

# FINAL JEE–MAIN EXAMINATION – SEPTEMBER, 2020

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## MATHEMATICS

## TEST PAPER WITH SOLUTION

1. The function  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4} + \tan^{-1} x, & |x| \leq 1 \\ \frac{1}{2}(|x| - 1), & |x| > 1 \end{cases}$  is :

- (1) continuous on  $\mathbb{R} - \{1\}$  and differentiable on  $\mathbb{R} - \{-1, 1\}$ .  
 (2) both continuous and differentiable on  $\mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$ .  
 (3) continuous on  $\mathbb{R} - \{-1\}$  and differentiable on  $\mathbb{R} - \{-1, 1\}$ .  
 (4) both continuous and differentiable on  $\mathbb{R} - \{1\}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (1)**

**Sol.**  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\pi}{4} + \tan^{-1} x, & x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup [1, \infty) \\ -\frac{(x+1)}{2}, & x \in (-1, 0] \\ \frac{x-1}{2}, & x \in (0, 1) \end{cases}$

for continuity at  $x = -1$

$$\text{L.H.L.} = \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{\pi}{4} = 0$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = 0$$

so, continuous at  $x = -1$

for continuity at  $x = 1$

$$\text{L.H.L.} = 0$$

$$\text{R.H.L.} = \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{\pi}{4} = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

so, not continuous at  $x = 1$

For differentiability at  $x = -1$

$$\text{L.H.D.} = \frac{1}{1+1} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{R.H.D.} = -\frac{1}{2}$$

so, non differentiable at  $x = -1$

2. Let  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{50} X_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n Y_i = T$ , where each  $X_i$  contains 10 elements and each  $Y_i$  contains 5 elements. If each element of the set  $T$  is an element of exactly 20 of sets  $X_i$ 's and exactly 6 of sets  $Y_i$ 's, then  $n$  is equal to :

- (1) 45 (2) 15  
(3) 50 (4) 30

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Sol.**  $n(X_i) = 10, \bigcup_{i=1}^{50} X_i = T \Rightarrow n(T) = 500$

each element of  $T$  belongs to exactly 20

$$\text{elements of } X_i \Rightarrow \frac{500}{20} = 25 \text{ distinct elements}$$

$$\text{so } \frac{5n}{6} = 25 \Rightarrow n = 30$$

3. Let  $\lambda \neq 0$  be in  $\mathbb{R}$ . If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation,  $x^2 - x + 2\lambda = 0$  and  $\alpha$  and  $\gamma$  are the roots of the equation,  $3x^2 - 10x + 27\lambda = 0$ ,

then  $\frac{\beta\gamma}{\lambda}$  is equal to :

- (1) 36 (2) 27  
(3) 9 (4) 18

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Sol.**  $\alpha + \beta = 1, \alpha\beta = 2\lambda$

$$\alpha + \beta = \frac{10}{3}, \quad \alpha\gamma = \frac{27\lambda}{3} = 9\lambda$$

$$\gamma - \beta = \frac{7}{3},$$

$$\frac{\gamma}{\beta} = \frac{9}{2} \Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{9}{2}\beta = \frac{9}{2} \times \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \gamma = 3$$

$$\frac{9}{2}\beta - \beta = \frac{7}{3}$$

$$\frac{9}{2}\beta = \frac{7}{3} \Rightarrow \beta = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\alpha = 1 - \frac{2}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$2\lambda = \frac{2}{9} \Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{1}{9}$$

$$\frac{\beta\gamma}{\lambda} = \frac{\frac{2}{3} \times 3}{\frac{1}{9}} = 18$$

4. The solution of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} - \frac{y+3x}{\log_e(y+3x)} + 3 = 0 \text{ is :-}$$

(where C is a constant of integration.)

(1)  $x - 2 \log_e(y+3x) = C$

(2)  $x - \log_e(y+3x) = C$

(3)  $x - \frac{1}{2} (\log_e(y+3x))^2 = C$

(4)  $y + 3x - \frac{1}{2} (\log_e x)^2 = C$

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Sol.**  $\ln(y + 3x) = z$  (let)

$$\frac{1}{y+3x} \left( \frac{dy}{dx} + 3 \right) = \frac{dz}{dx} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\frac{dy}{dx} + 3 = \frac{y+3x}{\ln(y+3x)} \quad (\text{given})$$

$$\frac{dz}{dx} = \frac{1}{z}$$

$$\Rightarrow z \, dz = dx \Rightarrow \frac{z^2}{2} = x + C$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \ln^2(y+3x) = x + C$$

$$\Rightarrow x - \frac{1}{2} (\ln(y+3x))^2 = C$$

5. Let  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  be a given A.P. whose common difference is an integer and  $S_n = a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_n$ . If  $a_1 = 1$ ,  $a_n = 300$  and  $15 \leq n \leq 50$ , then the ordered pair  $(S_{n-4}, a_{n-4})$  is equal to :

