

## Progression and Series: Question

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CONCEPTUAL QUESTIONS

Single Answer Type Questions

1. The  $p$  th term of an A.P. is  $a$  and  $q$  th term is  $b$ . then the sum of its'  $(p+q)$  terms is

- (A)  $\frac{(p+q)}{2} \left[ a+b+\frac{a-b}{p-q} \right]$                       (B)  $\frac{(p-q)}{2} \left[ a+b-\frac{a-b}{p-q} \right]$   
 (C)  $\frac{p+q}{2} \left[ a-b+\frac{p-q}{a-b} \right]$                       (D)  $\frac{p-q}{2} \left[ a+b+\frac{p-q}{a+b} \right]$

2. If the sum of  $m$  terms of an arithmetical progression is equal to the sum of either the

next  $n$  terms or the next  $p$  terms, then  $\left(\frac{n+m}{n-m}\right)\left(\frac{p-m}{p+m}\right)$  is

- (A)  $\frac{n}{p}$                       (B)  $\frac{p}{n}$                       (C)  $np$                       (D)  $\frac{p}{m}$

3: If  $S_n$  denotes the sum to  $n$  terms of a G.P. whose first term and common ratio are  $a$  and  $r(r \neq 1)$  respectively, then  $S_1 + S_2 + S_3 + \dots + S_n$  is

- (A)  $\frac{na}{1-r}$                       (B)  $\frac{na}{1-r} - \frac{ar(1-r^n)}{(1-r)^2}$   
 (C)  $\frac{a}{1-rn}$                       (D)  $\frac{a}{1-r^n} - \frac{r(1-r^n)}{(1-r)^2}$

4. If  $|x| < 1$  and  $|y| < 1$  then  $(x+y) + (x^2+xy+y^2) + (x^3+x^2y+xy^2+y^3) + \dots \infty$  is

- (A)  $\frac{x+y-xy}{(1-x)(1-y)}$                       (B)  $\frac{x-y-xy}{(1-x)(1-y)}$   
 (C)  $\frac{x+y-xy}{(1+x)(1+y)}$                       (D)  $\frac{x-y-xy}{(1+x)(1+y)}$

5. If  $a, b$  and  $c$  be in G.P. and  $x, y$  be the arithmetic means between  $a, b$  and  $b, c$  respectively

then  $\frac{a}{x} + \frac{c}{y}$  is

- (A) 2                      (B) 1  
 (C) 3                      (D) 4

6. In a centre test, there are  $p$  questions, in this  $2^{p-r}$  students give wrong answers to at least  $r$  questions ( $1 \leq r \leq p$ ). If total number of wrong answers given is 2047, then the value of  $p$  is

- (A) 14                      (B) 13                      (C) 12                      (D) 11

7. Let  $a, b, c$  be three distinct positive real numbers in G.P., then  $a^2 + 2bc - 3ac$  is  
(A)  $>0$       (B)  $<0$       (C)  $=0$       (D) can't be found out
8. If  $a, b, x, y$  are positive natural numbers such that  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = 1$  then  $\frac{a^x}{x} + \frac{b^y}{y}$  is  
(A)  $\leq ab$       (B)  $\geq ab$       (C)  $=ab$       (D) can't be found out
9. The maximum value of  $a^2 b^3 c^4$  subject to  $a + b + c = 18$  is  
(A)  $4^2 6^3 8^4$       (B)  $4^3 6^2 8^4$   
(C)  $4^4 6^2 8^3$       (D)  $4^2 6^4 8^3$
10. If the 1st and the  $(2n-1)^{th}$  term of an A.P., G.P., and H.P. are equal and their  $n$ th terms are  $a, b$  and  $c$  respectively, then  
(A)  $a = b = c$       (B)  $a \leq b \leq c$   
(C)  $a + c = b$       (D)  $2ac - b^2 = 0$

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SINGLE CORRECT CHOICE QUESTIONS

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LEVEL-I

**A.P., G.P., H.P. and Mean**

1. If the sum of first  $2n$  terms of A.P. 2, 5, 8,... is equal to the sum of the first  $n$  terms of the A.P. 57, 59, 61, ....., then  $n$  equals  
(A) 10 (B) 12  
(C) 11 (D) 13
2. If  $S$  denotes the sum to infinity and  $S_n$  the sum of  $n$  terms of the series  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots$ , such that  $S - S_n < \frac{1}{1000}$ , then the least value of  $n$  is  
(A) 8 (B) 9  
(C) 10 (D) 11
3. If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  is an A.P. such that  
 $a_1 + a_5 + a_{10} + a_{15} + a_{20} + a_{24} = 225$ ,  
then  $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{23} + a_{24}$  is equal to  
(A) 909 (B) 75  
(C) 750 (D) 900
4. If the sum of first  $p$  terms, first  $q$  terms and first  $r$  terms of an A.P. be  $a, b$  and  $c$  respectively, then  $\frac{a}{p}(q-r) + \frac{b}{q}(r-p) + \frac{c}{r}(p-q)$  is equal to  
(A) 0 (B) 2  
(C)  $pqr$  (D)  $\frac{8abc}{pqr}$
5. The numbers  $3^{2\sin 2\theta - 1}, 14, 3^{4-2\sin 2\theta}$  form first three terms of an A.P. Its fifth term is equal to  
(A) -25 (B) -12  
(C) 40 (D) 53
6. If sum of  $n$  terms of an A.P. is  $3n^2 + 5n$  and  $T_m = 164$ ,  $m = ?$   
(A) 26 (B) 27  
(C) 28 (D) 25
7. If the sum of the series  $2 + \frac{5}{x} + \frac{25}{x^2} + \frac{125}{x^3} + \dots$  is finite, then  
(A)  $|x| > 5$  (B)  $-5 < x < 5$   
(C)  $|x| < 5/2$  (D)  $|x| > 5/2$

8. If  $a, b, c, d$  are in H.P., then  $ab + bc + cd$  is equal to  
 (A)  $3ad$  (B)  $(a + b)(c + d)$   
 (C)  $ac$  (D) none of these
9. The sum of integers from 1 to 100 which are divisible by 2 or 5 is  
 (A) 300 (B) 3050  
 (C) 3200 (D) 3250
10. The interior angles of a polygon are in arithmetic progression. The smallest angle is  $120^\circ$  and the common difference is 5. The number of sides of the polygon is  
 (A) 7 (B) 9  
 (C) 11 (D) 16
11. If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are in H.P., then  $\frac{a_1}{a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_n}, \frac{a_2}{a_1 + a_3 + \dots + a_n}, \dots, \frac{a_n}{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{n-1}}$  are in  
 (A) A.P. (B) G.P.  
 (C) H.P. (D) none of these
12. If  $x > 0$  and  $\log_2 x + \log_2(\sqrt{x}) + \log_2(\sqrt[4]{x}) + \log_2(\sqrt[8]{x}) + \log_2(\sqrt[16]{x}) + \dots = 4$  then  $x$  equals  
 (A) 2 (B) 3  
 (C) 4 (D) 5
13. If the ratio of sum of  $m$  terms and  $n$  terms of an A.P. be  $m^2 : n^2$ , then the ratio of its  $m^{\text{th}}$  and  $n^{\text{th}}$  terms will be  
 (A)  $2m - 1 : 2n - 1$  (B)  $m : n$   
 (C)  $2m + 1 : 2n + 1$  (D) none
14. The ratio between the sum of  $n$  terms of two A.P.'s is  $3n + 8 : 7n + 15$ . Then the ratio between their 12<sup>th</sup> terms is  
 (A) 5 : 7 (B) 7 : 16  
 (C) 12 : 11 (D) none
15.  $\log_3 2, \log_6 2, \log_{12} 2$  are in  
 (A) A.P. (B) G.P.  
 (C) H.P. (D) none
16. In a G.P. if the  $(m + n)^{\text{th}}$  term be  $p$  and  $(m - n)^{\text{th}}$  term be  $q$ , then its  $m^{\text{th}}$  term is  
 (A)  $\sqrt{(pq)}$  (B)  $\sqrt{(p/q)}$   
 (C)  $\sqrt{(q/p)}$  (D)  $p/q$
17. Between 1 and 31  $m$  arithmetic means are inserted so that the ratio of the 7<sup>th</sup> and  $(m-1)^{\text{th}}$  means is 5 : 9. Then the value of  $m$  is  
 (A) 12 (B) 13  
 (C) 14 (D) 15

