

ADMISSION 2025
Written exam in MATHEMATICS

IMPORTANT NOTE: Questions may have one or more correct answers, which must be indicated by the candidate on the special form provided on the examination sheet. Grading of multiple-choice questions will be performed according to the partial scoring system detailed in the competition regulations.

1. Let $A(x) = \begin{pmatrix} x & x & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ x & 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$. If $\det(A(x)) = 6$, then the value of x can be

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

2. The center of symmetry of the square $ABCD$ is the point $M(1, 1)$. The vertex B has coordinates $(3, 2)$. The equation of the diagonal AC is

☐ A $2x - y - 1 = 0$; ☐ B $2x + y - 3 = 0$; ☐ C $x + 2y - 1 = 0$; ☐ D $x - 2y + 1 = 0$.

3. Consider the polynomial $P(X) = X^3 + aX^2 - 5X + a^2 - 3$, where a is a real parameter. The sum of all possible values of a for which $P(2) = 0$ is

☐ A -6 ; ☐ B -4 ; ☐ C 4 ; ☐ D 6 .

4. For the real numbers $x, y \neq 0$ we define the expression

$$x \star y = \frac{x+1}{y} + \frac{y+1}{x}.$$

Which of the following statements are true?

☐ A $x \star y \in \mathbb{R}^*$, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^*$; ☐ B $x \star y = y \star x$, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}^*$;
☐ C $1 \star (2 \star 3) = \frac{14}{3}$; ☐ D There exists $e \in \mathbb{R}^*$ such that $x \star e = x$, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}^*$.

5. If for the real numbers $a, b \in (0, 1)$ we have $a^b > b^a$, then

☐ A $\ln a < \ln b$; ☐ B $\frac{\ln a}{a} > \frac{\ln b}{b}$; ☐ C $a > b$; ☐ D $b > a$.

6. Suppose that $x \in \left(\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi\right)$ and $y \in \left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$, and moreover $\sin x = \frac{5}{13}$ and $\sin y = \frac{3}{5}$. Then the value of the expression $\cos(x + y)$ is

☐ A $-\frac{33}{65}$; ☐ B $-\frac{16}{65}$; ☐ C $-\frac{63}{65}$; ☐ D $\frac{56}{65}$.

7. Consider the triangle ABC in which $AB = 4$, $AC = 6$ and $BC = 8$. Which of the following statements are true?

☐ A $\cos A = -\frac{1}{4}$; ☐ B $\cos A = \frac{1}{2}$; ☐ C $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC} = -12$; ☐ D $\vec{AB} \cdot \vec{AC} = -6$.

8. If for the natural number n we have $5C_{n+3}^n = A_{n+2}^3$, then n is

☐ A 15;

☐ B 16;

☐ C 17;

☐ D 18.

9. For every $a \in [-2, 2]$ we consider the sequence defined by

$$S_n(a) = \frac{a}{2} + \frac{a^2}{2^2} + \cdots + \frac{a^n}{2^n}, \quad n \in \mathbb{N}^*.$$

Which of the following statements are true?

☐ A $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n(a) = \frac{a}{2-a}$, for all $a \in (-2, 2)$;

☐ B $(S_n(a))_{n \geq 1}$ is a bounded sequence for every $a \in [-2, 2]$;

☐ C $(S_n(a))_{n \geq 1}$ is a strictly increasing sequence for every $a \in [0, 2]$;

☐ D $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{S_n(2) + S_n(-2)} = 0$.

10. Consider the function $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined by $f(x) = ax \ln x - 3x$. If $x = \sqrt{e}$ is a point of global minimum for f , then the value of a is

☐ A 1;

☐ B 2;

☐ C 3;

☐ D $\frac{3}{2}$.

11. The value of the limit $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + x + 2} - 2}{x^2 - 1}$ is

☐ A $\frac{3}{4}$;

☐ B $\frac{1}{4}$;

☐ C $\frac{1}{8}$;

☐ D $\frac{3}{8}$.

12. Consider the set $A = \{p \in \mathbb{R} \mid \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^p \arctg x \in (0, \infty)\}$. Which of the following statements are true?

☐ A The set A is infinite;

☐ B The set A is finite;

☐ C $A = \emptyset$;

☐ D $A \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$.

13. Let $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ and $B = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. If $X \in \mathcal{M}_2(\mathbb{R})$ is a matrix such that $AX + XB = 3I_2$, then the sum of all elements of the matrix X is

☐ A 1;

☐ B 2;

☐ C 3;

☐ D 4.

