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MATHEMATICS

- 1 Let A denote the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$, where $i^2 = -1$, and let I denote the identity matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Then $I + A - A^2 + \dots + A^{2010}$ is

A. $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

C. $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i \\ i & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

B. $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & i \\ i & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

D. $\begin{pmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$

- 2 Suppose the sides of a triangle form a geometric progression with common ratio r . Then r lies in the interval

A. $\left[0, \frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right]$

C. $\left[\frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{2+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right]$

B. $\left[\frac{-1+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}\right]$

D. $\left[\frac{2+\sqrt{5}}{2}, \infty\right)$

- 3 The number of rectangles that can be obtained by joining four of the twelve vertices of a 12-sided regular polygon is

A. 66

B. 30

C. 24

D. 15

- 4 Let $1, \omega$ and ω^2 be the cube roots of unity. The least possible degree of a polynomial, with real coefficients, having $2\omega^2, 3+4\omega, 3+4\omega^2$ and $5-\omega-\omega^2$ as roots is
- A. 4 B. 5 C. 6 D. 8
- 5 A circle touches the parabola $y^2 = 4x$ at $(1, 2)$ and also touches its directrix. The y-coordinate of the point of contact of the circle and the directrix is
- A. $\sqrt{2}$ B. 2 C. $2\sqrt{2}$ D. 4
- 6 Let ABC be an equilateral triangle; let $KLMN$ be a rectangle with K, L on BC , M on AC and N on AB . Suppose $AN/NB = 2$ and the area of triangle BKN is 6. The area of the triangle ABC is
- A. 54 B. 108 C. 48 D. not determinable with the above data
- 7 Let P be an arbitrary point on the ellipse $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$, $a > b > 0$. Suppose F_1 and F_2 are the foci of the ellipse. The locus of the centroid of the triangle PF_1F_2 as P moves on the ellipse is
- A. a circle C. a parabola
B. an ellipse D. a hyperbola

- 8 The number of roots of the equation $\cos^2 \theta - \sin^4 \theta = 1$ that lie in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ is

A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 8

- 9 The product

$$(1 + \tan 1^\circ)(1 + \tan 2^\circ)(1 + \tan 3^\circ) \cdots (1 + \tan 45^\circ)$$

equals

A. 2^{21} B. 2^{12} C. 2^{23} D. 2^{24}

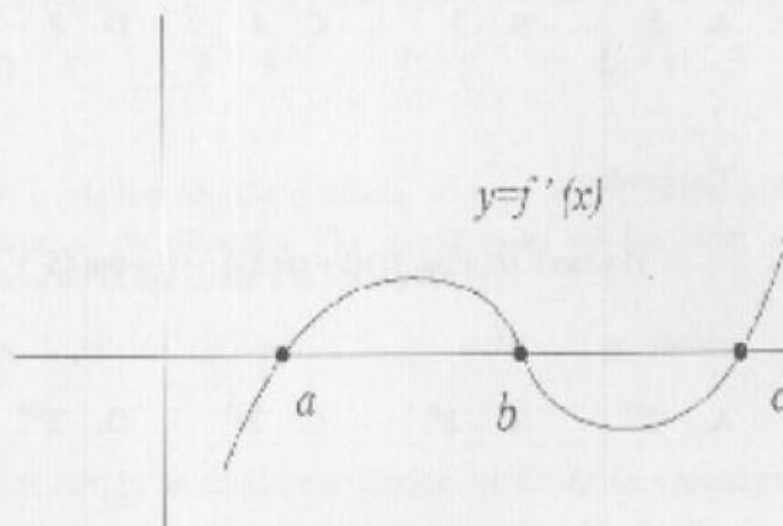
- 10 Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function such that $f(a) = 0 = f(b)$ and $f'(a)f'(b) > 0$ for some $a < b$. Then the minimum number of roots of $f'(x) = 0$ in the interval (a, b) is

A. 2 B. 2 C. 1 D. 0

- 11 The roots of $(x-4)^{49} + (x-49)^{41} - (x-2009)^{2009} = 0$ are

A. all necessarily real
B. non-real except one positive real root
C. non-real except three positive real roots
D. non-real except for three real roots of which exactly one is positive

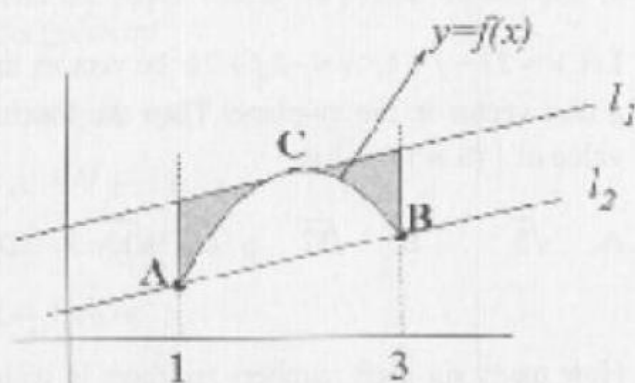
- 12 The figure shown below is the graph of the derivative of some function $y = f(x)$.



Then

- A. f has local minima at $x=a, b$ and a local maximum at $x=c$
- B. f has local minima at $x=b, c$ and a local maximum at $x=a$
- C. f has local minima at $x=c, a$ and a local maximum at $x=b$
- D. the given figure is insufficient to conclude any thing about the local minima and local maxima of f

- 13 The following figure shows the graph of a continuous function $y = f(x)$ on the interval $[1, 3]$. The points A, B, C have coordinates $(1, 1), (3, 2), (2, 3)$ respectively, and the lines l_1 and l_2 are parallel, with l_1 being tangent to the curve at C . If the area under the graph of $y = f(x)$ from $x = 1$ to $x = 3$ is 4 square units, then the area of the shaded region is



- A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5

- 14 Let $I_n = \int_1^x (\log x)^n dx$, where n is a non-negative integer.

Then $I_{2011} + 2011 I_{2010}$ is equal to

- A. $I_{1000} + 999 I_{998}$ C. $I_{889} + 890 I_{891}$
 B. $I_{100} + 100 I_{99}$ D. $I_{53} + 54 I_{52}$

- 15 Consider the regions $A = \{(x, y) \mid x^2 + y^2 \leq 100\}$ and $B = \{(x, y) \mid \sin(x+y) > 0\}$ in the plane. Then the area of the region $A \cap B$ is

- A. 10π B. 100 C. 100π D. 50π

- 16 Three vertices are chosen randomly from the seven vertices of a regular 7-sided polygon. The probability that they form the vertices of an isosceles triangle is

A. $\frac{1}{7}$ B. $\frac{1}{3}$ C. $\frac{3}{7}$ D. $\frac{3}{5}$

- 17 Let $u = 2i - j + k$, $v = -3j + 2k$ be vectors in $\mathbb{R}^3$ and w be a unit vector in the xy -plane. Then the maximum possible value of $|(u \times v) \cdot w|$ is

A. $\sqrt{5}$ B. $\sqrt{12}$ C. $\sqrt{13}$ D. $\sqrt{17}$

- 18 How many six-digit numbers are there in which no digit is repeated, even digits appear at even places, odd digits appear at odd places and the number is divisible by 4?

