

PGDBA 2021 ANSWER KEY



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Direction(1-5):The passage below is accompanied by a set of five questions. Choose the BEST answer to each question recent

The emergence of an at-home industrial workforce had two main causes. The growth of global trade and the rise in per-person income from the 1600s onwards raised demand for manufactured goods such as woollens and watches. But the emerging new technology was more suited to small-scale working than large-scale factories (the spinning jenny, the machine which kick started the industrial revolution, was not invented until the 1760s). Homes were the obvious place to be. What emerged was called the "putting-out system". Workers would collect raw materials, and sometimes equipment, from a central depot. They would return home and make the goods for a few days, before giving back the finished articles and getting paid.

Workers were independent contractors: they were paid by the piece, not by the hour, and they had little if any guarantee of work week to week.

Accounts of what it was actually like to work from home in the 18th and 19th centuries are few and far between. Many putting-out workers were women, who were less likely to write autobiographies (women's dominance in the

putting-out system also explains why generations of historians have not paid it much attention). Some characteristics none the less emerge from the archives. Average working hours were longer. Unlike today, where most people have one job, people flitted from one task to another, depending on where money could be made. Some economic historians suggest that workers

were mercilessly exploited under the putting-out system. Those who owned the machines and raw materials enjoyed enormous power over those they employed. With workers dispersed across a county, it was difficult for them to team up against exploitative bosses to demand better pay, let alone form trade unions. Bosses "could easily gang up against the rural spinner who faced a take-it-or-leave-it offer of work," argue Jane Humphries and Ben Schneider of Oxford University, in a paper from 2019. Some workers truly struggled. ...As a result, some historians welcome the development of the factory system from the late 18th century onwards. Workers moved from a place where domestic life intermingled

freely with economic production to a place solely dedicated to the pursuit of efficiency. It is hardly surprising that labour productivity was higher in the factory, nor that the factory system gradually outperformed the putting-out system and came to replace it. Crammed together in a factory, workers could more easily club together to ask for higher wages; trade unions started to grow from the 1850s onwards. According to English data, factory workers were paid 10-20% more than home-workers. But is that the whole story? Some home-workers resisted the shift to the factory system—most notably by joining the Luddites, a society of English textile workers in the 19th century who smashed up machines which they perceived were putting them out of a job.

Another explanation is that factory owners, at least in the short term, had little option but to offer higher wages in order to entice workers from their homes. That suggests that home-working had its advantages. One such advantage was economic. Home-workers may have been poorly paid relative to factory folk, but they could earn income by other means. Wool-industry home-workers would receive a given quantity of material and were then supposed to return the same weight of material fashioned into stockings. But by exposing the wool to steam, it would weigh more, allowing the workers to keep some of the raw materials.

Q1. The closest modern-day equivalent of workers in the 'putting out' system that emerged in the 1600s would be:

- A. IBM employees working in a team on a large software development projects from home.**
- B. Swiggy delivery personnel delivering food to homes and collecting payments from them.**
- C. Big Basket delivery personnel delivering groceries to homes**
- D. Uber drivers driving cars that they own.**

Correct Answer:- A

Q2. It can be inferred from the passage that the number of women writing autobiographies in the 18th and 19th centuries would have been far higher if:

- A. More men had worked from home giving women enough time to write autobiographies.**
- B. Women had worked from offices giving them free time to write autobiographies at home.**

- C. Men had focused on working in offices and given women more time to write autobiographies at home.
- D. Men had concentrated on writing history so that women could write autobiographies.

Correct Answer:- A

Q3. From the passage it can be inferred that the best way for current employers to prevent employees working from home clubbing together to ask for higher wages and benefits would be to

- A. Allow workers to continue from home and not return to their offices so that they will not club together to ask for higher wages.
- B. Focus on projects using individual inputs from employees working from home who collaborate only with other employees in their locality.
- C. Pay higher wages to employees returning to their offices so that employees will not need to club together to ask for higher wages.
- D. Focus on collaborative projects using individual inputs from new employees working from home.

Correct Answer:- D

Q4. From the information given in the first paragraph of the passage it can be inferred that the demand for work-from-home workers will increase at present if,

- A. Decline in global trade and per-person income makes employers reduce number of office workers who might form trade unions.
- B. Technology development increases productivity of those who work from home.
- C. There is an increase in per-person income and decreased demand for goods produced in factories.
- D. There is a decline in global trade and lesser need to produce goods in factories.

