

Fundamentals of Algebra

SOLUTIONS

Exercise-I (JEE Main Pattern)

SECTION-A

1. **Ans. (1)**

$$y = \sqrt{6+y}$$

$$y^2 = 6 + y$$

$$y^2 - y - 6 = 0$$

$$y^2 - 3y + 2y - 6 = 0$$

$$y(y-3) + 2(y-3) = 0$$

$$(y-3)(y+2) = 0$$

$$y = 3, y = -2 \text{ Rejected.}$$

2. **Ans. (1)**

$$x = 8 - \sqrt{60}$$

$$= (\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3})^2$$

$$\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3})^2} = \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3} + \frac{2}{\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3}} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3} + \frac{2(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})}{(\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3})(\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3})} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{3}] = \sqrt{5}$$

3. **Ans. (4)**

$$\frac{4+3\sqrt{5}}{4-3\sqrt{5}} = a + b\sqrt{5}$$

$$= \frac{4+3\sqrt{5}}{4-3\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{(4+3\sqrt{5})}{(4+3\sqrt{5})}$$

$$= \frac{4^2 + (3\sqrt{5})^2 + 2 \times 4 \times 3\sqrt{5}}{16 - 45}$$

$$= \frac{16 + 45 + 24\sqrt{5}}{-29}$$

$$= \frac{61 + 24\sqrt{5}}{-29}$$

$$= -\frac{61}{29} - \frac{24\sqrt{5}}{29}$$

$$\text{So, } a = -\frac{61}{29}, b = -\frac{24}{29}$$

4. **Ans. (4)**

$$x = 5 + 2\sqrt{6}$$

$$\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{5 + 2\sqrt{6}}$$

$$= \sqrt{(\sqrt{2})^2 + (\sqrt{3})^2 + 2\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}}$$

$$= \sqrt{(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^2}$$

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

5. **Ans. (1)**

$$\frac{4}{2 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7}} \times \frac{((2 + \sqrt{3}) - \sqrt{7})}{(2 + \sqrt{3}) - \sqrt{7}}$$

$$= \frac{4(2 + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{7})}{(2 + \sqrt{3})^2 - (\sqrt{7})^2}$$

$$= \frac{4(2 + \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{7})}{4 + 3 + 4\sqrt{3} - 7}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} + 1 - \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}}$$

$$= 1 + \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}} - \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}}$$

On comparing

$$\sqrt{a} = 1, \sqrt{b} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{3}}, \sqrt{c} = \sqrt{\frac{7}{3}}$$

$$a = 1, b = \frac{4}{3}, c = \frac{7}{3}$$

6. **Ans. (1)**

$$x^{\frac{1}{(a-b)(a-c)}} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{(b-c)(b-a)}} \cdot x^{\frac{1}{(c-a)(c-b)}}$$

$$x^{\frac{1}{(a-b)(a-c)} + \frac{1}{(b-c)(b-a)} + \frac{1}{(c-a)(c-b)}}$$

$$x^{\frac{-(b-c)-(c-a)-(a-b)}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}}$$

$$x^{\frac{-b+c-c+a-a+b}{(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)}}$$

$$x^0 = 1$$

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7. Ans. (3)

$$\begin{aligned} & (2d^2e^{-1})^3 \left(\frac{d^3}{e}\right)^{-2} \\ &= 8 d^6 e^{-3} d^{-6} e^2 \\ &= 8 d^{6-6} e^{-3+2} \\ &= 8 d^0 e^{-1} \\ &= 8 e^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

8. Ans. (2)

$$\begin{aligned} a &= x + \frac{1}{x} \\ x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} &= \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - 3x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \\ &= a^3 - 3(a) \\ &= a^3 - 3a \end{aligned}$$

9. Ans. (4)

$$\begin{aligned} (\sqrt[3]{4})^{2x+\frac{1}{2}} &= \frac{1}{32} \\ 4^{\frac{2x+\frac{1}{2}}{3}} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \\ 2^{\frac{2(2x+\frac{1}{2})}{3}} &= \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \\ \frac{2}{3} \left(2x + \frac{1}{2}\right) &= -5 \\ 4x + 1 &= -15 \\ 4x &= -16 \\ x &= -4 \end{aligned}$$