A. 3600 B. 2700 C. 2160 D. 1440

- 19 The number of natural numbers n in the interval $[1005, 2010]$ for which the polynomial $1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots + x^{n-1}$ divides the polynomial $1 + x^2 + x^4 + x^6 + \dots + x^{2010}$ is

A. 0 B. 100 C. 503 D. 1006

- 20 Let $a_0 = 0$ and $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 1$ for $n \geq 1$. Then the remainder obtained on dividing a_{2010} by 11 is

A. 0 B. 7 C. 3 D. 4

PHYSICS

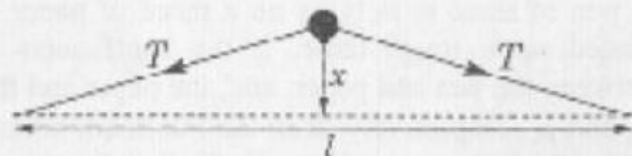
- 21 A pen of mass m is lying on a piece of paper of mass M placed on a rough table. If the coefficients of friction between the pen and paper, and, the paper and the table are μ_1 and μ_2 , respectively, then the minimum horizontal force with which the paper has to be pulled for the pen to start slipping is given by

- A. $(m + M)(\mu_1 + \mu_2)g$
- B. $(m\mu_1 + M\mu_2)g$
- C. $(m\mu_1 + (m + M)\mu_2)g$
- D. $m(\mu_1 + \mu_2)g$

- 22 Two masses m_1 and m_2 connected by a spring of spring constant k rest on a frictionless surface. If the masses are pulled apart and let go, the time period of oscillation is

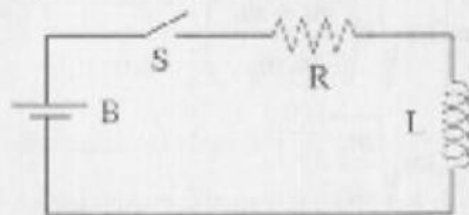
- A. $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{1}{k} \left(\frac{m_1 m_2}{m_1 + m_2} \right)}$
- B. $T = 2\pi \sqrt{k \left(\frac{m_1 + m_2}{m_1 m_2} \right)}$
- C. $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m_1}{k}}$
- D. $T = 2\pi \sqrt{\frac{m_2}{k}}$

- 23 A bead of mass m is attached to the mid-point of a taut, weightless string of length l and placed on a frictionless horizontal table.



Under a small transverse displacement x , as shown, if the tension in the string is T , then the frequency of oscillation is

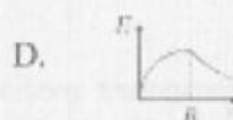
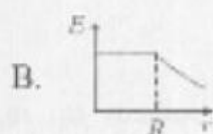
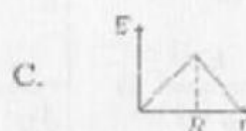
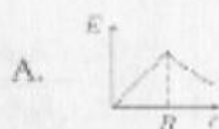
- A. $\frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2T}{ml}}$ C. $\frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{4T}{m}}$
 B. $\frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{4T}{ml}}$ D. $\frac{1}{2\pi} \sqrt{\frac{2T}{m}}$
- 24 A comet (assumed to be in an elliptical orbit around the sun) is at a distance of 0.4AU from the sun at the perihelion. If the time period of the comet is 125 years, what is the aphelion distance? AU : Astronomical Unit
 A. 50 AU B. 25 AU C. 49.6 AU D. 24.6 AU
- 25 The circuit shown consists of a switch (S), a battery (B) of emf E , a resistance R , and an inductor L .



The current in the circuit at the instant the switch is closed is

- A. E/R C. ∞
 B. $E/(R(1-e))$ D. 0

- 26 Consider a uniform spherical volume charge distribution of radius R . Which of the following graphs correctly represents the magnitude of the electric field E at a distance r from the center of the sphere?



- 27 A charge $+q$ is placed somewhere inside the cavity of a thick conducting spherical shell of inner radius R_1 and outer radius R_2 . A charge $-Q$ is placed at a distance $r > R_2$ from the center of the shell. Then the electric field in the hollow cavity

- A. depends on both $+q$ and $+Q$.
- B. is zero.
- C. is only that due to $+Q$.
- D. is only that due to $+q$.

- 28 The following travelling electromagnetic wave

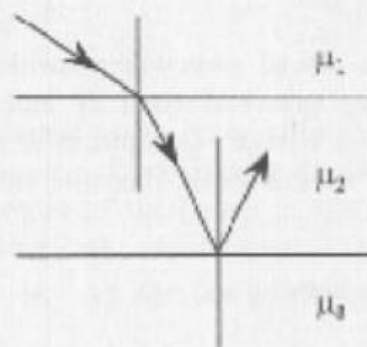
$$E_x = 0, E_y = E_0 \sin(kx + \omega t), E_z = -2E_0 \sin(kx + \omega t) \text{ is}$$

- A. elliptically polarized
- B. circularly polarized
- C. linearly polarized
- D. unpolarized

- 29 A point source of light is placed at the bottom of a vessel which is filled with water of refractive index μ to a height h . If a floating opaque disc has to be placed exactly above it so that the source is invisible from above, the radius of the disc should be

A. $\frac{h}{\sqrt{\mu-1}}$ B. $\frac{h}{\sqrt{\mu^2-1}}$ C. $\frac{h}{\mu^2-1}$ D. $\frac{\mu h}{\sqrt{\mu^2-1}}$

- 30 Three transparent media of refractive indices μ_1 , μ_2 , μ_3 , respectively, are stacked as shown. A ray of light follows the path shown. No light enters the third medium.



