

FINAL JEE-MAIN EXAMINATION – SEPTEMBER, 2020
(Held On Saturday 05th SEPTEMBER, 2020) TIME : 9 AM to 12 PM

MATHEMATICS

TEST PAPER WITH SOLUTION

1. If $3^2 \sin 2\alpha - 1$, 14 and $3^4 - 2 \sin 2\alpha$ are the first three terms of an A.P. for some α , then the sixth term of this A.P. is :

- (1) 66 (2) 65
(3) 81 (4) 78

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. Given that

$$3^4 - \sin 2\alpha + 3^2 \sin 2\alpha - 1 = 28$$

$$\text{Let } 3^2 \sin 2\alpha = t$$

$$\frac{81}{t} + \frac{t}{3} = 28$$

$$t = 81, 3$$

$$3^2 \sin 2\alpha = 3^1, 3^4$$

$$2 \sin 2\alpha = 1, 4$$

$$\sin 2\alpha = \frac{1}{2}, 2 \text{ (rejected)}$$

$$\text{First term } a = 3^2 \sin 2\alpha - 1$$

$$a = 1$$

$$\text{Second term} = 14$$

$$\therefore \text{common difference } d = 13$$

$$T_6 = a + 5d$$

$$T_6 = 1 + 5 \times 13$$

$$T_6 = 66$$

2. If the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} k_1(x - \pi)^2 - 1, & x \leq \pi \\ k_2 \cos x, & x > \pi \end{cases}$

is twice differentiable, then the ordered pair (k_1, k_2) is equal to :

(1) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$ (2) $(1, 1)$

(3) $\left(\frac{1}{2}, -1\right)$ (4) $(1, 0)$

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $f(x)$ is continuous and differentiable

$$f(\pi^-) = f(\pi) = f(\pi^+)$$

$$-1 = -k_2$$

$$\boxed{k_2 = 1}$$

$$f'(x) = \begin{cases} 2k_1(x - \pi); & x \leq \pi \\ -k_2 \sin x; & x > \pi \end{cases}$$

$$f'(\pi^-) = f'(\pi^+)$$

$$0 = 0$$

so, differentiable at $x = 0$

$$f''(x) = \begin{cases} 2k_1; & x \leq \pi \\ -k_2 \cos x; & x > \pi \end{cases}$$

$$f''(\pi^-) = f''(\pi^+)$$

$$2k_1 = k_2$$

$$\boxed{k_1 = \frac{1}{2}}$$

$$(k_1, k_2) = \left(\frac{1}{2}, 1\right)$$

3. If the common tangent to the parabolas, $y^2 = 4x$ and $x^2 = 4y$ also touches the circle, $x^2 + y^2 = c^2$, then c is equal to :

(1) $\frac{1}{2}$ (2) $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$

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

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. $y = mx + \frac{1}{m}$ (tangent at $y^2 = 4x$)

$$y = mx - m^2 \text{ (tangent at } x^2 = 4y)$$

$$\frac{1}{m} = -m^2 \text{ (for common tangent)}$$

$$m^3 = -1$$

$$\boxed{m = -1}$$

$$y = -x - 1$$

$$x + y + 1 = 0$$

This line touches circle

\therefore apply $p = r$

$$c = \left| \frac{0+0+1}{\sqrt{2}} \right| = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

4. The negation of the Boolean expression $x \leftrightarrow \sim y$ is equivalent to :

$$(1) (\sim x \wedge y) \vee (\sim x \wedge \sim y)$$

$$(2) (x \wedge \sim y) \vee (\sim x \wedge y)$$

$$(3) (x \wedge y) \vee (\sim x \wedge \sim y)$$

$$(4) (x \wedge y) \wedge (\sim x \vee \sim y)$$

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. $p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$

$$x \leftrightarrow \sim y \equiv (x \rightarrow \sim y) \wedge (\sim y \rightarrow x)$$

$$\therefore (p \rightarrow q) \equiv \sim p \vee q$$

$$x \leftrightarrow \sim y \equiv (\sim x \vee \sim y) \wedge (y \vee x)$$

$$\sim (x \leftrightarrow \sim y) \equiv (x \wedge y) \vee (\sim x \wedge \sim y)$$

