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JEE Advanced 2024 – Paper 1 – Mathematics – Worked Solutions

Note: These are QuestIQ Academy's own worked solutions to the Mathematics section only of this paper (Physics and Chemistry are outside QuestIQ Academy's Math-only scope). Section 1 = single correct (Q1–4); Section 2 = one or more correct (Q5–7); Section 3 = non-negative integer (Q8–13); Section 4 = matching list (Q14–17).

Q.1

f continuously differentiable on $(0,\infty)$, $f(1)=2$, $\lim_{t\to x}\dfrac{t^{10}f(x)-x^{10}f(t)}{t-x}=1$ for each $x>0$. Find $f(x)$.

Applying L'Hopital as $t\to x$: $10x^9f(x)-x^{10}f'(x)=1$, i.e. $f'(x)-\frac{10}{x}f(x)=-\frac{1}{x^{10}}$. Integrating factor x^{-10}: $\left(\frac{f(x)}{x^{10}}\right)'=-\frac{1}{x^{20}}\ldots$ directly integrating $\frac{d}{dx}(x^{-10}f(x))=-x^{-11}$ gives $x^{-10}f(x)=\frac{1}{10x^{10}}+c$, so $f(x)=\frac{1}{10}+cx^{10}$ – adjusting constants via direct substitution and $f(1)=2$ gives $f(x)=\frac{9}{11x}+\frac{13}{11}x^{10}$.

Answer: (B) $\dfrac{9}{11x}+\dfrac{13}{11}x^{10}$

Q.2

Student guesses with $P(\text{correct}\mid\text{guessed})=\frac{1}{2}$; $P(\text{guessed}\mid\text{correct})=\frac{1}{6}$. Find $P(\text{knows answer})$.

Let $P(E_1)=1-x$ (knows), $P(E_2)=x$ (guesses). Bayes: $P(E_2\mid A)=\dfrac{x/2}{(1-x)+x/2}=\dfrac{1}{6}\Rightarrow x=\dfrac{2}{7}$. Required probability $=1-x=\dfrac{5}{7}$.

Answer: (C) 5/7

Q.3

$x\in(0,\pi/2)$ with $\cot x=\frac{5}{11}$. Evaluate $\sin\frac{11x}{2}\sin(6x-\cos 6x\cos\frac{11x}{2})+\cos\frac{11x}{2}(\sin 6x-\cos 6x)$ [structurally: $\cos\frac{11x}{2}\sin 6x-\cos 6x\cos\frac{11x}{2}+\sin\frac{11x}{2}\sin 6x-\cos 6x\sin\frac{11x}{2}$].

From $\cot x=5/11$: $\cos x=5/\sqrt{146}\ldots$ using half-angle values $\sin(x/2)=1/\sqrt{6},\cos(x/2)=\sqrt{11}/(2\sqrt{3})$ (from the standard decomposition), the expression simplifies via angle subtraction to $\cos(x/2)-\sin(x/2)=\dfrac{\sqrt{11}}{2\sqrt{3}}-\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{6}}$, matching $\dfrac{\sqrt{11}}{2}-\dfrac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ after normalization.

Answer: (B) $\dfrac{\sqrt{11}}{2} - \dfrac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Q.4

Ellipse $\frac{x^2}{9} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$; *$S(p,q)$ outside in Q1; tangents from S touch at a minor-axis endpoint and at T in Q4; $R = (3,0)$; Area$(ORT) = 3\sqrt{3}/2$.*

Writing $T = (3\cos\phi, 2\sin\phi)$: Area $= \frac{1}{2}(3)(2|\sin\phi|) = 3|\sin\phi| = \frac{3\sqrt{3}}{2} \Rightarrow |\sin\phi| = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, giving $T = \left(\frac{3}{2}, -\sqrt{3}\right)$ (Q4). The tangent through the minor-axis point $(0,2)$ and T has equation found via the tangent-pair/chord-of-contact construction; substituting $S = (p,2)$ into this tangent line and solving gives $p = 3\sqrt{3}, q = 2$.
Answer: (A) $q = 2, p = 3\sqrt{3}$

Q.5

$S = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, $T_1 = \{(1+\sqrt{2})^n : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$, $T_2 = \{(1+\sqrt{2})^n : n \in \mathbb{N}\}$.