10. Ans. (4)

$$\begin{aligned} (5+2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} + (5-2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} &= 10 \\ \text{let } (5+2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} &= t \\ \text{then } (5-2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} &= \frac{1}{t} \\ t + \frac{1}{t} &= 10 \\ t^2 - 10t + 1 &= 0 \\ t &= \frac{10 \pm \sqrt{100-4}}{2} \\ &= 5 \pm 2\sqrt{6} \end{aligned}$$

$$(5+2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} = 5+2\sqrt{6} \text{ or } (5+2\sqrt{6})^{x^2-3} = 5-2\sqrt{6}$$

$$x^2 - 3 = 1 \qquad x^2 - 3 = -1$$

$$x^2 = 4 \qquad x^2 = 2$$

$$x = \pm 2 \qquad x = \pm\sqrt{2}$$

11. Ans. (3)

$$3^{2x^2} - 2 \cdot 3^{x^2+x+6} + 3^{2(x+6)} = 0$$

$$(3^{x^2})^2 - 2 \cdot 3^{x^2} \cdot 3^{x+6} + (3^{x+6})^2 = 0$$

$$(3^{x^2} - 3^{x+6})^2 = 0$$

$$3^{x^2} = 3^{x+6}$$

$$x^2 = x + 6$$

$$x^2 - x - 6 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 2x - 6 = 0$$

$$x(x-3) + 2(x-3) = 0$$

$$(x+2)(x-3) = 0$$

$$x = -2, x = 3$$

12. Ans. (3)

$$\text{Multiple of 5} = 300 - 19 = 281$$

$$\text{Multiple of 11} = 136 - 9 = 127$$

$$\text{Multiple of 55} = 27 - 1 = 26$$

$$\text{Total no of multiples of 5 or 11}$$

$$= 281 + 127 - 26$$

$$= 382$$

13. Ans. (2)

$$A = \{(x, y) | xy = 8 \text{ and } x, y \in z\}$$

$$(1, 8) \qquad (8, 1) \qquad (2, 4) \qquad (4, 2)$$

$$(-1, -8) \qquad (-8, -1) \qquad (-2, -4) \qquad (-4, -2)$$

Total 8 pairs.

14. Ans. (3)

$$\frac{x-2}{x+2} - \frac{2x-3}{4x-1} > 0$$

$$\frac{(x-2)(4x-1) - (x+2)(2x-3)}{(x+2)(4x-1)} > 0$$

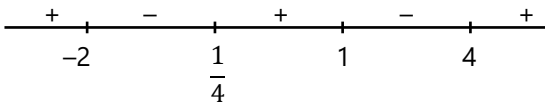
$$\frac{4x^2 - 9x + 2 - (2x^2 + x - 6)}{(x+2)(4x-1)} > 0$$

$$\frac{2x^2 - 10x + 8}{(x+2)(4x-1)} > 0$$

$$\frac{x^2 - 4x - x + 4}{(x+2)(4x-1)} > 0$$

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$$\frac{(x-4)(x-1)}{(x+2)(4x-1)} > 0$$



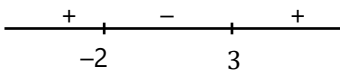
$$(-\infty, -2) \cup \left(\frac{1}{4}, 1\right) \cup (4, \infty)$$

15. **Ans. (4)**

$$\frac{x^2 - 4}{x^2 - 5x + 6} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{(x-2)(x+2)}{(x-2)(x-3)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{x+2}{x-3} \leq 0 \quad (x \neq 2)$$



$$x \in [-2, 3] - \{2\}$$

16. **Ans. (4)**

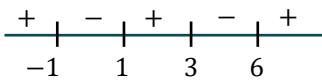
$$\frac{(x+3)^2(x-1)^9(x+1)^5}{(x-3)(x-5)^4(x-6)^5} \leq 0$$

Let $x \neq 3, 5, 6$

$\Rightarrow (x+3)^2$ and $(x-5)^4$ are always positive

$\Rightarrow (x+3)^2, (x-5)^4$ can be cross multiplied

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x-1)^9(x+1)^5}{(x-3)(x-6)^5} \leq 0$$



$$\Rightarrow x \in [-1, 1] \cup (3, 6)$$

We have to exclude $x = 3, 5$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [-1, 1] \cup (3, 5) \cup (5, 6)$$

Integers contained are $x = -1, 0, 1, 4$

At $x = -3$, L.H.S = 0

Inequality becomes $0 \leq 0$

We have to include $x = -3$ in the final answer.

