

## Q. No. 1 - 25 Carry One Mark Each

- 1. Consider an undirected random graph of eight vertices. The probability that there is an edge between a pair of vertices is ½. What is the expected number of unordered cycles of length three?
  - (A) 1/8
- (B) 1
- (C) 7
- (D) 8

Ans. (C)

Exp:  $P(edge) = \frac{1}{2}$ 

Number of ways we can choose the vertices out of 8 is  $8_{c_3}$ 

(Three edges in each cycle)

Expected number of unordered cycles of length  $3 = 8_{C_3} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 = 7$ 

- 2. Which of the following statements is/are **TRUE** for undirected graphs?
  - P: Number of odd degree vertices is even.
  - Q: Sum of degrees of all vertices is even.
  - (A) P only

(B) Q only

(C) Both P and Q

(D) Neither P nor Q

Ans: (C

- Exp: Q: Sum of degrees of all vertices =  $2 \times (number of edges)$
- 3. Function f is known at the following points:

х	0	0.3	0.6	0.9	1.2	1.5	1.8	2.1	2.4	2.7	3.0
f(x)	0	0.09	0.36	0.81	1.44	2.25	3.24	4.41	5.76	7.29	9.00

The value of  $\int_0^3 f(x) dx$  computed using the trapezoidal rule is

- (A) 8.983
- (B) 9.003
- (C) 9.017
- (D) 9.045

Ans: (D)

Exp: 
$$\int_{0}^{3} f(x) dx = \frac{h}{2} \Big[ f(x_0) + f(x_{10}) + 2 (f(x_1) + f(x_2) + \dots + f(x_9)) \Big]$$
$$= \frac{0.3}{2} \Big[ 9.00 + 2 (25.65) \Big] = 9.045$$



4. Which one of the following functions is continuous at x = 3?

(A) 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2, & \text{if } x = 3\\ x - 1, & \text{if } x > 3\\ \frac{x + 3}{3}, & \text{if } x < 3 \end{cases}$$

(B) 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 4, & \text{if } x = 3\\ 8 - x & \text{if } x \neq 3 \end{cases}$$

(C) 
$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x+3, & \text{if } x \leq 3 \\ x-4 & \text{if } x > 3 \end{cases}$$

(D) 
$$f(x) = \frac{1}{x^3 - 27}$$
, if  $x \neq 3$ 

Ans: (A)

Exp: 
$$\lim_{x \to 3+} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 3+} (x-1) = 2 = f(3)$$

$$\lim_{x \to 3^{-}} f(x) = \lim_{x \to 3^{-}} \left( \frac{x+3}{3} \right) = 2 = f(3)$$

 $\therefore$  f(x) is continuous at x = 3

5. Which one of the following expressions does **NOT** represent exclusive NOR of x and y?

(A) 
$$xy + x'y'$$

Ans:

Exp:



(C) 
$$\overline{x} \oplus y = (\overline{x})\overline{y} + \overline{x} y = \overline{x}\overline{y} + xy = x \odot y$$
  
(D)  $\overline{x} \oplus \overline{y} = (\overline{x})y + x\overline{y} = x \oplus y$ 

6. In a k-way set associative cache, the cache is divided into v sets, each of which consists of k lines. The lines of a set are placed in sequence one after another. The lines in set s are sequenced before the lines in set (s+1). The main memory blocks are numbered 0 onwards. The main memory block numbered j must be mapped to any one of the cache lines from

(A) 
$$(j \mod v) * k \text{ to } (j \mod v) * k + (k-1)$$

(B) 
$$(j \mod v)$$
 to  $(j \mod v) + (k-1)$ 

(C) 
$$(j \mod k)$$
 to  $(j \mod k) + (v-1)$ 

(D) 
$$(j \mod k) * v \text{ to } (j \mod k) * v + (v-1)$$

Ans:

Exp: Set number in the cache = (main memory block number) MOD number of sets in the cache.

As the lines in the set are placed in sequence, we can have the lines from 0 to K - 1 in the set.

Number of sets = v

Main memory block number = j

First line =  $(j \mod v)$ ; last line =  $(j \mod v) + (k - 1)$ 



- 7. What is the time complexity of Bellman-Ford single-source shortest path algorithm on a complete graph of n vertices?
  - (A)  $\Theta(n^2)$
- (B)  $\Theta(n^2 \log n)$
- (C)  $\Theta(n^3)$
- (D)  $\Theta(n^3 \log n)$

Ans: (C)

Exp: Bellman-ford time complexity:  $\Theta(|V| \times |E|)$ 

For complete graph:  $|E| = \frac{n(n-1)}{2}$  |V| = n $\therefore \Theta\left(n \times \frac{n(n-1)}{2}\right) = \Theta(n^3)$ 

- 8. Which of the following statements are **TRUE**?
  - (1) The problem of determining whether there exists a cycle in an undirected graph is in P.
  - (2) The problem of determining whether there exists a cycle in an undirected graph is in NP.
  - (3) If a problem A is NP-Complete, there exists a non-deterministic polynomial time algorithm to solve A.
  - (A) 1,2 and 3
- (B) 1 and 2 only
- (C) 2 and 3 only
- (D) 1 and 3 only

Ans: (A)

Exp: 1. Cycle detection using DFS:  $O(V + E) = O(V^2)$  and it is polynomial problem

- 2. Every P-problem is NP(since  $P \subset NP$ )
- 3.  $NP complete \in NP$

Hence, NP-complete can be solved in non-deterministic polynomial time

- 9. Which of the following statements is/are **FALSE**?
  - (1) For every non-deterministic Turing machine, there exists an equivalent deterministic Turing machine.
  - (2) Turing recognizable languages are closed under union and complementation.
  - (3) Turing decidable languages are closed under intersection and complementation
  - (4) Turing recognizable languages are closed under union and intersection.
  - (A) 1 and 4 only
- (B) 1 and 3 only
- (C) 2 only
- (D) 3 only

Ans: (C)

Exp: (1) NTM  $\cong$  DTM

- (2) RELs are closed under union & but not complementation
- (3) Turing decidable languages are recursive and recursive languages are closed under intersection and complementation
- (4) RELs are closed under union & intersection but not under complementation