Correct Answer:- B

Q5. The closest modern-day equivalent of 19th century Luddites would be:

- A. Employees who refuse to use productivity enhancing tools**
- B. Workers who refuse to work from offices.**
- C. Employers who refuse to buy productivity enhancing tools.**
- D. Workers who refuse to work from home.**

Correct Answer:- B

Q6. The four sentences (labelled A, B, C, D) below, when properly sequenced would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences and select the correct sequence as your answer:

- A. Although rare, this ability to recognize you are in a dream-and even control some aspects of it-can be enhanced with training.**
- B. But these recorded only minimal responses from the sleepers and did not involve complex transmission of information.**
- C. A few studies have tried to communicate with lucid dreamers using stimuli such as lights, shocks, and sounds to "enter" people's dreams.**
- D. Scientists have observed the phenomenon of lucid dreaming since the 1970 s in experiments about the rapid eye movement (REM) phase of sleep.**

- A. DBAC**
- B. DACB**
- C. CABD**
- D. ACDB**


Correct Answer:- B

Q7. The four sentences (labelled A, B, C, D) below, when properly sequenced would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences and select the correct sequence as your answer:

- A. He not only studied the human body but also animal anatomy, Ophthalmics, the laws of muscular movements, and botany.**
- B. Leonardo da Vinci was one of the finest artists the world has ever known.**
- C. He was a genius whose many-sided talent has seldom, if ever, been matched in the history of the world.**
- D. He was a pioneer in these sciences.**

- A. DABC**
- C. CADB**
- B. BCDA**
- D. BCAD**

Correct Answer:- D


Q8. The four sentences (labelled A, B, C, D) below, when properly sequenced would yield a coherent paragraph. Decide on the proper sequencing of the order of the sentences and select the correct sequence as your answer:

- A. Exasperatingly, in *Enola Holmes*, fictional characters are given greater responsibility for real-life feminism than the real people who actually built it
- B. Deleting Watson and dampening Sherlock are not ultimately problems in the scheme of things; what is a problem is that the film deletes the accomplishments of all other women from this era.
- C. Like so many Victorian-set modern stories, *Enola Holmes* seems to believe that its central female characters-Enola, her mother Eudoria, and Eudoria's mysterious club of badass women, including a Black jujitsu master named Edith (Susan Wokoma)_are the only pro-women women left in the country since the death of trailblazing writer Mary Wollstonecraft in 1797.
- D. The seeming insistence that *Enola* has to carry feminism on her shoulders ultimately makes the film grow frustrating.

- A. DABC
B. CABD
C. CDAB
D. DACB

Correct Answer:- C

Direction(9-13):The passage below is accompanied by a set of five questions. Choose the BEST answer to each question

Socially, Latin America is a place of extreme inequalities. Enormous disparities of wealth and well-being exist within countries and between them. The Southern Cone countries have long stood respectably high in global rankings of social development, and most Latin American countries now hold middling rank, globally, in a combined measure of people's education, life expectancy, and buying power. The small countries of Central America (notably excepting Costa Rica) are worse off, as are those with large and historically oppressed populations of indigenous people, like Guatemala and Bolivia. Latin America is probably the most racially diverse of world regions, fed from the gene pools of Europe, Africa, and indigenous America. All three elements are present in every country, and the possible configurations vary kaleidoscopically. Guatemala and Bolivia, along with Peru and Ecuador, are characterized by large populations of indigenous people who continue to speak native languages such as Quechua or Aymara, live more or less separately from Spanish speakers, and follow distinctive customs in clothing and food. African genes are a predominant element of the mix in Brazil and on the shores of the Caribbean. Latin America was the main destination of the millions of people enslaved and

taken out of Africa between 1500 AD and 1850 AD. Whereas the United States received about 523,000 enslaved immigrants, Cuba alone got more, Brazil at least 3.5 million. In addition, there are places in Latin America where people look notably European, particularly where large numbers of Italian immigrants were added to the population around 1900, such as in Argentina and Uruguay.

