and the number of blue pens be  $b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4$ .

$$\sum_{i=1}^4 r_i = 10 \text{ and } \sum_{i=1}^4 b_i = 14$$

$$r_i + b_i = 6 \Rightarrow b_i = 6 - r_i$$

$$b_i \geq 0 \Rightarrow 6 - r_i \geq 0 \Rightarrow r_i \leq 6$$

$$r_1 + r_2 + r_3 + r_4 = 10, 0 \leq r_i \leq 6$$

Total number of ways without any restriction =  ${}^{n+r-1}C_{r-1} = {}^{13}C_3 = 286$ .

Total number of ways when one person gets atleast 7 red pens.

$$r_1 + r_2 + r_3 + r_4 = 10, r_1 \geq 7$$

First distribute 7 objects to 1<sup>st</sup> person.

Then we are left with 3 identical objects.

Which needs to be distributed among 4 persons without any restrictions.

$${}^{3+4-1}C_{4-1} = {}^6C_3 = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4}{5 \times 6} = 20$$

Since, there are 4 people.

So, total number of unwanted ways =  $4 \times 20 = 80$

Total number of valid ways = Total ways – unwanted ways =  $286 - 80 = 206$

12. Let  $\alpha = \left(1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{11}\right)\right)\left(1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{11}\right)\right)\left(1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{9\pi}{11}\right)\right)\left(1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{27\pi}{11}\right)\right)\left(1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{81\pi}{11}\right)\right)$ .

Then the value of  $5 - \alpha^2$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

**Ans** 4

$$\alpha = \left(1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{11}\right)\right)\left(1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{3\pi}{11}\right)\right)\left(1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{9\pi}{11}\right)\right)\left(1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{27\pi}{11}\right)\right)\left(1 - 2\cos\left(\frac{81\pi}{11}\right)\right)$$

$$\text{Let } \theta = \frac{\pi}{11}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin 3\theta &= 3\sin\theta - 4\sin^3\theta = \sin\theta(3 - 4\sin^2\theta) \\ &= \sin\theta\left(3 - \frac{4(1 - \cos 2\theta)}{2}\right) = \sin\theta(3 - 2 + 2\cos 2\theta) \\ &= \sin\theta(1 + 2\cos 2\theta) \end{aligned}$$

$$\frac{\sin 3\theta}{\sin\theta} = 1 + 2\cos 2\theta$$

$$\frac{\sin\left(\frac{3\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin\frac{\theta}{2}} = 1 + 2\cos\theta$$

$$\theta \rightarrow \pi - \theta \text{ gives } \frac{\sin\left(\frac{3\pi}{2} - \frac{3\theta}{2}\right)}{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\theta}{2}\right)} = \frac{-\cos\frac{3\theta}{2}}{\cos\frac{\theta}{2}} = 1 - 2\cos\theta$$

$$\begin{aligned} (1 - 2\cos\theta)(1 - 2\cos 3\theta)\dots(1 - 2\cos 81\theta) &= \frac{\cos\frac{3\theta}{2}}{\cos\frac{\theta}{2}} \times \frac{\cos\frac{9\theta}{2}}{\cos\frac{3\theta}{2}} \times \dots \times \frac{\cos\frac{243\theta}{2}}{\cos\frac{81\theta}{2}} \\ &= \frac{-\cos\left(\frac{243\theta}{2}\right)}{\cos\frac{\theta}{2}} \times \frac{\cos\left(\frac{243 \times \pi}{22}\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{22}\right)} = \frac{-\cos\left(11\pi + \frac{\pi}{22}\right)}{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{22}\right)} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Section 4**

**Choose the appropriate entry/entries from List II to match each of the entries of the List I. It is possible that an option(s) in List II may be valid more than once, for a given entry in List I**