- 10. Three concurrent processes X, Y, and Z execute three different code segments that access and update certain shared variables. Process X executes the P operation (i.e., wait) on semaphores a, b and c; process Y executes the P operation on semaphores b, c and d; process Z executes the P operation on semaphores c, d, and a before entering the respective code segments. After completing the execution of its code segment, each process invokes the V operation (i.e., signal) on its three semaphores. All semaphores are binary semaphores initialized to one. Which one of the following represents a deadlock-free order of invoking the P operations by the processes?
  - (A) X : P(a)P(b)P(c) Y : P(b)P(c)P(d) Z : P(c)P(d)P(a)
  - (B) X:P(b)P(a)P(c) Y:P(b)P(c)P(d) Z:P(a)P(c)P(d)
  - (C) X:P(b)P(a)P(c) Y:P(c)P(b)P(d) Z:P(a)P(c)P(d)
  - (D) X:P(a)P(b)P(c) Y:P(c)P(b)P(d) Z:P(c)P(d)P(a)

Ans: (B)

Exp: Suppose X performs P(b) and preempts, Y gets chance, but cannot do its first wait i.e., P(b), so waits for X, now Z gets the chance and performs P(a) and preempts, next X gets chance. X cannot continue as wait on 'a' is done by Z already, so X waits for Z. At this time Z can continue its operations as down on c and d. Once Z finishes, X can do its operations and so Y. In any of execution order of X, Y, Z one process can continue and finish, such that waiting is not circular. In options (A),(C) and (D) we can easily find circular wait, thus deadlock

- 11. An index is clustered, if
  - (A) it is on a set of fields that form a candidate key.
  - (B) it is on a set of fields that include the primary key.
  - (C) the data records of the file are organized in the same order as the data entries of the index.
  - (D) the data records of the file are organized not in the same order as the data entries of the index.

Ans: (C)

Exp: Clustered index is built on ordering non key field and hence if the index is clustered then the data records of the file are organized in the same order as the data entries of the index.

12. Assume that source S and destination D are connected through two intermediate routers labeled R. Determine how many times each packet has to visit the network layer and the data link layer during a transmission from S to D.

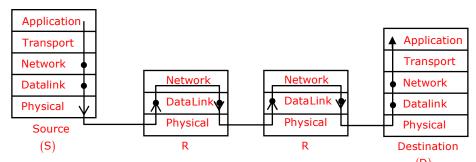


- (A) Network layer 4 times and Data link layer-4 times
- (B) Network layer 4 times and Data link layer-3 times
- (C) Network layer 4 times and Data link layer-6 times
- (D) Network layer 2 times and Data link layer-6 times



Ans: (C)

Exp:



From above given diagram, its early visible that packet will visit network layer 4 times, once at each node [S, R, R, D] and packet will visit Data Link layer 6 times. One time at S and one time at D, then two times for each intermediate router R as data link layer is used for link to link communication.

Once at packet reaches R and goes up from physical –DL-Network and second time when packet coming out of router in order Network – DL- Physical

- 13. The transport layer protocols used for real time multimedia, file transfer, DNS and email, respectively are
  - (A) TCP, UDP, UDP and TCP
- (B) UDP, TCP, TCP and UDP

(C) UDP, TCP, UDP and TCP

(D) TCP, UDP, TCP and UDP

Ans: (C

Exp: Real time multimedia needs connectionless service, so under lying transport layer protocol used is UDP

File transfer rums over TCP protocol with port no-21

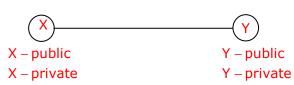
DNS runs over UDP protocol within port no-53

Email needs SMTP protocol which runs over TCP protocol within port no - 25

- 14. Using public key cryptography, X adds a digital signature  $\sigma$  to message M, encrypts <M,  $\sigma$ >, and sends it to Y, where it is decrypted. Which one of the following sequences of keys is used for the operations?
  - (A) Encryption: X's private key followed by Y's private key; Decryption: X's public key followed by Y's public key
  - (B) Encryption: X's private key followed by Y's public key; Decryption: X's public key followed by Y's private key
  - (C) Encryption: X's public key followed by Y's private key; Decryption: Y's public key followed by X's private key
  - (D) Encryption: X's private key followed by Y's public key; Decryption: Y's private key followed by X's public key

Ans: (D)

Exp:





Encryption

Source has to encrypt with its private key for forming Digital signature for Authentication. source has to encrypt the  $\langle M, \sigma \rangle$  with Y's public key to send it confidentially

Destination Y has to decrypt first Decryption with its private key, then decrypt using source public key

15. Match the problem domains in **Group I** with the solution technologies in **Group** 

Group I	Group II		
(p) Services oriented computing	(1) Interoperability		
(q) Heterogeneous communicating systems	(2) BPMN		
(R) Information representation	(3) Publish-find bind		
(S) Process description	(4) XML		
(A) P - 1, Q - 2, R - 3, S - 4 (B) P -	3, Q - 4, R - 2, S - 1		

- (C) P 3, Q 1, R 4, S 2

Ans: (C)

- A scheduling algorithm assigns priority proportional to the waiting time of a 16. process. Every process starts with priority zero(the lowest priority). The scheduler re-evaluates the process priorities every T time units and decides the next process to schedule. Which one of the following is TRUE if the processes have no I/O operations and all arrive at time zero?
  - (A) This algorithm is equivalent to the first-come-first-serve algorithm.
  - (B) This algorithm is equivalent to the round-robin algorithm.
  - (C) This algorithm is equivalent to the shortest-job-first algorithm.
  - (D) This algorithm is equivalent to the shortest-remaining-time-first algorithm.

Ans:

The given scheduling definition takes two parameters, one is dynamically Exp: assigned process priority and the other is 'T' time unit to re-evaluate the process priorities.

This dynamically assigned priority will be deciding processes order in ready queue of round robin algorithm whose time quantum is same as 'T' time units. As all the processes are arriving at the same time, they will be given same priority but soon after first 'T' time burst remaining processes will get higher priorities

- 17. What is the maximum number of reduce moves that can be taken by a bottomup parser for a grammar with no epsilonand unit-production (i.e., of type  $A \rightarrow \in$  and  $A \rightarrow a$ ) to parse a string with n tokens?
  - (A) n/2
- (B) n-1
- (C) 2n-1
- (D) 2<sup>n</sup>