Probably most Latin Americans consider themselves to some degree "of mixed race," or mestizo, a key concept in Latin American history. More than twenty countries share a single history as they have experienced a similar process of conquest and colonization. They became independent more or less the same way, mostly at the same time. They then struggled with similar problems in similar ways. Looking back after two centuries of independence, one sees that similar trends have washed over the entire region, giving Latin American history a well- defined ebb and flow.

Q9. Global rankings of social development include measures such as

- A. Education, Life Expectancy, and Buying Power**
- B. Education, Entitlement and Employment**
- C. Political Violence and Human Rights**
- D. Democracy and Freedom**

Correct Answer:- A

Q10. What are the two indigenous languages from the region?

- A. Spanish and Italian**
- B. Italian and Mestizo**
- C. Italian and Aymara**
- D. Aymara and Quechua**

Correct Answer:- D

Q11. Which of the following statements is not corroborated by the passage:

- A. Indigenous people have integrated well within Latin American societies.
- B. Mestizo means mixed race and almost all of Latin Americans claim to be of mixed race.
- C. Immigration was a common occurrence in some parts of 19th century in Latin America.
- D. Slavery is part of Latin American history.

Correct Answer:- A

Q12. Which of the following countries did not receive slaves according to the passage:

- A. Argentina
- B. Brazil
- C. Cuba
- D. US

Correct Answer:- A

Q13. Which of the following statements is not corroborated by the passage:

- A. Despite enormous income differences, most of the countries in Latin America are flourishing democracies.
- B. Generally, all the countries of the region experienced similar processes of colonization.
- C. Countries of Central America are the poorest countries in Latin America.
- D. Some of the countries like Guatemala and Bolivia have large indigenous population who find it difficult to integrate with their societies.

Correct Answer:- A

Q14. Select the correct word to fill-in the blank

To humans it seems remarkable but we're still determining whether this is par
_____course for these magnificent birds.

- A. at the
- B. above the
- C. for the
- D. from the

Correct Answer:- C

Q15. Select the correct word to fill-in the blank

"Rags to Riches" may be popular among story-tellers, but it isn't necessarily the emotional_____that readers reach for most.

- A. Turmoil
- B. Intelligence
- C. Arc
- D. Strategy

Correct Answer:- C

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There are five serially numbered black boxes (B1, B2, B3, B4 and B5) and five serially numbered white boxes (W1, W2, W3, W4 and W5). Each of these ten boxes contains at least one marble and at the most six marbles, such that the following conditions are also satisfied:

- (i) No two black boxes contain the same number of marbles. Similarly, no two white boxes contain the same number of marbles.
- (ii) B3 and W3 contain an equal number of marbles. No two other boxes with the same serial number on them contain the same number of marbles.
- (iii) B1 and B2 together contain the same number of marbles as contained in the remaining black boxes.
- (iv) The white boxes together contain 4 more marbles than the number of marbles contained in all the black boxes combined.
- (v) If the marbles in B1 are switched with those contained in W1, the black boxes together will end up containing the same number of marbles as the white boxes combined.
- (vi) B5 contains twice the number of marbles contained in W5.

Q16. Which of the following is NOT the number of marbles contained in any of the white boxes?

- A. 3
- B. 5
- C. 2
- D. 1

Correct Answer:- D

Q17. How many marbles are contained in B2?

- A. 5
- B. 3
- C. 6
- D. 2

Correct Answer:- C

Q18. Which one among the following boxes contains the maximum number of marbles?

- A. W4
- B. W2
- C. W1
- D. B5

Correct Answer:- A

Q19. How many marbles are contained in B4?