## Progression & Series

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### A.G.P., $V_n$ Method

18. If  $1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{5} - \frac{1}{7} + \frac{1}{9} - \frac{1}{11} + \dots = \frac{\pi}{4}$ , then value of  $\frac{1}{1.3} + \frac{1}{5.7} + \frac{1}{9.11} + \dots$  is
- (A)  $\frac{\pi}{8}$  (B)  $\frac{\pi}{6}$   
(C)  $\frac{\pi}{4}$  (D)  $\frac{\pi}{36}$
19. Sum to n terms of the series  $\frac{1}{(1+x)(1+2x)} + \frac{1}{(1+2x)(1+3x)} + \frac{1}{(1+3x)(1+4x)} + \dots$  is
- (A)  $\frac{nx}{(1+x)(1+nx)}$  (B)  $\frac{n}{(1+x)[1+(n+1)x]}$   
(C)  $\frac{x}{(1+x)(1+(n-1)x)}$  (D)  $\frac{nx}{(1+x)[1+(n+1)x]}$
20. Sum of the series  $S = 1 + \frac{1}{2}(1+2) + \frac{1}{3}(1+2+3) + \frac{1}{4}(1+2+3+4) + \dots$  upto 20 terms is
- (A) 110 (B) 111  
(C) 115 (D) 116
21. If  $\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots$  upto  $\infty = \frac{\pi^2}{6}$ , then value of  $\frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots$  upto to  $\infty$  is
- (A)  $\frac{\pi^2}{4}$  (B)  $\frac{\pi^2}{6}$   
(C)  $\frac{\pi^2}{8}$  (D)  $\frac{\pi^2}{12}$
22. Sum of the series  $S = 1^2 - 2^2 + 3^2 - 4^2 + \dots - 2002^2 + 2003^2$  is
- (A) 2007006 (B) 1005004  
(C) 2000506 (D) 1005040

### Inequalities

23. If three positive real numbers a, b, c are in A.P., with  $abc = 4$ , then the minimum value of b is
- (A)  $4^{1/3}$  (B) 3  
(C) 2 (D)  $1/2$
24. If x, y and z are positive real numbers such that  $x + y + z = a$  then

(A)  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} \geq \frac{9}{a}$

(B)  $\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} < \frac{9}{a}$

(C)  $(a-x)(a-y)(a-z) > \frac{8}{27}a^3$

(D)  $(a-x)(a-y)(a-z) > a^3$

25. If a, b and c are distinct positive real numbers and  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 1$ , then  $ab + bc + ca$  is

(A) less than 1

(B) equal to 1

(C) greater than 1

(D) any real number

**LEVEL -II**

**Inequalities**

26. The greatest value of  $x^2y^3z^4$ , (if  $x + y + z = 1$ ,  $x, y, z > 0$ ) is

(A)  $\frac{2^9}{3^5}$

(B)  $\frac{2^{10}}{3^{15}}$

(C)  $\frac{2^{15}}{3^{10}}$

(D)  $\frac{2^{10}}{3^{10}}$

27. If a, b and c are three positive real numbers, then the minimum value of the expression

$\frac{b+c}{a} + \frac{c+a}{b} + \frac{a+b}{c}$  is

(A) 1

(B) 2

(C) 3

(D) 6

**A.P., G.P., H.P. & Mean**

28. If S be the sum, P the product and R the sum of the reciprocals of n terms of a G.P., then

$\left(\frac{S}{R}\right)^n =$

(A) P

(B)  $P^2$

(C)  $P^3$

(D)  $\sqrt{P}$

29. If x, y, z be respectively the pth, qth and rth terms of G.P., then

$(q-r) \log x + (r-p) \log y + (p-q) \log z =$

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) -1

(D) 2

30. In a G.P.,  $T_2 + T_5 = 216$  and  $T_4 : T_6 = 1:4$  and all terms are integers, then its first term is

(A) 16

(B) 14

(C) 12

(D) 15

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31. If the roots of the equation  $x^3 - 12x^2 + 39x - 28 = 0$  are in A.P., then their common difference will be  
(A)  $\pm 1$  (B)  $\pm 2$   
(C)  $\pm 3$  (D)  $\pm 4$
32. If  $a, b, c, d$  are nonzero real numbers such that  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)(b^2 + c^2 + d^2) \leq (ab + bc + cd)^2$ , then  $a, b, c, d$  are in  
(A) AP (B) GP  
(C) HP (D) AGP
33. Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  be in AP and  $a_p, a_q, a_r$  be in GP. Then  $a_q : a_p$  is equal to  
(A)  $\frac{r-p}{q-p}$  (B)  $\frac{q-p}{r-q}$   
(C)  $\frac{r-q}{q-p}$  (D) 1
34. Three distinct real numbers  $a, b, c$  are in G.P. such that  $a + b + c = x b$ , then  
(A)  $0 < x < 1$  (B)  $-1 < x < 3$   
(C)  $x < -1$  or  $x > 3$  (D)  $-1 < x < 2$
35. If  $x, y, z$  are in G.P.,  $a^x = b^y = c^z$ , then  
(A)  $\log_c b = \log_a c$  (B)  $\log_1 c = \log_b c$   
(C)  $\log_a b = \log_c b$  (D)  $\log_b a = \log_c b$
36. The  $r$ th,  $s$ th and  $t$ th terms of a certain G.P. are  $R, S$  and  $T$  respectively, then the value of  $R^{s-t} S^{t-r} T^{r-s}$  is  
(A) 0 (B) 1  
(C) -1 (D) 2
37. Three numbers form an increasing G.P. If the middle number is doubled, then the new numbers are in A.P. The common ratio of G.P. is  
(A)  $2 - \sqrt{3}$  (B)  $2 + \sqrt{3}$   
(C)  $\sqrt{3} - 2$  (D) 2
38. If one geometric mean  $G$  and two arithmetic means  $p$  and  $q$  be inserted between two numbers, then  $G^2$  is equal to:  
(A)  $(3p - q)(3q - p)$  (B)  $(2p - q)(2q - p)$   
(C)  $(4p - q)(4q - p)$  (D)  $(4p + q)(4q + p)$
39. If the first and  $(2n+1)$ th terms of an A.P.; G.P. and H.P. are equal and their  $(n+1)$ th terms are  $a, b$  and  $c$  respectively, then  
(A)  $a > b > c$  (B)  $ac = b^2$   
(C)  $a + b = c$  (D)  $a + c = b$
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40. The sum of the two numbers is  $2\frac{1}{6}$ . An even numbers of arithmetic means are inserted between them and their sum exceeds their number by 1. Then the number of means inserted is
- (A) 6 (B) 8  
(C) 12 (D) 15

**A.G.P.,  $V_n$  Method**

41. The sum upto  $(2n + 1)$  terms of the series  $a^2 - (a + d)^2 + (a + 2d)^2 - (a + 3d)^2 + \dots$  is
- (A)  $a^2 + 3nd^2$  (B)  $a^2 + 2nad + n(n - 1)d^2$   
(C)  $a^2 + 3nad + n(n - 1)d^2$  (D)  $a^2 + 2nad + n(2n + 1)d^2$

42.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)\dots(n+k)}$  is equal to

- (A)  $\frac{1}{(k-1)k}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{k}$   
(C)  $\frac{1}{(k-1)k}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{k}$

43. The sum of first  $n$  terms of the series  $1^2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3^2 + 2 \times 4^2 + 5^2 + 2 \times 6^2 + \dots$  is  $n(n + 1)^2/2$  when  $n$  is even. When  $n$  is odd the sum of the series is