Then

- A. $\mu_1 < \mu_2 < \mu_3$ C. $\mu_1 < \mu_3 < \mu_2$
 B. $\mu_2 < \mu_1 < \mu_3$ D. $\mu_3 < \mu_1 < \mu_2$
- 31 A nucleus has a half-life of 30 minutes. At 3PM its decay rate was measured as 120,000 counts/sec. What will be the decay rate at 5PM?
- A. 120,000 counts/sec C. 30,000 counts/sec
 B. 60,000 counts/sec D. 7,500 counts/sec

32. A book is resting on a shelf that is undergoing vertical simple harmonic oscillations with an amplitude of 2.5 cm. What is the minimum frequency of oscillation of the shelf for which the book will lose contact with the shelf? (Assume that $g = 10 \text{ ms}^{-2}$)

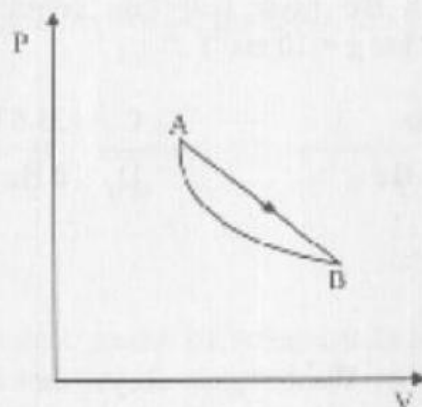
A. 20 Hz C. 125.6 Hz
B. 3.18 Hz D. 10 Hz

33. A van der Waal's gas obeys the equation of state $\left(P + \frac{n^2 a}{V^2}\right)(V - nb) = nRT$. Its internal energy is given by

$U = CT - \frac{n^2 a}{V}$. The equation of a quasistatic adiabat for this gas is given by

A. $T^{C/R} V = \text{constant}$
B. $T^{(C+nR)/nR} V = \text{constant}$
C. $T^{C/R} (V - nb) = \text{constant}$
D. $P^{(C+nR)/nR} (V - nb) = \text{constant}$

- 34 An ideal gas is made to undergo a cycle depicted by the PV diagram alongside. The curved line from A to B is an adiabat.



Then

- A. The efficiency of this cycle is given by unity as no heat is released during the cycle
 - B. Heat is absorbed in the upper part of the straight line path and released in the lower part
 - C. If T_1 and T_2 are the maximum and minimum temperatures reached during the cycle, then the efficiency is given by $1 - \frac{T_2}{T_1}$
 - D. The cycle can only be carried out in the reverse of the direction shown in the figure
- 35 A bus driving along at 39.6 kmph is approaching a person who is standing at the bus stop, while honking repeatedly at an interval of 30 seconds. If the speed of sound is 330 ms^{-1} , at what interval will the person hear the horn?
- A. 31 seconds
 - B. 29 seconds
 - C. 30 seconds
 - D. The interval will depend on the distance of the bus from the passenger

26 Velocity of sound measured at a given temperature in oxygen and hydrogen is in the ratio

- A. 1:4 B. 4:1 C. 1:1 D. 32:1

27 In Young's double slit experiment, the distance between the two slits is 0.1 mm, the distance between the slits and the screen is 1 m and the wavelength of the light used is 600 nm. The intensity at a point on the screen is 75 % of the maximum intensity. What is the smallest distance of this point from the central fringe?

- A. 1.0 mm B. 2.0 mm C. 0.5 mm D. 1.5 mm

38 Two masses m_1 and m_2 are connected by a massless spring of spring constant k and unstretched length l . The masses are placed on a frictionless straight channel – which we consider our x -axis. They are initially at rest at $x = 0$ and $x = l$, respectively. At $t = 0$, a velocity of v_0 is suddenly imparted to the first particle. At a later time t , the center of mass of the two masses is at

A. $x = \frac{m_2 l}{m_1 + m_2}$

B. $x = \frac{m_1 l}{m_1 + m_2} + \frac{m_2 v_0 t}{m_1 + m_2}$

C. $x = \frac{m_2 l}{m_1 + m_2} + \frac{m_2 v_0 t}{m_1 + m_2}$

D. $x = \frac{m_2 l}{m_1 + m_2} + \frac{m_1 v_0 t}{m_1 + m_2}$

- 39 A charged particle of charge q and mass m , gets deflected through an angle θ upon passing through a square region of side a which contains a uniform magnetic field B normal to its plane. Assuming that the particle entered the square at right angles to one side, what is the speed of the particle?

- A. $\frac{qB}{m} a \cot \theta$
- B. $\frac{qB}{m} a \tan \theta$
- C. $\frac{qB}{m} a \cot^2 \theta$
- D. $\frac{qB}{m} a \tan^2 \theta$

- 40 A piece of hot copper at 100°C is plunged into a pond at 30°C . The copper cools down to 30°C , while the pond, being huge, stays at its initial temperature. Then

- A. copper loses some entropy, the pond stays at the same entropy
- B. copper loses some entropy, and the pond gains exactly the same amount of entropy
- C. copper loses entropy, and the pond gains more than this amount of entropy
- D. both copper and the pond gain in entropy

CHEMISTRY

- 41 The number of isomers of $\text{Co}(\text{diethylene triamine})\text{Cl}_3$ is
A. 2 B. 3 C. 4 D. 5
- 42 Among the following, the π -acid ligand is
A. F^- B. NH_3 C. CN^- D. I^-
- 43 The bond order in O_2^{2-} is
A. 2 B. 3 C. 1.5 D. 1
- 44 The energy of a photon of wavelength $\lambda = 1$ meter is (Planck's constant = 6.625×10^{-34} J.s, speed of light = 3×10^8 ms^{-1})
A. 1.988×10^{-25} J C. 1.988×10^{-30} J
B. 1.988×10^{-28} J D. 1.988×10^{-31} J
- 45 The concentration of a substance undergoing a chemical reaction becomes one-half of its original value after time t , regardless of the initial concentration. The reaction is an example of a
A. zero order reaction C. second order reaction
B. first order reaction D. third order reaction

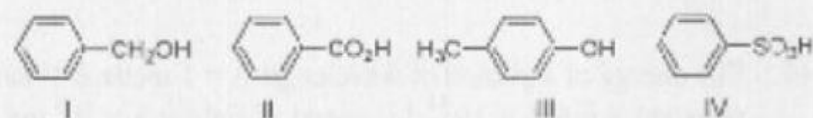
46 The shape of the molecule ClF_3 is

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| A. trigonal planar | C. T-shaped |
| B. pyramidal | D. Y-shaped |