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

Correct Answer:- D

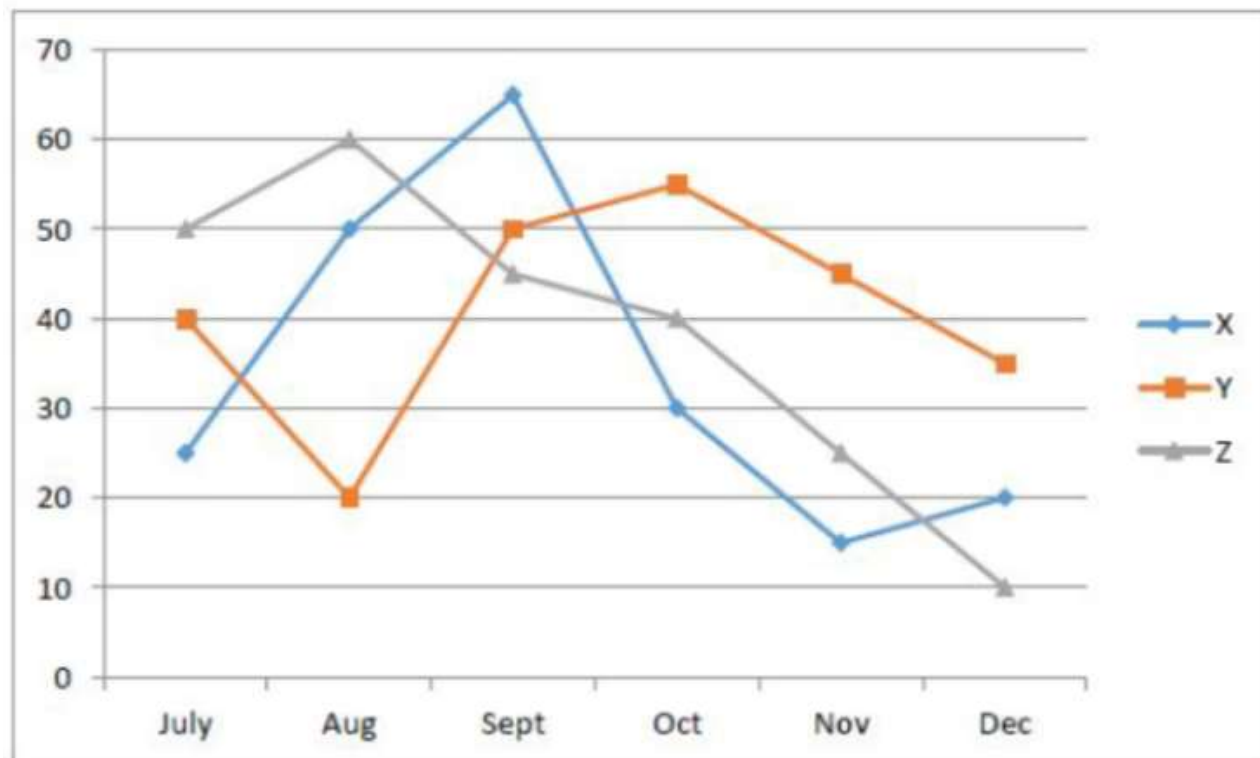
Q20. Which of the following boxes contain the same number of marbles as contained in B1 and W5 combined?

- A. B2
- B. B5
- C. B4
- D. W3

Correct Answer:- B

Data Interpretation and Data Visualization This section has 05 (five) Questions

Q21. The following figure presents the number of COVID-19 cases in three cities X, Y and Z for a period of 6 months starting from July 2020.