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Ans:
       (C)
Exp:
       string = abcd
              S
              ↑ (7)
             YD
              \uparrow (6: Y \rightarrow XC)
            XCD
              \uparrow \uparrow (5: X \rightarrow AB)
            ABCD
             \uparrow
                  (4:D\rightarrow d)
            ABCd
             \uparrow
                  (3:C\rightarrow c)
            ABcd
             \uparrow
                  (2:B\rightarrow b)
            Abcd
             \uparrow \uparrow (1: A \rightarrow a)
            abcd
        2\times(4)-1=7 reductions
        ⇒ 2n – 1 reductions required
        Note: Unit productions is given as A \rightarrow a, it was type
        Above reductions are not in reverse of RMD but when they are reduced in bottom
        up parsing we will get same number of reductions.
       Consider the languages L_1 = \Phi and L_2 = \{a\}. Which one of the following
18.
       represents L_1 L_2^* U L_1^*?
                                                   (C) a*
                                                                          (D) \{\varepsilon, a\}
       (A) {∈}
                             (B) Φ
Ans:
       (A)
       Concatenation of empty language with any language will give the empty
EXP:
            language and L_1^* = \Phi^* = \epsilon. Hence L_1 L_2^* U L_1^* = \{\epsilon\}
19.
       Which one of the following is the tightest upper bound that represents the time
       complexity of inserting an object into a binary search tree of n nodes?
       (A) O(1)
                             (B) O(log n)
                                                   (C) O(n)
                                                                          (D) O(n \log n)
       (C)
Ans:
Exp:
       For skewed binary search tree on n nodes, the tightest upper bound to insert a
       node is O(n)
20.
       Which one of the following is the tightest upper bound that represents the
       number of swaps required to sort n numbers using selection sort?
       (A) O(log n)
                             (B) O(n)
                                                   (C) O(n \log n)
                                                                          (D) O(n^2)
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Ans: (B)

Exp: The maximum number of swaps that takes place in selection sort on n numbers is

n

21. In the following truth table, V = 1 if and only if the input is valid.

Inputs			Outputs				
$D_0$	$D_1$	D <sub>2</sub>	D <sub>3</sub>	X <sub>0</sub>	$X_1$	>	
0	0	0	0	Χ	Χ	0	
1	0	0	0	0	0	1	
0	1	0	0		1	1	
1	Х	1	0		0	1	
Х	Χ	Χ	1	1	1	1	

What function does the truth table represent?

(A) Priority encoder

(B) Decoder

(C) Multiplexer

(D) Demultiplexer

Ans: (A)

Exp: 4 to 2 priority encoder.

22. The smallest integer than can be represented by an 8-bit number in 2's complement form is

(A) -256

(B) - 128

(C) -127

(D) 0 (S)

Ans: (E

Exp:  $-2^{8-1} = -128$ . Range is  $-2^{(n-1)}$  to  $+2^{(n-1)}-1$ 

23. Which one of the following does **NOT** equal  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x & x^2 \\ 1 & y & y^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$ ?

(A) 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x(x+1) & x+1 \\ 1 & y(y+1) & y+1 \\ 1 & z(z+1) & z+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

(B) 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & x+1 & x^2+1 \\ 1 & y+1 & y^2+1 \\ 1 & z+1 & z^2+1 \end{vmatrix}$$

(C) 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 0 & x - y & x^2 - x^2 \\ 0 & y - z & y^2 - z^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

(D) 
$$\begin{vmatrix} 2 & x+y & x^2+y^2 \\ 2 & y+z & y^2+z^2 \\ 1 & z & z^2 \end{vmatrix}$$

Ans: (A)

If matrix B is obtained from matrix A by replacing the  $I^{th}$  row by itself plus k times the  $m^{th}$  row, for  $l \neq m$  then det(B)=det(A). With this property given matrix is equal to the matrices given in options (B),(C) and (D).



- 24. Suppose p is number of cars per minute passing through a certain road junction between 5 PM and 6PM, and p has a Poisson distribution with mean 3. What is the probability of observing fewer than 3 cars during any given minute in this interval?

- (A)  $8/(2e^3)$  (B)  $9/(2e^3)$  (C)  $17/(2e^3)$  (D)  $26/(2e^3)$

Ans: (C)

Exp:

$$\begin{split} &P\left(p<3\right) = P\left(p=0\right) + P\left(p=1\right) + P\left(p=2\right) \\ &= \frac{e^{-\mu}\mu^0}{0!} + \frac{e^{-\mu}\mu^1}{1!} + \frac{e^{-\mu}\mu^2}{2!} \text{ (where } \mu = 3\text{)} \\ &= e^{-3} + e^{-3} \times 3 + \frac{e^{-3} \times 9}{2} \\ &= e^{-3} \left(1 + 3 + \frac{9}{2}\right) = \frac{17}{2e^3} \end{split}$$

- 25. A binary operation  $\oplus$  on a set of integers is defined as  $x \oplus y = x^2 + y^2$ . Which one of the following statements is **TRUE** about ⊕?
  - (A) Commutative but not associative
- (B) Both commutative and associative
- (C) Associative but not commutative
- (D) Neither commutative nor associative

Ans:

Exp:

$$X \oplus y = x^2 + y^2 = y^2 + x^2 = y \oplus x$$

∴ commutative

Not associative, since, for example

 $(1 \oplus 2) \oplus 3 \neq 1 \oplus (2 \oplus 3)$ 

#### Q. No. 26 - 55 Carry Two Marks Each

- 26. Which one of the following is **NOT** logically equivalent to  $\neg \exists x (\forall y (\alpha) \land \forall z (\beta))$ ?
  - (A)  $\forall x (\exists z (\neg \beta) \rightarrow \forall y (\alpha))$
- (B)  $\forall x (\forall z (\beta) \rightarrow \exists y (\neg \alpha))$
- (C)  $\forall x (\forall y (\alpha) \rightarrow \exists z (\neg \beta))$
- (D)  $\forall x (\exists y (\neg \alpha) \rightarrow \exists z (\neg \beta))$

Ans: (A)



- 27. A RAM chip has a capacity of 1024 words of 8 bits each  $(1K \times 8)$ . The number of  $2 \times 4$  decoders with enable line needed to construct a  $16K \times 16$  RAM from  $1K \times 8$  RAM is
  - (A) 4
- (B) 5
- (C) 6
- (D) 7

Ans: (B)

Exp. RAM chip size =  $1k \times 8[1024 \text{ words of } 8 \text{ bits each}]$ 

RAM to construct =  $16k \times 16$ 

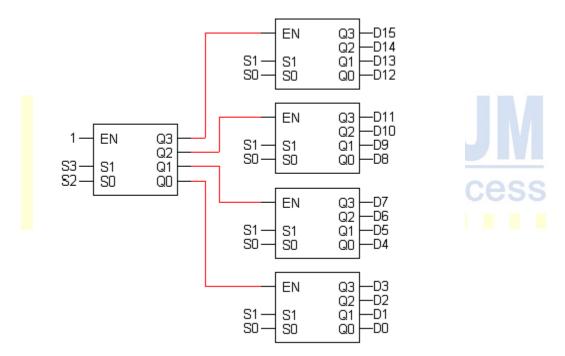
Number of chips required =  $\frac{16k \times 16}{1k \times 8} = 16 \times 2$  [16 chips vertically with each

having 2 chips horizontally]

So to select one chip out of 16 vertical chips, we need 4 x 16 decoder.