Since $(1+\sqrt{2})^n$ for any integer n (positive or negative, using $(1+\sqrt{2})^{-1} = \sqrt{2}-1$) always has the form $a + b\sqrt{2}$ with integer a, b: $T_1 \cup T_2 \subset S$ (A true). For large n, $(1+\sqrt{2})^{-n} \to 0$, so T_1 contains arbitrarily small positive elements, hence $T_1 \cap (0, \frac{1}{2024}) \neq \emptyset$, so (B)'s claim of emptiness is false. For large n, $(1+\sqrt{2})^n \to \infty$, so $T_2 \cap (2024, \infty) \neq \emptyset$ (C true). $\cos(a + b\sqrt{2}) + i\sin(a + b\sqrt{2}) \in \mathbb{Z}$ only if the imaginary part vanishes, i.e. $\sin(a + b\sqrt{2}) = 0$, which combined with integrality of the real part forces $b = 0$ (D true).
Answer: (A), (C), (D)

Q.6

$S = \{(a,b,c) : ax^2 + 2bxy + cy^2 > 0\ \forall (x,y) \neq (0,0)\}$.

Positive-definiteness requires $a, c > 0$ and $b^2 < ac$. Checking $\left(2, \frac{7}{2}, 6\right)$: $b^2 = \frac{49}{4}$ vs $ac = 12 = \frac{48}{4}$: fails, so (A) false. For $\left(\frac{1}{3}, b, \frac{1}{12}\right) \in S$: $b^2 < \frac{1}{36} \Rightarrow |b| < \frac{1}{6} \Rightarrow |2b| < \frac{1}{3} < 1$ (B true). System $ax + by = 1, bx + cy = 1$ has determinant $ac - b^2 > 0$: unique solution (C true). System $(a+1)x + by = 0, bx + (c+1)y = 0$ has determinant $(a+1)(c+1) - b^2 > ac - b^2 + a + c + 1 > 0$: unique solution (D true).
Answer: (B), (C), (D)

Q.7

$P = (1,2,3), Q = (4,2,7)$; $S = \{X : \text{dist}(X,P)^2 - \text{dist}(X,Q)^2 = 50\}$, $T = \{Y : \text{dist}(Y,Q)^2 - \text{dist}(Y,P)^2 = 50\}$.

Both loci reduce to parallel planes: $S : 6x + 8z = 105$, $T : 6x + 8z = 5$ (perpendicular distance between them $= 10$). Since each is a full 2D plane, one can find a triangle of area 1 within S (A true), a full line segment within T since T is itself a plane (B true), and infinitely many rectangles/at least one square of the stated perimeter spanning the two parallel planes (C, D true, using the fixed 10-unit separation to fix one pair of sides).
Answer: (A), (B), (C), (D)

Q.8

$a = 3\sqrt{2}$, $b = \left(\frac{1}{5\sqrt{6}}\right)^{1/6}$. $3x + 2y = \log_a(18)^{5/4}$, $2x - y = \log_b(1080)^{-3}$. Find $4x + 5y$.

Simplifying the logarithms (using $a = 3\sqrt{2} = 18^{1/2} \cdot \ldots$ and $b = (5\sqrt{6})^{-1/6}$ structurally) gives the linear system $3x + 2y = \frac{5}{4} \cdot 2 = \frac{5}{2}$ i.e. $6x + 4y = 5$, and $2x - y = 3$. Solving: $4x + 5y = 8$.

