

NDA 1 2025

LIVE

MATHS

SEQUENCE & SERIES - 2

MCQS



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EXAMS



07 Feb 2025 Live Classes Schedule

9:00AM --- 07 FEBRUARY 2025 DAILY DEFENCE UPDATES --- DIVYANSHU SIR

10:00AM --- 07 FEBRUARY 2025 DAILY CURRENT AFFAIRS --- RUBY MA'AM

SSB INTERVIEW LIVE CLASSES

✓ 9:30AM --- OVERVIEW OF PPDT & PRACTICE --- ANURADHA MA'AM

AFCAT 1 2025 LIVE CLASSES

✓ 3:00PM --- STATIC GK - HIGHEST SMALLEST IN INDIA & WORLD --- DIVYANSHU SIR

✓ 4:30PM --- ENGLISH - FILL IN THE BLANKS - CLASS 1 --- ANURADHA MA'AM

✓ 5:30PM --- MATHS - PROBABILITY --- NAVJYOTI SIR

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✓ 10:00AM --- MATHS - SEQUENCE & SERIES - CLASS 2 --- NAVJYOTI SIR

✓ 11:30AM --- POLITY - CLASS 2 --- RUBY MA'AM

✓ 1:00PM --- PHYSICS - NUCLEUS & RADIOACTIVITY --- NAVJYOTI SIR

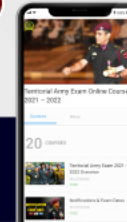
4:30PM --- ENGLISH - FILL IN THE BLANKS - CLASS 1 --- ANURADHA MA'AM

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✓ 11:30AM --- POLITY - CLASS 2 --- RUBY MA'AM

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✓ 4:30PM --- ENGLISH - FILL IN THE BLANKS - CLASS 1 --- ANURADHA MA'AM



The roots of the quadratic equation

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$$a^2(b^2 - c^2)x^2 + b^2(c^2 - a^2)x + c^2(a^2 - b^2) = 0$$

$$D = 0$$

are equal ($a^2 \neq b^2 \neq c^2$).

$$B^2 - 4AC = 0$$

Which one of the following statements is correct?

$$\left[b^2 (c^2 - a^2) \right]^2 - 4 a^2 (b^2 - c^2) c^2 (a^2 - b^2) = 0$$

(a) a^2, b^2, c^2 are in AP.

(b) a^2, b^2, c^2 are in GP.

$$b^4 (c^2 - a^2)^2 - 4a^2 c^2 (b^2 - c^2) (a^2 - b^2) = 0$$

(c) a^2, b^2, c^2 are in HP.

$$b^4 c^4 + b^4 a^4 - 2b^4 c^2 a^2 - 4a^2 c^2 (b^2 a^2 - b^4 - a^2 c^2 + b^2 c^2)$$

(d) a^2, b^2, c^2 are neither in AP nor in GP nor in HP.

$$= b^4 c^4 + b^4 a^4 - 2b^4 c^2 a^2 - 4a^4 b^2 c^2 + 4a^2 b^4 c^2 + 4a^4 c^4 - 4a^2 c^4 b^2$$

$$b^4c^4 + b^4a^4 - 2b^4c^2a^2 - 4a^4b^2c^2 + 4a^2b^4c^2 + 4a^4c^4 - 4a^2c^4b^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{b^4c^4} + \underline{b^4a^4} + \underline{2b^4c^2a^2} - \underline{4a^4b^2c^2} + \underline{4a^4c^4} - \underline{4a^2c^4b^2} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\underline{b^2c^2 + b^2a^2 - 2a^2c^2} \right)^2 = 0$$

$$(a+b+c)^2$$

$$= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca$$

$$b^2c^2 + b^2a^2 - 2a^2c^2 = 0$$

$$b^2c^2 + b^2a^2 = 2a^2c^2$$

Divide by $a^2b^2c^2$,

$$\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{c^2} = \frac{2}{b^2}$$

$$b^2 = \frac{2a^2c^2}{a^2+c^2}$$

\Rightarrow a^2, b^2 & c^2 are in HP

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Which one of the following is a root of the equation?