Available decoder is - 2 x 4 decoder

To be constructed is 4 x 16 decoder



So we need 5, 2 x 4 decoder in total to construct 4 x 16 decoder.

- 28. Consider an instruction pipeline with five stages without any branch prediction: Fetch Instruction (FI), Decode Instruction (DI), Fetch Operand (FO), Execute Instruction (EI) and Write Operand (WO). The stage delays for FI, DI, FO, EI and WO are 5 ns, 7 ns, 10 ns, 8 ns and 6 ns, respectively. There are intermediate storage buffers after each stage and the delay of each buffer is 1 ns. A program consisting of 12 instructions  $I_1, I_2, I_3, \dots, I_{12}$  is executed in this pipelined processor. Instruction  $I_4$  is the only branch instruction and its branch target is  $I_9$ . If the branch is taken during the execution of this program, the time (in ns) needed to complete the program is
  - (A) 132
- (B) 165
- (C) 176
- (D) 328



Ans: (C)

Exp: Total clock slots taken are 16. Each slot will take maximum of {5, 7, 10, 8, 7}

=10.

Hence total slots for all the instructions =  $16 \times 10 + 16$  (pipeline delay) = 176

29. Consider the following operation along with Enqueue and Dequeue operations on queues, where k is a global parameter

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\label{eq:multiDequeue} \begin{split} &\text{MultiDequeue}\left(Q\right)\;\{\\ &m=k\\ &\text{while}\;\left(Q\;\text{is not empty}\right)\;\text{and}\;\left(m>0\right)\;\{\\ &\text{Dequeue}\;\left(Q\right)\\ &m=m-1\\ &\text{}\}\\ &\text{}\} \end{split}
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What is the worst case time complexity of a sequence of n queue operations on an initially empty queue?

(A) Θ(n)

(B) 
$$\Theta(n+k)$$

(C) 
$$\Theta(nk)$$

(D) 
$$\Theta(n^2)$$

Ans:

(C)

# Engineering Success

30. The preorder traversal sequence of a binary search tree is 30, 20, 10, 15, 25, 23, 39, 35, 42. Which one of the following is the postorder traversal sequence of the same tree?

(A) 10, 20, 15, 23, 25, 35, 42, 39, 30

(B) 15,10,25,23,20,42,35,39,30

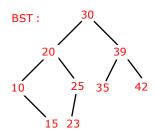
(C) 15, 20, 10, 23, 25, 42, 35, 39, 30

(D) 15,10,23,25,20,35,42,39,30

Ans: (D)

Exp:

Pr eorder: 30, 20, 10, 15, 25, 23, 39, 35, 42 Inorder: 10, 15, 20, 23, 25, 30, 35, 39, 42





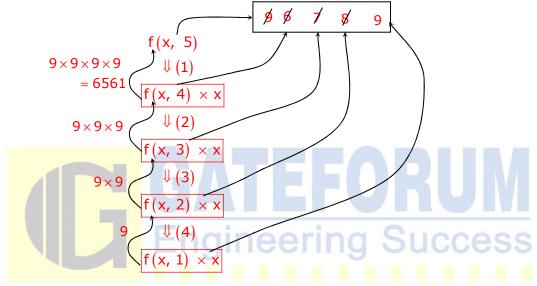
31. What is the return value of f(p,p) if the value of p is initialized to 5 before the call? Note that the first parameter is passed by reference, whereas the second parameter is passed by value.

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int f (int & x, int c) {
  c = c - 1:
  if (c = 0) return 1;
  x = x + 1:
  return f(x,c)*x;
}
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- (A) 3024
- (B) 6561
- (C) 55440
- (D) 161051

(B) Ans:

Exp:



- 32. Which of the following is/are undecidable?
  - 1. G is a CFG. Is  $L(G) = \Phi$ ?
  - 2. G is a CFG. IS  $L(G) = \Sigma *$ ?
  - 3. M is a Turning machine. Is L(M) regular?
  - 4. A is a DFA and N is a NFA. Is L(A) = L(N)?
  - (A) 3 only
- (B) 3 and 4 only (C) 1, 2 and 3 only (D) 2 and 3 only

Ans: (D)

There is an algorithm to check whether the given CFG is empty, finite or infinite Exp: and also to convert NFA to DFA hence 1 and 4 are decidable.

33. Consider the following two sets of LR(1) items of an LR(1) grammar

$$X \rightarrow c.X$$
,  $c / d$   $X \rightarrow c.X$ , \$  $X \rightarrow .cX$ ,  $C / d$   $X \rightarrow .cX$ , \$  $X \rightarrow .d$ , \$

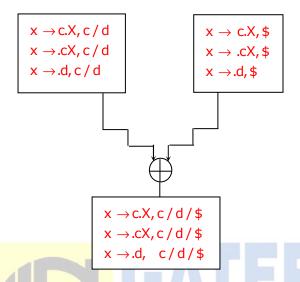
Which of the following statements related to merging of the two sets in the corresponding LALR parser is/are **FALSE**?



- 1. Cannot be merged since look aheads are different
- 2. Can be merged but will result in S-R conflict
- 3. Can be merged but will result in R-R conflict
- 4. Cannot be merged since goto on c will lead to two different sets
- (A) 1 only
- (B) 2 only
- (C) 1 and 4 only
- (D) 1, 2, 3 and 4

Ans: (D)

Exp:



- 1. Merging of two states depends on core part (production rule with dot operator), not on look aheads.
- 2. The two states are not containing Reduce item ,So after merging, the merged state can not contain any S-R conflict
- 3. As there is no Reduce item in any of the state, so can't have R-R conflict.
- 4. Merging of stats does not depend on further goto on any terminal. So all statements are false.
- 34. A certain computation generates two arrays a and b such that a[i] = f(i) for  $0 \le i < n$  and b[i] = g(a[i]) for  $0 \le i < n$ . Suppose this computation is decomposed into two concurrent processes X and Y such that X computes the array a and Y computes the array b. The processes employ two binary semaphores R and S, both initialized to zero. The array a is shared by the two processes. The structures of the processes are shown below.