47 Friedel-Crafts acylation is

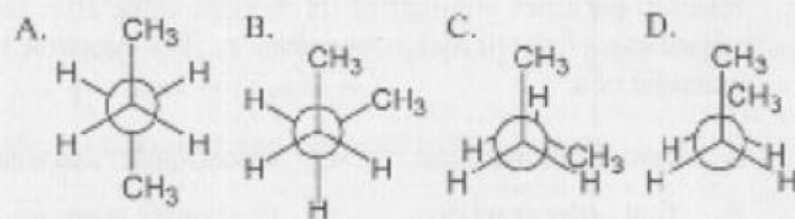
- A. α -acylation of a carbonyl compound
 B. acylation of phenols to generate esters
 C. acylation of aliphatic olefins
 D. acylation of aromatic nucleus

48 The order of acidity of compounds I-IV, is

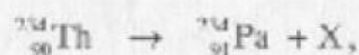


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| A. $\text{I} < \text{III} < \text{II} < \text{IV}$ | C. $\text{III} < \text{I} < \text{II} < \text{IV}$ |
| B. $\text{IV} < \text{I} < \text{II} < \text{III}$ | D. $\text{II} < \text{IV} < \text{III} < \text{I}$ |

49 The most stable conformation for *n*-butane is



50 In the nuclear reaction



X is

- A. ${}_{-1}^0e$ B. ${}_{+1}^0e$ C. H D. ${}_{+1}^2\text{H}$

51 A concentrated solution of copper sulphate, which is dark blue in colour, is mixed at room temperature with a dilute solution of copper sulphate, which is light blue. For this process

- A. Entropy change is positive, but enthalpy change is negative
B. Entropy and enthalpy changes are both positive
C. Entropy change is positive and enthalpy does not change
D. Entropy change is negative and enthalpy change is positive

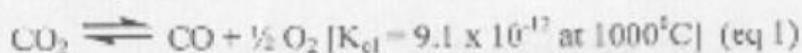
52 Increasing the temperature increases the rate of reaction but does not increase the

- A. number of collisions
B. activation energy
C. average energy of collisions
D. average velocity of the reactant molecules

53 In metallic solids, the number of atoms for the face-centered and the body-centered cubic unit cells, are, respectively

- A. 2,4 B. 2,2 C. 4,2 D. 4,4

- 54 From equations 1 and 2,

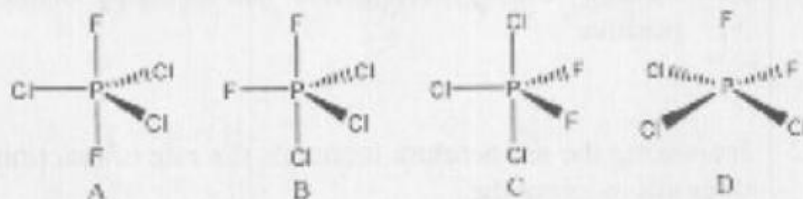


the equilibrium constant for the reaction $\text{CO}_2 + \text{H}_2 \rightleftharpoons \text{CO} + \text{H}_2\text{O}$ at the same temperature, is

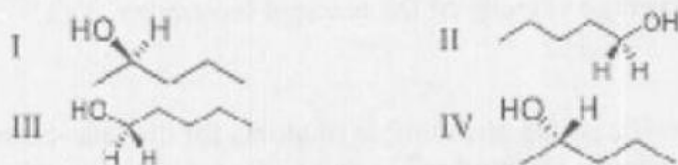
- A. 0.78 B. 2.0 C. 16.2 D. 1.28
- 55 For a first order reaction $\text{R} \rightarrow \text{P}$, the rate constant is k . If the initial concentration of R is $[\text{R}_0]$, the concentration of R at any time 't' is given by the expression

- A. $[\text{R}_0] e^{kt}$ C. $[\text{R}_0](1 - e^{-kt})$
 B. $[\text{R}_0] e^{-kt}$ D. $[\text{R}_0](1 - e^{kt})$

- 56 The correct structure of PCl_3F_2 is

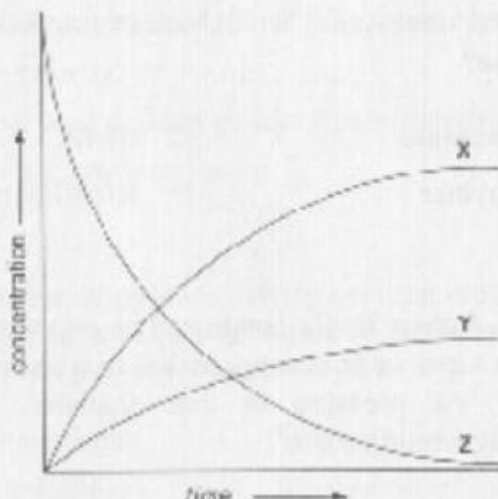


- 57 The enantiomeric pair among the following four structures is



- A. I & II B. I & IV C. II & III D. II & IV

- 58 Consider the reaction: $2 \text{NO}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow 2 \text{NO}(\text{g}) + \text{O}_2(\text{g})$. In the figure below, identify the curves X, Y and Z associated with the three species in the reaction



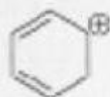
- A. X = NO, Y = O₂, Z = NO₂
 B. X = O₂, Y = NO, Z = NO₂
 C. X = NO₂, Y = NO, Z = O₂
 D. X = O₂, Y = NO₂, Z = NO

- 59 The aromatic carbocation among the following is

A.



B.



C.



D.

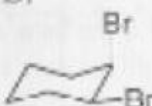


- 60 Cyclohexene is reacted with bromine in CCl₄ in the dark. The product of the reaction is

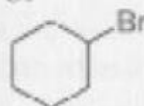
A.



B.



C.



D.



BIOLOGY

- 61 Ribonucleic Acids (RNA) that catalyze enzymatic reactions are called ribozymes. Which one of the following acts as a ribozyme?
- A. Ribosome
 - B. Amylase
 - C. tRNA
 - D. Riboflavin
- 62 In 1670, Robert Boyle conducted an experiment wherein he placed a viper (a poisonous snake) in a chamber and rapidly reduced the pressure in that chamber. Which of the following would be true?
- A. Gas bubbles developed in the tissues of the snake
 - B. The basal metabolic rate of the snake increased tremendously
 - C. The venom of the snake was found to decrease in potency
 - D. The venom of the snake was found to increase in potency
- 63 Bacteria can survive by absorbing soluble nutrients via their outer body surface, but animals cannot, because
- A. Bacteria cannot ingest particles but animals can
 - B. Bacteria have cell walls and animals do not
 - C. Animals have too small a surface area per unit volume as compared to bacteria
 - D. Animals cannot metabolize soluble nutrients