(1) (2480, 249) (2) (2490, 249)

(3) (2490, 248) (4) (2480, 248)

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Sol.**  $a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$

$$\Rightarrow 300 = 1 + (n-1)d$$

$$\Rightarrow (n-1)d = 299 = 13 \times 23$$

since,  $n \in [15, 50]$

$$\therefore n = 24 \text{ and } d = 13$$

$$a_{n-4} = a_{20} = 1 + 19 \times 13 = 248$$

$$\Rightarrow a_{n-4} = 248$$

$$S_{n-4} = \frac{20}{2} \{1 + 248\} = 2490$$

6. The distance of the point  $(1, -2, 3)$  from the plane  $x-y+z = 5$  measured parallel to the line

$$\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{3} = \frac{z}{-6} \text{ is :}$$

(1) 7 (2) 1 (3)  $\frac{1}{7}$  (4)  $\frac{7}{5}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (2)**

**Sol.** equation of line parallel to  $\frac{x}{2} = \frac{y}{3} = \frac{z}{-6}$  passes

through  $(1, -2, 3)$  is

$$\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{-6} = r$$

$$x = 2r + 1$$

$$y = 3r - 2,$$

$$z = -6r + 3$$

So  $2r + 1 - 3r + 2 - 6r + 3 = 5$

$$\Rightarrow -7r + 1 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$x = \frac{9}{7}, y = \frac{-11}{7}, z = \frac{15}{7}$$

$$\text{Distance is} = \sqrt{\left(\frac{9}{7} - 1\right)^2 + \left(2 - \frac{11}{7}\right)^2 + \left(3 - \frac{15}{7}\right)^2}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{2}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{3}{7}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{6}{7}\right)^2}$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \sqrt{4+9+36}$$

$$= \frac{1}{7} \sqrt{49} = 1$$

7. Let  $f : (0, \infty) \rightarrow (0, \infty)$  be a differentiable function such that  $f(1) = e$  and

$$\lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{t^2 f^2(x) - x^2 f^2(t)}{t - x} = 0$$

If  $f(x) = 1$ , then  $x$  is equal to :

- (1)  $2e$       (2)  $\frac{1}{2e}$       (3)  $e$       (4)  $\frac{1}{e}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Sol.**  $L = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{t^2 f^2(x) - x^2 f^2(t)}{t - x}$

using L.H. rule

$$L = \lim_{t \rightarrow x} \frac{2t f^2(x) - x^2 \cdot 2f'(t) \cdot f(t)}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = 2xf(x) (f(x) - x f'(x)) = 0 \text{ (given)}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = xf'(x) \Rightarrow \int \frac{f'(x)dx}{f(x)} = \int \frac{dx}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln |f(x)| = \ln |x| + C$$

$$\therefore f(1) = e, x > 0, f(x) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow f(x) = ex, \quad \text{if } f(x) = 1 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{e}$$

8. If the system of equations

$$x + y + z = 2$$

$$2x + 4y - z = 6$$

$$3x + 2y + \lambda z = \mu$$

has infinitely many solutions, then :

- (1)  $\lambda - 2\mu = -5$       (2)  $2\lambda - \mu = 5$   
(3)  $2\lambda + \mu = 14$       (4)  $\lambda + 2\mu = 14$

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Sol.** For infinite solutions

$$\Delta = \Delta_x = \Delta_y = \Delta_z = 0$$

$$\text{Now } \Delta = 0 \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 4 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & \lambda \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \lambda = \frac{9}{2}$$

$$\Delta_{x=0} \Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 6 & 4 & -1 \\ \mu & 2 & -\frac{9}{2} \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \mu = 5$$

$$\text{For } \lambda = \frac{9}{2} \text{ \& } \mu = 5, \Delta_y = \Delta_z = 0$$

Now check option  $2\lambda + \mu = 14$

9. The minimum value of  $2^{\sin x} + 2^{\cos x}$  is :-

(1)  $2^{1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}$       (2)  $2^{-1+\sqrt{2}}$

(3)  $2^{1-\sqrt{2}}$       (4)  $2^{-1+\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (1)**