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\begin{array}{ll} \text{Process X;} & \text{Process Y;} \\ \text{private i;} & \text{private i;} \\ \text{for } (i=0;\ i< n;\ i++)\ \{ & \text{for } (i=0;\ i< n;\ i++)\ \{ \\ & \text{a[i]} = f(i); & \text{EntryY}(R,S); \\ & \text{ExitX}(R,S); & \text{b[i]} = g\big(\text{a[i]}\big); \\ \} \end{array}
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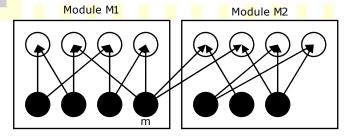
Which one of the following represents the **CORRECT** implementations of ExitX and EntryY?



```
(A) ExitX (R, S) {
                                      (B) ExitX(R, S) {
      P(R);
                                             V(R);
                                             V(S);
      V(S);
   }
                                          }
   EntryY(R, S) {
                                          EntryY(R, S) {
      P(S);
                                             P(R);
      V(R);
                                             P(S);
   }
                                          }
(C) ExitX(R, S) {
                                      (D) ExitX(R, S) {
      P(S);
                                             V(R);
      V(R);
                                             P(S);
   }
                                          }
   EntryY(R, S) {
                                          EntryY(R, S) {
      V(S);
                                             V(S);
      P(R);
                                             P(R);
   }
```

Ans: (B)

The following figure represents access graphs of two modules M1 and M2. The filled circles represent methods and the unfilled circles represent attributes. If method m is moved to module M2 keeping the attributes where they are, what can we say about the average cohesion and coupling between modules in the system of two modules?



- (A) There is no change.
- (B) Average cohesion goes up but coupling is reduced
- (C) Average cohesion goes down and coupling also reduces
- (D) Average cohesion and coupling increase

Ans: (B)

- 36. In an IPv4 datagram, the M bit is 0, the value of HLEN is 10, the value of total length is 400 and the fragment offset value is 300. The position of the datagram, the sequence numbers of the first and the last bytes of the payload, respectively are
  - (A) Last fragment, 2400 and 2789
- (B) First fragment, 2400 and 2759
- (C) Last fragment, 2400 and 2759
- (D) Middle fragment, 300 and 689



Ans: (C)

Exp: M = 0 – Means there is no fragment after this, i.e. Last fragment

HLEN=10 - So header length is  $4 \times 10 = 40$ , as 4 is constant scale factor

Total Length = 400(40 Byte Header + 360 Byte Payload)

Fragment Offset = 300, that means  $300 \times 8$  Byte = 2400 bytes are before this last fragment

So the position of datagram is last fragment

Sequence number of First Byte of Payload = 2400 (as 0 to 2399 Sequence no are used)

Sequence number of Last Byte of Payload = 2400+360-1=2759

- 37. Determine the maximum length of cable (in km) for transmitting data at a rate of 500 Mbps in an Ethernet LAN with frames of size 10,000 bits. Assume the signal speed in the cable to be 2,00,000 km/s
  - (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 2.5
- (D) 5

Ans: (B)

Exp:

 $500 \times 10^6$  bits - - - - 1 sec

$$10^{4} \text{ bits} = --- \frac{5 \times 10^{8}}{10^{4}} = \frac{10^{4}}{5 \times 10^{8}} \sec = \frac{1}{5 \times 10^{4}} \sec$$

$$1 \sec ---- -2 \times 10^{5} \text{ km}$$

$$\frac{1}{5 \times 10^{4}} \sec --- -\frac{2 \times 10^{5}}{5 \times 10^{4}} = 4 \text{ km}$$

$$\therefore \text{ Maximum length of cable} = \frac{4}{2} = 2 \text{ km}$$

38. Consider the following relational schema.

Students(rollno: integer, sname: string)

Courses(courseno: integer, cname: string)

Registration(rollno: integer, courseno; integer, percent: real)

Which of the following queries are equivalent to this query in English?

"Find the distinct names of all students who score more than 90% in the course numbered 107"

(I) SELECT DISTINCT S.sname

FROM Students as S, Registration as R

WHERE R.rollno=S.rollno AND R.Courseno=107 AND R.percent>90

- (II)  $\Pi_{\text{sname}} \left( \sigma_{\text{courseno}=107} \land \text{percent} > 90 \left( \text{Re gistration} \quad \text{Students} \right) \right)$
- (III)  $\{T \mid \exists S \in Students, \exists R \in Registration (S.rollno = R.rollno \land S.rollno = R.rollno \land S.rollno = R.rollno \land S.rollno = R.rollno = R.roll$

R.courseno =  $107 \land R.percent > 90 \land T.sname = S.name)$ 

- $(IV) \left\{ < S_{_{N}} > \mid \exists S_{_{R}} \exists R_{_{P}} \left( < S_{_{R}}, S_{_{N}} > \in Students \land < S_{_{R}}, 107, R_{_{P}} > \in Registration \land R_{_{P}} > 90 \right) \right\}$
- (A) I, II, III and IV

(B) I, II and III only

(C) I, II and IV only

(D) II, III and IV only



Ans: (A)

Exp: Four queries given in SQL, RA, TRC and DRC in four statements respectively

retrieve the required information.

39. A shared variable x, initialized to zero, is operated on by four concurrent processes W, X, Y, Z as follows. Each of the processes W and X reads x from memory, increments by one, stores it to memory, and then terminates. Each of the processes Y and Z reads x from memory, decrements by two, stores it to memory, and then terminates. Each process before reading x invokes the P operation (i.e., wait) on a counting semaphore S and invokes the V operation (i.e., signal) on the semaphore S after storing x to memory. Semaphore S is initialized to two. What is the maximum possible value of x after all processes complete execution?

(A) -2

(B) -1

(C) 1

(D) 2

Ans: (D)

Exp:

	W	X	Υ	Z
1	R(x)	R(x)	R(x)	R(x)
2	x++	x++	x=x-2;	x=x-2;
3	w(x)	w(x)	w(x)	w(x)

R(x) is to read x from memory, w(x) is to store x in memory

(I)  $w_1 \times 0$  [W is Preempted]

(II)  $Y_1, Y_2, Y_3$  (x -2) [Y is completed]

(III)  $Z_1, Z_2, Z_3$  (x  $\boxed{-4}$ )  $\boxed{Z}$  is completed

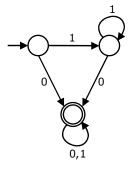
(IV)

 $W_2, W_3$  (x 1 ) [It increments local copy of x and stores & W is completed]

(V)  $X_1, X_2, X_3$  (x 2 ) [X is completed]

Maximum value of x = 2

40. Consider the DFA given below.



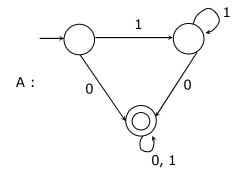
Which of the following are FALSE?