- 64 A horse has 64 chromosomes and a donkey has 62. Mules result from crossing a horse and a donkey. State which of the following is **INCORRECT**?
- A. Mules can have either 64, 63 or 62 chromosomes
 - B. Mules are infertile
 - C. Mules have well defined gender (male/female)
 - D. Mules have 63 chromosomes
- 65 If the total number of photons falling per unit area of a leaf per minute is kept constant, then which of the following will result in maximum photosynthesis?
- A. Shining green light
 - B. Shining sunlight
 - C. Shining blue light
 - D. Shining ultraviolet light
- 66 Path-finding by ants is by means of
- A. Visually observing landmarks
 - B. Visually observing other ants
 - C. Chemical signals between ants
 - D. Using the earth's magnetic field
- 67 Sometimes urea is fed to ruminants to improve their health. It works by
- A. Helping growth of gut microbes that break down cellulose
 - B. Killing harmful microorganisms in their gut
 - C. Increasing salt content in the gut
 - D. Directly stimulating blood cell proliferation

- 68 If you compare adults of two herbivore species of different sizes, but from the same geographical area, the amount of faeces produced per kg body weight would be
- A. More in the smaller one than the larger one
 - B. More in the larger one than the smaller one
 - C. Roughly the same amount in both
 - D. Not possible to predict which would be more
- 69 Fruit wrapped in paper ripens faster than when kept in open air because
- A. Heat of respiration is retained better
 - B. A chemical in the paper helps fruit ripening
 - C. A volatile substance produced by the fruit is retained better and helps in ripening
 - D. The fruit is cut off from the ambient oxygen which is an inhibitor to fruit ripening
- 70 When a person is suffering from high fever, it is sometimes observed that the skin has a reddish tinge. Why does this happen?
- A. Red colour of the skin radiates more heat
 - B. Fever causes the release of a red pigment in the skin
 - C. There is more blood circulation to the skin to keep the body warm
 - D. There is more blood circulation to the skin to release heat from the body

- 71 Bacteriochlorophylls are photosynthetic pigments found in phototrophic bacteria. Their function is distinct from the plant chlorophylls in that they
- A. do not produce oxygen
 - B. do not conduct photosynthesis
 - C. absorb only blue light
 - D. function without a light source
- 72 Athletes often experience muscle cramps. Which of the following statements is true about muscle cramps?
- A. Muscle cramp is caused due to conversion of pyruvic acid into lactic acid in the cytoplasm
 - B. Muscle cramp is caused due to conversion of pyruvic acid into lactic acid in the mitochondria
 - C. Muscle cramp is caused due to nonconversion of glucose to pyruvate in the cytoplasm
 - D. Muscle cramp is caused due to conversion of pyruvic acid into ethanol in the cytoplasm
- 73 A couple went to a doctor and reported that both of them are "carriers" for a particular disorder, their first child is suffering from that disorder and that they are expecting their second child. What is the probability that the new child would be affected by the same disorder?
- A. 100% B. 50% C. 25% D. 75%

- 74 Of the following combinations of cell biological processes which one is associated with embryogenesis?
- A. Mitosis and Meiosis
 - B. Mitosis and Differentiation
 - C. Meiosis and Differentiation
 - D. Differentiation and Reprogramming
- 75 Conversion of the Bt protoxin produced by *Bacillus thuringiensis* to its active form in the gut of the insects is mediated by
- A. acidic pH of the gut
 - B. alkaline pH of the gut
 - C. lipid modification of the protein
 - D. cleavage by chymotrypsin
- 76 If you dip a sack full of paddy seeds in water overnight and then keep it out for a couple of days, it feels warm. What generates this heat?
- A. Imbibition
 - B. Exothermic reaction between water and seed coats
 - C. Friction among seeds due to swelling
 - D. Respiration

- 77 Restriction endonucleases are enzymes that cleave DNA molecules into smaller fragments. Which type of bond do they act on?
- A. N-glycosidic Bond C. Phosphodiester bond
B. Hydrogen bond D. Disulfide bond
- 78 The fluid part of blood flows in and out of capillaries in tissues to exchange nutrients and waste materials. Under which of the following conditions will fluid flow out from the capillaries into the surrounding tissue?
- A. When arterial blood pressure exceeds blood osmotic pressure
B. When arterial blood pressure is less than blood osmotic pressure
C. When arterial blood pressure is equal to blood osmotic pressure
D. Arterial blood pressure and blood osmotic pressure have nothing to do with the outflow of fluid from capillaries
- 79 The distance between two consecutive DNA base pairs is 0.34 nm. If the length of a chromosome is 1 mm, the number of base pairs in the chromosome is approximately
- A. 3 million C. 1.5 million
B. 30 million D. 6 million
- 80 Estimate the order of the speed of propagation of an action potential or nerve impulse
- A. nm/s B. micron/s C. cm/s D. m/s

Part II (2 Marks)

MATHEMATICS

- 81 Arrange the expansion of $\left(x^{1/2} + \frac{1}{2x^{1/4}}\right)^n$ in decreasing powers of x . Suppose the coefficients of the first three terms form an arithmetic progression. Then the number of terms in the expansion having integer powers of x is

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. more than 3

- 82 Let r be a real number and $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be such that the polynomial $2x^2 + 2x + 1$ divides the polynomial $(x+1)^n - r$. Then (n, r) can be

- A. $(4000, 4^{1000})$
- B. $\left(4000, \frac{1}{4^{1000}}\right)$
- C. $\left(4^{1000}, \frac{1}{4^{1000}}\right)$
- D. $\left(4000, \frac{1}{4000}\right)$

- 83 Suppose a, b are real numbers such that $ab \neq 0$. Which of the following four figures represents the curve $(y - ax - b)(bx^2 + ay^2 - ab) = 0$?

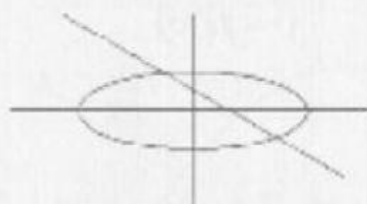


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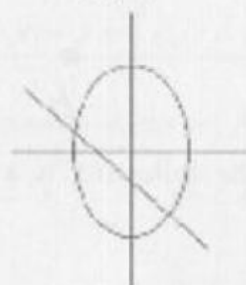