So, possible integral values of $x = -1, 0, 1, 4, -3$

17. **Ans. (1)**

$$(\sqrt{2}+1)^x + (\sqrt{2}-1)^x - 2\sqrt{2} = 0$$

$$(\sqrt{2}+1) \cdot (\sqrt{2}-1) = 1$$

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

$$\text{Let } (\sqrt{2}+1)^x = t$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2}-1)^x = \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}+1}\right)^x = \frac{1}{(\sqrt{2}+1)^x} = \frac{1}{t}$$

$$\Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} = 2\sqrt{2} \quad \Rightarrow t^2 - 2\sqrt{2}t + 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow t_1 t_2 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2}+1)^{x_1} \cdot (\sqrt{2}+1)^{x_2} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow (\sqrt{2}+1)^{x_1+x_2} = 1 \quad \Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = 0$$

18. **Ans. (1)**

$$x^2 + y^2 + 4z^2 - 6x - 2y - 4z + 11 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-3)^2 + (y-1)^2 + (2z-1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3, y = 1, z = \frac{1}{2} \quad \Rightarrow xyz = \frac{3}{2}$$

19. **Ans. (2)**

$$\frac{\sqrt{3} + 4\sqrt{2}}{4\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}} = \frac{a + b\sqrt{6}}{c}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(4\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3})^2}{(4\sqrt{2})^2 - (\sqrt{3})^2} \quad \Rightarrow \frac{35 + 8\sqrt{6}}{29}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 35, b = 8, c = 29 \quad \Rightarrow a + b + c = 72$$

20. **Ans. (2)**

$$x^2 + 4y^2 + z^2 - 2xy - 2yz - zx = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}((x-2y)^2 + (2y-z)^2 + (x-z)^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 2y = 0, 2y - z = 0, x - z = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2y = z \quad \Rightarrow x : y : z = 2 : 1 : 2$$

SECTION-B

1. **Ans. (9.00)**

$$a - \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} - 2 = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow a^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} = \frac{9}{4} \Rightarrow 4a^2 + \frac{4}{a^2} = 9$$

2. **Ans. (4)**

$$\text{Let } p(x) = Ax^3 + 4x^2 + 13x + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow p(1) = p(-2) \quad \Rightarrow (A + B + 9) = -8A + 16 - 2B + 5$$

$$\Rightarrow 9A + 3B = 12 \Rightarrow 3A + B = 4$$

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3. **Ans. (12.80)**

$$9^x + 6^x = 2 \cdot 4^x$$

$$\Rightarrow (3^x)^2 + 2^x \cdot 3^x = 2 \cdot (2^x)^2 \Rightarrow (3^x)^2 + 2^x \cdot 3^x - 2 \cdot (2^x)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (3^x)^2 + 2 \cdot (2^x \cdot 3^x) - (2^x \cdot 3^x) - 2 \cdot (2^x)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^x(3^x + 2 \cdot 2^x) - 2^x(3^x + 2 \cdot 2^x) = 0 \Rightarrow (3^x - 2^x)(3^x + 2 \cdot 2^x) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^x - 2^x = 0 \text{ or } 3^x + 2 \cdot 2^x = 0 \quad (\text{not possible})$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^x = 2^x \Rightarrow x = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x^3 + 64}{5} = \frac{64}{5} = 12.80$$