- 1. Complement of L(A) is context-free
- 2. L(A) = L((11\*0+0)(0+1)\*0\*1\*)
- 3. For the language accepted by A, A is the minimal DFA
- 4. A accepts all strings over {0, 1} of length at least 2
- (A) 1 and 3 only (B) 2 and 4 only (C) 2 and 3 only (D) 3 and 4 only

Ans: (D)

Exp:



- (1) L(A) is regular, its complement is also regular and if it is regular it is also context free.
- (2) L(A) = (11\*0+0)(0+1)\*0\*1\* = 1\*0(0+1)\*

Language has all strings where each string contains '0'.

- (3) A is not minimal, it can be constructed with 2 states
- (4) Language has all strings, where each string contains '0'. (atleast length one)
- 41. Consider the following languages CONSIDER SUCCESS

$$L_1 = \{0^p 1^q 0^r \mid p, q, r \ge 0\}$$

$$L_2 = \{0^p 1^q 0^r \mid p, q, r \ge 0, p \ne r\}$$

Which one of the following statements is FALSE?

- (A) L<sub>2</sub> is context-free
- (B)  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is context-free
- (C) Complement of L<sub>2</sub> is recursive
- (D) Complement of L<sub>1</sub> is context-free but not regular

Ans: (D)

Exp: 
$$L_1 = \{0^p \ 1^q \ 0^r | p, q, r \ge 0\}$$
 is regular

$$L_2 = \{0^p \ 1^q \ 0^r | p, q, r \ge 0, p \ne r\}$$
 is CFL

- (A) L<sub>2</sub> is CFL (True)
- (B)  $L_1 \cap L_2 = CFL (True)$
- (C) L<sub>2</sub> complement is recursive (True)
- (D)  $L_1$  complement is CFL but not regular (False) as  $L_1$  is regular  $\overline{L}_1$  is regular



42. Consider the following function

```
int unknown(int n){
              int i, j, k = 0;
              for (i = n / 2; i \le n; i + +)
                  for (j = 2; j \le n; j = j * 2)
                  k = k + n / 2;
              return (k);
                 (B) \Theta(n^2 \log n) (C) \Theta(n^3)
(A) \Theta(n^2)
                                                               (D) Θ(n³ logn)
```

Ans:

Exp: 
$$i = \left(\frac{n}{2}, \frac{n}{2} + 1, \frac{n}{2} + 2, ----n\right)$$

$$\frac{n}{2} \text{ to } n = \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right) \text{times} \begin{cases} J = \left(2, \ 2^2, \ 2^3, \ 2^4, ----n\right) \\ k = k + \frac{n}{2} \end{cases} \\ k = \Theta\left(n \log n\right)$$

$$k = \frac{n}{2} + \frac{n}{2} + \dots - \log n \text{ times} = \frac{n}{2} \log n$$

$$= \frac{n}{2}\log n + \frac{n}{2}\log n + \frac{n}{2}\log n - - - - \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right) \text{ times}$$

$$= \left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right) \cdot \frac{n}{2}\log n$$

$$= \Theta\left(n^2 \log n\right) \quad \text{Engineering Success}$$

43. The number of elements that can be sorted in  $\Theta(\log n)$  time using heap sort is

(B) 
$$\Theta(\sqrt{\log n})$$

(B) 
$$\Theta(\sqrt{\log n})$$
 (C)  $\Theta(\frac{\log n}{\log \log n})$  (D)  $\Theta(\log n)$ 

(D) 
$$\Theta(\log n)$$

Ans: (A)

> Exp: After constructing a max-heap in the heap sort, the time to extract maximum element and then heapifying the heap takes ⊕(log n) time by which we could say that  $\Theta(\log n)$  time is required to correctly place an element in sorted array. If  $\Theta(\log n)$  time is taken to sort using heap sort, then number of elements that can be sorted is constant which is  $\Theta(1)$

Consider a hard disk with 16 recording surfaces (0-15) having 16384 cylinders 44. (0-16383) and each cylinder contains 64 sectors (0-63). Data storage capacity in each sector is 512 bytes. Data are organized cylinder-wise and the addressing format is <cylinder no., sector no.>. A file of size 42797 KB is stored in the disk and the starting disk location of the file is <1200, 9, 40>. What is the cylinder number of the last sector of the file, if it is stored in a contiguous manner?

- (A) 1281
- (B) 1282
- (C) 1283
- (D) 1284



Ans: (D)

$$42797 \text{ KB} = \frac{42797 \times 1024}{512} = 85594 \text{ sectors}$$

Starting is  $\langle 1200, 9, 40 \rangle$  contains total  $24 + (6 \times 64) = 408$  sectors

Next, 1201, -----, 1283 cylinders contains total  $1024 \times 83 = 84992$  sectors

(: each cylinder contains  $16 \times 64 = 1024$  sectors)

- $\therefore$  Total = 408 + 84992 = 85400 sectors
- $\therefore$  The required cylinder number is  $\langle 1284 \rangle$  which will contain the last sector of the file
- 45. Consider the following sequence of micro-operations

 $MBR \leftarrow PC$ 

 $MAR \leftarrow X$ 

 $PC \leftarrow Y$ 

Memory  $\leftarrow$  MBR

Which one of the following is a possible operation performed by this sequence?

(A) Instruction fetch

(B) Operand fetch

(C) Conditional branch

(D) Initiation of interrupt service

Ans: (D)

Exp: PC content is stored in memory via MBR and PC gets new address from Y. It represents a function call (routine), which is matching with interrupt service initiation

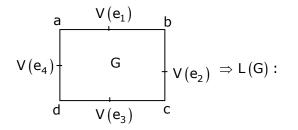
- 46. The line graph L(G) of a simple graph G is defined as follows:
  - There is exactly one vertex v(e) in L(G) for each edge e in G.
  - For any two edges e and e' in G, L(G) has an edge between v(e) and v(e'), if and only if e and e' are incident with the same vertex in G.

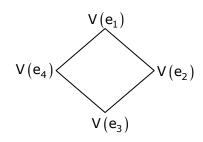
Which of the following statements is/are **TRUE**?

- (P) The line graph of a cycle is a cycle.
- (Q) The line graph of a clique is a clique.
- (R) The line graph of a planar graph is planar.
- (S) The line graph of a tree is a tree.
- (A) P only
- (B) P and R only
- (C) R only
- (D) P, Q and S only

Ans: (B)

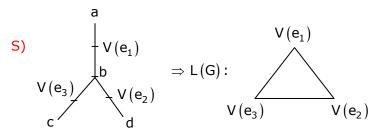
Exp: P) The line graph of a cycle is a cycle





is also cycle graph

R) Line graph of planar graph is planar



The line graph of a tree need not be tree.

