



**Q. 1 – Q. 25 carry one mark each.**

Q.1 Consider the following set of linear algebraic equations

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 2$$

$$x_2 + x_3 = -1$$

$$2x_2 + 2x_3 = 0$$

The system has

- (A) a unique solution (B) no solution  
(C) an infinite number of solutions (D) only the trivial solution

Q.2 If  $a$  and  $b$  are arbitrary constants, then the solution to the ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{d^2 y}{dx^2} - 4y = 0$$

is

- (A)  $y = ax + b$   
(B)  $y = ae^{-x}$   
(C)  $y = a \sin 2x + b \cos 2x$   
(D)  $y = a \cosh 2x + b \sinh 2x$

Q.3 For the function  $f(t) = e^{-t/\tau}$ , the Taylor series approximation for  $t \ll \tau$  is

- (A)  $1 + \frac{t}{\tau}$  (B)  $1 - \frac{t}{\tau}$  (C)  $1 - \frac{t^2}{2\tau^2}$  (D)  $1 + t$

Q.4 A box containing 10 identical compartments has 6 red balls and 2 blue balls. If each compartment can hold only one ball, then the number of different possible arrangements are

- (A) 1026 (B) 1062 (C) 1260 (D) 1620

Q.5 Consider the following  $(2 \times 2)$  matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} 4 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$$

Which one of the following vectors is NOT a valid eigenvector of the above matrix ?

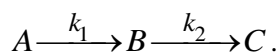
- (A)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (B)  $\begin{pmatrix} -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (C)  $\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -3 \end{pmatrix}$  (D)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$

Q.6 In a throttling process, the pressure of an ideal gas reduces by 50 %. If  $C_p$  and  $C_v$  are the heat capacities at constant pressure and constant volume, respectively ( $\gamma = C_p/C_v$ ), the specific volume will change by a factor of

- (A) 2 (B)  $2^{1/\gamma}$  (C)  $2^{(\gamma-1)/\gamma}$  (D) 0.5

- Q.7 If the temperature of saturated water is increased infinitesimally at constant entropy, the resulting state of water will be
- (A) Liquid (B) Liquid – vapor coexistence  
(C) Saturated vapor (D) Solid
- Q.8 In a parallel flow heat exchanger operating under steady state, hot liquid enters at a temperature  $T_{h,in}$  and leaves at a temperature  $T_{h,out}$ . Cold liquid enters at a temperature  $T_{c,in}$  and leaves at a temperature  $T_{c,out}$ . Neglect any heat loss from the heat exchanger to the surrounding. If  $T_{h,in} \gg T_{c,in}$ , then for a given time interval, which ONE of the following statements is true?
- (A) Entropy gained by the cold stream is GREATER than entropy lost by the hot stream  
(B) Entropy gained by the cold stream is EQUAL to the entropy lost by the hot stream  
(C) Entropy gained by the cold stream is LESS than the entropy lost by the hot stream  
(D) Entropy gained by the cold stream is ZERO
- Q.9 For an exothermic reversible reaction, which one of the following correctly describes the dependence of the equilibrium constant ( $K$ ) with temperature ( $T$ ) and pressure ( $P$ ) ?
- (A)  $K$  is independent of  $T$  and  $P$   
(B)  $K$  increases with an increase in  $T$  and  $P$   
(C)  $K$  increases with  $T$  and decreases with  $P$   
(D)  $K$  decreases with an increase in  $T$  and is independent of  $P$
- Q.10 Water is flowing under laminar conditions in a pipe of length  $L$ . If the diameter of the pipe is doubled, for a constant volumetric flow rate, the pressure drop across the pipe
- (A) decreases 2 times (B) decreases 16 times  
(C) increases 2 times (D) increases 16 times
- Q.11 The local velocity of a fluid along a streamline can be measured by
- (A) Pitot tube (B) Venturi meter (C) Rotameter (D) Orifice meter
- Q.12 For uniform laminar flow (in the  $x$ -direction) past a flat plate at high Reynolds number, the local boundary layer thickness ( $\delta$ ) varies with the distance along the plate ( $x$ ) as
- (A)  $\delta \propto x^{1/4}$  (B)  $\delta \propto x^{1/3}$  (C)  $\delta \propto x^{1/2}$  (D)  $\delta \propto x$
- Q.13 In a mixing tank operating at very high Reynolds number ( $> 10^4$ ), if the diameter of the impeller is doubled (other conditions remaining constant), the power required increases by a factor of
- (A) 1/32 (B) 1/4 (C) 4 (D) 32
- Q.14 For heat transfer across a solid-fluid interface, which one of the following statements is **NOT** true when the Biot number is very small compared to 1?
- (A) Conduction resistance in the solid is very small compared to convection resistance in the fluid  
(B) Temperature profile within the solid is nearly uniform  
(C) Temperature drop in the fluid is significant  
(D) Temperature drop in the solid is significant