5. If the volume of a parallelopiped, whose coterminus edges are given by the vectors

$$\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} + n\hat{k}, \quad \vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 4\hat{j} - n\hat{k} \quad \text{and}$$

$$\vec{c} = \hat{i} + n\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} \quad (n \geq 0), \text{ is } 158 \text{ cu. units, then :}$$

$$(1) \vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 17$$

$$(2) \vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 10$$

$$(3) n = 7$$

$$(4) n = 9$$

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $v = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$

$$158 = \begin{vmatrix} 1 & 1 & n \\ 2 & 4 & -n \\ 1 & n & 3 \end{vmatrix}, n \geq 0$$

$$158 = 1(12 + n^2) - (6 + n) + n(2n - 4)$$

$$158 = n^2 + 12 - 6 - n + 2n^2 - 4n$$

$$3n^2 - 5n - 152 = 0$$

$$n = 8, -\frac{38}{6} \text{ (rejected)}$$

$$\vec{a} \cdot \vec{c} = 1 + n + 3n = 1 + 4n = 33$$

$$\vec{b} \cdot \vec{c} = 2 + 4n - 3n = 2 + n = 10$$

6. If $y = y(x)$ is the solution of the differential

$$\text{equation } \frac{5+e^x}{2+y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} + e^x = 0 \quad \text{satisfying}$$

$y(0) = 1$, then a value of $y(\log_e 13)$ is :

$$(1) 1$$

$$(2) -1$$

$$(3) 2$$

$$(4) 0$$

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $\frac{(5+e^x)}{2+y} \cdot \frac{dy}{dx} = -e^x$

$$\int \frac{dy}{2+y} = \int \frac{-e^x}{e^x+5} dx$$

$$\ln(y+2) = -\ln(e^x+5) + k$$

$$(y+2)(e^x+5) = C$$

$$\therefore y(0) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow C = 18$$

$$y+2 = \frac{18}{e^x+5}$$

$$\text{at } x = \ln 13$$

$$y+2 = \frac{18}{13+5} = 1$$

$$\boxed{y = -1}$$

7. A survey shows that 73% of the persons working in an office like coffee, whereas 65% like tea. If x denotes the percentage of them, who like both coffee and tea, then x cannot be:

$$(1) 63$$

$$(2) 38$$

$$(3) 54$$

$$(4) 36$$

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. $C \rightarrow$ person like coffee

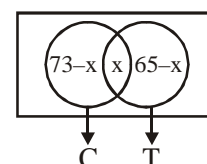
$T \rightarrow$ person like Tea

$$n(C) = 73$$

$$n(T) = 65$$

$$n(C \cup T) \leq 100$$

$$n(C) + n(T) - n(C \cap T) \leq 100$$



$$73 + 65 - x \leq 100$$

$$x \geq 38$$

$$73 - x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 73$$

$$65 - x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 65$$

$$\boxed{38 \leq x \leq 65}$$

8. The product of the roots of the equation $9x^2 - 18|x| + 5 = 0$, is

(1) $\frac{25}{9}$ (2) $\frac{25}{81}$

(3) $\frac{5}{27}$ (4) $\frac{5}{9}$

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. $9x^2 - 18|x| + 5 = 0$

$$9|x|^2 - 15|x| - 3|x| + 5 = 0 \quad (\because x^2 = |x|^2)$$

$$3|x| (3|x| - 5) - (3|x| - 5) = 0$$

$$|x| = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{5}{3}$$

$$x = \pm \frac{1}{3}, \pm \frac{5}{3}$$

$$\text{Product of roots} = \frac{25}{81}$$

9. If $\int (e^{2x} + 2e^x - e^{-x} - 1)e^{(e^x + e^{-x})} dx$

$= g(x)e^{(e^x + e^{-x})} + c$, where c is a constant of integration, then $g(0)$ is equal to :