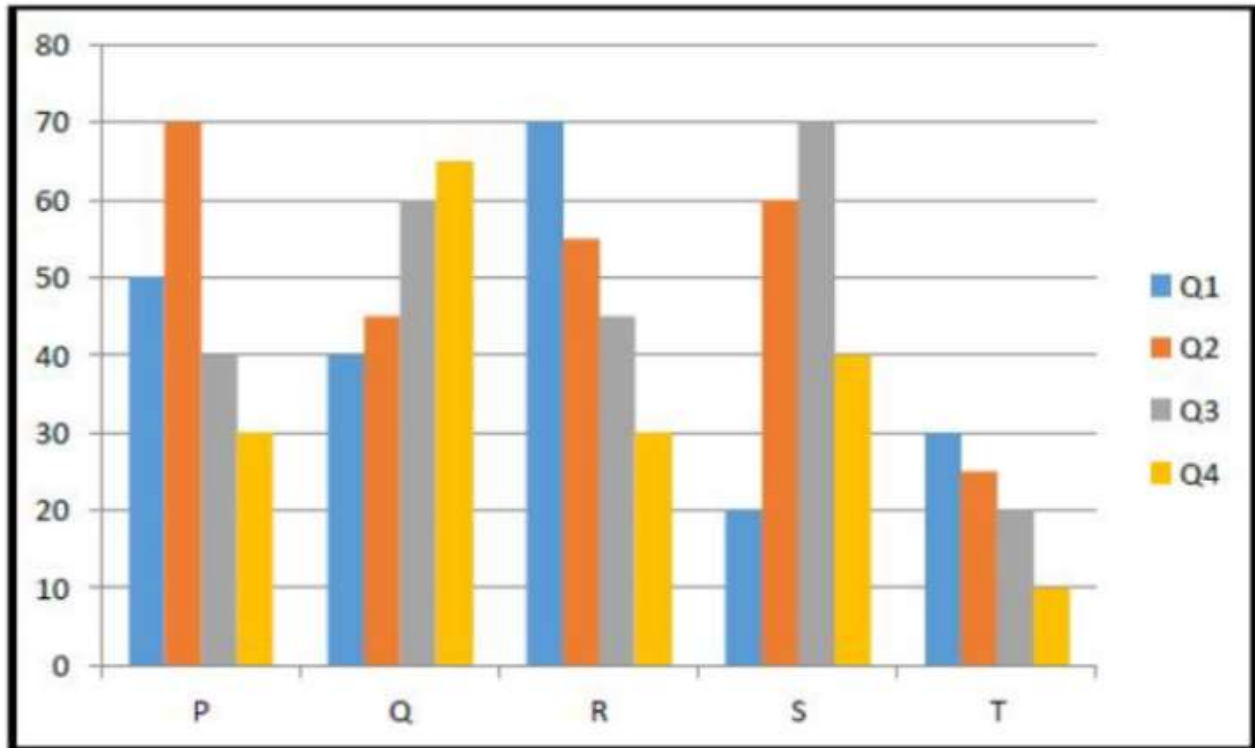


Q21. The average number of cases in the three cities (X, Y, Z) over the period of six months ?

- A. is the maximum for Y and the minimum for X
- B. is the maximum for X and the minimum for Z

- C. is the same for all three cities
D. is the maximum for Y and the minimum for Z
Correct Answer:- A

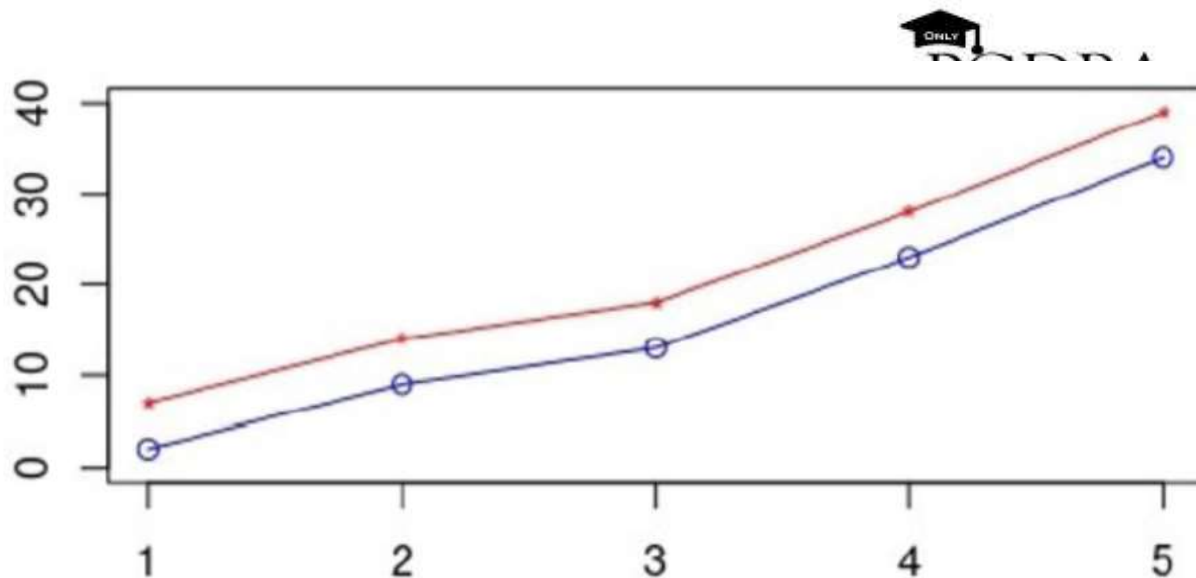
Q22. The following bar graph shows the revenue (in crores) of five steel manufacturers: P, Q, R, S and T in the first quarter (Q1), the second quarter (Q2), the third quarter (Q3) and the fourth quarter (Q4).