(a) $\frac{b^2(c^2 - a^2)}{a^2(c^2 - b^2)}$

(b) $\frac{b^2(c^2 - a^2)}{a^2(b^2 - c^2)}$

(c) $\frac{b^2(c^2 - a^2)}{2a^2(c^2 - b^2)}$

(d) $\frac{b^2(c^2 - a^2)}{2a^2(b^2 - c^2)}$

for equal roots, $x = \frac{-B}{2A}$

$Ax^2 + Bx + C = 0$

$$= \frac{-b^2(c^2 - a^2)}{2a^2(b^2 - c^2)}$$

$$= \frac{b^2(c^2 - a^2)}{2a^2(c^2 - b^2)}$$

$$a = \frac{5d}{2}$$

| | | | | |
|---------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|----------------|
| $a - 2d$ | $a - d$ | a | $a + d$ | $a + 2d$ |
| | | | | |
| $\frac{d}{2}$ | $\frac{3d}{2}$ | $\frac{5d}{2}$ | $\frac{7d}{2}$ | $\frac{9d}{2}$ |

$$\left(\frac{d}{2}\right) \left(\frac{3d}{2}\right) \left(\frac{5d}{2}\right) \left(\frac{7d}{2}\right) \left(\frac{9d}{2}\right) = 229635$$

$$d^5 = \frac{\cancel{25515} \cancel{3645} \cancel{729} 243}{\cancel{229635} \times 2^5}$$

$$\cancel{3} \times \cancel{5} \times \cancel{7} \times \cancel{9}$$

$$\Rightarrow d^5 = 243 \times 2^5$$

$$d^5 = 3^5 \times 2^5$$

$$d = 3 \times 2 = 6$$

The product of 5 consecutive terms of an AP is 229635. The first, second and fifth terms are in GP.

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What is the sum of all five terms?

(a) 60

(b) 65

(c) 75

(d) 80

$$\frac{d}{2} + \frac{3d}{2} + \frac{5d}{2} + \frac{7d}{2} + \frac{9d}{2}$$

$$\frac{d}{2} (1 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 9)$$

$$\frac{6}{2} \times 25 = 3 \times 25 = 75$$

Q) After paying 30 out of 40 installments of a debt of Rs. 3600, one third of the debt is unpaid. If the installments are forming an arithmetic series, then what is the first instalment?

(a) Rs 50

(b) Rs 51

(c) Rs 105

(d) Rs 110

(a) = ?

$$\text{paid} = \frac{2}{3}(3600) = \underline{2400} \equiv 30 \text{ installments}$$

$$n = 30 ; a = ? , d = ? , S_n = 2400$$

$$3600 = \frac{40}{2} (2a + (40-1)d)$$

$$2400 = \frac{30}{2} (2a + (30-1)d)$$

$$180 = 2a + 39d \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

$$160 = 2a + 29d \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

From (1) and (2),

$$2a + 29d = 160$$

$$(-) \quad \underline{2a + 39d = 180}$$

$$10d = 20$$

$$\underline{d = 2}$$

$$2a = 160 - 29d$$

$$2a = 160 - 29(2) = 160 - 58 = 102$$

$$2a = 102$$

$$a = 51$$

first
installment

Q) If the sum of 'n' terms of an arithmetic progression is $n^2 - 2n$, then what is the n^{th} term?

- (a) $3n - n^2$ (b) $2n - 3$
 (c) $2n + 3$ (d) $2n - 5$

$$S_n = n^2 - 2n$$

$$S_1 = a_1 = (1)^2 - 2(1) = \underline{-1}$$

(OR)

$$a_n = S_n - S_{n-1}$$

$$= [(n)^2 - 2n] - [(n-1)^2 - 2(n-1)] = n^2 - 2n - (n^2 + 1 - 2n - 2n + 2)$$

$$= 2n - 3 \quad \underline{\hspace{2cm}} \quad \text{(b) } \checkmark$$

$$(a) a_1 = a = 3 - (1)^2 = 2 \quad \alpha$$

$$(b) a_1 = a = 2(1) - 3 = -1 \quad \checkmark$$

$$(c) a_1 = a = 2(1) + 3 = 5 \quad \alpha$$

$$(d) a_1 = a = 2(1) - 5 = -3 \quad \alpha$$

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Ans: (b)