- (A)  $n^2(3n + 1)/4$  (B)  $n^2 \frac{(n+1)}{2}$   
(C)  $n^3(n - 1)/2$  (D) none of these

44. If  $\sum_{r=1}^n t_r = \frac{1}{12}n(n+1)(n+2)$ , then value of  $\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{1}{t_r}$  is

- (A)  $\frac{2n}{n+1}$  (B)  $\frac{n-1}{(n+1)!}$   
(C)  $\frac{4n}{(n+1)}$  (D)  $\frac{3n}{n+2}$

45. Sum to  $n$  terms of the series  $\frac{1}{5!} + \frac{1!}{6!} + \frac{2!}{7!} + \frac{3!}{8!} + \dots$  is

- (A)  $\frac{2}{5!} - \frac{1}{(n+1)!}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4!} - \frac{n!}{(n+4)!} \right)$   
(C)  $\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{3!} - \frac{3!}{(n+2)!} \right)$  (D)  $\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{1}{4!} + \frac{n!}{(n+4)!} \right)$

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46. Sum to  $n$  terms of the series  $\frac{1}{1.2.3} + \frac{3}{2.3.4} + \frac{5}{3.4.5} + \frac{7}{4.5.6} + \dots$  is

(A)  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2(n+2)(n+3)}$

(B)  $\frac{n(3n+1)}{4(n+1)(n+2)}$

(C)  $\frac{1}{6} - \frac{5}{(n+1)(n+4)}$

(D)  $\frac{(3n+1)}{(n+1)(n+2)}$

47. Sum to  $n$  terms of the series  $\frac{1^3}{1} + \frac{1^3+2^3}{1+3} + \frac{1^3+2^3+3^3}{1+3+5} + \dots$  is

(A)  $\frac{n}{24}(n^2+9n+14)$

(B)  $\frac{n}{24}(2n^2+7n+15)$

(C)  $\frac{n}{24}(2n^2+9n+13)$

(D)  $\frac{n}{24}(n^2+11n+12)$

### Inequalities

48. Let  $p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}^+$  and  $27pqr \geq (p+q+r)^3$  and  $3p+4q+5r=12$  then

$p^3 + q^4 + r^5$  is equal to

(A) 3

(B) 6

(C) 2

(D) 1

49. If  $a, a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{2n-1}, b$  are in AP,  $a, b_1, b_2, b_3, \dots, b_{2n-1}, b$  are in GP and  $a, c_1, c_2, c_3, \dots, c_{2n-1}, b$  are in HP, where  $a, b$  are positive, then the equation  $a_n x^2 - b_n x + c_n = 0$  has its roots

(A) real and unequal

(B) real and equal

(C) imaginary

(D) none of these

50. In an acute angled triangle ABC, the minimum value of  $\tan^n A + \tan^n B + \tan^n C$  is (when  $n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 1$ )

(A)  $\frac{n}{3^2}$

(B)  $3^n$

(C)  $\frac{n}{3^{2+1}}$

(D)  $\frac{n}{3^{2-1}}$

### LEVEL -III

51. If  $A, A_1, A_2, \dots, A_{2n}, B$  be an A. P. ;  $A, G_1, G_2, \dots, G_{2n}, B$  be a G.P. and  $H$  is the harmonic

mean of  $A$  and  $B$ , then  $\frac{A_1 + A_{2n}}{G_1 G_{2n}} + \frac{A_2 + A_{2n-1}}{G_2 G_{2n-1}} + \dots + \frac{A_n + A_{n+1}}{G_n G_{n+1}}$  is equal to

(A)  $\frac{2n}{H}$

(B)  $2nH$

(C)  $nH$

(D)  $\frac{n}{H}$

52. Given that  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{4}$  and  $\frac{\pi}{4} < y < \frac{\pi}{2}$  and  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \tan^{2k} x = p$ ;  $\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} (-1)^k \cot^{2k} y = q$ ; then

$$\sum_{k=0}^{\infty} \tan^{2k} x \cot^{2k} y \text{ is}$$

- (A)  $\frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{pq}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{\left\{ \frac{1}{p} + \frac{1}{q} - \frac{1}{pq} \right\}}$   
 (C)  $p + q - pq$  (D)  $p + q + pq$

53. The sum of the series  $\frac{8}{5} + \frac{16}{65} + \dots + \frac{128}{2^{18} + 1}$  is

- (A)  $\frac{540}{1088}$  (B)  $\frac{1088}{545}$   
 (C)  $\frac{1001}{500}$  (D)  $\frac{1013}{545}$

54. If  $f(r) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{r}$  and  $f(0) = 0$ , then value of  $\sum_{r=1}^n (2r + 1)f(r)$

- (A)  $n^2 f(n)$  (B)  $(n + 1)^2 f(n+1) - \frac{n^2 + 3n + 2}{2}$   
 (C)  $(n + 1)^2 f(n) - \frac{n^2 + n + 1}{2}$  (D)  $(n + 1)^2 f(n)$

55. Solution of the system of equation  $2x^4 = y^4 + z^4$ ,  $xyz = 8$

knowing that the logarithms  $\log_y x$ ,  $\log_z y$ ,  $\log_x z$  form a geometric progression is

- (A)  $x = y = z = 2$  (B)  $x = y = 2, z = 3$   
 (C)  $x = 2, y = z = 3$  (D)  $x = y = z = 3$

56. If  $a, b, c$  be distinct positive are in G.P. and  $\log_c a, \log_b c, \log_a b$  be in A.P., then common difference of this A.P. is .

- (A)  $3/2$  (B)  $1/2$   
 (C)  $2$  (D)  $5/2$

57. The  $n$ th term of a series is given by  $t_n = \frac{n^5 + n^3}{n^4 + n^2 + 1}$  and if sum of its  $n$  terms can be

expressed as  $S_n = a_n^2 + a + \frac{1}{b_n^2 + b}$ , where  $a_n$  and  $b_n$  are the  $n$ th terms of some arithmetic

progressions and  $a, b$  are some constants, then  $\frac{b_n}{a_n}$  equal to.

(A)  $n\sqrt{2}$

(B)  $\frac{n}{\sqrt{2}}$

(C)  $\frac{1}{2}$

(D) 2

58. If  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$  are in A.P., where  $a_i > 0$  for all  $i$ , then

$\frac{1}{\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_2} + \sqrt{a_3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{a_{n-1}} + \sqrt{a_n}}$  is equal to

(A)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_n}}$

(B)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{a_1} - \sqrt{a_n}}$

(C)  $\frac{n}{\sqrt{a_1} - \sqrt{a_n}}$

(D)  $\frac{n-1}{\sqrt{a_1} + \sqrt{a_n}}$

59. 111 ..... 1 (91 times) is a

(A) Prime number

(B) Composite number

(C) Not a integer

(D) integer

60. A three digit number whose consecutive numbers form a G.P. If we subtract 792 from this number, we get a number consisting of the same digits written in the reverse order. Now if we increase the second digit of the required number by 2, the resulting number will form an A.P. Then the number is