- Q.15 A solid sphere with an initial temperature  $T_i$  is immersed in a large thermal reservoir of temperature  $T_o$ . The sphere reaches a steady temperature after a certain time  $t_1$ . If the radius of the sphere is doubled, the time required to reach steady-state will be
- (A)  $t_1/4$                       (B)  $t_1/2$                       (C)  $2t_1$                       (D)  $4t_1$
- Q.16 If the Nusselt number (Nu) for heat transfer in a pipe varies with Reynolds number (Re) as  $\text{Nu} \propto \text{Re}^{0.8}$ , then for constant average velocity in the pipe, the heat transfer coefficient varies with the pipe diameter  $D$  as
- (A)  $D^{-1.8}$                       (B)  $D^{-0.2}$                       (C)  $D^{0.2}$                       (D)  $D^{1.8}$
- Q.17 In the McCabe-Thiele diagram, if the  $x$ -coordinate of the point of intersection of the  $q$ -line and the vapor-liquid equilibrium curve is greater than the  $x$ -coordinate of the feed point, then the quality of the feed is
- (A) super-heated vapor                      (B) liquid below bubble point  
(C) saturated vapor                      (D) saturated liquid
- Q.18 For which of the following combinations, does the absorption operation become gas-film controlled?
- P. The solubility of gas in the liquid is very high  
Q. The solubility of gas in the liquid is very low  
R. The liquid-side mass transfer coefficient is much higher than the gas-side mass transfer coefficient  
S. The liquid-side mass transfer coefficient is much lower than the gas-side mass transfer coefficient
- (A) P & Q                      (B) P & R                      (C) P & S                      (D) Q & R
- Q.19 The half-life of an  $n^{\text{th}}$  order reaction in a batch reactor depends on
- (A) only the rate constant  
(B) only the rate constant and the order of the reaction  
(C) only the rate constant and the initial reactant concentration  
(D) the rate constant, initial reactant concentration, and the order of the reaction
- Q.20 Consider the reaction scheme shown below



Both the reactions are first-order. The activation energies for  $k_1$  and  $k_2$  are 80 and 20 kJ/mol, respectively. To maximize the yield of B, it is preferable to use

- (A) CSTR and high temperature  
(B) PFR and high temperature  
(C) CSTR and low temperature  
(D) PFR and low temperature

- Q.21 In petroleum refining, catalytic reforming is used to convert
- (A) Paraffins and naphthenes to aromatics      (B) Paraffins to hydrogen and carbon monoxide
- (C) Gas oil to diesel and gasoline      (D) Light olefins to gasoline
- Q.22 The final boiling points of gasoline, diesel, atmospheric gas oil (AGO) and lubricating oils vary as
- (A) gasoline > diesel > AGO > lubricating oils  
(B) lubricating oils > AGO > diesel > gasoline  
(C) AGO > lubricating oils > diesel > gasoline  
(D) lubricating oils > diesel > AGO > gasoline
- Q.23 The main unit processes used for the production of hydrogen from natural gas are steam reforming (SR), pressure swing adsorption (PSA), low temperature water gas shift reaction (LT WGS) and high temperature water gas shift reaction (HT WGS). The correct sequence of these in the plant is
- (A) SR; LT WGS; HT WGS; PSA  
(B) PSA; SR; LT WGS; HT WGS  
(C) SR; HT WGS; LT WGS; PSA  
(D) PSA; HT WGS; LT WGS; SR
- Q.24 A thermometer initially at 100°C is dipped at  $t = 0$  into an oil bath, maintained at 150°C. If the recorded temperature is 130°C after 1 minute, then the time constant of thermometer (in min) is
- (A) 1.98      (B) 1.35      (C) 1.26      (D) 1.09
- Q.25 The Bode stability criterion is applicable when
- (A) Gain and phase curves decrease continuously with frequency  
(B) Gain curve increases and phase curve decreases with frequency  
(C) Gain curve and phase curve both increase with frequency  
(D) Gain curve decreases and phase curve increases with frequency