(1) 2 (2) e^2

(3) e (4) 1

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $e^{2x} + 2e^x - e^{-x} - 1$

$$= e^x (e^x + 1) - e^{-x} (e^x + 1) + e^x$$

$$= [(e^x + 1) (e^x - e^{-x}) + e^x]$$

$$\text{so } I = \int (e^x + 1)(e^x - e^{-x})e^{e^x + e^{-x}} + \int e^x \cdot e^{e^x + e^{-x}} dx$$

$$= (e^x + 1)e^{e^x + e^{-x}} - \int e^x \cdot e^{e^x + e^{-x}} dx + \int e^x \cdot e^{e^x + e^{-x}} dx$$

$$= (e^x + 1)e^{e^x + e^{-x}} + C$$

$$\therefore g(x) = e^x + 1 \Rightarrow g(0) = 2$$

10. If the minimum and the maximum values of the

function $f : \left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined by :

$$f(\theta) = \begin{vmatrix} -\sin^2 \theta & -1 - \sin^2 \theta & 1 \\ -\cos^2 \theta & -1 - \cos^2 \theta & 1 \\ 12 & 10 & -2 \end{vmatrix}$$

are m and M respectively, then the ordered pair (m, M) is equal to :

(1) $(0, 4)$ (2) $(-4, 4)$

(3) $(0, 2\sqrt{2})$ (4) $(-4, 0)$

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - (C_1 - C_2)$

$$f(\theta) = \begin{vmatrix} -\sin^2 \theta & -1 - \sin^2 \theta & 0 \\ -\cos^2 \theta & -1 - \cos^2 \theta & 0 \\ 12 & 10 & -4 \end{vmatrix}$$

$$= -4[(1 + \cos^2 \theta) \sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta (1 + \sin^2 \theta)]$$

$$= -4[\sin^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta \sin^2 \theta]$$

$$f(\theta) = 4 \cos 2\theta$$

$$\theta \in \left[\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{2} \right]$$

$$2\theta \in \left[\frac{\pi}{2}, \pi \right]$$

$$f(\theta) \in [-4, 0]$$

$$(m, M) = (-4, 0)$$

11. Let $\lambda \in \mathbb{R}$. The system of linear equations

$$2x_1 - 4x_2 + \lambda x_3 = 1$$

$$x_1 - 6x_2 + x_3 = 2$$

$$\lambda x_1 - 10x_2 + 4x_3 = 3$$

is inconsistent for :

(1) exactly one negative value of λ .

(2) exactly one positive value of λ .

(3) every value of λ .

(4) exactly two values of λ .

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $D = \begin{vmatrix} 2 & -4 & \lambda \\ 1 & -6 & 1 \\ \lambda & -10 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$

$$= 2(3\lambda + 2)(\lambda - 3)$$

$$D_1 = -2(\lambda - 3)$$

$$D_2 = -2(\lambda + 1)(\lambda - 3)$$

$$D_3 = -2(\lambda - 3)$$

When $\boxed{\lambda = 3}$, then

$$D = D_1 = D_2 = D_3 = 0$$

\Rightarrow Infinite many solution

when $\boxed{\lambda = -\frac{2}{3}}$ then D_1, D_2, D_3 none of them is zero so equations are inconsistent

$$\boxed{\therefore \lambda = -\frac{2}{3}}$$

12. If S is the sum of the first 10 terms of the series

$$\tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{7}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{13}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{21}\right) + \dots,$$

then $\tan(S)$ is equal to :