(A) 139

(B) 927

(C) 931

(D) 763

**MORE THAN ONE CORRECT CHOICE QUESTIONS**

**LEVEL - I**

- The sum of the first  $n$  term ( $n > 1$ ) of an A.P. is 155 and the common difference is 2. If the first term is a positive integer, then  
 (A)  $n$  can not be even (B)  $n$  can not be odd  
 (C) 5 (D) 6
- The sum of the numerical series  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{7}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{11}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{11}+\sqrt{15}} + \dots$  upto  $n$  terms, is  
 (A)  $\frac{\sqrt{3+4n}-\sqrt{3}}{4}$  (B)  $\frac{4}{\sqrt{3+4n}+\sqrt{3}}$   
 (C) less than  $n$  (D) greater than  $\sqrt{n}/2$
- If  $b_1, b_2, b_3$  ( $b_1 > 0$ ) are three successive terms of a G.P. with common ratio  $r$ , the value of  $r$  for which the inequality  $b_3 > 4b_2 - 3b_1$  holds is given by  
 (A)  $r > 3$  (B)  $r < 1$   
 (C)  $r = 3.5$  (D)  $r = 5.2$
- All the term of an A. P. are natural numbers and the sum of the first 20 terms is greater than 1072 and less than 1162. If the sixth term is 32 then  
 (A) first term is 12 (B) first term is 7  
 (C) common difference is 4 (D) common difference is 5
- In a GP the product of the first four terms is 4 and the second term is the reciprocal of the fourth term. The sum of the GP up to infinite terms is  
 (A) 8 (B) -8  
 (C)  $8/3$  (D)  $-8/3$
- The numbers  $\frac{\sin x}{6}$ ,  $\cos x$  and  $\tan x$  will be in G.P. if  
 (A)  $x = \frac{\pi}{3}$  (B)  $x = \frac{5\pi}{6}$   
 (C)  $x = \pm \frac{\pi}{3} + 2K\pi$  (D)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{6} + 2K\pi$
- The next term of the geometric progression  $x, x^2 + 2, x^3 + 10$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 54  
 (C)  $\frac{729}{16}$  (D)  $\frac{16}{729}$
- If sum of  $n$  terms of an A.P. is given by  $S_n = a + bn + cn^2$  where  $a, b, c$  are independent of  $n$ , then

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- (A)  $a = 0$   
(B) common difference of A.P. must be  $2b$   
(C) common difference of A.P. must be  $2c$       (D) All above
9. If  $a, b, c$  are in A.P., then  $2^{ax+1}, 2^{bx+1}, 2^{cx+1}, x \neq 0$  are in  
(A) A.P.      (B) G.P. when  $x > 0$   
(C) G.P. if  $x < 0$       (D) G.P. for all  $x \neq 0$
10. If  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are in H.P. and  $d$  be the common difference of the corresponding A.P. then the expression  $a_1a_2 + a_2a_3 + \dots + a_{n-1}a_n$  is equal to  
(A)  $\frac{a_1 - a_n}{d}$       (B)  $(n - 1)(a_1 - a_n)$   
(C)  $n(a_1 - a_n)$       (D)  $(n - 1)a_1a_n$
11. Let the harmonic mean and the geometric mean of two positive numbers be in the ratio  $4 : 5$ . Then the two numbers are in the ratio  
(A)  $1 : 4$       (B)  $4 : 1$   
(C)  $3 : 4$       (D)  $4 : 3$
12. Between two unequal numbers, if  $a_1, a_2$  are two AMs;  $g_1, g_2$  are two GMs and  $h_1, h_2$  are two HMs then  $g_1g_2$  is equal to  
(A)  $a_1h_1$       (B)  $a_1h_2$   
(C)  $a_2h_2$       (D)  $a_2h_1$
13. Let the sum of the series  $\frac{1}{1^3} + \frac{1+2}{1^3+2^3} + \dots + \frac{1+2+\dots+n}{1^3+2^3+\dots+n^3}$  upto  $n$  terms be  $S_n, n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Then  $S_n$  cannot be greater than  
(A)  $1/2$       (B)  $1$   
(C)  $2$       (D)  $4$
14. If  $p, q, r$  are positive and are in A.P. the roots of the quadratic equation  $px^2 + qx + r = 0$  are all real for  
(A)  $\left| \frac{r}{p} - 7 \right| \geq 4\sqrt{3}$       (B)  $\left| \frac{q}{p} - 4 \right| \geq 2\sqrt{3}$   
(C)  $\left| \frac{p}{q} - 4 \right| \geq 4\sqrt{3}$       (D)  $\left| \frac{p}{q} - 1 \right| \geq 4\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$
15. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two positive real numbers. Suppose  $A_1, A_2$  are two arithmetic means;  $G_1, G_2$  are two geometric means and  $H_1, H_2$  are two harmonic means between  $a$  and  $b$  then

(A)  $\frac{G_1 G_2}{H_1 H_2} = \frac{A_1 + A_2}{H_1 + H_2}$

(B)  $\frac{G_1 G_2}{H_1 H_2} - \frac{5}{9} = \frac{2}{9} \left( \frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \right)$

(C)  $\frac{H_1 + H_2}{A_1 + A_2} = \frac{9ab}{(2a + b)(a + 2b)}$

(D)  $\frac{G_1 G_2}{H_1 H_2} = \frac{H_1 + H_2}{A_1 + A_2}$

16. The value of  $100 \left[ \frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \dots + \frac{1}{99.100} \right]$

(A) is an integer

(B) lies between 50 and 98

(C) is 100

(D) 99

17. Let  $S_n = (1)(5) + (2)(5^2) + (3)(5^3) + \dots + (n)(5^n) = \frac{1}{16} [(4n - 1)5^a + b]$ , then

(A)  $a = n + 1$

(B)  $a = n$

(C)  $b = 5$

(D)  $b = 25$

18. Four numbers are such that the first three are in A.P., while the last three in G.P.. If the first number is 6 and common ratio of G.P. is  $\frac{1}{2}$  then the

(A) sum of first and last number is 7

(B) numbers are 6, 8, 4, 2

(C) numbers are 6, 10, 14, 4

(D) numbers are 6, 4, 2, 1

19. Let  $S_1, S_2, \dots$  be squares such that for each  $n \geq 1$ , the length of a side of  $S_n$  equals to the length of a diagonal of  $S_{n+1}$ . If the length of a side of  $S_1$  is 10 cm, then for which of the following value (s) of  $n$  is the area of  $S_n$  less than 1 sq. cm?

(A) 7

(B) 8

(C) 9

(D) 10

20. Let  $x_1, x_2, \dots$  be positive integers in A.P., such that  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 12$  and  $x_4 + x_6 = 14$ . Then  $x_5$  is

(A) a prime number

(B) 11

(C) 13

(D) 7

**LEVEL - II**

21. If  $a, b, c$  are in H.P., then the expression  $E = \left( \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{c} \right) \left( \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{a} - \frac{1}{b} \right)$  equals

(A)  $\frac{2}{bc} - \frac{1}{b^2}$

(B)  $\frac{1}{4} \left( \frac{3}{c^2} + \frac{2}{ca} - \frac{1}{a^2} \right)$

(C)  $\frac{3}{b^2} - \frac{2}{ab}$

(D) none of these

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22. If positive numbers  $a, b, c, d$  are in harmonic progression and  $a \neq b$ , then  
(A)  $a + d > b + c$  is always true (B)  $a + b > c + d$  is always true  
(C)  $a + c > b + d$  always true (D)  $ad > bc$
23. The sum of the first  $n$  terms of the series  
 $1^2 + 2.2^2 + 3^2 + 2.4^2 + 5^2 + 2.6^2 + \dots$  is  $\frac{n(n+1)^2}{2}$ , when  $n$  is even. When  $n$  is odd, the sum is  
(A)  $\frac{n^2(n+1)}{2}$  (B)  $\frac{(n+1)^2 n^2}{2}$   
(C) even, if odd ' $n$ ' is of the type  $4l + 1$ . (D) even, if the odd ' $n$ ' is of the type  $4l + 3$
24. The three sides of a right-angled triangle are in G.P.. The tangents of the two acute angles may be  
(A)  $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$  (B)  $\sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{5}-1)}{2}}$   
(C)  $\sqrt{5}$  and  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$  (D)  $\sqrt{\frac{(\sqrt{5}+1)}{2}}$
25. If  $a, b, c$  are in A.P., and  $a^2, b^2, c^2$  are in H.P., then  
(A)  $a = b = c$  (B)  $a^2 = b^2 = \frac{c^2}{2}$   
(C)  $a, b, c$  are in G.P. (D)  $\frac{-a}{2}, b, c$  are in G.P.
26. If  $(m + 1)^{\text{th}}, (n + 1)^{\text{th}}$  and  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  terms of an A.P. are in G.P. and  $m, n, r$  are in H.P., then the ratio of the first term of the A.P. to its common difference is  
(A)  $-\frac{n}{2}$  (B)  $-\frac{m}{2}$   
(C)  $r$  (D)  $-\frac{mr}{m+r}$
27. If roots of  $x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$  are  
(A) in A.P. then  $2b^3 - 9bc + 27d = 0$  (B) in G.P. then  $b^3d = c^3$   
(C) in G.P. then  $27d^3 = 9bcd^2 - 4c^3d$  (D) equal then  $c^3 = b^3 + 3bc$
28.  $x_1, x_2, x_3, \dots$  is an infinite sequence of positive integers in G.P. such that  $x_1 x_2 x_3 x_4 = 64$ . Then the value of  $x_5$  is  
(A) is a perfect square (B) is not a perfect square  
(C) 128 (D) 16