**Q. 26 to Q. 55 carry two marks each.**

- Q.26 The one - dimensional unsteady state heat conduction equation in a hollow cylinder with a constant heat source  $q$  is

$$\frac{\partial T}{\partial t} = \frac{1}{r} \frac{\partial}{\partial r} \left( r \frac{\partial T}{\partial r} \right) + q$$

If  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary constants, then the steady state solution to the above equation is

(A)  $T(r) = -\frac{qr^2}{2} + \frac{A}{r} + B$

(B)  $T(r) = -\frac{qr^2}{4} + A \ln r + B$

(C)  $T(r) = A \ln r + B$

(D)  $T(r) = \frac{qr^2}{4} + A \ln r + B$

- Q.27 If  $a$  is a constant, then the value of the integral  $a^2 \int_0^{\infty} x e^{-ax} dx$  is

(A)  $1/a$                       (B)  $a$                       (C)  $1$                       (D)  $0$

- Q.28 The Newton – Raphson method is used to find the roots of the equation

$$f(x) = x - \cos \pi x \quad 0 \leq x \leq 1.$$

If the initial guess for the root is 0.5, then the value of  $x$  after the first iteration is

(A) 1.02                      (B) 0.62                      (C) 0.55                      (D) 0.38

- Q.29 If  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ , the value of the integral

$$\oint_c \frac{7z+i}{z(z^2+1)} dz \quad |z| < 2,$$

using the Cauchy residue theorem is

(A)  $2\pi i$                       (B)  $0$                       (C)  $-6\pi$                       (D)  $6\pi$

- Q.30 An insulated, evacuated container is connected to a supply line of an ideal gas at pressure  $P_s$ , temperature  $T_s$  and specific volume  $v_s$ . The container is filled with the gas until the pressure in the container reaches  $P_s$ . There is no heat transfer between the supply line to the container, and kinetic and potential energies are negligible. If  $C_p$  and  $C_v$  are the heat capacities at constant pressure and constant volume, respectively ( $\gamma = C_p/C_v$ ), then the final temperature of the gas in the container is

(A)  $\gamma T_s$                       (B)  $T_s$                       (C)  $(\gamma - 1)T_s$                       (D)  $(\gamma - 1)T_s/\gamma$









- Q.43 A batch reactor produces  $1 \times 10^5$  kg of a product per year. The total batch time (in hours) of the reactor is  $k\sqrt{P_B}$ , where  $P_B$  is the product per batch in kg and  $k = 1.0 \text{ h}/\sqrt{\text{kg}}$ . The operating cost of the reactor is Rs. 200/h. The total annual fixed charges are Rs.  $340 \times P_B$  and the annual raw material cost is Rs.  $2 \times 10^6$ . The optimum size (in kg) of each batch (adjusted to the nearest integer) is
- (A) 748                      (B) 873                      (C) 953                      (D) 1148

- Q.44 Heat integration is planned in a process plant at an investment Rs.  $2 \times 10^6$ . This would result in a net energy savings of 20 GJ per year. If the nominal rate of interest is 15% and the plant life is 3 years, then the breakeven cost of energy, in Rs. per GJ (adjusted to the nearest hundred), is
- (A) 33500                      (B) 43800                      (C) 54200                      (D) 65400

- Q.45 In a 1-1 pass floating head type shell and tube heat exchanger, the tubes (od = 25 mm; id = 21 mm) are arranged in a square pitch. The tube pitch is 32 mm. The thermal conductivity of the shell side fluid is 0.19 W/m.K, and the Nusselt number is 200. The shell-side heat transfer coefficient (in  $\text{W}/\text{m}^2\cdot\text{K}$ ), rounded off to the nearest integer, is
- (A) 1100                      (B) 1400                      (C) 1800                      (D) 2100