**Sol.** Usnign AM  $\geq$  GM

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2^{\sin x} + 2^{\cos x}}{2} \geq \sqrt{2^{\sin x} \cdot 2^{\cos x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\sin x} + 2^{\cos x} \geq 2^{1+\left(\frac{\sin x + \cos x}{2}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \min(2^{\sin x} + 2^{\cos x}) = 2^{1-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}}$$

10.  $\int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} \tan^3 x \cdot \sin^2 3x (2\sec^2 x \cdot \sin^2 3x + 3 \tan x \cdot \sin 6x) dx$

is equal to :

(1)  $\frac{9}{2}$       (2)  $-\frac{1}{9}$       (3)  $-\frac{1}{18}$       (4)  $\frac{7}{18}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Sol.**  $I = \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} ((2 \tan^3 x \cdot \sec^2 x \cdot \sin^2 3x) + (3 \tan^4 x \cdot \sin^3 3x \cdot \cos 3x)) dx$

$$\Rightarrow I = \frac{1}{2} \int_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3} d((\sin 3x)^4 (\tan x)^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow I = ((\sin 3x)^4 (\tan x)^4)_{\pi/6}^{\pi/3}$$

$$\Rightarrow I = -\frac{1}{18}$$

11. The circle passing through the intersection of the circles,  $x^2 + y^2 - 6x = 0$  and  $x^2 + y^2 - 4y = 0$ , having its centre on the line,  $2x - 3y + 12 = 0$ , also passes through the point :

- (1)  $(1, -3)$       (2)  $(-1, 3)$   
(3)  $(-3, 1)$       (4)  $(-3, 6)$

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Sol.** Let  $S$  be the circle passing through point of intersection of  $S_1$  &  $S_2$

$$\therefore S = S_1 + \lambda S_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow S : (x^2 + y^2 - 6x) + \lambda (x^2 + y^2 - 4y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow S : x^2 + y^2 - \left(\frac{6}{1+\lambda}\right)x - \left(\frac{4\lambda}{1+\lambda}\right)y = 0 \dots(1)$$

Centre  $\left(\frac{3}{1+\lambda}, \frac{2\lambda}{1+\lambda}\right)$  lies on

$$2x - 3y + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = -3$$

$$\text{put in (1)} \Rightarrow S : x^2 + y^2 + 3x - 6y = 0$$

Now check options point  $(-3, 6)$

lies on S.

12. The angle of elevation of a cloud C from a point P, 200 m above a still lake is  $30^\circ$ . If the angle of depression of the image of C in the lake from the point P is  $60^\circ$ , then PC (in m) is equal to :

(1) 400 (2)  $400\sqrt{3}$

(3) 100 (4)  $200\sqrt{3}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (1)**

**Sol.** Let PA = x

For  $\triangle APC$

$$AC = \frac{PA}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$AC^1 = AB + BC^1$$

$$AC^1 = AB + BC$$

$$AC^1 = 400 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{From } \triangle C^1PA : AC^1 = \sqrt{3} PA$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(400 + \frac{x}{\sqrt{3}}\right) = \sqrt{3}x \Rightarrow x = (200)(\sqrt{3})$$

$$\text{from } \triangle APC : PC = \frac{2x}{\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow PC = 400$$

13. If a and b are real numbers such that

$$(2 + \alpha)^4 = a + b\alpha, \text{ where } \alpha = \frac{-1 + i\sqrt{3}}{2}, \text{ then}$$

a + b is equal to :

(1) 57 (2) 33 (3) 24 (4) 9

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Sol.**  $\alpha = \omega$  ( $\omega^3 = 1$ )

$$\Rightarrow (2 + \omega)^4 = a + b\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^4 + 4 \cdot 2^3 \omega + 6 \cdot 2^2 \omega^2 + 4 \cdot 2 \omega^3 + \omega^4 = a + b\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow 16 + 32\omega + 24\omega^2 + 8 + \omega = a + b\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow 24 + 24\omega^2 + 33\omega = a + b\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow -24\omega + 33\omega = a + b\omega$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0, b = 9$$

14. In a game two players A and B take turns in throwing a pair of fair dice starting with player A and total of scores on the two dice, in each throw is noted. A wins the game if he throws a total of 6 before B throws a total of 7 and B wins the game if he throws a total of 7 before A throws a total of six The game stops as soon as either of the players wins. The probability of A winning the game is :