29. Let a sequence  $\{a_n\}$  be defined by  $a_n = \frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \frac{1}{n+3} + \dots + \frac{1}{3n}$ ; Then

(A)  $a_2 = \frac{7}{12}$

(B)  $a_2 = \frac{19}{20}$

(C)  $a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{9n+5}{(3n+1)(3n+2)(3n+3)}$

(D)  $a_{n+1} - a_n = \frac{-2}{3(n+1)}$

30. If  $\sum_{r=1}^n r(r+1)(2r+3) = an^4 + bn^3 + cn^2 + dn + e$ , then

(A)  $a + c = b + d$

(B)  $e = 0$

(C)  $a, b - 2/3, c - 1$  are in A.P.

(D)  $c/a$  is an integers

**LEVEL - III**

31. Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$  be terms of an A.P.

If  $\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_p}{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_q} = \frac{p^2}{q^2}, p \neq q$  then  $\frac{a_6}{a_{21}}$  must be

(A) less than 1

(B)  $\frac{2}{7}$

(C)  $\frac{11}{41}$

(D)  $\frac{7}{2}$

32. If the numbers  $\frac{a+b}{1-ab}, b$  and  $\frac{b+c}{1-bc}$  are in A.P., then

(A)  $a, b, c$  are in HP

(B)  $a, b^{-1}, c$  are in HP

(C)  $a^{-1}, b, c^{-1}$  are in AP

(D)  $a, b, c$  are in GP

33. If  $a, b, c$  are in H.P. then

(A)  $\frac{a}{b+c-a}, \frac{b}{c+a-b}, \frac{c}{a+b-c}$  are in H.P.

(B)  $\frac{2}{b} = \frac{1}{b-a} + \frac{1}{b-c}$

(C)  $a - \frac{b}{2}, \frac{b}{2}, c - \frac{b}{2}$  are in G.P.

(D)  $\frac{a}{b+c}, \frac{b}{c+a}, \frac{c}{a+b}$  are in H.P.

34. The numbers 1, 5, 25 can be three terms (not necessarily consecutive) of

(A) at least one A.P.

(B) at least one G.P.

(C) infinite number of A.P.'s

(D) infinite number of G.P.'s

35. Let  $S_n = \frac{1}{1^2} + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2}$  and  $T_n = 2 - \frac{1}{n}$ , then

(A)  $S_2 < T_2$

(B) If  $S_k < T_k$  then  $S_{k+1} < T_{k+1}$

(C)  $S_n < T_n$  for all  $n \geq 2$

(D)  $S_n > T_n$  for all  $n \geq 2007$

LINKED COMPREHENSION TYPE

This section contains 4 paragraphs. Based upon each paragraph, 3 multiple choice questions have to be answered. Each question has 4 choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct.

I. If  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  are 'n' positive real numbers; then  $A.M. \geq G.M. \geq H.M.$

$$\frac{x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n}{n} \geq (x_1 x_2 \dots x_n)^{1/n} \geq \frac{n}{\frac{1}{x_1} + \frac{1}{x_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x_n}}$$
 equality occurs when numbers are

same using this concept.

1. If  $a > 0, b > 0, c > 0$  and the minimum value of  $a(b^2 + c^2) + b(c^2 + a^2) + c(a^2 + b^2)$  is  $\lambda abc$ , then  $\lambda$  is

- (A) 1 (B) 2  
(C) 3 (D) 6

2. If  $a, b, c, d, e, f$  are positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c + d + e + f = 3$ , then  $x = (a + f)(b + e)(c + d)$  satisfies the relation

- (A)  $0 < x \leq 1$  (B)  $1 \leq x \leq 2$   
(C)  $2 \leq x \leq 3$  (D)  $3 \leq x \leq 4$

3. If  $a$  and  $b$  are two positive real numbers, and  $a + b = 1$ , then the greatest value of  $a^3 b^4$  is

- (A)  $\frac{3^2 4^3}{75}$  (B)  $\frac{3^3 4^4}{7^7}$   
(C)  $\frac{7^7}{3^3 4^4}$  (D) none of these

II. The sum of the squares of three distinct real numbers, which are in G.P., is  $S^2$ . If their sum is  $\alpha S$  then answers the following questions.

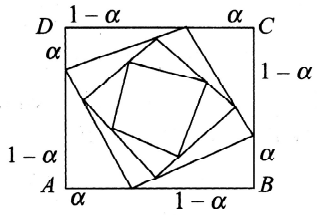
4.  $\alpha^2$  lies

- (A) (1/3, 2) (B) (1, 2)  
(C) (1/3, 3) (D) none of these

5. If  $\alpha^2 = 2$ , then value of  $r$  equals

- (A)  $\frac{1}{2}(5 - \sqrt{3})$  (B)  $\frac{1}{2}(3 + \sqrt{5})$   
(C)  $\frac{1}{2}(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})$  (D)  $\frac{1}{3}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5})$

6. If we drop the condition that the G.P. is strictly increasing and take  $\alpha^2 = 3$ , then common ratio is given by

- (A)  $\pm \sqrt{2}$  (B) +1  
 (C) 0 (D)  $\pm \sqrt{3}$
- III. Suppose  $x_1, x_2$  be the roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  and  $x_3, x_4$  be the roots of  $px^2 + qx + r = 0$ .
7. If  $x_1, x_2, \frac{1}{x_3}, \frac{1}{x_4}$  are in A.P., then  $\frac{b^2 - 4ac}{q^2 - 4pr}$  equals  
 (A)  $a^2/r^2$  (B)  $b^2/q^2$   
 (C)  $c^2/p^2$  (D)  $a^2/p^2$
8. If  $a, b, c$  are in G.P. as well as  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  are in G.P. then  $p, q, r$  are in  
 (A) A.P. (B) G.P.  
 (C) H.P. (D) A.G.P.
9. If  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  are in G.P., then its common ratio is  
 (A)  $\left(\frac{ar}{cp}\right)^{1/4}$  (B)  $\left(\frac{cr}{ap}\right)^{1/3}$   
 (C)  $\sqrt{\frac{cr}{ap}}$  (D)  $\sqrt{\frac{ap}{bq}}$
- IV. Let ABCD is a unit square and  $0 < \alpha < 1$ . Each side of the square is divided in the ratio  $\alpha : 1 - \alpha$ , as shown in figure. These points are connected to obtain another square. The sides of new square are divided in the ratio  $\alpha : 1 - \alpha$  and points are joined to obtain another square. The process is continued indefinitely. Let  $a_n$  denote the length of side and  $A_n$  the area of the nth square
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10. The value of  $\alpha$  for which  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} A_n = \frac{8}{3}$  is  
 (A) 1/3, 2/3 (B) 1/4, 3/4  
 (C) 1/5, 4/5 (D) 1/2
11. The value of  $\alpha$  for which side of nth square equals the diagonals of  $(n + 1)$ th square is  
 (A) 1/3 (B) 1/4  
 (C) 1/2 (D)  $1/\sqrt{2}$
12. If  $\alpha = 1/4$  and  $P_n$  denotes the perimeter of the nth square then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} P_n$  equals  
 (A) 8/3 (B) 32/3  
 (C) 16/3 (D) none of these

MATRIX-MATCH TYPE

Statements (A, B, C, D) in **Column I** have to be matched with statements (p, q, r, s) in **Column II**.