4. **Ans. (5.5)**

$$a + b + c = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca) = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(ab + bc + ca) = (36 - 14) \Rightarrow ab + bc + ca = 11$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$$

$$\Rightarrow 36 - 3abc = 6(14 - 11) \Rightarrow 3abc = 18 \Rightarrow abc = 6$$

5. **Ans. (216.50)**

$$x + y + z = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 96 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z} = 36 \Rightarrow xy + yz + zx = 36xyz$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + y + z)^2 = 144$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2(xy + yz + zx) = 144$$

$$\Rightarrow 96 + 2(xy + yz + zx) = 144 \Rightarrow xy + yz + zx = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^3 + y^3 + z^3) - 3xyz = (x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^3 + y^3 + z^3) - 3xyz = (12)(96 - 24)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^3 + y^3 + z^3) = 12 \times 72 + 3xyz$$

$$= 12 \times 72 + 3 \times \left(\frac{24}{36} \right)$$

$$= 12 \times 72 + 2 = 866 \Rightarrow \frac{866}{4} = \frac{433}{2} = 216.50$$

6. **Ans. (36)**

$$x = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3})^2 + 1^2 - 2 \times \sqrt{3} \times 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{3} - 1$$

$$y = \sqrt{(5)^2 + 2^2 - 2 \times \sqrt{5} \times 2} \Rightarrow y = (\sqrt{5} - 2)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sqrt{5}x - \sqrt{3}y)^2 = (\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{15} + 2\sqrt{3})^2$$

$$= (2\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{5})^2$$

$$= 12 + 5 - 4\sqrt{15}$$

$$= 17 - 4\sqrt{15}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 17, b = 4, c = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b + c = 36$$

7. **Ans. (16)**

$$(11x)^2 + (2y)^2 + (3z)^2 - 22x + 4y + 6z + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (11x - 1)^2 + (2y + 1)^2 + (3z + 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 11x - 1 = 2y + 1 = 3z + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{11}, y = \frac{-1}{2}, z = \frac{-1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^{-1} - y^{-1} - z^{-1} = 11 + 2 + 3 = 16.$$

8. **Ans. (4)**

$$\frac{p^2}{q^2} = \frac{(x+2)^2}{(x-2)^2}$$

Apply componendo and dividendo,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p^2 - q^2}{p^2 + q^2} = \frac{(x+2)^2 - (x-2)^2}{(x+2)^2 + (x-2)^2} \Rightarrow \frac{p^2 - q^2}{p^2 + q^2} = \frac{8x}{2(x^2 + 4)} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{p^2 - q^2}{p^2 + q^2} \right) \left(\frac{x^2 + 4}{x} \right) = 4$$

9. **Ans. (1)**

$$\frac{3x + \sqrt{9x^2 - 5}}{3x - \sqrt{9x^2 - 5}} = \frac{5}{1}$$

Apply componendo and dividendo,

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(3x + \sqrt{9x^2 - 5}) + (3x - \sqrt{9x^2 - 5})}{(3x + \sqrt{9x^2 - 5}) - (3x - \sqrt{9x^2 - 5})} = \frac{5+1}{5-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{6x}{2\sqrt{9x^2 - 5}} = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 12x = 6\sqrt{9x^2 - 5} \Rightarrow 2x = \sqrt{9x^2 - 5}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4x^2 = 9x^2 - 5 \Rightarrow 5x^2 = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 1$$

Put $x = -1$ in initial equation,

$$\text{L.H.S.} = \frac{-3+2}{-3-2} = \frac{-1}{5} \neq \frac{1}{5}$$

So, $x = -1$ is rejected

Only possible value of x is 1.

10. **Ans. (2)**

$$x = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{(\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}) + x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2})x - \sqrt{6} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x + \sqrt{3}) - \sqrt{2}(x + \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - \sqrt{2})(x + \sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{2}, x = -\sqrt{3}$$

But x cannot be negative.