Which manufacturer had the maximum decline in growth rate in Q4 compared to Q2?

- A. P
B. T
C. S
D. R

Correct Answer:- C

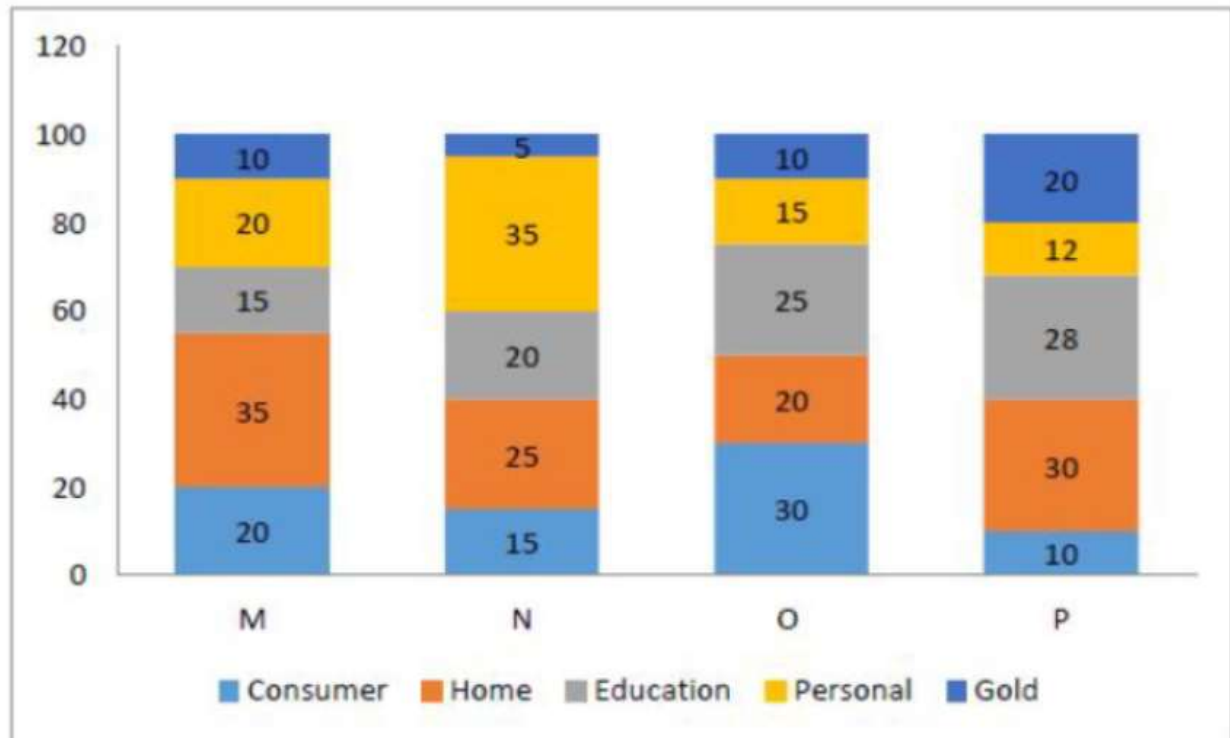


Q23. The above graph shows for five consecutive years, the number of graduating students from two different universities getting salary offers of more than 20 lakhs per year. It can be concluded from the graph that:

- A. the ratio of the exact number of such students in a particular year to the corresponding number in the previous year is the same for the two universities over the years.
- B. the ratio of the exact number of such students in one university to the corresponding number in the other university is the same over the years.
- C. the proportionate increase in the exact number of such students in a particular year over that of the previous year is the same for the two universities over the years.
- D. the increase in the exact number of such students in a particular year over that of the previous year is the same for the two universities over the years

Correct Answer:- D

Q24. The following figure displays the share (in terms of %) of different types of loan (Consumer, Home, Education, Personal and Gold) sanctioned to the customers by 4 different banks (M, N, O and P) in the year 2018-19. The total amount of loan (in thousand crores) given by these banks are as follows: M= 10, N=40, O=15 and P=8.