13. Match each entry in List-I to the correct entry in List-II and choose the correct option.

List-I		List-II	
(P)	If $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are the distinct roots of the equation $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ , then the quadratic equation with roots $\frac{1}{(\alpha+1)^{2026}}$ and $\frac{1}{(\beta+1)^{2026}}$ is	(1)	$x^2 + x + 1 = 0$
(Q)	If $\alpha$ and $\beta$ are the distinct roots of the equation $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ , then the quadratic equation with roots $\frac{1}{(\alpha+1)^{2027}}$ and $\frac{1}{(\beta+1)^{2027}}$ is	(2)	$x^2 - x + 1 = 0$
(R)	If $\gamma$ and $\delta$ are the distinct roots of the equation $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$ , then the value of $\frac{1}{(\gamma-1)^{2026}} + \frac{1}{(\delta-1)^{2026}}$ is	(3)	$x^2 + x - 1 = 0$
(S)	If $p$ and $r$ are the distinct roots of the equation $x^2 + x - 1 = 0$ , then the value of $\frac{1}{(p+1)^3} + \frac{1}{(r+1)^3}$ is	(4)	-1
		(5)	-4

- (A) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (1), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (2), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (5), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (4)      (B) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (3), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (1), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (4), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (5)  
 (C) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (1), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (2), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (4), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (5)      (D) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (2), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (3), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (5), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (4)

**Ans (C)**

(P)  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

$$\alpha = \omega, \beta = \omega^2$$

$$\frac{1}{(\alpha + 1)^{2026}} = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} = \beta$$

$$\frac{1}{(\beta + 1)^{2026}} = \frac{1}{(\beta^2)^{2026}} = \frac{1}{\beta^2} = \alpha$$

$\therefore$  equation is  $x^2 + x + 1 \Rightarrow P \rightarrow 1$

(Q)  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$ ,  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots

$$\frac{1}{(\alpha + 1)^{2027}} = \frac{1}{(-\alpha^2)^{2027}} = -\frac{1}{\alpha} = -\alpha^2 = \alpha + 1$$

$$\frac{1}{(\beta + 1)^{2027}} = \frac{1}{(-\beta^2)^{2027}} = \frac{-1}{\beta} = -\beta^2 = \beta + 1$$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = (\alpha + 1) + (\beta + 1) = \alpha + \beta + 2 = 1$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = (\alpha + 1)(\beta + 1) = \alpha\beta + \alpha + \beta + 1 = 1$$

$\therefore$  Equation is  $x^2 - x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow Q \rightarrow 2$ .

(R)  $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$

$$\gamma = -\omega, \delta = -\omega^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(\gamma - 1)^{2026}} + \frac{1}{(\delta - 1)^{2026}} &= \frac{1}{(-\omega - 1)^{2026}} + \frac{1}{(-\omega^2 - 1)^{2026}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\omega^2)^{2026}} + \frac{1}{(\omega)^{2026}} = \frac{1}{\omega^2} + \frac{1}{\omega} \\ &= \omega + \omega^2 = -1 \Rightarrow R \rightarrow 4 \end{aligned}$$

(S)  $x^2 + x - 1 = 0 \Rightarrow p + r = -1, pr = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{(p+1)^3} + \frac{1}{(r+1)^3} &= \frac{1}{(-r)^3} + \frac{1}{(-p)^3} \\ &= p^3 + r^3 = (p+r)^3 - 3pr(p+r) \\ &= -1 - 3(-1)(-1) = -4 \Rightarrow S \rightarrow 5 \end{aligned}$$

14. Match each entry in List-I to the correct entry in List-II and choose the correct option.

List-I		List-II	
(P)	The number of elements in the set $\{x \in [-\pi, \pi] : \sin^6 x + \cos^4 x = 1\}$	(1)	is 1
(Q)	The number of elements in the set $\left\{x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right] : \sin^2 x + \cos^6 x = 1\right\}$	(2)	is 2
(R)	The number of elements in the set $\left\{x \in [-\pi, \pi] : \cos^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}\right\}$	(3)	is 3

(S)	The number of elements in the set $\left\{x \in [-2\pi, 2\pi]: 6\sin^2\left(\frac{x}{2}\right) - \cos 3x = 3\right\}$	(4)	is 4
		(5)	is 5

- (A) (P) → (2), (Q) → (5), (R) → (3), (S) → (4)      (B) (P) → (5), (Q) → (3), (R) → (2), (S) → (4)  
 (C) (P) → (5), (Q) → (4), (R) → (1), (S) → (3)      (D) (P) → (4), (Q) → (3), (R) → (2), (S) → (5)