(1) $\frac{5}{11}$ (2) $-\frac{6}{5}$

(3) $\frac{10}{11}$ (4) $\frac{5}{6}$

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. $S = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{3}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{7}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{13}\right) + \dots$

$$S = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{2-1}{1+1 \cdot 2}\right) + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{3-2}{1+2 \cdot 3}\right) + \tan^{-1}$$

$$\left(\frac{4-3}{1+3 \cdot 4}\right) + \dots + \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{11-10}{1+10 \cdot 11}\right)$$

$$S = (\tan^{-1}2 - \tan^{-1}1) + (\tan^{-1}3 - \tan^{-1}2) + (\tan^{-1}4 - \tan^{-1}3) + \dots + (\tan^{-1}(11) - \tan^{-1}(10))$$

$$S = \tan^{-1}11 - \tan^{-1}1 = \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{11-1}{1+11}\right)$$

$$\tan(S) = \frac{11-1}{1+11 \cdot 1} = \frac{10}{12} = \frac{5}{6}$$

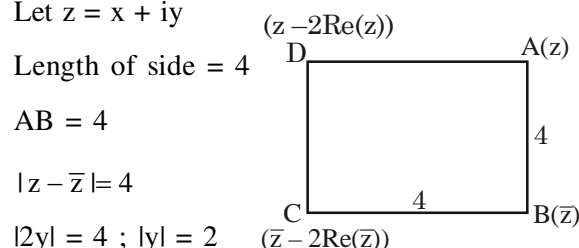
13. If the four complex numbers $z, \bar{z}, \bar{z} - 2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{z})$ and $z - 2\operatorname{Re}(z)$ represent the vertices of a square of side 4 units in the Argand plane, then $|z|$ is equal to :

(1) 4 (2) 2

(3) $4\sqrt{2}$ (4) $2\sqrt{2}$

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. Let $z = x + iy$



$$AB = 4$$

$$|z - \bar{z}| = 4$$

$$|2y| = 4 ; |y| = 2$$

$$BC = 4$$

$$|\bar{z} - (\bar{z} - 2\operatorname{Re}(\bar{z}))| = 4$$

$$|2x| = 4 ; |x| = 2$$

$$|z| = \sqrt{x^2 + y^2} = \sqrt{4+4} = 2\sqrt{2}$$

14. If the point P on the curve, $4x^2 + 5y^2 = 20$ is farthest from the point Q(0, -4), then PQ^2 is equal to :

- (1) 21 (2) 36
(3) 48 (4) 29

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol. Given ellipse is $\frac{x^2}{5} + \frac{y^2}{4} = 1$

Let point P is $(\sqrt{5}\cos\theta, 2\sin\theta)$

$$(PQ)^2 = 5\cos^2\theta + 4(\sin\theta + 2)^2$$

$$(PQ)^2 = \cos^2\theta + 16\sin\theta + 20$$

$$(PQ)^2 = -\sin^2\theta + 16\sin\theta + 21$$

$$= 85 - (\sin\theta - 8)^2$$

will be maximum when $\sin\theta = 1$

$$\Rightarrow (PQ)^2_{\max} = 85 - 49 = 36$$

15. The mean and variance of 7 observations are 8 and 16, respectively. If five observations are 2, 4, 10, 12, 14, then the absolute difference of the remaining two observations is :

- (1) 2 (2) 4
(3) 3 (4) 1

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $\bar{x} = \frac{2+4+10+12+14+x+y}{7} = 8$

$$x + y = 14 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$(\sigma)^2 = \frac{\sum(x_i)^2}{n} - \left(\frac{\sum x_i}{n}\right)^2$$

$$16 = \frac{4+16+100+144+196+x^2+y^2}{7} - 8^2$$

$$16 + 64 = \frac{460+x^2+y^2}{7}$$

$$560 = 460 + x^2 + y^2$$

$$x^2 + y^2 = 100 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Clearly by (i) and (ii), $|x - y| = 2$

Ans. 1

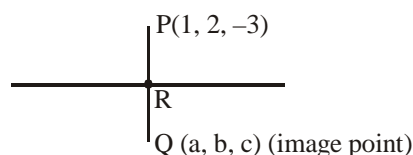
16. If (a, b, c) is the image of the point (1, 2, -3)

in the line, $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{-2} = \frac{z}{-1}$, then a + b + c is equal to

- (1) -1 (2) 2
(3) 3 (4) 1

Official Ans. by NTA (2)

Sol.