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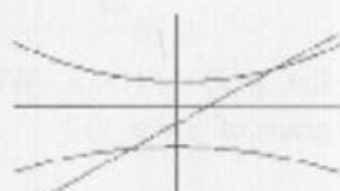
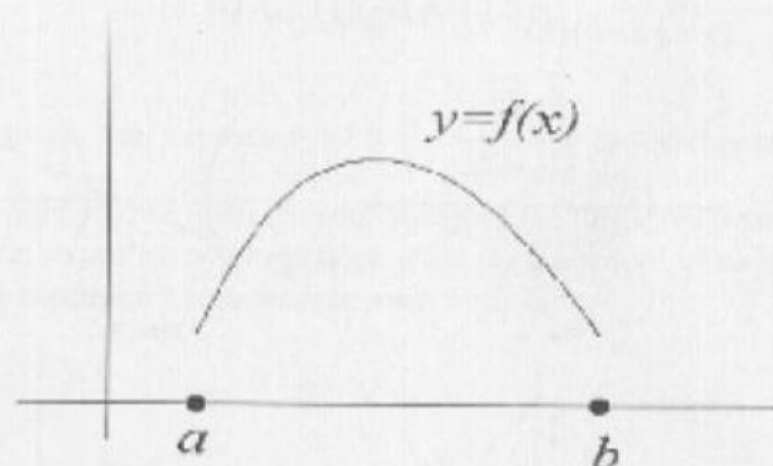


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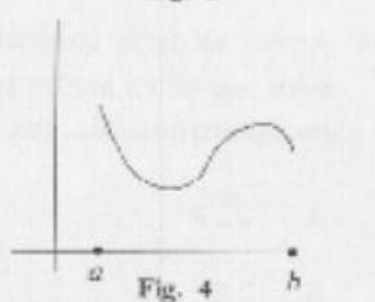
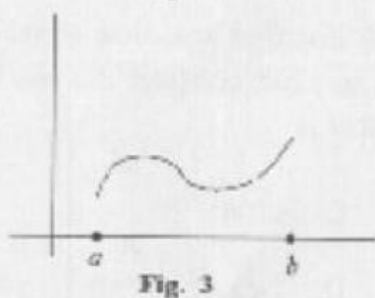
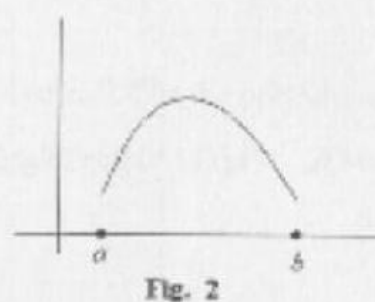
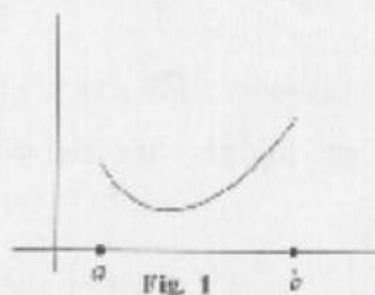
- A. Fig. 1 B. Fig. 2 C. Fig. 3 D. Fig. 4
- 84 Among all cyclic quadrilaterals inscribed in a circle of radius R with one of its angles equal to 120° , consider the one with maximum possible area. Its area is

- A. $\sqrt{2} R^2$ C. $\sqrt{3} R^2$
 B. $2R^2$ D. $2\sqrt{3} R^2$

- 85 The following figure shows the graph of a differentiable function $y = f(x)$ on the interval $[a, b]$ (not containing 0).



Let $g(x) = f'(x)/x$. Which of the following is a possible graph of $y = g(x)$?



- A. Fig. 1 B. Fig. 2 C. Fig. 3 D. Fig. 4

- 86 Let V_1 be the volume of a given right circular cone with O as the centre of the base and A as its apex. Let V_2 be the maximum volume of the right circular cone inscribed in the given cone whose apex is O and whose base is parallel to the base of the given cone. Then the ratio V_2/V_1 is

A. $\frac{3}{25}$ B. $\frac{4}{9}$ C. $\frac{4}{27}$ D. $\frac{8}{27}$

- 87 Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function satisfying

$$f(x) = x + \int_0^x f(t) dt, \text{ for all } x \in \mathbb{R}. \text{ Then the number of}$$

elements in the set $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) = 0\}$ is

A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4

- 88 The value of $\int_0^{2\pi} \min\{|x - \pi|, \cos^{-1}(\cos x)\} dx$ is

A. $\frac{\pi^2}{4}$ B. $\frac{\pi^2}{2}$ C. $\frac{\pi^2}{8}$ D. π^2

- 89 Let ABC be a triangle and P be a point inside ABC such that $\overrightarrow{PA} + 2\overrightarrow{PB} + 3\overrightarrow{PC} = \vec{0}$. The ratio of the area of triangle ABC to that of APC is

A. 2 B. $\frac{3}{2}$ C. $\frac{5}{3}$ D. 3

- 90 Suppose m, n are positive integers such that $6^m + 2^{m+n} 3^n + 2^n = 332$. The value of the expression $m^2 + mn + n^2$ is

A. 7 B. 13 C. 19 D. 21

PHYSICS

- 91 A ball is dropped vertically from a height of h onto a hard surface. If the ball rebounds from the surface with a fraction r of the speed with which it strikes the latter on each impact, what is the net distance travelled by the ball up to the 10^{th} impact?

A. $2h \frac{1-r^{10}}{1-r}$
 B. $h \frac{1-r^{20}}{1-r^2}$
 C. $2h \frac{1-r^{20}}{1-r^2} - h$
 D. $2h \frac{1-r^{20}}{1-r^2} + h$

- 92 A certain planet completes one rotation about its axis in time T . The weight of an object placed at the equator on the planet's surface is a fraction f (f is close to unity) of its weight recorded at a latitude of 60° . The density of the planet (assumed to be a uniform perfect sphere) is given by

A. $\frac{4-f}{1-f} \frac{3\pi}{4GT^2}$
 B. $\frac{4-f}{1+f} \frac{3\pi}{4GT^2}$
 C. $\frac{4-3f}{1-f} \frac{3\pi}{4GT^2}$
 D. $\frac{4-2f}{1-f} \frac{3\pi}{4GT^2}$

- 93 Three equal charges $+q$ are placed at the three vertices of an equilateral triangle centred at the origin. They are held in equilibrium by a restoring force of magnitude $F(r) = kr$ directed towards the origin, where k is a constant. What is the distance of the three charges from the origin?

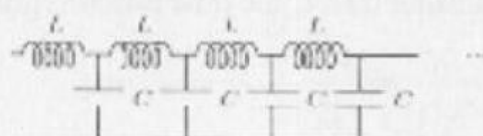
A. $\left[\frac{1}{6\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{k} \right]^{1/2}$

B. $\left[\frac{\sqrt{3}}{12\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{k} \right]^{1/3}$

C. $\left[\frac{1}{6\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{k} \right]^{2/3}$

D. $\left[\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{q^2}{k} \right]^{2/3}$

- 94 Consider the infinite ladder circuit shown below.