**Ans (B)**

(P)  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$

$$\begin{aligned} \sin^6 x + \cos^4 x = 1 &\Rightarrow \sin^6 x + (1 - \sin^2 x)^2 = 1 \\ &\Rightarrow \sin^6 x + \sin^4 x - 2\sin^2 x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sin^2 x (\sin^4 x + \sin^2 x - 2) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sin^2 x (\sin^2 x + 2)(\sin^2 x - 1) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \sin^2 x = 0, \sin^2 x = -2 \text{ (invalid)}, \sin^2 x = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 0, \pm\pi \qquad x \pm \frac{\pi}{2}$$

as  $x \in [-\pi, \pi] \rightarrow 5 \text{ solutions} \Rightarrow P \rightarrow 5$

(Q)  $\sin^2 x + \cos^6 x = 1, x \in \left[-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right]$

$$\begin{aligned} &\Rightarrow \cos^2 x (\cos^2 x + 2)(\cos^2 x - 1) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow \cos^2 x = 0, \cos^2 x = 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, x = 0$$

3 solution  $\Rightarrow Q \rightarrow 3$

(R)  $x \in [-\pi, \pi]$

$$\cos^2 \frac{x}{2} - \sin^2 x = \frac{1}{2}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 1 + \cos x - 2 + 2\cos^2 x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\cos^2 x + \cos x - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 x + \frac{1}{2}\cos x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\cos x + \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 - \frac{17}{16} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\cos x + \frac{1}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{17}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos x = \frac{-1}{4} \pm \frac{\sqrt{17}}{4}$$

As  $\frac{-1 - \sqrt{17}}{4} < -1 \Rightarrow \cos x = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{17}}{4}$  is rejected and  $0 < \frac{-1 + \sqrt{17}}{4} < 1 \Rightarrow \cos x = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{17}}{4}$  is

accepted.  $\cos(-x) = \cos x$ . only two solutions  $\Rightarrow R \rightarrow (2)$

(S)  $x \in [-2\pi, 2\pi]$

$$6\sin^2 \frac{x}{2} - \cos 3x = 3$$

$$3(1 - \cos x) - (4\cos^3 x - 3\cos x) - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4\cos^3 x = 0 \Rightarrow \cos x = 0$$

$$x = \pm \frac{\pi}{2}, \pm \frac{3\pi}{2} \Rightarrow S \rightarrow 4$$

\(\therefore\) B is correct.

15. For real numbers  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  and  $\mu$ , consider the matrix  $M = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \beta & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \gamma & \delta & \mu \end{bmatrix}$ . Suppose that  $MM^T = I$ ,

where  $M^T$  is the transpose of the matrix  $M$ , and  $I$  is the  $3 \times 3$  identity matrix. Let  $\vec{u} = \alpha\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \gamma\hat{k}$ ,

$$\vec{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \beta\hat{j} + \delta\hat{k} \text{ and } \vec{w} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}.$$

Match each entry in List-I to the correct entry in List-II and choose the correct option.

List-I		List-II	
(P)	The value of $\gamma^2 + \delta^2$ is	(1)	0
(Q)	If $x\vec{u} + y\vec{v} + z\vec{w} = \hat{j}$ for some real numbers $x, y$ and $z$ , then the value of $x$ is	(2)	1
(R)	The value of $ \vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) $ is	(3)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
(S)	The value of $ \vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) $ is	(4)	$\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
		(5)	$\frac{5}{6}$

(A) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (5), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (4), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (2), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (1)

(B) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (4), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (5), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (1), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (2)

(C) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (5), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (3), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (2), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (1)

(D) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (5), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (4), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (1), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (2)

Ans (A)

$$M = \begin{bmatrix} \alpha & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} \\ \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} & \beta & \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \\ \gamma & \delta & \mu \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\vec{u} = \alpha\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \gamma\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{v} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \beta\hat{j} + \delta\hat{k}$$

$$\vec{w} = -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\hat{i} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\hat{j} + \mu\hat{k}$$

$$M \cdot M^T = I \Rightarrow M \text{ is orthogonal}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow |\vec{u}| &= |\vec{v}| = |\vec{w}| = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \vec{u} \cdot \vec{v} &= \vec{v} \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{w} \cdot \vec{u} = 0 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \frac{1}{3} + \delta^2 &= 1, \frac{1}{2} + \beta^2 + \delta^2 = 1, \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \mu^2 = 1 \\ \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \delta^2 &= \frac{2}{3}, \beta^2 + \gamma^2 = \frac{1}{2}, \mu^2 = \frac{1}{6} \end{aligned}$$