Line is $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{-2} = \frac{z}{-1} = \lambda$: Let point R is

$$(2\lambda - 1, -2\lambda + 3, -\lambda)$$

Direction ratio of $PQ \equiv (2\lambda - 2, -2\lambda + 1, 3 - \lambda)$

PQ is \perp to line

$$\Rightarrow 2(2\lambda - 2) - 2(-2\lambda + 1) - 1(3 - \lambda) = 0$$

$$4\lambda - 4 + 4\lambda - 2 - 3 + \lambda = 0$$

$$9\lambda = 9 \Rightarrow \lambda = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Point R is } (1, 1, -1)$$

$$\frac{a+1}{2} = 1 \quad \left| \quad \frac{b+2}{-2} = 1 \quad \left| \quad \frac{c-3}{-1} = -1 \right. \right.$$

$$a = 1 \quad b = 0 \quad c = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + c = 2$$

17. The value of $\int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{1+e^{\sin x}} dx$ is

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

Official Ans. by NTA (4)

Sol. $I = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{1+e^{\sin x}} dx \quad \dots(1)$

Apply King property

$$I = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{1}{1+e^{-\sin x}} dx = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} \frac{e^{\sin x}}{1+e^{\sin x}} dx \quad \dots(2)$$

Add (1) & (2)

$$2I = \int_{-\pi/2}^{\pi/2} dx = \pi$$

$$I = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

18. If $2^{10} + 2^9 \cdot 3^1 + 2^8 \cdot 3^2 + \dots + 2 \cdot 3^9 + 3^{10} = S - 2^{11}$, then S is equal to :

(1) $\frac{3^{11}}{2} + 2^{10}$ (2) $3^{11} - 2^{12}$

(3) 3^{11} (4) $2 \cdot 3^{11}$

Official Ans. by NTA (3)

Sol. $a = 2^{10}$; $r = \frac{3}{2}$; $n = 11$ (G.P.)

$$S' = (2^{10}) \frac{\left(\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{11} - 1\right)}{\frac{3}{2} - 1} = 2^{11} \left(\frac{3^{11}}{2^{11}} - 1\right)$$

$$S' = 3^{11} - 2^{11} = S - 2^{11} \text{ (Given)}$$

$$\therefore S = 3^{11}$$

19. If the co-ordinates of two points A and B are $(\sqrt{7}, 0)$ and $(-\sqrt{7}, 0)$ respectively and P is any point on the conic, $9x^2 + 16y^2 = 144$, then PA + PB is equal to :

(1) 8 (2) 6

(3) 16 (4) 9

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $\frac{x^2}{16} + \frac{y^2}{9} = 1$

$$a = 4; b = 3; e = \sqrt{\frac{16-9}{16}} = \frac{\sqrt{7}}{4}$$

A and B are foci

$$\Rightarrow PA + PB = 2a = 2 \times 4 = 8$$

20. If α is the positive root of the equation,

$$p(x) = x^2 - x - 2 = 0, \text{ then } \lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha^+} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos(p(x))}}{x + \alpha - 4}$$

is equal to

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

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

Official Ans. by NTA (1)

Sol. $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$
roots are 2 & -1

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos(x^2 - x - 2)}}{(x - 2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{\sqrt{2 \sin^2 \frac{(x^2 - x - 2)}{2}}}{(x - 2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} \frac{\sqrt{2} \sin \left(\frac{(x-2)(x+1)}{2} \right)}{(x - 2)}$$

$$= \frac{3}{\sqrt{2}}$$

21. Four fair dice are thrown independently 27 times. Then the expected number of times, at least two dice show up a three or a five, is ____.