- Q.46 Match the process in **Group I** with the catalyst in **Group II**

<b>Group I</b>	<b>Group II</b>
P. Fischer-Tropsch synthesis	I. Nickel
Q. Formaldehyde from methanol	II. $\text{Fe}_2\text{O}_3$
R. Hydrogenation of vegetable oils	III. Silver
S. Dehydrogenation of ethylbenzene	IV. Cobalt

(A) P-III, Q-IV, R-I, S-II                      (B) P-IV, Q-II, R-I, S-III  
 (C) P-IV, Q-III, R-I, S-II                      (D) P-III, Q-IV, R-II, S-I

- Q.47 Match the polymer in **Group I** to the polymer characteristic in **Group II**

<b>Group I</b>	<b>Group II</b>
P. Polyethylene	I. Elastomer
Q. Phenol-formaldehyde polymer	II. Fiber
R. Polyisoprene	III. Thermoplastic
S. Polyester	IV. Thermosetting polymer

(A) P-III, Q-IV, R-I, S-II                      (B) P-IV, Q-II, R-III, S-I  
 (C) P-III, Q-II, R-I, S-IV                      (D) P-IV, Q-III, R-I, S-II





**General Aptitude (GA) Questions****Q. 56 – Q. 60 carry one mark each.**

Q.56 Which one of the following options is the closest in meaning to the word given below?

**Mitigate**

- (A) Diminish                      (B) Divulge                      (C) Dedicate                      (D) Denote

Q.57 Choose the most appropriate alternative from the options given below to complete the following sentence:

**Despite several \_\_\_\_\_ the mission succeeded in its attempt to resolve the conflict.**

- (A) attempts                      (B) setbacks                      (C) meetings                      (D) delegations

Q.58 The cost function for a product in a firm is given by  $5q^2$ , where  $q$  is the amount of production. The firm can sell the product at a market price of ₹ 50 per unit. The number of units to be produced by the firm such that the profit is maximized is

- (A) 5                                  (B) 10                                  (C) 15                                  (D) 25

Q.59 Choose the most appropriate alternative from the options given below to complete the following sentence:

**Suresh's dog is the one \_\_\_\_\_ was hurt in the stampede.**

- (A) that                              (B) which                              (C) who                              (D) whom

Q.60 Choose the grammatically **INCORRECT** sentence:

- (A) They gave us the money back less the service charges of Three Hundred rupees.  
(B) This country's expenditure is not less than that of Bangladesh.  
(C) The committee initially asked for a funding of Fifty Lakh rupees, but later settled for a lesser sum.  
(D) This country's expenditure on educational reforms is very less.

**Q. 61 - Q. 65 carry two marks each.**

Q.61 An automobile plant contracted to buy shock absorbers from two suppliers X and Y. X supplies 60% and Y supplies 40% of the shock absorbers. All shock absorbers are subjected to a quality test. The ones that pass the quality test are considered reliable. Of X's shock absorbers, 96% are reliable. Of Y's shock absorbers, 72% are reliable.

The probability that a randomly chosen shock absorber, which is found to be reliable, is made by Y is

- (A) 0.288                              (B) 0.334                              (C) 0.667                              (D) 0.720

Q.62 A political party orders an arch for the entrance to the ground in which the annual convention is being held. The profile of the arch follows the equation  $y = 2x - 0.1x^2$  where  $y$  is the height of the arch in meters. The maximum possible height of the arch is

- (A) 8 meters                              (B) 10 meters                              (C) 12 meters                              (D) 14 meters

- Q.63 **Wanted Temporary, Part-time persons for the post of Field Interviewer to conduct personal interviews to collect and collate economic data. Requirements: High School-pass, must be available for Day, Evening and Saturday work. Transportation paid, expenses reimbursed.**

Which one of the following is the best inference from the above advertisement?

- (A) Gender-discriminatory  
(B) Xenophobic  
(C) Not designed to make the post attractive  
(D) Not gender-discriminatory
- Q.64 Given the sequence of terms, AD CG FK JP, the next term is  
(A) OV (B) OW (C) PV (D) PW
- Q.65 Which of the following assertions are **CORRECT**?

P: Adding 7 to each entry in a list adds 7 to the mean of the list

Q: Adding 7 to each entry in a list adds 7 to the standard deviation of the list

R: Doubling each entry in a list doubles the mean of the list

S: Doubling each entry in a list leaves the standard deviation of the list unchanged

- (A) P, Q (B) Q, R (C) P, R (D) R, S

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