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Basic Mathematics Aptitude Test  
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Note:

- You have 60 minutes to complete.
- No calculators are allowed.
- Show all your work and write your answers in the designated space.
- Part I and Part II are ‘Basic Math,’ and Part III and Part IV are ‘Applied Math.’

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[PART I] Calculate the followings.

1.  $(-2) \times (2 - 3) \times (-1) + 3$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

2.  $\frac{1}{3} \times \left( \frac{1}{5} \div \frac{1}{10} - \frac{2}{3} \right) - \frac{1}{3}$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

3.  $(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3})$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

4.  $\left( \left( \frac{1}{2} \right)^2 \times \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^{0.5} \right)^{-4} \div 8^2$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

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[PART II] Answer the following questions.

1. Solve the following equation for y.

$$2y = \frac{3y - 2}{2}$$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

2. Solve the following simultaneous equations for a and b.

$$a + 3b = 5$$

$$-2a + 3b = 8$$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

3. Find the region of x satisfying the following inequality.

$$|x - 1| < 3$$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

4. Consider the straight line in the (x,y)-plane that passes through the point (0,a). Assume that the slope is  $-2$  and the x-intercept is  $(2,0)$ . Find the value of a.

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

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[PART III] Answer the following questions:

1. Find the region of  $x$  satisfying the following inequality.

$$2x^2 < 5x - 3$$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

2. Solve the following equation for  $x$ .

$$2\log_{10}(x) = \log_{10}(x + 6)$$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

3. Find the positive integer  $x$  satisfying the following equality.

$$\sum_{k=1}^x k = 55$$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

4. Consider the following five values,  
 $\{-2, 9, 20, 3, 15\}$ .

Suppose that the average of these five values is  $3^{4x}$ . Find the value of  $x$ .

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

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[PART IV] Answer the following questions:

1. Determine the first-order derivative of the following. Note that  $e$  is a mathematical constant which is the base of the natural logarithm.

$$y = x^3 e^x - 5$$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

2. Solve the following equation for  $x$ . Assume  $x > 0$ . Note that  $e$  is a mathematical constant which is the base of the natural logarithm.

$$\int_1^{3x} \frac{1}{z} dz = \log_e 5$$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

3. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & -1 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ . Assume that the determinant of  $A$  is 1. Find  $A^{-1}B$ .

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

4. Consider the profit function,  $\pi(q) = (100 - 2q)q - \frac{1}{2}q^2$ , where  $q$  is the output, and  $\pi(q)$  is the profit with output  $q$  as given. Find the optimal level of output maximizing the profit.

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

**[PART V] Fill in the following blanks with correct answers.**

1. Find the first derivative of the following.

$$f(x) = \sin(3 - x).$$

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

2. Consider a sequence  $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  and its series

$$S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n a_k = (n + 1)^2$$

for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ . Find the value of  $a_{10}$ .

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

3. Consider two vectors,  $\vec{a} = (1, 1)$  and  $\vec{b} = (-1, 0)$ . Let  $\theta$  denote the angle between  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{b}$ . Find the value of  $\cos\theta$ .

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_

4. A football team consisting of 6 boys and 5 girls will be formed from a group of 7 boys and 7 girls. Find how many different teams can be formed from the group.

Answer : \_\_\_\_\_