For which angular frequency ω will the circuit behave like a pure inductance?

A. $\frac{LC}{\sqrt{2}}$

C. $\frac{2}{\sqrt{LC}}$

B. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{LC}}$

D. $\frac{2L}{\sqrt{C}}$

- 95 A narrow parallel beam of light falls on a glass sphere of radius R and refractive index μ at normal incidence. The distance of the image from the outer edge is given by

A. $\frac{R(2-\mu)}{2(\mu-1)}$

B. $\frac{R(2+\mu)}{2(\mu-1)}$

C. $\frac{R(2-\mu)}{2(\mu+1)}$

D. $\frac{R(2+\mu)}{2(\mu+1)}$

- 96 A particle of mass m undergoes oscillations about $x = 0$ in a potential given by $V(x) = \frac{1}{2}kx^2 - V_0 \cos\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)$, where V_0 , k , a are constants. If the amplitude of oscillation is much smaller than a , the time period is given by

A. $2\pi\sqrt{\frac{ma^2}{ka^2 + V_0}}$

B. $2\pi\sqrt{\frac{m}{k}}$

C. $2\pi\sqrt{\frac{ma^2}{V_0}}$

D. $2\pi\sqrt{\frac{ma^2}{ka^2 - V_0}}$

- 99 Two identical particles of mass m and charge q are shot at each other from a very great distance with an initial speed v . The distance of closest approach of these charges is

A. $\frac{q^2}{8\pi\epsilon_0 mv^2}$

B. $\frac{q^2}{4\pi\epsilon_0 mv^2}$

C. $\frac{q^2}{2\pi\epsilon_0 mv^2}$

D. 0

- 100 At time $t = 0$, a container has N_0 radioactive atoms with a decay constant λ . In addition, c numbers of atoms of the same type are being added to the container per unit time. How many atoms of this type are there at $t = T$?

A. $\frac{c}{\lambda} \exp(-\lambda T) - N_0 \exp(-\lambda T)$

B. $\frac{c}{\lambda} \exp(-\lambda T) + N_0 \exp(-\lambda T)$

C. $\frac{c}{\lambda} (1 - \exp(-\lambda T)) + N_0 \exp(-\lambda T)$

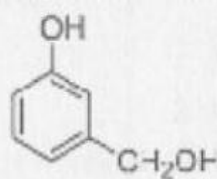
D. $\frac{c}{\lambda} (1 + \exp(-\lambda T)) + N_0 \exp(-\lambda T)$

CHEMISTRY

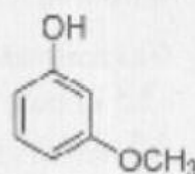
- 101 2.52 g of oxalic acid *dihydrate* was dissolved in 100 mL of water. 10 mL of this solution was diluted to 500 mL. The normality of the final solution and the amount of oxalic acid (mg/mL) in the solution are respectively

A. 0.16 N, 5.04 C. 0.08 N, 3.60
B. 0.04 N, 3.60 D. 0.02 N, 10.08

- 102 Two isomeric compounds I and II are heated with HBr.

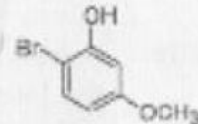
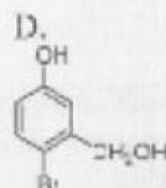
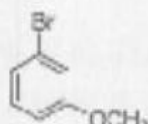
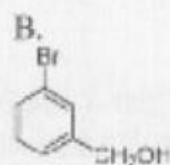
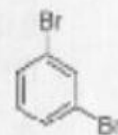
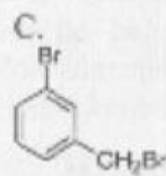
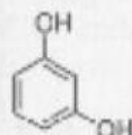
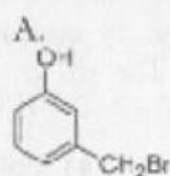


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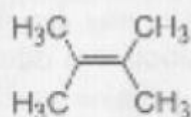


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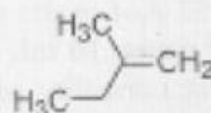
The products obtained are



- 103 The number of possible enantiomeric pair(s) produced from the bromination of I and II, respectively, are



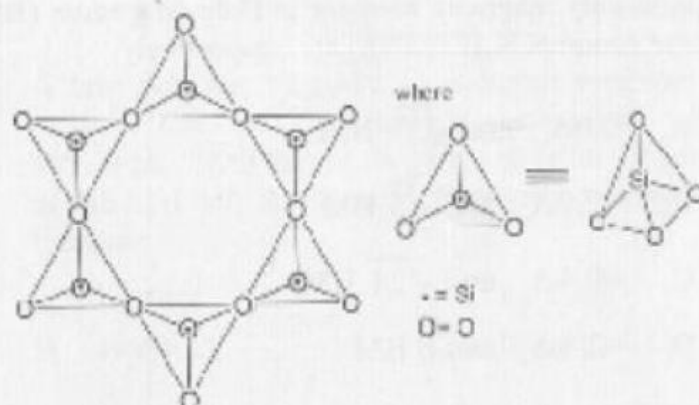
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II

- A. 0, 1 B. 1, 0 C. 0, 2 D. 1, 1
- 104 For the reaction $A \rightarrow B$, $\Delta H^\circ = 7.5 \text{ kJ mol}^{-1}$ and $\Delta S^\circ = 25 \text{ J mol}^{-1}$. The value of ΔG° and the temperature, at which the reaction reaches equilibrium are, respectively,
- A. 0 kJ mol^{-1} and 400 K
 B. -2.5 kJ mol^{-1} and 400 K
 C. 2.5 kJ mol^{-1} and 200 K
 D. 0 kJ mol^{-1} and 300 K
- 105 The solubility product of $\text{Mg}(\text{OH})_2$ is 1.0×10^{-12} . Concentrated aqueous NaOH solution is added to a 0.01 M aqueous solution of MgCl_2 . The pH at which precipitation occurs is
- A. 7.2 B. 7.8 C. 8.0 D. 9.0
- 106 A metal with an atomic radius of 141.4 pm crystallizes in the face centred cubic structure. The volume of the unit cell in pm^3 is
- A. 2.74×10^7 C. 6.40×10^7
 B. 2.19×10^7 D. 9.20×10^7

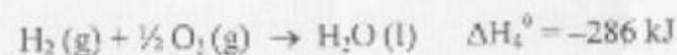
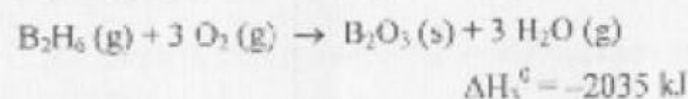
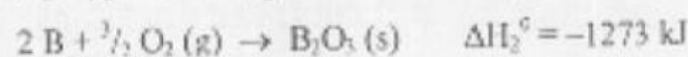
- 107 Identify the cyclic silicate ion given in the figure below