14. If for the complex number z we have $(3 + i)z + (1 - 2i)\bar{z} = 11 - 4i$, then $|z|$ is equal to

☐ A 5;

☐ B 3;

☐ C $\sqrt{5}$;

☐ D $\sqrt{3}$.

15. Let $(a_n)_{n \geq 1}$ be an arithmetic progression such that $a_5 + a_{10} = 70$ and $a_1 + a_2 + \cdots + a_{15} = 600$. The value of the term a_3 is

☐ A -10;

☐ B 0;

☐ C 10;

☐ D -20.

16. The side AB of rectangle $ABCD$ lies on the line with equation $5x + 12y - 2 = 0$, and the length of side BC is 2. Which of the following lines could contain the side CD of the rectangle?

☐ A $d_1 : 5x + 12y + 10 = 0$;

☐ B $d_2 : 5x + 12y - 36 = 0$;

☐ C $d_3 : 5x + 12y + 24 = 0$;

☐ D $d_4 : 5x + 12y - 28 = 0$.

17. The area of a rhombus is 18, and the length of each of its sides is 6. The measure of the acute angle of the rhombus is

- ☐ A 30° ; ☐ B 45° ; ☐ C 60° ; ☐ D 75° .

18. Consider the parallelogram $ABCD$ and the points M, N, P such that $\overrightarrow{AM} = \frac{2}{3}\overrightarrow{AB}$, $\overrightarrow{BN} = \frac{3}{4}\overrightarrow{BC}$ and $\overrightarrow{DP} = x \cdot \overrightarrow{DC}$, where $x \in \mathbb{R}$. The value of x for which the points M, N, P are collinear is

- ☐ A $\frac{9}{10}$; ☐ B $\frac{4}{5}$; ☐ C $\frac{5}{4}$; ☐ D $\frac{10}{9}$.

19. How many numbers in the interval $[0, 2\pi]$ satisfy the equation $\operatorname{ctg} x + 2 \sin 2x = 4 \cos x$?

- ☐ A 2; ☐ B 3; ☐ C 4; ☐ D 5.

20. The endpoints of the hypotenuse of a right triangle are $A(-3, 4)$ and $B(8, 2)$. The leg AC is parallel to the line with equation $3x + 4y = 0$. The area of triangle ABC is

- ☐ A 10; ☐ B 15; ☐ C 20; ☐ D 25.

21. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the functions defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases} \quad \text{and respectively} \quad g(x) = x^2 - 4x + 4, \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Consider then $h : [0, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ the function defined by $h = f \circ g$. Which of the following statements are true?

- ☐ A h is continuous on $[0, 3]$; ☐ B h has finite one-sided (lateral) limits at every point of $[0, 3]$;
☐ C h is integrable on $[0, 3]$; ☐ D h admits a primitive on $[0, 3]$.

22. Let $f : [0, \pi] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function defined by $f(x) = \ln(1 + x) - \cos x$, $\forall x \in [0, \pi]$. Which of the following statements are true?

- ☐ A f is strictly monotone on the interval $[0, \pi]$; ☐ B $f''\left(\frac{\pi}{3}\right) > 0$;
☐ C f is concave on the interval $[0, \pi]$; ☐ D f is convex on the interval $[0, \pi]$.

23. The value of the integral $\int_1^8 \frac{x}{\sqrt{3x+1}} dx$ is

- ☐ A 7; ☐ B 8; ☐ C 6; ☐ D 4.

24. The value of the integral $\int_0^{\pi/4} \frac{dx}{1 + 2 \cos^2 x}$ is

- ☐ A $\frac{\pi}{6\sqrt{3}}$; ☐ B $\frac{\pi}{6}$; ☐ C $\frac{\pi}{3\sqrt{3}}$; ☐ D $\frac{\pi}{12\sqrt{3}}$.

Correct Answers

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1. ☐ B, ☐ C
2. ☐ B
3. ☐ B
4. ☐ B, ☐ C
5. ☐ B, ☐ C
6. ☐ C
7. ☐ A, ☐ D
8. ☐ A
9. ☐ A, ☐ D
10. ☐ B
11. ☐ D
12. ☐ B, ☐ D
13. ☐ B
14. ☐ C
15. ☐ A
16. ☐ C, ☐ D
17. ☐ A
18. ☐ D
19. ☐ C
20. ☐ D
21. ☐ B, ☐ C
22. ☐ A, ☐ B
23. ☐ B
24. ☐ A