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{2} \Rightarrow x^2 = 2$$

Exercise - II (JEE-Main & JEE Advanced PYQs)

1. **Ans. (B)**

$$y = \frac{12}{(3+2\sqrt{2})+\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{(3+2\sqrt{2})-\sqrt{5}}{(3+2\sqrt{2})-\sqrt{5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{12(3+2\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5})}{(3+2\sqrt{2})^2-5} \Rightarrow \frac{12(3+2\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5})}{9+8+12\sqrt{2}-5} \Rightarrow \frac{12(3+2\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{5})}{12(\sqrt{2}+1)} \times \frac{\sqrt{2}-1}{\sqrt{2}-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3\sqrt{2}+4-\sqrt{10}-3-2\sqrt{2}+\sqrt{5}}{2-1} \Rightarrow 1+\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}-\sqrt{10}$$

2. **Ans. $x = -\frac{1}{4}, y = -\frac{1}{4}$**

$$x+y+\frac{x}{y}=\frac{1}{2} \quad \dots(i) \quad x < 0, y < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+y)\frac{x}{y} = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{y} + x = -\frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{y} = -\left(x + \frac{1}{2}\right) \Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{y} = -\left(\frac{2x+1}{2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\left(\frac{2x^2}{2x+1}\right) \quad \dots(iii)$$

Put value of 'y' in equation (i)

$$\Rightarrow x - \left(\frac{2x^2}{2x+1}\right) - \frac{x \cdot (2x+1)}{2x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \left[\frac{2x^2+x-2x^2}{(2x+1)}\right] - \left(\frac{2x+1}{2x}\right) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x}{2x+1} - \frac{2x+1}{2x} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{2x^2 - (2x+1)^2}{2x(2x+1)} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 - (4x^2 + 4x + 1) = 2x^2 + x \Rightarrow 4x^2 + 5x - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (4x+1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x-1=0 \quad 4x+1=0$$

$$\Rightarrow x=1 \quad x = -\frac{1}{4} [\because x < 0]$$

Form equation (iii)

$$\Rightarrow y = -\left(\frac{2 \times \frac{1}{16}}{-\frac{1}{2} + 1}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow y = -\frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow x - \frac{2}{x-1} = 1 - \frac{2}{x-1}$$

$$x = 1, x \neq 1$$

So, no solution

3. **Ans. (A)**

$$\frac{x^2-x-2}{x-1} = \frac{x-1-2}{x-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2-x-2}{x-1} = \frac{x-3}{x-1} \Rightarrow \frac{x^2-x-2}{x-1} - \frac{x-3}{x-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2-x-2-x+3}{x-1} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{x^2-2x+1}{x-1} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(x-1)^2}{x-1} = 0$$

No root exists.

4. **Ans.** $x \in [1-\sqrt{5}, 1) \cup (2, 1+\sqrt{5}]$

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 > 0 \qquad x^2 - 2x - 4 \leq 0$$

$$(x-2)(x-1) > 0 \qquad x = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4+16}}{2}$$

$$\begin{array}{c} +ve \quad | \quad -ve \quad | \quad +ve \\ -\infty \quad 1 \quad \quad 2 \quad \quad \infty \end{array} \qquad x = \frac{2 \pm 2\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$x = 1 \pm \sqrt{5}$$

$$x \in (-\infty, 1) \cup (2, \infty) \qquad x \in [1-\sqrt{5}, 1+\sqrt{5}]$$

\therefore solution

$$x \in [1-\sqrt{5}, 1) \cup (2, 1+\sqrt{5}]$$

5. **Ans.** $(-2, -1) \cup \left(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$

$$\frac{2x}{2x^2+5x+2} > \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{(2x+1)(x+2)} > \frac{1}{x+1} \Rightarrow \frac{2x}{(2x+1)(x+2)} > \frac{1}{x+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{(2x+1)(x+2)} - \frac{1}{x+1} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x^2+2x-2x^2-5x-2}{(2x+1)(x+2)(x+1)} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{-3x-2}{(2x+1)(x+2)(x+1)} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x+2}{(2x+1)(x+2)(x+1)} < 0$$

$$\begin{array}{c} +ve \quad | \quad -ve \quad | \quad +ve \quad | \quad -ve \quad | \quad +ve \\ -\infty \quad -2 \quad \quad -1 \quad \quad \quad -\frac{2}{3} \quad \quad -\frac{1}{3} \quad \quad \infty \end{array}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-2, -1) \cup \left(-\frac{2}{3}, -\frac{1}{2}\right)$$