The answers to these questions have to be appropriately bubbled as illustrated in the following example.

If the correct matches are A–p, A–s, B–q, B–r, C–p, C–q and D–s, then the correctly bubbled  $4 \times 4$  matrix should be as follows :

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1. Match the value of x on the left with the value on the right.

**Column I**

(A)  $5^2 5^4 5^6 \dots 5^{2x} = (0.04)^{-28}$

(B)  $x^2 = (0.2)^{\log_{\sqrt{5}}\left(\frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{16} + \dots\right)}$

(C)  $x = (0.16)^{\log_{5/2}\left(\frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{3^3} + \dots\right)}$

(D)  $3^{x-1} + 3^{x-2} + 3^{x-3} + \dots$   
 $= 2\left(5^2 + 5 + 1 + \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \dots\right)$

**Column II**

(p)  $3 \log_3 5$

(q) 4

(r) 2

(s) 7

(t) even integer

2. Match the conditions for the equation  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$  having roots in

**Column I**

(A) AP

(B) GP

(C) HP

(D)  $3\alpha = \beta + \gamma$

**Column II**

(P)  $b^3d = ac^3$

(Q)  $27ad^3 = abcd^2 - 2c^3d$

(R)  $2b^3 - 9abc + 27a^2d = 0$

(S)  $4ad - bc = 0$

(T)  $ad + bc$

3. Let a, b, c, p > 1 and q > 0. Suppose a, b, c are in G.P.

**Column I**

(A)  $\log_p a, \log_p b, \log_p c$  are in

(B)  $\log_a p, \log_b p, \log_c p$  are in

(C)  $a \log_p c, b \log_p b, c \log_p a$

(D)  ${}^{\log_a p}_q, {}^{\log_b p}_q, {}^{\log_c p}_q$  are in

**Column II**

(p) G.P.

(q) A.G.P.

(r) H.P.

(s) A.P.

4. Let  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  be three numbers such that  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} = \frac{9}{4}$ ,

and  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 2$ .

**Column I**

(A)  $\alpha \beta \gamma$

(B)  $\beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha + \alpha\beta$

(C)  $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 + \gamma^2$

(D)  $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3$

**Column II**

(p) 6

(q) 8

(r) -2

(s) -1

(t) even integer

ASSERTION – REASON TYPE

Each question contains STATEMENT – 1 (Assertion) and STATEMENT – 2 (Reason). Each question has 4 choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct.

**Instructions:**

- (A) Statement-1 is True, Statement-2 is True; Statement-2 is a correct explanation for Statement-1
- (B) Statement-1 is True, Statement-2 is True; Statement-2 NOT a correct explanation for Statement-1.
- (C) Statement-1 is True, Statement-2 is False
- (D) Statement –1 is False, statement-2 is True.

1. For  $r \geq 1$ , and  $x \neq 1$  Let  $t_r = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots + rx^{r-1}$

**STATEMENT-1** : Sum of  $t_1 + t_2 + \dots + t_n$  is  $\frac{n(1+x^{n+1})}{(1-x)^2} - \frac{2x(1-x^n)}{(1-x)^3}$

**STATEMENT-2** : For  $r \geq 1$ , and  $x \neq 1$ ,  $1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{r-1} = \frac{1-x^r}{1-x}$  and

$$1 + 2x + 3x^2 + \dots + rx^{r-1} = \frac{1-x^r}{(1-x)^2} - \frac{rx^r}{1-x}$$

2. Let a, b, c be three positive real numbers which are in H.P.

**STATEMENT-1** :  $\frac{a+b}{2a-b} + \frac{c+b}{2c-b} \geq 4$

**STATEMENT-2** : If  $x > 0$ , then  $x + \frac{1}{x} \geq 4$

3. **STATEMENT-1** : If a, b, c are three positive real numbers such that  $a + c \neq b$  and

$$\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{a-b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{c-b} = 0$$

then a, b, c are in H.P.

**STATEMENT-2** : If a, b, c are distinct positive real numbers such that  $a(b-c)x^2 + b(c-a)xy + c(a-b)y^2$  is a perfect square, then a, b, c are in H.P.

4. **STATEMENT-1** : There exists no A.P. whose three terms are  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\sqrt{5}$  and  $\sqrt{7}$

because

**STATEMENT-2** : If  $t_p, t_q$  and  $t_r$  are three distinct terms of an A.P., then  $\frac{t_r - t_p}{t_q - t_p}$  is a rational number

5. Let a, b, c be three distinct non-zero real numbers

**STATEMENT-1** : If a, b, c are in A.P. and b, c, a are in G.P., then c, a, b are in H.P.

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**STATEMENT-2** : If a, b, c are in A.P. and b, c, a are in G.P. then  $a : b : c = 4 : 2 : -1$

6. **STATEMENT-1** : If three positive numbers in G.P. represent sides of a triangle, then the common ratio of the G.P. must lie between  $\frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$  and  $\frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$

**STATEMENT-2** : Three positive real number can form sides of a triangle if sum of any two is greater than the third

7. Let a, b, c, d are four positive number

**Statement-1** :  $\left(\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c}\right)\left(\frac{c}{d} + \frac{d}{e}\right) \geq 4\sqrt{\frac{a}{e}}$

**Statement-2** :  $\frac{b}{a} + \frac{c}{b} + \frac{d}{c} + \frac{e}{d} + \frac{a}{e} \geq 5$ .

8. Let a, b, c and d be distinct positive real numbers in H.P.

**Statement-1** :  $a + d > b + c$

**Statement-2** :  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{d} = \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}$

9. **STATEMENT-1** :  $\frac{1^2}{(1)(3)} + \frac{2^2}{(3)(5)} + \dots + \frac{n^2}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2(2n+1)}$

because

**STATEMENT-2** :  $\frac{1}{(1)(3)} + \frac{1}{(3)(5)} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2n-1)(2n+1)} = \frac{1}{2n+1}$

10. **STATEMENT-1** : There exists no A.P. whose three terms are  $\sqrt{3}$ ,  $\sqrt{5}$  and  $\sqrt{7}$

because

**STATEMENT-2** : If  $t_p$ ,  $t_q$  and  $t_r$  are three distinct terms of an A.P., then  $\frac{t_r - t_p}{t_q - t_p}$  is a rational number

**INTEGER ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS**

1. An infinite G.P. is selected from  $1, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{4}, \frac{1}{8}$  to converge to  $1/7$ . If  $1/2^a$  is the first term of such a G.P., find a.
2. Find the smallest natural number  $m > 90$  for which  $n = \underbrace{111\dots1}_{m \text{ times}}$  is not a prime number. Hence find the value of  $m-87$ .
3. Suppose  $a, x, y, z$  and  $b$  are in A.P. when  $x + y + z = 15$ , and  $a, \alpha, \beta, \gamma, b$  are in H.P. when  $1/\alpha + 1/\beta + 1/\gamma = 5/3$ . Find  $a$  if  $a > b$ .
4. Find  $\frac{8}{\pi} \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1} \left( \frac{2k}{2+k^2+k^4} \right)$
5. Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be an A.P. with common difference  $\pi/6$  and assume  $\sec a_1 \sec a_2 + \sec a_2 \sec a_3 + \dots + \sec a_{n-1} \sec a_n = k (\tan a_n - \tan a_1)$  find the value of  $k$ .
6. If the lengths of the sides of a right angled triangle ABC right angled at C are in A.P., find  $5 (\sin A + \sin B)$ .
7. First term of an A.P. of non-constant terms is 3 and its second, tenth and thirty-fourth terms form a G.P., find the common difference.
8. A ball is dropped from a height of 900 cm. Each time it rebounds, it rises to  $2/3$  of the height it has fallen through. Find the two times of total distance travelled by the ball before it comes to rest in deca meters.
9. Find the largest positive term of the A.P. whose first two terms are  $2/5$  and  $12/23$ .
10. If  $\log_x y, \log_z x, \log_y z$  are in G.P.,  $xyz = 64$  and  $x^3, y^3, z^3$  are in A.P., find  $x + y + z$ .
11. Let  $S_{50} = 1 + (2)(3) + 4 + (5)(6) + 7 + (8)(9) + \dots$  up to 50 terms then find  $\frac{S_{50}}{25} - 1980$
12. If  $a_n$  denotes the coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $P(x) = (1 + x + 2x^2 + \dots + 25x^{25})^2$ , find  $\frac{a_5}{5}$ .
13. If the  $m^{\text{th}}, n^{\text{th}}$  and  $p^{\text{th}}$  terms of an A.P. and G.P. are equal and are  $x, y, z$  then  $x^{y-z}, y^{z-x}, z^{x-y}$  is equal to
14. The interior angles of a polygon are in A.P. the smallest angle is  $120^\circ$  and the common difference is  $5^\circ$ , Find the number of sides of the polygon.
15. If total number of runs scored in  $n$  matches is  $\left(\frac{n+1}{4}\right)(2^{n+1}-n-2)$  where  $n > 1$ , and the runs scored in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  match are given by  $k \cdot 2^{n+1-k}$ , where  $1 \leq k \leq n$ . find  $n$