Q) What is sum to the 100 terms of the series

$$9 + 99 + 999 + \dots?$$

(a) $\frac{10}{9}(10^{100} - 1) - 100$ (b) $\frac{10}{9}(10^{99} - 1) - 100$

(c) $100(100^{10} - 1)$ (d) $\frac{9}{100}(10^{100} - 1)$

$$(10 - 1) + (10^2 - 1) + (10^3 - 1) + \dots$$

GP $(10 + 10^2 + 10^3 + \dots + 10^{100}) - (1 + 1 + 1 + \dots \text{ (100 times)})$

$$= \frac{10 \left(\frac{10^{100} - 1}{10 - 1} \right) - 100}{10 - 1} = \frac{10}{9} (10^{100} - 1) - 100$$

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Ans: (a)

Q) If the sum of the first two terms and the sum of the first four terms of a geometric progression with positive common ratio are 8 and 80 respectively, then what is the 6th term?

ar^5

(a) 88

(b) 243

(c) 486

(d) 1458

$$a + ar = 8$$

$$a + ar + ar^2 + ar^3 = 80$$

$$a(1+r) = 8$$

$$a(1+r+r^2+r^3) = 80$$

$$a = \frac{8}{1+r}$$

$$1+r+r^2+r^3 = 10(1+r)$$

$$r^3+r^2-9r=9$$

$$\underbrace{r^3+r^2-9r-9}_{r=-1} = 0$$

(one of the zeroes)

rejected as $(a = \infty)$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 r^2 - 9 \\
 \hline
 r+1 \left\{ \begin{array}{l} r^3 + r^2 - 9r - 9 \\
 r^3 + r^2 \\
 \hline
 -9r - 9 \\
 -9r - 9 \\
 \hline
 0 \end{array} \right.
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 r^2 - 9 \\
 (r+3)(r-3)
 \end{array}$$

$$\underbrace{r = 3}, \quad \underbrace{-3}$$

$$a = \frac{8}{1+r}$$

$$a = \frac{8}{4} = 2 \quad \Bigg| \quad a = \underbrace{-4}$$

6th term

$$ar^5 = 2(3)^5 = 2 \times 243 = \underline{486}$$

$$ar^5 = (-4)(-3)^5 = \underline{972}$$

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(b) 243

(c) 486

(d) 1458

Ans: (c)

$$(b) \quad \frac{2}{z+x} = \frac{1}{x+y} + \frac{1}{y+z}$$

$$2(x+y)(y+z) = (x+2y+z)(z+x)$$

$$\cancel{2xy} + \cancel{2xz} + 2y^2 + \cancel{2yz} = \cancel{xz} + x^2 + \cancel{2yz} + \cancel{2yx} + z^2 + \cancel{zx}$$

$$2y^2 = x^2 + z^2$$

$\Rightarrow \underline{x^2, y^2 \text{ \& } z^2}$ are in AP

Q) What is the value of
 $1 - 2 + 3 - 4 + 5 - \dots + 101$?

(a) 51

(b) 55

(c) 110

(d) 111

$$(1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + 101) - 2(1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + 50)$$

$$= (51)^2 - 2 \frac{50(51)}{2}$$

$$= (51)^2 - 50(51) = 51(51 - 50) = 51$$

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Ans: (a)

Q) If b_1, b_2, b_3 are three consecutive terms of an arithmetic progression with common difference $d > 0$, then what is the value of d for which $b_3^2 = b_2b_3 + b_1d + 2$?

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

(b) 0

(c) 1

(d) 2

$$b_1 = a - d$$

$$(a+d)^2 = a(a+d) + (a-d)d + 2$$

$$b_2 = a$$

$$\cancel{a^2} + d^2 + \cancel{2ad} = \cancel{a^2} + \cancel{ad} + \cancel{ad} - d^2 + 2$$

$$b_3 = a + d$$

$$2d^2 = 2 \Rightarrow \underline{d^2 = 1} \Rightarrow \boxed{d = 1} \text{ or } -1$$

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(c) 1

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Ans: (c)

Q) If 1, x, y, z, 16 are in geometric progression, then what is the value of $x + y + z$?