47. What is the logical translation of the following statement? "None of my friends are perfect."

(A) 
$$\exists x (F(x) \land \neg P(x))$$

(B) 
$$\exists x (\neg F(x) \land P(x))$$

(C) 
$$\exists x (\neg F(x) \land \neg P(x))$$

(D) 
$$\neg \exists x (F(x) \land P(x))$$

Ans: (D)

Exp: "None of my friends are perfect"

$$= \forall x (F(x) \rightarrow \neg P(x))$$

$$= \forall x (\neg F(x) \lor \neg P(x))$$

$$= \neg \exists x (F(x) \land P(x))$$

Common Data Questions: 48 & 49

The procedure given below is required to find and replace certain characters inside an input character string supplied in array A. The characters to be replaced are supplied in array oldc, while their respective replacement characters are supplied in array newc. Array A has a fixed length of five characters, while arrays oldc and newc contain three characters each. However, the procedure is flawed

void find \_ and \_ replace (char \* A, char \* oldc, char \* newc) { for (int 
$$i = 0$$
;  $i < 5$ ;  $i + +$ ) for (int  $j = 0$ ;  $j < 3$ ;  $j + +$ ) 
$$if \left(A[i] == oldc[j]\right) \quad A[i] = newc[j];$$
 }

The procedure is tested with the following four test cases

- 48. The tester now tests the program on all input strings of length five consisting of characters 'a', 'b', 'c', 'd' and 'e' with duplicates allowed. If the tester carries out this testing with the four test cases given above, how many test cases will be able to capture the flaw?
  - (A) Only one
- (B) Only two
- (C) Only three
- (D) All four



Ans: (B)

Flaw in this given procedure is that one character of Array 'A' can be replaced by Exp: more than one character of newc array, which should not be so. Test case (3) and (4) identifies this flaw as they are containing 'oldc' and 'newc' array characters arranged in specific manner. Following string can reflect flaw, if tested by test case (3).

initially i = i = 0

$$A = "\underline{b} c da" \qquad oldc = "\underline{b} ca" \qquad newc = "\underline{c} da"$$

$$\uparrow \qquad \uparrow \qquad \uparrow$$

$$i = 0 \qquad j = 0 \qquad j = 0$$

b = b so replaced by c

Next 
$$i = 0 \& j = 1$$

$$\begin{array}{lll} A = " \underline{c} \, c \, d \, a" & \text{oldc} = " \, b \, \underline{c} \, a" & \text{newc} = " \, c \, \underline{d} \, a \\ \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow & & \uparrow \end{array}$$
 
$$i = 0 \qquad \qquad j = 1 \qquad \qquad j = 1$$

c = c so replaced by d

Likewise single character 'b' in A is replaced by 'c' and then by 'd'. Same way test case (4) can also catch the flaw.

If array A is made to hold the string "abcde", which of the above four test cases 49. will be successful in exposing the flaw in this procedure?

(A) None

(B) 2 only (C) 3 and 4 only (D) 4 only

Ans: (C)

Now for string "abcde" in array A, both test case (3) and (4) will be successful in Exp: finding the flaw, as explained in above question.

#### Common Data Questions: 50 & 51

The following code segment is executed on a processor which allows only register operands in its instructions. Each instruction can have almost two source operands and one destination operand. Assume that all variables are dead after this code segment

```
c = a + b;
d = c * a;
e = c + a;
x = c * c;
if (x > a) {
   y = a * a;
}
else {
   d = d * d;
   e = e * e;
}
```



50. Suppose the instruction set architecture of the processor has only two registers. The only allowed compiler optimization is code motion, which moves statements from one place to another while preserving correctness. What is the minimum number of spills to memory in the compiled code?

(A) 0

(B) 1

(C) 2

(D) 3

Ans: (C)

Exp:

c = a + b;	$R_2 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2$	
d = c * a;	$[spill] \leftarrow R_2 * R_1$	
e = c + a;	$[spill_2] \leftarrow R_2 + R_1$	
x = c * c;	$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 * R_2$	
if (x > a)	CMP R <sub>2</sub> R <sub>1</sub> JNG xxx (Jump if not greater)	
{y = a * a;}	$R_1 \leftarrow R_1 * R_1$ goto yyy	DIIM
else	$xxx : R_1 \leftarrow [spill_1]$	NUM
{ d = d * d; En	$\begin{aligned} \mathbf{R_2} \leftarrow & \left[ \mathbf{spill_2} \right] \\ \mathbf{R_1} \leftarrow & \mathbf{R_1} * \mathbf{R_1} \end{aligned}$	Success
e = e * e; }	$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 * R_2$ yyy: Exit	

In the above code total number of spills to memory is 2

51. What is the minimum number of registers needed in the instruction set architecture of the processor to compile this code segment without any spill to memory? Do not apply any optimization other than optimizing register allocation

(A)3

(B) 4

(C) 5

(D) 6

Ans: (B)

Exp:

c = a + b;	$R_2 \leftarrow R_1 + R_2$
d = c * a;	$R_3 \leftarrow R_2 * R_1$
e = c + a;	$R_4 \leftarrow R_2 + R_1$
x = c * c;	$R_2 \leftarrow R_2 * R_2$



if $(x > a)$	CMP R <sub>2</sub> R <sub>1</sub>
	JNG xxx (Jump if not greater)
${y = a * a;}$	$R_1 \leftarrow R_1 * R_1$
	$R_1 \leftarrow R_1 * R_1$ goto yyy
else	$xxx: R_3 \leftarrow R_3 * R_3$
{	$R_4 \leftarrow R_4 * R_4$
d = d * d;	yyy : Exit
e = e * e;	
}	

In the above code minimum number of registers are used = 4

#### Linked Answer Questions: Q.52 to Q.55 Carry Two Marks Each

## Statement for Linked Answer Questions: 52 & 53

Relation R has eight attributes ABCDEFGH. Fields of R contain only atomic values.