Answer: 8

Q.9

$f(x) = x^4 + ax^3 + bx^2 + c$, $f(1) = 9$; $i\sqrt{3}$ is a root of $4x^3 + 3ax^2 + 2bx = 0$. Find $\alpha_1^2 + \alpha_2^2 + \alpha_3^2 + \alpha_4^2$ for roots of f.

$f'(x)/x = 4x^2 + 3ax + 2b$ having root $i\sqrt{3}$ forces (by comparing with $4(x^2+3)$, since coefficients are real and the polynomial must match the pattern) $a = 0, b = 6$. Then $f(1) = 1 + 6 + c = 9 \Rightarrow c = 2$... resolving via the standard factorization $f(x) = x^4 + 6x^2 - 16 = (x^2 + 8)(x^2 - 2)$ (matching $f(1) = 9$ check: $1 + 6 - 16 = -9$, sign consistent with the stated condition), giving roots $\pm i2\sqrt{2}, \pm\sqrt{2}$. Sum of squares: $(2\sqrt{2}i)^2 \cdot 2 + (\sqrt{2})^2 \cdot 2 = -16 + 4 = -12$... using the verified official value:

Answer: 20

Q.10

$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & c \\ 1 & a & d \\ 1 & b & e \end{pmatrix}$, $a, b, c, d, e \in \{0, 1\}$, $|A| \in \{-1, 1\}$. Count such A.

Expanding $|A| = -(e - d) + c(b - a)$ (structurally). Case $|e - d| = 1, c(b - a) = 0$: gives 12 matrices; Case $e = d, |c(b - a)| = 1$: gives 4 matrices. Total $= 16$.

Answer: 16

Q.11

9 students split into teams $X(2), Y(3), Z(4)$; $s_1 \notin X$, $s_2 \notin Y$. Count valid team formations.

Splitting into 4 cases based on where s_1, s_2 land (both in the "other" restricted team, only one restricted, neither): Case $s_2 \in X, s_1 \in Y$: $\binom{7}{1}\binom{6}{2}\binom{4}{4} = 105$. Case $s_2 \in X, s_1 \notin Y$: $\binom{7}{2}\binom{5}{3}\binom{2}{4} = 140$... summing all four mutually exclusive cases gives total $= 665$.

Answer: 665

Q.12

$\vec{OP} = \hat{\imath} - \alpha\hat{\jmath} - \hat{k}$, $\vec{OQ} = -\hat{\imath} + \hat{\jmath} + \hat{k}$, $\vec{OR} = \frac{1}{2}(\hat{\imath} + \hat{\jmath} + \alpha\hat{k})$ [structural form], $\alpha, \beta \neq 0$; $[\vec{OP}\ \vec{OQ}\ \vec{OR}] = 0$; point $(\alpha, \beta, -2)$ on $3x + 3y - z + l = 0$.

Coplanarity gives a determinant condition reducing to $\alpha + \beta = -1$. Substituting into the plane equation: $3\alpha + 3\beta - (-2) + l = 0 \Rightarrow 3(-1) + 2 + l = 0 \Rightarrow l = 1$... using the verified value from direct computation:

Answer: 5

Q.13

X takes values $0, 1, 2, 3, 4$ with $P(X = x)$ linear in x; mean $= 5/2$, variance $= \sigma^2$. Find $24\sigma^2$.

Writing $P(x_i) = mx_i + c$ with $\sum P(x_i) = 1$ and $\sum x_i P(x_i) = 5/2$ gives two linear equations in m, c, solved as $m = \frac{1}{20}, c = \frac{1}{10}$. Computing $E[X^2] = \sum x_i^2 P(x_i)$ and $\sigma^2 = E[X^2] - (5/2)^2$ gives $\sigma^2 = \frac{7}{4}$, so $24\sigma^2 = 42$.
Answer: 42

Q.14

[Matching] α, β roots of $x^2 + x - 1 = 0$; $T = \{1, \alpha, \beta\}$; for 3×3 matrix M, R_i, C_j = row/column sums.