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6. **Ans. (4)**

$$|x - 2|^2 + |x - 2| - 2 = 0$$

Case - I

$$\Rightarrow x > 2 \quad \Rightarrow (x - 2)^2 + (x - 2) - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 4 + x - 2 - 2 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x^2 - 3x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - 3) = 0 \quad \Rightarrow x = 0, 3$$

$$x = 3 \quad \because x > 2$$

Case - II

$$\Rightarrow x < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 2)^2 - (x - 2) - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x + 4 - x + 2 - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow (x - 4)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1, 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 \quad \because x < 2$$

Sum of all real roots = 4

7. **Ans. (A)**

$$|x|^2 - 3|x| + 2 = 0$$

Case - I

$$x > 0$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$(x - 2)(x - 1) = 0$$

$$x = 1, 2$$

Case - II

$$x < 0$$

$$x^2 + 3x + 2 = 0$$

$$(x + 2)(x + 1) = 0$$

$$x = -1, -2$$

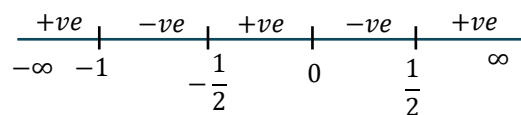
Number of real solution = 4

8. **Ans. (A,D)**

$$\frac{2x - 1}{2x^3 + 3x^2 + x} > 0$$

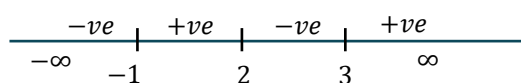
$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x - 1}{x(2x^2 + 3x + 1)} > 0 \Rightarrow \frac{2x - 1}{x(2x + 1)(x + 1)} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup \left(-\frac{1}{2}, 0\right) \cup \left(\frac{1}{2}, \infty\right)$$



9. **Ans. $x \in [-1, 2) \cup [3, \infty)$**

$$y = \sqrt{\frac{(x+1)(x-3)}{(x-2)}}$$



$$x \in [-1, 2) \cup [3, \infty)$$

10. Ans. (3)

$$|\sqrt{x}-2|+\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x}-4)+2=0$$

$$|\sqrt{x}-2|+(\sqrt{x})^2-4\sqrt{x}+2=0$$

$$|\sqrt{x}-2|^2+|\sqrt{x}-2|-2=0$$

$$|\sqrt{x}-2|=-2 \text{ (not possible) or } |\sqrt{x}-2|=1$$

$$\sqrt{x}-2=1,-1$$

$$\sqrt{x}=3,1$$

$$x=9,1$$

$$\text{Sum} = 10$$

11. Ans. (4)

Let $3^x = t; t > 0$

$$t(t-1)+2=|t-1|+|t-2|$$

$$t^2-t+2=|t-1|+|t-2|$$

Case-I: $t < 1$

$$t^2-t+2=1-t+2-t$$

$$t^2+2=3-t$$

$$t^2+t-1=0$$

$$t = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$t = \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2} \text{ is only acceptable}$$

Case-II: $1 \leq t < 2$

$$t^2-t+2=t-1+2-t$$

$$t^2-t+1=0$$

$D < 0$ no real solution

Case-III: $t \geq 2$

$$t^2-t+2=t-1+t-2$$

$$t^2-3t-5=0 \Rightarrow D < 0 \text{ no real solution}$$

(4) Option

12. Ans. (2)

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

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

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

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

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

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

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13. **Ans. (4)**

$$e^{4x} + e^{3x} - 4e^x + e^x + 1 = 0$$

Divide by e^{2x}

$$\Rightarrow e^{2x} + e^x - 4 + \frac{1}{e^x} + \frac{1}{e^{2x}} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \left(e^{2x} + \frac{1}{e^{2x}} \right) + \left(e^x + \frac{1}{e^x} \right) - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(e^x + \frac{1}{e^x} \right)^2 - 2 + \left(e^x + \frac{1}{e^x} \right) - 4 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } e^x + \frac{1}{e^x} = t \Rightarrow (e^x - 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 0.$$