**SUBJECTIVE QUESTION**

1. If  $n$  is a natural number such that  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \cdot p_2^{\alpha_2} \cdot p_3^{\alpha_3} \dots p_k^{\alpha_k}$  and  $p_1, p_2, \dots, p_k$  are distinct primes, then show that  $\log n \geq k \log 2$
2. Let  $p$  be the first of the  $n$  arithmetic means between two numbers and  $q$  the first of  $n$  harmonic means between the same numbers. Show that  $q$  does not lie between  $p$

$$\text{and } \left(\frac{n+1}{n-1}\right)^2 p$$

3. Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots$  be positive real number in G.P. for each  $n$ , let  $A_n, G_n, H_n$  be respectively, the arithmetic mean, geometric mean, harmonic mean of  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ . Find an expression for the geometric mean of  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  in terms of  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n$ .
4. If  $a, b, c$  are positive numbers, then prove that  $(1+a)^7(1+b)^7(1+c)^7 > 7^7 a^4 b^4 c^4$
5. If  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_q$  are the sums of  $n$  term of  $q$  A.P. 's whose first terms are  $1, 2, 3, \dots, q$  and common differences are  $1, 3, 5, \dots, (2q-1)$  respectively, show that

$$S_1 + S_2 + S_3 + \dots + S_q = \frac{1}{2} nq(nq+1)$$

6. A number consists of three digits in G.P. the sum of the right hand and left hand digits exceeds twice the middle digit by 1 and the sum of the left hand and middle digits is two third of the sum of the middle and right hand digits. Find the numbers.
7. Three number are in G.P. whose sum is 70. If the extremes be each multiplied by 4 and the middle by 5, they will be in A.P. Find the numbers.
8. If  $S_1, S_2, S_3$  denote the sum of  $n$  terms of 3 arithmetic series whose first terms are unity

and their common difference are in H.P., Prove that 
$$n = \frac{2s_3s_1 - s_1s_2 - s_2s_3}{s_1 - 2s_2 + s_3}$$

9. Suppose  $a$  is a fixed real number such that  $\frac{a-x}{px} = \frac{a-y}{qy} = \frac{a-z}{rz}$ ; If  $p, q, r$  are in A.P. prove that  $x, y, z$  are in H.P.

10. Solve the following equations for  $x$  and  $y$ . If  $\log_{10} x + \frac{1}{2} \log_{10} x + \frac{1}{4} \log_{10} x + \dots = y$  and

$$\frac{1+3+5+\dots+(2y-1)}{4+7+10+\dots+(3y+1)} = \frac{20}{7 \log_{10} x}$$



- 11.** Two consecutive numbers from  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  are removed and Arithmetic mean of the remaining numbers is  $\frac{105}{4}$ . find  $n$  and those removed numbers.
- 12.** Let  $S_k$  be the sum of the first  $k$  terms of an A.P. What must be the relation for the ratio  $\frac{S_{kx}}{S_x}$  to be independent of  $x$ ?
- 13.** Given that  $a, b, c, \alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are all positive quantities and  $a\alpha, b\beta, c\gamma$  are all distinct, if  $a, b, c$  are in A.P.,  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are in H.P. and  $a\alpha, b\beta, c\gamma$  are in G.P. prove that  $a : b : c = \frac{1}{\gamma} : \frac{1}{\beta} : \frac{1}{\alpha}$
- 14.** Find the sum of the infinitely decreasing G.P. whose third term, the triple product of the first term by the fourth term and the second term form, in the indicated order, an A.P. with the common difference equal to  $1/8$ .
- 15.** On the ground  $n$  stones are placed. The distance between the first and the second is one metre between second and third is three metre, between third and fourth is five metres and so. on. How far will a person have to travel to bring them one by one to the basket placed at the first stone if the start to from the basket.

PREVIOUS IIT-JEE

Single correct

1. If  $a, b, c, d$  are positive real numbers such that  $a + b + c + d = 2$ , then  $M = (a + b)(c + d)$  satisfies the relation [IIT 1998]

(A) $0 < M \leq 1$	(B) $1 \leq M \leq 2$
(C) $2 \leq M \leq 3$	(D) $3 \leq M \leq 4$
  
2. Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{10}$  be in A.P. and  $h_1, h_2, \dots, h_{10}$  be in H.P. If  $a_1 = h_1 = 2$  and  $a_{10} = h_{10} = 3$  then  $a_4 h_7$  is [IIT 1999]

(A) 2	(B) 3
(C) 5	(D) 6
  
3. Consider an infinite geometric series with first term 'a' and common ratio r. If the sum is 4 and the second term is  $\frac{3}{4}$ , then [IIT 2000]

(A) $a = \frac{7}{4}, r = \frac{3}{7}$	(B) $a = 2, r = \frac{3}{8}$
(C) $a = \frac{3}{2}, r = \frac{1}{2}$	(D) $a = 3, r = \frac{1}{4}$
  
4. If the sum of the first  $2n$  terms of the A.P.  $2, 5, 8, \dots$  is equal to the sum of the first  $n$  term of the A.P.  $57, 59, 61, \dots$ , the  $n$  equals [IIT 2001]

(A) 10	(B) 12
(C) 11	(D) 13
  
5. Let the positive numbers  $a, b, c, d$  be in A.P. Then  $abc, abd, acd$  and  $bcd$  are [IIT 2001]

(A) Not in A.P. / G.P. / H.P.	(B) in A.P.
(C) in G.P.	(D) in H.P.
  
6. The number of solutions of  $\log_4(x - 1) = \log_2(x - 3)$  is [IIT 2001]

(A) 3	(B) 1
(C) 2	(D) 0
  
7. Suppose  $a, b, c$  are in A.P.  $a^2, b^2, c^2$  are in G.P. If  $a < b < c$  and  $a + b + c = \frac{3}{2}$ , then the value of  $a$  is [IIT 2002]

(A) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$	(B) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{3}}$
(C) $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$	(D) $\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

8. An infinite G.P. has first term 'x' and sum '5', then x belongs to [IIT 2004]  
 (A)  $x < -10$  (B)  $-10 < x < 0$   
 (C)  $0 < x < 10$  (D)  $x > 10$

**Multiple Choice questions with more than one**

9. Indicate the correct alternative (s), for  $0 < \phi < \pi/2$ , if

$x = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos^{2n} \phi$ ,  $y = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \sin^{2n} \phi$ ,  $z = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \cos^{2n} \phi \sin^{2n} \phi$  then [IIT 1993]

- (A)  $xyz = xz + y$  (B)  $xyz = xy + z$   
 (C)  $xyz = x + y + z$  (D)  $xyz = yz + x$
10. Let  $T_r$  be the  $r^{\text{th}}$  term of an AP, for  $r = 1, 2, 3, \dots$  if for some positive integers m, n we have  $T_m = \frac{1}{n}$  and  $T_n = \frac{1}{m}$ , then  $T_{mn}$  equals [IIT 1998]