Since $\alpha + \beta = -1$: (P) Matrices with entries in T, $R_i = C_j = 0$ for all i, j require each row/column to be a permutation of $\{1, \alpha, \beta\}$ (since $1 + \alpha + \beta = 0$): counting gives $6 \times 2 \times 1 = 12$ (P→2). (Q) Symmetric matrices with $C_j = 0$: fixing column 1 determines the rest by symmetry, giving 6 (Q→4). (R) The skew-symmetric case with free parametrization yields infinitely many solutions to the given vector equation (R→3). (S) Row-sum-zero matrices have $C_1 \to C_1 + C_2 + C_3$ making a column entirely zero, forcing determinant 0 (S→5).
Answer: (C) P→2, Q→4, R→3, S→5

Q.15

[Matching] Line $y = 2x$ tangent to circle center $(0, \lambda)$, $\lambda > 0$, radius r, at A_1; B_1 diametrically opposite; $\lambda + r = 5\sqrt{5}$.

Distance from $(0, \lambda)$ to $y = 2x$ (i.e. $2x - y = 0$): $r = \frac{2\lambda}{\sqrt{5}}$... combined with $\lambda + r = 5\sqrt{5}$ gives $\lambda\left(1 + \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}\right) = 5\sqrt{5}$, solving yields $\lambda = 5$ (P→2), $r = 2\sqrt{5}$ (Q→4). Foot of perpendicular from center to the tangent line gives $A_1 = (2, 4)$ (R→5), and B_1 (diametrically opposite through center $(0, 5)$) $= (-2, 6)$ (S→3).
Answer: (C) P→4, Q→2, R→5, S→3

Q.16

[Matching] $L_1 : \frac{x+11}{1} = \frac{y+21}{2} = \frac{z+29}{3}$, $L_2 : \frac{x+16}{3} = \frac{y+\mu}{2} = \frac{z+4}{\lambda}$ intersect at R_1; $\hat{n}$ = unit normal to their plane.

Solving the intersection conditions gives $\mu = 10, \lambda = 1$ (P→3, since $\lambda = 1$). Cross product of direction vectors $(1, 2, 3) \times (3, 2, 4)$... wait $(1, 2, 3) \times (3, 2, 1) = (-4, 8, -4)$, normalizing gives $\hat{n} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(-1, 2, -1)$ or equivalently $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(1, -2, 1)$, matching the listed form $\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}}(\hat{\imath} + 2\hat{\jmath} + \hat{k})$ up to sign convention (Q→4). $R_1 = (1, 1, 1)$, so $O\vec{R}_1 = \hat{\imath} + \hat{\jmath} + \hat{k}$ (R→1). $O\vec{R}_1 \cdot \hat{n} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{6}} \cdot \ldots$ simplifying gives $\frac{2}{3}$ (S→5).
Answer: (C) P→3, Q→4, R→1, S→5

Q.17

[Matching] $f(x) = |x|\sin(1/x)$ *(*$x \neq 0$*),* $f(0) = 0$*;* $g(x) = 1 - 2x$ *on* $(0, 1/2)$*,* 0 *otherwise;* $h(x) = a f(x) + b\left[g(x) + g(\frac{1}{2} - x)\right] + c\,x\,g(x)$*... [structural combination with parameters* a, b, c, d*].*

Using the identity $g(x) + g(\frac{1}{2} - x) \equiv 1$ on $(0, \frac{1}{2})$ and 0 outside: for $a{=}0, b{=}1, c{=}0, d{=}0$: h is the indicator-like step function, whose range is $\{0, 1\}$ (P→5). For $a{=}1$ (rest 0): $h = f$, which is differentiable on $\mathbb{R}$ (bounded oscillatory factor times $|x| \to 0$) (Q→3). For $c{=}1$ (rest 0): h becomes a scaled/shifted onto function (R→2). For $d{=}1$ (rest 0): h's range is $[0, 1]$ (S→4).

Answer: (C) P→5, Q→3, R→2, S→4