(1)  $\frac{31}{61}$

(2)  $\frac{5}{6}$

(3)  $\frac{5}{31}$

(4)  $\frac{30}{61}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Sol.**  $P(6) = \frac{1}{6}, P(7) = \frac{5}{36}$

$$P(A) = W + FFW + FFFFW + \dots$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} + \frac{5}{6} \times \frac{31}{36} \times \frac{1}{6} + \left(\frac{5}{6}\right)^2 \left(\frac{31}{36}\right)^2 \frac{1}{6} + \dots$$

$$= \frac{\frac{1}{6}}{1 - \frac{155}{216}} = \frac{36}{61}$$

15. Let x = 4 be a directrix to an ellipse whose centre is at the origin and its eccentricity is  $\frac{1}{2}$ .

If P (1,  $\beta$ ),  $\beta > 0$  is a point on this ellipse, then the equation of the normal to it at P is :-

(1)  $7x - 4y = 1$

(2)  $4x - 2y = 1$

(3)  $4x - 3y = 2$

(4)  $8x - 2y = 5$

**Official Ans. by NTA (2)**

**Sol.** Ellipse :  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$

$$\text{directrix : } x = \frac{a}{e} = 4 \text{ \& } e = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2 \text{ \& } b^2 = a^2 (1 - e^2) = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ellipse is } \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{3} = 1$$

$$P \text{ is } \left(1, \frac{3}{2}\right)$$

Normal is :  $\frac{4x}{1} - \frac{3y}{3/2} = 4 - 3$

$\Rightarrow 4x - 2y = 1$

16. Contrapositive of the statement:

'If a function  $f$  is differentiable at  $a$ , then it is also continuous at  $a$ ', is :-

- (1) If a function  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ , then it is not differentiable at  $a$ .  
(2) If a function  $f$  is not continuous at  $a$ , then it is differentiable at  $a$ .  
(3) If a function  $f$  is not continuous at  $a$ , then it is not differentiable at  $a$ .  
(4) If a function  $f$  is continuous at  $a$ , then it is differentiable at  $a$ .

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Sol.**  $p$  = function is differentiable at  $a$   
 $q$  = function is continuous at  $a$   
contrapositive of statement  $p \rightarrow q$  is  
 $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$

17. The area (in sq. units) of the largest rectangle ABCD whose vertices A and B lie on the x-axis and vertices C and D lie on the parabola,  $y = x^2 - 1$  below the x-axis, is :

- (1)  $\frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}$  (2)  $\frac{1}{3\sqrt{3}}$  (3)  $\frac{4}{3}$  (4)  $\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$

**Official Ans. by NTA (1)**

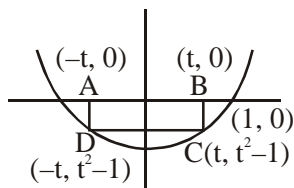
**Sol.** Area (A) =  $2t \cdot (1 - t^2)$   
( $0 < t < 1$ )

$A = 2t - 2t^3$

$\frac{dA}{dt} = 2 - 6t^2$

$t = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\Rightarrow A_{\max} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} \left(1 - \frac{1}{3}\right) = \frac{4}{3\sqrt{3}}$



18. If for some positive integer  $n$ , the coefficients of three consecutive terms in the binomial expansion of  $(1+x)^{n+5}$  are in the ratio  $5 : 10 : 14$ , then the largest coefficient in this expansion is :-

- (1) 792 (2) 252 (3) 462 (4) 330

**Official Ans. by NTA (3)**

**Sol.** Let  $n + 5 = N$

$N_{C_{r-1}} : N_{C_r} : N_{C_{r+1}} = 5 : 10 : 14$

$\Rightarrow \frac{N_{C_r}}{N_{C_{r-1}}} = \frac{N+1-r}{r} = 2$

$\frac{N_{C_{r+1}}}{N_{C_r}} = \frac{N-r}{r+1} = \frac{7}{5}$

$\Rightarrow r = 4, N = 11$

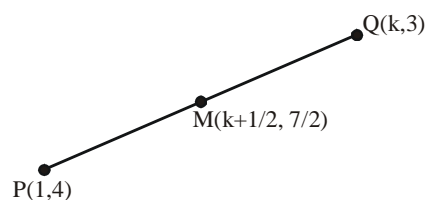
$\Rightarrow (1+x)^{11}$

Largest coefficient =  ${}^{11}C_6 = 462$

19. If the perpendicular bisector of the line segment joining the points  $P(1, 4)$  and  $Q(k, 3)$  has y-intercept equal to  $-4$ , then a value of  $k$  is :-

- (1)  $\sqrt{15}$  (2)  $-2$  (3)  $\sqrt{14}$  (4)  $-4$

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**



**Sol.**

Slope =  $m = \frac{1}{1-k}$

Equation of  $\perp^r$  bisector is

$y + 4 = (k-1)(x-0)$

$\Rightarrow y + 4 = x(k-1)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{7}{2} + 4 = \frac{k+1}{2}(k-1)$