Qs. If the banks are ordered by descending ratios of Personal loan to Consumer loan, the order will be:

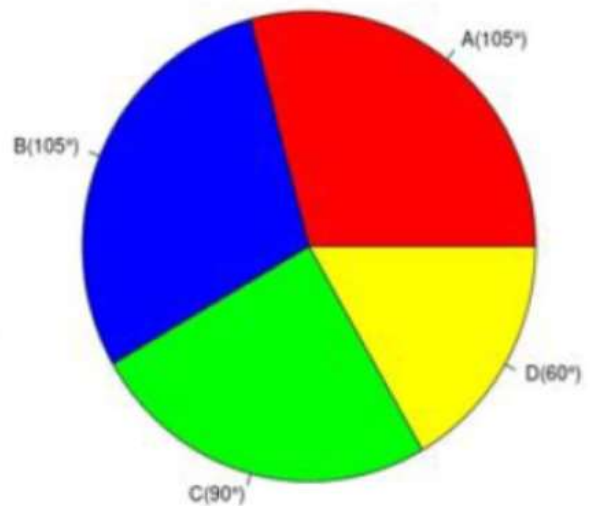
- A. N, O, P, M
- B. N, P, M, O
- C. O, P, N, M
- D. P, O, N, M

Correct Answer:- B

Q25. The following two pie-charts show the relative budget allocations for four sectors A, B, C and D in the financial years 2018-19 and 2019-20.



2018-19



2019-20

If the total budget doubled in 2019-20 compared to 2018-19, which sector experienced the maximum proportionate change in the actual budget allocation?

- A. Sector B
- B. Sector D
- C. Sector A
- D. Sector C

Correct Answer:- A

QUANTITATIVE APTITUDE

Instruction: Q26 is a replacement question since Q26 in the actual paper was wrong

26. If r, s, t are prime numbers and p, q are the positive integers such that LCM of p, q is $r^2 s^4 t^2$, then the number of ordered pairs (p, q) is

- A 252
- B 254
- C 225
- D 224

Correct Answer:- C

Q27. Consider the polynomial $f(x) = \sum_{i=0}^n (a_0 + i)x^{2i}$ where a_0 is a positive constant. Then $\int f(x)$ has

- A. Only one minima but no maxima
- B. Multiple minima but no maxima
- C. Only one minima and two maxima
- D. Equal number of minima and maxima

Correct Answer:- A

Q28. An individual continues to roll a fair die till he/she has obtained at least two different faces. What is the probability that the total number of rolls required to satisfy the objective is 4 ?

- A. 5/216
- B. 1/1296
- C. 8/81
- D. 5/1296

Correct Answer:- A

Q29. Suppose P is a 3×3 matrix given by :

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

Let I denote the 3×3 identity matrix. Then $p^{20} (I - P)^{21}$ equals

- A. 1
- B. 20
- C. 21
- D. 0 (the 3×3 matrix with all entries 0)

Correct Answer:- D

Q30. The highest power of 5 that divides 518! is

- A. 103**
- B. 127**
- C. 123**
- D. 107**

Correct Answer:- B

**Q31. Suppose x and y are prime numbers.
Consider the Equation**

$$Y^2 - 2x^2 = 1$$

Then

- A. The equation has no solution**
- B. The equation has unique solution**
- C. The equation has more than two solutions**
- D. The equation has exactly two solutions**

Correct Answer:- B

Q32. The integral part of $(5 + \sqrt{17})^{2021}$ is

- A. Odd**
- B. Multiple of 34**
- C. Multiple 4**
- D. Multiple of 6**

Correct Answer:- A

Q33. Suppose that the roots of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are real and of opposite signs. If the sum of the roots is negative, then.

- A. The signs of a and b are the same and opposite to the sign of c**
- B. The signs of a and c are the same and opposite to the sign of b**
- C. The signs of b and c are the same and opposite to the sign of a**
- D. The sign of a, b and c are all same**

Correct Answer:- A

Q34. If a and b are real numbers, the equation $x - 1/x = ax + b$

- A. Will have two distinct real roots if $a < 1$ and for any b**
- B. Will have two distinct real roots for any a and b**
- C. Will have two distinct real roots if $a > 1$ and for $b < 0$**
- D. Will have two distinct real roots if $a > 1$ and for any b**

Correct Answer:- A

Q35. In a survey of 100 executives regarding the use of different types of credit

Cards, it is found that 60 use Master, 20 only Visa, 30 only Master and 10 only American Express. Further it is found that 20 use Master and Visa cards but not American Express, 6 only use Mastercard and American Express cards but not Visa. The exact number of executives who use Visa and American Express cards is