(a) 8

(b) 12

(c) 14

(d) 16

Ans: (c)

Q) If A, B and C are in AP and $b : c = \sqrt{3} : \sqrt{2}$, then what is the value of $\sin C$?

(a) 1

(b) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

(c) $\sqrt{3}$

(d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

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(a) 1

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(c) $\sqrt{3}$

(d) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$

Ans: (d)

Q) If the AM and GM between two numbers are in the ratio $m : n$, then what is the ratio between the two numbers?

(a) $\frac{m + \sqrt{m^2 - n^2}}{m - \sqrt{m^2 - n^2}}$

(b) $\frac{m + n}{m - n}$

(c) $\frac{m^2 - n^2}{m^2 + n^2}$

(d) $\frac{m^2 + n^2 - mn}{m^2 + n^2 + mn}$

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Ans: (a)

Q) What is the sum of $\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}} + \dots$?

(a) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(b) $\frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2}$

(c) $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$

(d) $\sqrt{3}$

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(c) $\frac{2\sqrt{3}}{3}$

(d) $\sqrt{3}$

Ans: (b)

Q) If $\frac{1}{b-a} + \frac{1}{b-c} = \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{c}$, then a, b, c are in

(a) AP

(b) GP

(c) HP

(d) None of these

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(b) GP

(c) HP

(d) None of these

Ans: (c)

Q) Which one of the following options is correct?

- (a) $\sin^2 30^\circ, \sin^2 45^\circ, \sin^2 60^\circ$ are in GP
- (b) $\cos^2 30^\circ, \cos^2 45^\circ, \cos^2 60^\circ$ are in GP
- (c) $\cot^2 30^\circ, \cot^2 45^\circ, \cot^2 60^\circ$ are in GP
- (d) $\tan^2 30^\circ, \tan^2 45^\circ, \tan^2 60^\circ$ are in GP

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- (d) $\tan^2 30^\circ, \tan^2 45^\circ, \tan^2 60^\circ$ are in GP

Ans: (d)

Q) What is the 10th common term between the series
 $2 + 6 + 10 + \dots$ and $1 + 6 + 11 + \dots$?

(a) 180

(b) 186

(c) 196

(d) 206

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Ans: (b)

Q) Which term of the sequence $20, 19\frac{1}{4}, 18\frac{1}{2}, 17\frac{3}{4}, \dots$ is the first negative term?

- (a) 27th (b) 28th
(c) 29th (d) No such term exists

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Ans: (b)

Q) If the sequence $\{S_n\}$ is a geometric progression and

$$S_2 S_{11} = S_p S_8, \text{ then what is the value of } p?$$

(a) 1

(b) 3

(c) 5

(d) cannot be determined

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(b) 3

(c) 5

(d) cannot be determined

Ans: (c)

DIRECTIONS : *For the next two (02) Questions that follow:*

The sum of first 10 terms and 20 terms of an AP are 120 and 440 respectively.

Q)What is its first term?

(a) 2

(b) 3

(c) 4

(d) 5

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(a) 2

(b) 3

(c) 4

(d) 5

Ans: (b)

Q) What is the common difference?

(a) 1

(b) 2

(c) 3

(d) 4

Q) What is the common difference?

(a) 1

(b) 2

(c) 3

(d) 4

Ans: (b)

Q) What is the number of diagonals which can be drawn by joining the angular points of a polygon of 100 sides?

(a) 4850

(b) 4950

(c) 5000

(d) 10000

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Ans: (a)

Q) What is the geometric mean of the sequence $1, 2, 4, 8, \dots$
 2^n ?

(a) $2^{n/2}$

(b) $2^{(n+1)/2}$

(c) $2^{(n+1)} - 1$

(d) $2^{(n-1)}$

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Ans: (a)

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