 $F = \{CH \rightarrow G, A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow CFH, E \rightarrow A, F \rightarrow EG\}$ is of functional dependencies (FDs) so that F<sup>+</sup> is exactly the set of FDs that hold for R

52. How many candidate keys does the relation R have?

(A) 3

Ans: (B)

Exp: Candidate keys are AD, BD, ED and FD

53. The relation R is

(A) in INF, but not in 2NF

(B) in 2NF, but not in 3NF

(C) in 3NF, but not in BCNF

(D) in BCNF

Ans: (A)

 $A \rightarrow BC, B \rightarrow CFH$  and  $F \rightarrow EG$  are partial dependencies. Hence it is in 1NF but Exp: not in 2NF

#### Statement for Linked Answer Questions: 54 & 55

A computer uses 46-bit virtual address, 32-bit physical address, and a three-level paged page table organization. The page table base register stores the base address of the first-level table (T<sub>1</sub>) , which occupies exactly one page. Each entry of  $T_1$  stores the base address of a page of the second-level table  $(T_2)$ . Each entry of  $T_2$ stores the base address of a page of the third-level table (T<sub>3</sub>) Each entry of T<sub>3</sub> stores a page table entry (PTE). The PTE is 32 bits in size. The processor used in the computer has a 1 MB 16 way set associative virtually indexed physically tagged cache. The cache block size is 64 bytes.



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(A) Highest

E /	What is the size of a page	ao in VP in this	computor?	
54.	What is the size of a page (A) 2 (B)		(C) 8	(D) 16
Ans: Exp:	(B) As it is virtually indexe	d		
	← 32 – bits	$\rightarrow$		
	TAG Index		20.	
	← 12 → ←	1MB = 2 <sup>2</sup>	<sup>20</sup> byte	
	€ 20	<i>→</i>		
	32 – bits			
	Set size = $16 \times 64$ Byte			
	number of sets = $\frac{2^{20}}{2^{10}}$ =	= 2 <sup>10</sup>		
	Index of cache bits wil	l be used as fra	ame bits.	
	20 12			
	F.No of Frame size = $2^{12}$ =4K b	ffset oytes		
55.	synonym <mark>s map to diffe</mark> i		processor cache of	to guarantee that no two of this computer? (D) 16
Ans:				
	Q. No	o. 56 – 60 Ca	rry One Mark Ead	ch
56.	Complete the sentence Universalism is to part (A) specificity (B)	icularism as dif		
Ans:	(A) The relation is that of a	antonyms		
57.	Were you a bird, you _ (A) would fly	iı	n the sky. (B) shall fly	
Ans:	(C) should fly (A)		(D) shall have fl	own
58.	Which one of the follo	owing options i	s the closest in m	neaning to the word giver

(C) Medium

(B) Lowest

(D) Integration



Ans: (B)

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- 59. Choose the grammatically INCORRECT sentence:
  - (A) He is of Asian origin
  - (B) They belonged to Africa
  - (C) She is an European
  - (D) They migrated from India to Australia

(C) Ans:

- 60. What will be the maximum sum of 44, 42, 40, ...?
  - (A) 502
- (B) 504
- (C) 506
- (D) 500

Ans: (C)

The maximum sum is the sum of 44, 42, ----2.

The sum of 'n' terms of an AP

$$=\frac{n}{2}\left[2a+\left(n-1\right)d\right]$$

In this case, n = 22, a = 2 and d = 2

$$\therefore$$
 Sum = 11  $[4 + 21 \times 2] = 11 \times 46 = 506$ 

## Q. No. 61 - 65 Carry Two Marks Each

- 61. Out of all the 2-digit integers between 1 and 100, a 2-digit number has to be selected at random. What is the probability that the selected number is not divisible by 7?
  - (A) 13/90

(D)

- (B) 12/90
- (C) 78/90 (D) 77/90

Ans:

The number of 2 digit multiples of 7 = 13

.. Probability of choosing a number

Not divisible by 
$$7 = \frac{90 - 13}{90} = \frac{77}{90}$$

- 62. A tourist covers half of his journey by train at 60 km/h, half of the remainder by bus at 30 km/h and the rest by cycle at 10 km/h. The average of the tourist in km/h during his entire journey is
  - (A) 36 (C)
- (B) 30
- (C) 24
- (D) 18

Ans:

Let the total distance covered be 'D'

Now, average speed =  $\frac{2}{\text{Total time taken}}$ 

$$= \frac{D}{\left(\frac{D}{\frac{2}{60} + \frac{D}{\frac{4}{30}} + \frac{D}{\frac{4}{10}}\right)} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{120} + \frac{1}{120} + \frac{1}{40}} = \frac{120}{5} = 24 \,\text{km/hr}$$



63. Find the sum of the expression

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{1}+\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{4}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{80}+\sqrt{81}}$$
(A) 7 (B) 8 (C) 9 (D) 10

Ans: (B)

The expression can be written as

$$\begin{split} &\frac{\left(\sqrt{2}\right)^{2}-\left(\sqrt{1}\right)^{2}}{\sqrt{1}+\sqrt{2}}+\frac{\left(\sqrt{3}\right)^{2}-\left(\sqrt{2}\right)^{2}}{\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{3}}+----\frac{\left(\sqrt{81}\right)^{2}-\left(\sqrt{80}\right)^{2}}{\sqrt{80}+\sqrt{81}}\\ &=\frac{\left(\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{1}\right)\left(\sqrt{1}+\sqrt{2}\right)}{\left(\sqrt{1}+\sqrt{2}\right)}+-----+\frac{\left(\sqrt{81}-\sqrt{80}\right)\left(\sqrt{81}+\sqrt{80}\right)}{\sqrt{80}+\sqrt{81}} \end{split}$$

- 64. The current erection cost of a structure is Rs. 13,200. If the labour wages per day increase by 1/5 of the current wages and the working hours decrease by 1/24 of the current period, then the new cost of erection in Rs. is
  - (A) 16,500
- (B) 15,180
- (C) 11,000
- (D) 10,120

Ans: (B)

Let 'W' be the labour wages, and 'T' be the working hours.

Now, total cost is a function of W×T

Increase in wages = 20%

$$\therefore \text{ Re vised time} = \left(1 - \frac{1}{24}\right) T = \frac{23}{24} T$$

∴ Re vised Total cost = 
$$1.2 \times \frac{23}{24}$$
 WT =  $1.15$  WT =  $1.15 \times 13200 = 15180$ 

65. After several defeats in wars, Robert Bruce went in exile and wanted to commit suicide. Just before committing suicide, he came across a spider attempting tirelessly to have its net. Time and again, the spider failed but that did not deter it to refrain from making attempts. Such attempts by the spider made Bruce curious. Thus, Bruce started observing the near-impossible goal of the spider to have the net. Ultimately, the spider succeeded in having its net despite several failures. Such act of the spider encouraged Bruce not to commit suicide. And then, Bruce went back again and won many a battle, and the rest is history.

Which one of the following assertions is best supported by the above information?

- (A) Failure is the pillar of success
- (B) Honesty is the best policy
- (C) Life begins and ends with adventures
- (D) No adversity justifies giving up hope

Ans: (D)