- A. 20**
- B. 10**
- C. 24**
- D. 14**

Correct Answer:- D

Q36. If the sides of a right angled triangle are in Geometric Progression. Then value of the cosine of the greater acute angle is

- A. $\frac{1}{1-\sqrt{5}}$**
- B. $\frac{2}{1+\sqrt{5}}$**
- C. $\frac{2}{1-\sqrt{5}}$**
- D. $\frac{1}{1+\sqrt{5}}$**

Correct Answer:- B

Q37. The attitude of a rock is observed to be 45° . After ascending 1 kilometre towards it up a slope inclined at 30° , the elevation is found to be 60° . the height of the rock above the first point of observation is

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

Correct Answer:- A

Q38. Supposed P is a point in the Euclidean plane such that the tangents drawn from P to the parabola $x^2 = 4ay$ are perpendicular to each other. The locus of P is

1. A circle
2. A parabola
3. A hyperbola
4. A straight line

Correct Answer:- D

Q39. Consider the function $f(x) = \tan(\pi[x - \pi/2]) / (2 + [x]^2)$, where $[x]$ denotes the largest integer not exceeding x . Then $f(x)$ is:

- A. Continuous for all values of x but not differentiable everywhere
- B. Discontinuous at $x = \pi/2$
- C. Differentiable everywhere
- D. Discontinuous

Correct Answer:- C

Q40. Let

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{1+x^2} \int_1^x [2t^2 - f'(t)] dt$$

Then the value of $f'(1)$ is

- A. $\frac{1}{3}$
- B. 3
- C. $\frac{2}{3}$
- D. 2

Correct Answer:- C

Q41. On the line joining two points A (0 , 4) and B (3 , 0) a square ABCD is constructed on the side of the line away from origin .The coordinates of C are

- A) (5 , 3) B) (7 , 3) C) (5, 2) D) (7 , 2)

Correct Answer:- B

Q42. What is the number of common tangents to the circles

$$(x + 1)^2 + (y + 4)^2 = 40$$

$$(x - 2)^2 + (y - 5)^2 = 10?$$

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

Correct Answer:- A

Q43. The total number of ways in which the letters of the word " COMBINATIONS" can be arranged such that

- I. C comes before S and
II. There are exactly 4 letters (not necessarily distinct)in between C and S Equals

- A. $7 \times 10!$
B. $90 \times 7!$
C. $540 \times 7!$
D. $630 \times 7!$

Correct Answer:- D

Q44. The area of region enclosed by $y = x^2, y = -x^2, x = 1$ & $x = -1$ is

- A. $\frac{6}{5}$
B. $\frac{3}{2}$
C. $\frac{4}{3}$
D. $\frac{5}{4}$

Correct Answer:- C

Q45. The value of

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^{1/6} - (1-x)^{1/6}}{x} \text{ is}$$

- A) $\frac{1}{12}$ B) $\frac{1}{2}$ C) $\frac{1}{6}$ D) $\frac{1}{3}$

Correct Answer:- D

Q46. The value of the integral

$$\int_{-1}^1 x^3 |x| dx \text{ is}$$

- A) $\frac{1}{2}$ B) 0 C) $\frac{2}{5}$ D) 2

Correct Answer:- B

Q47. Let

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

Then

- A) $f(1) = f(-1) > f(0)$ B) $f(1) < f(0) < f(-1)$
C) $f(1) = f(0) = f(-1)$ D) $f(1) > f(0) > f(-1)$

Correct Answer:- C

Q48. The antiderivative of $f(x) = \tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x})$ whose graph passes through the point $(0, 2)$ is

- A) $(x+1)\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x}) - \sqrt{x} - 1$
B) $(x+1)\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x})$
C) $(x+1)\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x}) - x$
D) $(x+1)\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{x}) - \sqrt{x} + 2$

Correct Answer:- D

Q49. The integer closed to $(1+1/100)^{200}$ is

- A) 7 (B) 8 C) 6 (D) 9

Correct Answer:- A

Q50. The number of ways 3 cricket players can be selected from a pool of 2 batsman, 3 bowlers and 4 fielders so that at least one bowler is included, is

- A) 64 B) 63 C) 65 D) 66

Correct Answer:- A