Official Ans. by NTA (11)

Sol. 4 dice are independently thrown. Each die has probability to show 3 or 5 is

$$p = \frac{2}{6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\therefore q = 1 - \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \text{ (not showing 3 or 5)}$$

Experiment is performed with 4 dices independently.

\therefore Their binomial distribution is

$$(q + p)^4 = (q)^4 + {}^4C_1 q^3 p + {}^4C_2 q^2 p^2 + {}^4C_3 q p^3 + {}^4C_4 p^4$$

\therefore In one throw of each dice probability of showing 3 or 5 at least twice is
 $= p^4 + {}^4C_3 qp^3 + {}^4C_2 q^2 p^2$

$$= \frac{33}{81}$$

\therefore Such experiment performed 27 times
 \therefore so expected out comes = np

$$= \frac{33}{81} \times 27$$

$$= 11$$

22. If the line, $2x - y + 3 = 0$ is at a distance $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}$

and $\frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$ from the lines $4x - 2y + \alpha = 0$ and

$6x - 3y + \beta = 0$, respectively, then the sum of all possible values of α and β is _____

Official Ans. by NTA (30)

Sol. Apply distance between parallel line formula

$$4x - 2y + \alpha = 0$$

$$4x - 2y + 6 = 0$$

$$\left| \frac{\alpha - 6}{255} \right| = \frac{1}{55}$$

$$|\alpha - 6| = 2 \Rightarrow \alpha = 8, 4$$

$$\text{sum} = 12$$

again

$$6x - 3y + \beta = 0$$

$$6x - 3y + 9 = 0$$

$$\left| \frac{\beta - 9}{3\sqrt{5}} \right| = \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}}$$

$$|\beta - 9| = 6 \Rightarrow \beta = 15, 3$$

$$\text{sum} = 18$$

sum of all values of α and β is = 30

23. The natural number m, for which the coefficient

of x in the binomial expansion of $\left(x^m + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{22}$

is 1540, is _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (13)

Sol. $T_{r+1} = {}^{22}C_r (x^m)^{22-r} \left(\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^r = {}^{22}C_r x^{22m-mr-2r}$

$$= {}^{22}C_r x$$

$$\therefore {}^{22}C_3 = {}^{22}C_{19} = 1540$$

$$\therefore r = 3 \text{ or } 19$$

$$22m - mr - 2r = 1$$

$$m = \frac{2r+1}{22-5}$$

$$r = 3, m = \frac{7}{19} \notin \mathbb{N}$$

$$r = 19, m = \frac{38+1}{22-19} = \frac{39}{3} = 13$$

$$m = 13$$

24. The number of words, with or without meaning, that can be formed by taking 4 letters at a time from the letters of the word 'SYLLABUS' such that two letters are distinct and two letters are alike, is _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (240)

Sol. $S_2 Y L_2 A B U$

ABCC type words

$$= \underbrace{{}^2C_1}_{\text{selection of two alike letters}} \times \underbrace{{}^5C_2}_{\text{selection of two distinct letters}} \times \underbrace{\frac{4!}{2!}}_{\text{arrangement of selected letters}}$$

$$= 240$$

25. Let $f(x) = x \cdot \left[\frac{x}{2} \right]$, for $-10 < x < 10$, where $[t]$

denotes the greatest integer function. Then the number of points of discontinuity of f is equal to _____.

Official Ans. by NTA (8)

Sol. $x \in (-10, 10)$

$$\frac{x}{2} \in (-5, 5) \rightarrow 9 \text{ integers}$$

check continuity at $x = 0$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} f(0) &= 0 \\ f(0^+) &= 0 \\ f(0^-) &= 0 \end{aligned} \right\} \text{continuous at } x = 0$$

function will be discontinuous when

$$\frac{x}{2} = \pm 4, \pm 3, \pm 2, \pm 1$$

8 points of discontinuity