(P) Compare  $a_{33}$  element of  $MM^T = I$

$$\gamma^2 + \delta^2 + \mu^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \gamma^2 + \delta^2 = 1 - \mu^2 = \frac{5}{6} \Rightarrow P \rightarrow 5$$

(Q)  $x\vec{u} + \gamma\vec{v} + z\vec{w} = \hat{j}$

$$\text{dot with } \vec{u} \Rightarrow x(\vec{u} \cdot \vec{u}) = \vec{u} \cdot \hat{j}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow (Q) \rightarrow (4)$$

(R)  $|\vec{u} \cdot (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})| = 1$  are  $\vec{u}, \vec{v}, \vec{w}$  are orthogonal vectors  $\Rightarrow R \rightarrow (2)$

(S)  $|\vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w})|$

$$\begin{aligned} \vec{u} \times (\vec{v} \times \vec{w}) &= (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{w})\vec{v} - (\vec{u} \cdot \vec{v})\vec{w} \\ &= \vec{0} \text{ as } \vec{u} \cdot \vec{w} = \vec{v} \cdot \vec{u} = \vec{0} \end{aligned}$$

$\therefore S \rightarrow 1 \quad \therefore A$  is correct.

16. Match each entry in List-I to the correct entry in List-II and choose the correct option.

List-I		List-II	
(P)	The circle with centre (1, 2) and touching the straight line $3x + 4y = 1$ , passes through	(1)	the point (1, 1)
(Q)	The common tangent to the circle $x^2 + y^2 = 2$ and the parabola $y^2 = 8x$ with positive slope, passes through	(2)	the point (7, 9)
(R)	Let M be the end point of the latus rectum of the ellipse $3x^2 + 4y^2 = 48$ such that M lies in the first quadrant. Then the normal to the ellipse drawn at M passes through	(3)	the point (3, 2)
(S)	Let H be the hyperbola whose centre is at the origin, one of the foci is at (5, 0) and one directrix is $5x + 16 = 0$ . Then H passes through	(4)	the point (2, 5)
		(5)	the point $(8, 3\sqrt{3})$

(A) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (3), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (4), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (1), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (2)      (B) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (3), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (2), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (1), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (5)

(C) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (3), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (2), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (4), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (5)      (D) (P)  $\rightarrow$  (4), (Q)  $\rightarrow$  (1), (R)  $\rightarrow$  (2), (S)  $\rightarrow$  (3)

Ans (B)

$$(P) \ r = \left| \frac{3 + 8 - 1}{5} \right| = 2$$

Equation of circle is  $(x - 1)^2 + (y - 2)^2 = 4$  passes through (3, 2)  $\Rightarrow P \rightarrow 3$ .

(Q)  $x^2 + y^2 = 2, y^2 = 8x$

$$\text{Tangent to } y^2 = 8x \text{ is } y = mx + \frac{2}{m}$$

$$\text{This is also tangent to circle } \Rightarrow \left( \frac{2}{m} \right)^2 = 2(1 + m^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{m^2} = 1 + m^2 \Rightarrow m^4 + m^2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (m^2 - 1)(m^2 + 2) = 0 \Rightarrow m = \pm 1$$

$$m > 0 \Rightarrow m = 1 \quad \therefore y = x + 2 \text{ is the tangent}$$

Passes through (7, 9)  $\Rightarrow Q \rightarrow 2$

$$(R) \frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{12} = 1$$

$$M\left(2, \frac{12}{4}\right) = (2, 3)$$

$$\text{Equation of normal at } (2, 3) \text{ is } \frac{16x}{2} - \frac{12y}{3} = 16 - 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x - 4y = 4 \Rightarrow 2x - y = 1 ; (1, 1) \text{ is satisfied } \Rightarrow R \rightarrow 1.$$

$$(S) ae = 5, \frac{a}{e} = \frac{16}{5} \Rightarrow a^2 = 16, b^2 = a^2 e^2 - a^2 = 25 - 16 = 9$$

$$\therefore \frac{x^2}{16} - \frac{y^2}{9} = 1 ; (8, 3\sqrt{3}) \text{ is satisfied. } S \rightarrow 5$$

