

The Project for Human Resource Development Scholarship  
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Basic Mathematics Aptitude Test  
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Solution

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.  $2 - (2 - 2 \times (4 + (2 - 6)))$   
 $= 2 - (2 - 2 \times (4 + (-4))) = 2 - (2 - 2 \times 0) = 2 - 2 = 0$

Answer : 0

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2.  $\left(1 + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} \div \frac{1}{4}\right) - \frac{2}{5} \times \frac{10}{4}$   
 $= \left(1 + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{3}{4} \times \frac{4}{1}\right) - \frac{1}{1} \times \frac{2}{2} = (1 + 1) - 1 = 1$

Answer : 1

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3.  $(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{7}) \times (\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7})$   
 $= 3 - 7 = -4$

Answer : - 4

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4.  $\left(2^{-2} \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2}\right)^{-4} \div \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^2$   
 $= \left(\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 \times \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{-2}\right)^{-4} \times \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-2} = \left(\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{2-2}\right)^{-4} \times 3^2 = 1 \times 3^2 = 9$

Answer : 9

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**【PART II】 Answer the following questions.**

1. Solve the following equation for  $x$ .

$$\left(\frac{10-x}{3}\right) = 3x$$

$$10 - x = 9x \rightarrow 10 = 10x \rightarrow x = 1$$

Answer :  $x = 1$

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2. Solve the following simultaneous equations for  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$-x + 6y = 19$$

$$-x + 2y = 7$$

Answer :  $x = -1, y = 3$

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3. Find the region  $x$  satisfying the following inequality, where  $||$  indicates the absolute value.

$$|x + 3| < 2$$

$$-2 < (x + 3) < 2 \rightarrow -2 - 3 < x < 2 - 3 \rightarrow -5 < x < -1$$

Answer :  $-5 < x < -1$

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4. Solve the following.

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 (2n - 1)$$

$$\sum_{n=1}^5 (2n - 1) = 2 \times \frac{5(5+1)}{2} - 5 = 30 - 5 = 25$$

Answer : 25

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**[PART III] Answer the following questions.**

1. Solve the following equation for  $x$ .

$$\frac{x^2}{4} = 4$$

$$x^2 = 16 \rightarrow x^2 = (\pm 4)^2 \rightarrow x = 4, -4$$

Answer :  $x = 4, -4$

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

$$x^2 < 4x - 3$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 < 0 \rightarrow (x - 3)(x - 1) < 0 \rightarrow 1 < x < 3$$

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{4^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 3}}{2 \times 1} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{16 - 12}}{2 \times 1} = 1, 3 \rightarrow 1 < x < 3$$

Answer :  $1 < x < 3$

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3. Solve the following equation for  $x$ .

$$\log_{10}(x) = \log_{10}(2x - 4)$$

$$\log_{10}(x) = \log_{10}(2x - 4) \rightarrow x = 2x - 4 \rightarrow -x = -4 \rightarrow x = 4$$

Answer :  $x = 4$

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4. Consider the following five values,  $\{1, 2, 7, 6, 4\}$ . Suppose that the average of these five values is  $\log_2(x)$ . Find the value of  $x$ .

$$\frac{(1+2+7+6+4)}{5} = 4 = \log_2(x) \rightarrow \log_2(x) = 4 \rightarrow x = 2^4 = 16$$

Answer :  $16$

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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.

$$y = 2x^2 + e^x + \log_e x + 5$$

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$$\text{Answer : } y' = 4x + e^x + \frac{1}{x}$$

2. Find the following definite integral.  $\int_{-1}^0 2x dx$

$$\int_{-1}^0 2x dx = 2 \times \left. \frac{x^2}{2} \right|_{-1}^0 = 0 - 1 = -1$$

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$$\text{Answer : } -1$$

3. Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix}$ . Find the inverse matrix of  $A$ .

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 1 & 4 \end{bmatrix} \rightarrow \det(A) = 2 \quad \text{where } \det(A) \text{ is the determinant of the matrix } A.$$

$$A^{-1} = \frac{1}{4 \times 1 - 2 \times 1} \begin{bmatrix} 4 & -2 \\ -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

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$$\text{Answer : } \begin{bmatrix} 2 & -1 \\ -0.5 & 0.5 \end{bmatrix}$$

4. The profit  $\pi$  is described by the following function:  $\pi(q) = (200 - 2q)q - 0.5q^2$ , where  $q$  is output. Find the output  $q$  at which the profit is maximized.

**Solution:** the first-order condition is :  $\pi'(q) = 200 - 4q - q = 0 \rightarrow q=40$

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$$\text{Answer : } q = 40$$

**【PART V】 Answer the following questions.**

1. Find the first derivative of the following.  $f(\theta) = (\sin\theta)^2 + (\cos\theta)^2$

**Solution**

$$: f(\theta) = (\sin\theta)^2 + (\cos\theta)^2 \rightarrow f'(\theta) = 2(\sin\theta)(\cos\theta) + 2(\cos\theta)(-\sin\theta) = 0 \text{ or } 0.$$

Answer : 0

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2. Conduct a sequence  $\{a_k\}_{k=1}^{\infty}$  with  $a_k = r^{1-k}$ . Find the value  $r$  which satisfies  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = 4$

$$\text{Solution: } \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} a_k = \sum_{k=1}^{\infty} r^{1-k} = \frac{1}{1-1/r} = \frac{r}{r-1} = 4 \rightarrow r = 4(r-1) = 4r - 4 \rightarrow r = \frac{4}{3}$$

Answer :  $r = \frac{4}{3}$

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3. Suppose that  $\vec{a} = (x - 4, -1)$  and  $\vec{b} = (x, -4)$  are vertical. Find  $x$ .

**Solution:** The inner product  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b}$  must be zero, given the angle of two vectors is 90 degree (so-called orthogonal).  $\vec{a} \cdot \vec{b} = x \times (x - 4) + 1 \times 4 = x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$

$$\text{Thus, } x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{(-4)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 4}}{2 \times 1} = \frac{4 \pm \sqrt{0}}{2 \times 1} = 2$$

Answer :  $x = 2$

4. There are 6 male and 5 female students in the program. A group consisting of 3 male and 2 female students will be formed to work on a group project. Find how many different groups can be formed.

$$\text{Solution: } {}^6C_3 \times {}^5C_2 = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4}{3 \times 2 \times 1} \times \frac{5 \times 4}{2 \times 1} = 20 \times 10 = 200$$

Answer : 200