\therefore Number of real roots = 1

14. **Ans. (2)**

$$t^4 - t^3 - 4t^2 - t + 1 = 0, e^x = t > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - t - 4 - \frac{1}{t} + \frac{1}{t^2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \alpha^2 - \alpha - 6 = 0, \alpha = t + \frac{1}{t} \geq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = 3, -2 \text{ (reject)}$$

$$\Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} = 3$$

\Rightarrow The number of real roots = 2

15. **Ans. (2)**

Case-I

$$x \leq 5$$

$$(x + 1)^2 - (x - 5) = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$(x + 1)^2 - (x + 1) - \frac{3}{4} = 0$$

$$x + 1 = \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{1}{2}, -\frac{3}{2}$$

Case-II

$$x > 5$$

$$(x + 1) + (x - 5) = \frac{27}{4}$$

$$(x + 1)^2 + (x + 1) - \frac{51}{4} = 0$$

$$x = \frac{-1 \pm \sqrt{52}}{2} \text{ (rejected as } x > 5)$$

So, the equation have two real root.

16. **Ans. (1)**

$$|x|^2 - |x| - 12 = 0$$

$$(|x| + 3)(|x| - 4) = 0$$

$$|x| = 4 \Rightarrow x = \pm 2$$

17. **Ans. (2)**

$$e^{4x} + 4e^{3x} - 58e^{2x} + 4e^x + 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } f(x) = e^{2x} \left(e^{2x} + \frac{1}{e^{2x}} + 4 \left(e^x + \frac{1}{e^x} \right) - 58 \right)$$

$$e^x + \frac{1}{e^x}$$

$$\text{Let } h(t) = t^2 + 4t - 58 = 0$$

$$t = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 4 \cdot 58}}{2}$$

$$\frac{-4 \pm 2\sqrt{62}}{2}$$

$$t_1 = -2 + 2\sqrt{62}$$

$$t_2 = -2 - 2\sqrt{62} \text{ (not possible)}$$

$$t \geq 2$$

$$e^x + \frac{1}{e^x} = -2 + 2\sqrt{62}$$

$$e^{2x} - (-2 + 2\sqrt{62})e^x + 1 = 0$$

$$(-2 + 2\sqrt{62}) - 4$$

$$4 + 4.62 - 8\sqrt{62} - 4$$

$$248 - 8\sqrt{62} > 0$$

$$\frac{-b}{2a} > 0$$

both roots are positive

2 real roots

18. **Ans. (1)**

For $x \leq 3$ or $x \geq 5$

$$x^2 - 8x + 15 - 2x + 7 = 0$$

$$x = 5 + \sqrt{3}$$

$$\text{For } 3 < x < 5, x^2 - 8x + 15 + 2x - 7 = 0$$

$$x = 4$$

$$\text{Hence sum} = 9 + \sqrt{3}$$

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19. Ans. (2)

$$x|x| - 5|x+2| + 6 = 0$$

$$C-1 \because x \in [0, \infty]$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 4 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25+16}}{2} = \frac{5 + \sqrt{41}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{41}}{2}$$

$$C-2 \because x \in [-2, 0)$$

$$-x^2 - 5x - 4 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 5x + 4 = 0$$

$$x = -1, -4$$

$$x = -1$$

$$C-3 : x \in [-\infty, -2)$$

$$-x^2 + 5x + 16 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 5x - 16 = 0$$

$$x = \frac{5 \pm \sqrt{25+64}}{2}$$

$$\frac{5 \pm \sqrt{89}}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{5 - \sqrt{89}}{2}$$

20. Ans. (2)

$$3\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - 2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 5 = 0$$

$$3\left[\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 - 2\right] - 2\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) + 5 = 0$$

$$\text{Let } x + \frac{1}{x} = t$$

$$3t^2 - 2t - 1 = 0$$

$$3t^2 - 3t + t - 1 = 0$$

$$3t(t-1) + 1(t-1) = 0$$

$$(t-1)(3t+1) = 0$$

$$t = 1, -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 1, -\frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \text{No solution.}$$

21. Ans. (2)

$$\text{Let } e^{2x} = t$$

$$\Rightarrow t^4 - t^3 - 3t^2 - t + 1 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow t^2 + \frac{1}{t^2} - \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) - 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right)^2 - \left(t + \frac{1}{t}\right) - 5 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow t + \frac{1}{t} = \frac{1 + \sqrt{21}}{2}$$

Two real values of t.