$\Rightarrow \frac{15}{2} = \frac{k^2-1}{2} \Rightarrow k^2 = 16 \Rightarrow k = 4, -4$

20. Suppose the vectors  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  are the solutions of the system of linear equations,  $Ax = b$  when the vector  $b$  on the right side is equal to  $b_1, b_2$  and  $b_3$  respectively. If

$$x_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, x_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{bmatrix}, b_1 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$b_2 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 2 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} \text{ and } b_3 = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}, \text{ then the determinant of}$$

$A$  is equal to :-

- (1)  $\frac{1}{2}$       (2) 4      (3)  $\frac{3}{2}$       (4) 2

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Sol.**  $Ax_1 = b_1$   
 $Ax_2 = b_2$   
 $Ax_3 = b_3$

$$\Rightarrow |A| \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow |A| = \frac{4}{2} = 2$$

21. A test consists of 6 multiple choice questions, each having 4 alternative answers of which only one is correct. The number of ways, in which a candidate answers all six questions such that exactly four of the answers are correct, is \_\_\_\_\_

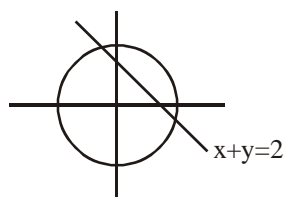
**Official Ans. by NTA (135)**

**Sol.** Ways =  ${}^6C_4 \cdot 1^4 \cdot 3^2$   
 $= 15 \times 9$   
 $= 135$

22. Let PQ be a diameter of the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 9$ . If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the lengths of the perpendiculars from P and Q on the straight line,  $x + y = 2$  respectively, then the maximum value of  $\alpha\beta$  is

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**Official Ans. by NTA (7)**

**Sol.**



Let  $P(3\cos\theta, 3\sin\theta)$

$Q(-3\cos\theta, -3\sin\theta)$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta = \frac{|(3\cos\theta + 3\sin\theta)^2 - 4|}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha\beta = \frac{5 + 9\sin 2\theta}{2} \leq 7$$

23. Let  $\{x\}$  and  $[x]$  denote the fractional part of  $x$  and the greatest integer  $\leq x$  respectively of a real number  $x$ . If  $\int_0^n \{x\} dx, \int_0^n [x] dx$  and  $10(n^2 - n)$ , ( $n \in \mathbb{N}, n > 1$ ) are three consecutive terms of a G.P., then  $n$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Ans. by NTA (21)**

**Sol.**  $\int_0^n \{x\} dx = n \int_0^1 \{x\} dx = n \int_0^1 x dx = \frac{n}{2}$

$$\int_0^n [x] dx = \int_0^n (x - \{x\}) dx = \frac{n^2}{2} - \frac{n}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left( \frac{n^2 - n}{2} \right)^2 = \frac{n}{2} \cdot 10 \cdot n(n-1) \text{ (where } n > 1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n-1}{4} = 5 \Rightarrow n = 21$$

24. If  $\vec{a} = 2\hat{i} + \hat{j} + 2\hat{k}$ , then the value of  $|\hat{i} \times (\vec{a} \times \hat{i})|^2 + |\hat{j} \times (\vec{a} \times \hat{j})|^2 + |\hat{k} \times (\vec{a} \times \hat{k})|^2$  is equal to \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Ans. by NTA (18)**

**Sol.**  $\Sigma |\vec{a} - (\vec{a} \cdot \hat{i})\hat{i}|^2$

$$\Rightarrow \Sigma (|\vec{a}|^2 + (\vec{a} \cdot \hat{i})^2 - 2(\vec{a} \cdot \hat{i})^2)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3|\vec{a}|^2 - \Sigma (\vec{a} \cdot \hat{i})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2|\vec{a}|^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 18$$

25. If the variance of the following frequency distribution :

Class : 10–20    20–30    30–40

Frequency :    2            x            2

is 50, then x is equal to \_\_\_\_\_

**Official Ans. by NTA (4)**

**Sol.**  $\therefore$  Variance is independent of shifting of origin

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{ccccccc} x_i : & 15 & 25 & 35 & \text{or} & -10 & 0 & 10 \\ f_i : & 2 & x & 2 & & 2 & x & 2 \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Variance } (\sigma^2) = \frac{\sum x_i^2 f_i}{\sum f_i} - (\bar{x})^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 50 = \frac{200 + 0 + 200}{x + 4} - 0 \quad \{\bar{x} = 0\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 200 + 50x = 200 + 200$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4$$