- A. $[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{20}]^{24-}$
 B. $[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{18}]^{12-}$
 C. $[\text{Si}_2\text{O}_{13}]^{16-}$
 D. $[\text{Si}_6\text{O}_{24}]^{12-}$
- 108 Diborane is formed from the elements as shown in equation (1)



Given that



the ΔH° for the reaction (1) is

- A. 36 kJ
 B. 509 kJ
 C. 520 kJ
 D. -3550 kJ

- 109 The Crystal Field Stabilization Energy (CFSE) and the spin-only magnetic moment in Bohr Magnetron (BM) for the complex $K_3[Fe(CN)_6]$ are, respectively,
- A. $0.0\Delta_o$ and $\sqrt{35}$ BM
 - B. $-2.0\Delta_o$ and $\sqrt{3}$ BM
 - C. $-0.4\Delta_o$ and $\sqrt{24}$ BM
 - D. $-2.4\Delta_o$ and 0 BM
- 110 A solution containing 8.0 g of nicotine in 92 g of water freezes 0.925 degrees below the normal freezing point of water. If the molal freezing point depression constant, $K_f = 1.85^\circ C \text{ mol}^{-1}$ then the molar mass of nicotine is
- A. 16
 - B. 80
 - C. 320
 - D. 160

BIOLOGY

- 111 A host cell has intracellular bacterial symbionts. If the growth rate of the bacterial symbiont is always 10% higher than that of the host cell, after 10 generations of the host cell the density of bacteria in host cells will increase
- A. by 10% C. ten-fold
B. two-fold D. hundred-fold
- 112 In a diploid organism, there are three different alleles for a particular gene. Of these three alleles one is recessive and the other two alleles exhibit co-dominance. How many phenotypes are possible with this set of alleles?
- A. 3 B. 6 C. 4 D. 2
- 113 Two students are given two different double stranded DNA molecules of equal length. They are asked to denature the DNA molecules by heating. The DNA given to student A has the following composition of bases (A:G:T:C::35:15:35:15) while that given to student B is (A:G:T:C::12:38:12:38). Which of the following statements is true?
- A. Both the DNA molecules would denature at the same rate
B. The information given is insufficient to draw any conclusion
C. DNA molecule given to student B would denature faster than that of student A
D. DNA molecule given to student A would denature faster than that given to student B

114 The amino acid sequences of a bacterial protein and a human protein carrying out similar function are found to be 60% identical. However, the DNA sequences of the genes coding for these proteins are only 45% identical. This is possible because

- A. Protein sequence does not depend on DNA sequence
- B. DNA codons having different nucleotides in the third position can code for the same amino acids
- C. DNA codons having different nucleotides in the second position can code for the same amino acids
- D. Same DNA codons can code for multiple amino acids

115 The following DNA sequence ($5' \rightarrow 3'$) specifies part of a protein coding sequence, starting from position 1. Which of the following mutations will give rise to a protein that is shorter than the full-length protein?

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15
A	T	G	C	A	A	G	A	T	A	T	A	G	C	T

- A. Deletion of nucleotide 13
- B. Deletion of nucleotide 8
- C. Insertion of a single nucleotide between 3 and 4
- D. Insertion of a single nucleotide between 10 and 11

116 Which of the following correctly represents the results of an enzymatic reaction? Enzyme is E, Substrate is S and Products are P1 & P2

- A. $P1 + S \rightleftharpoons P2 + E$
- B. $E + S \rightleftharpoons P1 + P2$
- C. $P1 + P2 + E \rightleftharpoons S$
- D. $E + S \rightleftharpoons P1 + P2 + E$

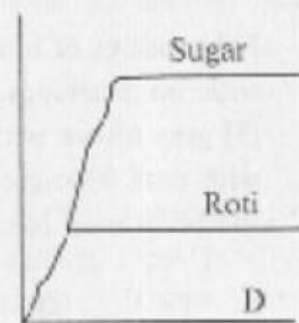
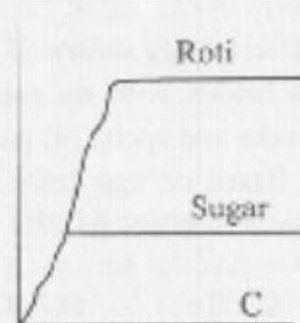
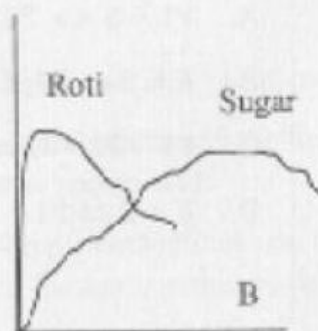
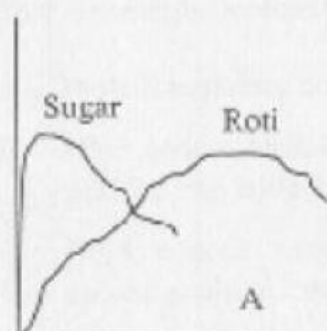
117 Four species of birds have different egg colors: [1] white with no markings, [2] pale brown with no markings, [3] grey-brown with dark streaks and spots, [4] pale blue with dark blue-green spots. Based on egg color, which species is most likely to nest in a deep tree hole?

- A. 1 B. 2 C. 3 D. 4

118 Consider a locus with two alleles, A and a . If the frequency of AA is 0.25, what is the frequency of A under Hardy-Weinberg equilibrium?

- A. 1 B. 0.25 C. 0.5 D. 0

- 119 Which of the following graphs accurately represents the insulin levels (Y-axis) in the body as a function of time (X-axis) after eating sugar and bread/roti?



- 120 You marked two ink-spots along the height at the base of a coconut tree and also at the top of the tree. When you examine the spots next year when the tree has grown taller, you will see
- the two spots at the top have grown more apart than the two spots at the bottom
 - the top two spots have grown less apart than the bottom two spots
 - both sets of spots have grown apart to the same extent
 - both sets of spots remain un-altered

SB/SX answer key	
Q_No	Ans_key
1	C
2	B
3	D
4	B
5	C
6	B
7	B
8	A
9	C
10	B
11	B
12	C
13	A
14	B
15	D
16	D
17	D
18	D
19	C
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28	C
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39	A
40	C

SB/SX answer key	
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43	D
44	A
45	B
46	C
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