- (A)  $\frac{1}{mn}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{m} + \frac{1}{n}$   
 (C) 1 (D) 0

11. If  $x > 1, y > 1, z > 1$  are in GP, then  $\frac{1}{1 + \ln x}, \frac{1}{1 + \ln y}, \frac{1}{1 + \ln z}$  are in [IIT 1998]  
 (A) AP (B) HP  
 (C) GP (D) None of these

12. A straight line through the vertex P of a triangle PQR intersects the side QR at the point S and the circumcircle of the triangle PQR at the point T. If S is not the centre of the circumcircle, then [IIT 2008]

- (A)  $\frac{1}{PS} + \frac{1}{ST} < \frac{2}{\sqrt{QS \times SR}}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{PS} + \frac{1}{ST} > \frac{2}{\sqrt{QS \times SR}}$   
 (C)  $\frac{1}{PS} + \frac{1}{ST} < \frac{4}{QR}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{PS} + \frac{1}{ST} > \frac{4}{QR}$

13. Let  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n \frac{n}{n^2 + kn + k^2}$  and  $T_n = \sum_{k=0}^{n-1} \frac{n}{n^2 + kn + k^2}$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Then, [IIT 2008]

- (A)  $S_n < \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}$  (B)  $S_n > \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}$   
 (C)  $T_n < \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}$  (D)  $T_n > \frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}$

Comprehension Passage

- I. Let  $V_r$  denote the sum of the first  $r$  terms of an arithmetic progression (A.P.) whose first term is  $r$  and the common difference is  $(2r - 1)$  Let

$$T_r = V_{r+1} - V_r - 2 \text{ and } Q_r = T_{r+1} - T_r \text{ for } r = 1, 2, \dots \quad \text{[IIT 2007]}$$

14. The sum  $V_1 + V_2 + \dots + V_n$  is

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

15.  $T_r$  is always

- (A) an odd number (B) An even number  
 (C) A prime number (D) A composite number

16. Which one of the following is a correct statement?

- (A)  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, \dots$  are in A.P. with common difference 5  
 (B)  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, \dots$  are in A.P. with common difference 6  
 (C)  $Q_1, Q_2, Q_3, \dots$  are in A.P. with common difference 11  
 (D)  $Q_1 = Q_2 = Q_3 = \dots$

- II. Let  $A_1, G_1, H_1$  denote the arithmetic, geometric and harmonic means, respectively, of two distinct positive number. For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $A_{n-1}$  and  $H_{n-1}$  have arithmetic, geometric and harmonic means as  $A_n, G_n, H_n$  respectively. [IIT 2007]

17. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (A)  $G_1 > G_2 > G_3 > \dots$  (B)  $G_1 < G_2 < G_3 < \dots$   
 (C)  $G_1 = G_2 = G_3 = \dots$  (D)  $G_1 < G_3 < G_5 < \dots$  and  $G_2 > G_4 > G_6 > \dots$

18. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (A)  $A_1 > A_2 > A_3 > \dots$  (B)  $A_1 < A_2 < A_3 < \dots$   
 (C)  $A_1 > A_3 > A_5 > \dots$  and  $A_2 < A_4 < A_6 < \dots$   
 (D)  $A_1 < A_3 < A_5 < \dots$  and  $A_2 > A_4 > A_6 > \dots$

19. Which one of the following statements is correct?

- (A)  $H_1 > H_2 > H_3 > \dots$  (B)  $H_1 < H_2 < H_3 < \dots$   
 (C)  $H_1 > H_3 > H_5 > \dots$  and  $H_2 < H_4 < H_6 < \dots$   
 (D)  $H_1 < H_3 < H_5 < \dots$  and  $H_2 > H_4 > H_6 > \dots$

(Assertion – Reason Type)

Each question contains STATEMENT – 1 (Assertion) and STATEMENT – 2 (Reason). Each question has 4 choices (A), (B), (C) and (D) out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct.

20. Suppose four distinct positive numbers  $a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4$  are in G.P. Let  $b_1 = a_1, b_2 = b_1 + a_2, b_3 = b_2 + a_3$  and  $b_4 = b_3 + a_4$ .

**STATEMENT 1** : The numbers  $a_1, b_2, b_3, b_4$  are neither in A.P. nor in G.P.

**STATEMENT 2** : The numbers  $b_1, b_2, b_3, b_4$  are in H.P. [ IIT 2008]

(A) Statement-1 is True, Statement-2 is True; Statement-2 is a correct explanation for Statement-1

(B) Statement-1 is True, Statement-2 is True; Statement-2 NOT a correct explanation for Statement-1.

(C) Statement-1 is True, Statement-2 is False

(D) Statement –1 is False, statement–2 is True.

**Subjective**

21. If  $p$  be the first of  $n$  arithmetic means between two numbers and  $q$  be the first of  $n$  harmonic means between the same two numbers, prove that the value of  $q$  cannot be

between  $p$  and  $\left(\frac{n+1}{n-1}\right)^2 p$ . [IIT1991]

22. If  $S_1, S_2, S_3, \dots, S_n$  are the sums of infinite geometric series whose first terms are  $1, 2, 3, \dots, n$  and whose common ratios are  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{4}, \dots, \frac{1}{n+1}$  respectively, then find the value of

$S_1^2 + S_2^2 + S_3^2 + \dots + S_{2n-1}^2$ . [IIT1991]

23. The real number  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  satisfying the equation  $x^3 + x^2 + \beta x + \gamma = 0$  are in A.P. Find the intervals in which  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  lie. [ IIT1996]

24. The fourth power of the common difference of an arithmetic progression with integer entries added to the product of any four consecutive terms of it. Prove that the resulting sum is the square of an integer. [IIT1999]

25. Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be positive real numbers in G.P. for each  $n$ , let  $A_n, G_n, H_n$ , be respectively, the arithmetic mean, geometric mean and harmonic mean of  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n$ . Find an expression for the G.M. of  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  in terms of  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n, H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n$ .

[IIT 2001]

26. Let  $a, b$  be positive real numbers, If  $a, A_1, A_2, b$  are in arithmetic progression  $a, G_1, G_2, b$  are geometric progression and  $a, H_1, H_2, b$  are in harmonic progression, show that
- $$\frac{G_1 G_2}{H_1 H_2} = \frac{A_1 + A_2}{H_1 + H_2} = \frac{(2a + b)(a + 2b)}{9ab} \quad \text{[IIT 2002]}$$
27. If  $a, b, c$  are in A.P.  $a^2, b^2, c^2$  are in H.P. Then prove that either  $a = b = c$  or  $a, b, -c/2$  form a G.P. [IIT 2003]
28. Prove that  $(a+1)^7 (b+1)^7 (c+1)^7 > 7^7 a^4 b^4 c^4$ , where  $a, b, c \in R^+$ . [IIT 2004]
29. For  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , Let  $A_n = \frac{3}{4} - \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^3 - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^n$ , and  $B_n = 1 - A_n$ . Find the smallest natural number  $n_0$  such that  $B_n > A_n$  for all  $n \geq n_0$ . [IIT 2006]

### Integer Type

30. Let  $S_k, k = 1, 2, \dots, 100$ , denote the sum of the infinite geometric series whose first term is  $\frac{k-1}{k!}$  and the common ratio is  $\frac{1}{k}$ . Then the value of  $\frac{100^2}{100!} + \sum_{k=1}^{100} (k^2 - 3k + 1) S_k$  is [IIT 2010]
31. Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_{11}$  be real numbers satisfying  $a_1 = 15, 27 - 2a_2 > 0$  and  $a_k = 2a_{k-1} - a_{k-2}$  for  $k = 3, 4, \dots, 11$ . If  $\frac{a_1^2 + a_2^2 + \dots + a_{11}^2}{11} = 90$ , then the value of  $\frac{a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{11}}{11}$  is equal to [IIT 2010]