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Solutions for sample questions

Class: 12 (PCM)

Mathematics

1. (B) $x = a \cos^3 \theta, y = a \sin^3 \theta$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{-\sin \theta}{\cos \theta}$$

Equation of the tangent is

$$y - a \sin^3 \theta = \frac{-\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} (x - a \cos^3 \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \sin \theta + y \cos \theta$$

$$= a \cos \theta \sin \theta (\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta)$$

$$= a \cos \theta \sin \theta$$

Equation of the normal is

$$y - a \sin^2 \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} (x - a \cos^2 \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cos \theta + y \sin \theta$$

$$= a(\cos^4 \theta + \sin^4 \theta)$$

$$= a \cdot \cos 2\theta$$

p = length of the perpendicular from origin to the tangent

$$= \frac{|a \cos \theta \sin \theta|}{\sqrt{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}} = \frac{1}{2} a \cdot \sin 2\theta$$

q = length of the perpendicular from origin to the normal

$$= \frac{|a \cos 2\theta|}{\sqrt{\cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta}} = a \cdot \cos 2\theta$$

$$\therefore 4p^2 + q^2 = 4 \cdot \frac{1}{4} a^2 \sin^2 2\theta + a^2 \cos^2 2\theta$$

$$= a^2.$$

2. (A) $x^2 + y^2 + 2fy + c = 0$

$$\Rightarrow 2x + 2yy_1 + 2fy_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x + yy_1 + fy_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + y_1^2 + yy_2 + fy_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + y_1^2 + yy_2 - y_2 \left[\frac{-(x + yy_1)}{y_1} \right] = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1 + y_1^3 + yy_1y_2 + xy_2 - yy_1y_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y_1^3 - xy_2 + y_1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow xy'' - (y')^3 - y' = 0.$$

3. (A) $\int \frac{x e^x}{(x+1)^2} dx = \int \frac{(x+1-1) e^x}{(x+1)^2} dx$

$$= \int e^x \left[\frac{1}{x+1} - \frac{1}{(x+1)^2} \right] dx$$

$$= e^x \left[\frac{1}{x+1} \right] + c.$$

4. (B) $f(x) = \frac{1}{1+1/x} = \frac{x}{x+1}$

$$g(x) = \frac{1}{1+1/f(x)} = \frac{1}{1+(x+1)/x} = \frac{x}{2x+1}$$

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

$$\Rightarrow g'(2) = \frac{1}{25}.$$

5. (B) If a, b, c are the sides of the triangle respectively then

$$|a| = |2i + 3j - 6k|$$

$$= \sqrt{4+9+36} = \sqrt{49} = 7,$$

$$|b| = |i + 2j - 3k|$$

$$= \sqrt{36 + 4 + 9} = 7,$$

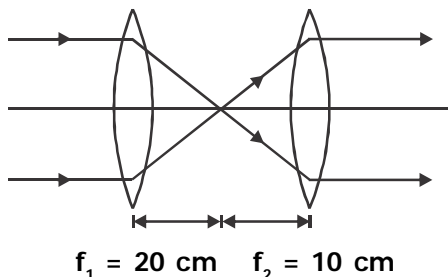
$$|c| = |3i + 6j - 2k|$$

$$= \sqrt{9 + 36 + 4} = \sqrt{49} = 7.$$

\therefore Perimeter = $7 + 7 + 7 = 21$

Physics

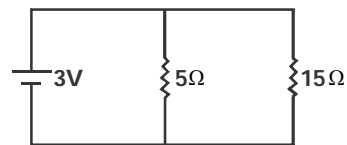
6. (B) As shown in the figure the distance between the lenses should be 30 cm.



7. (A) $F = 6 \times 10^{-6} \text{ N}$
- $$n = \frac{F}{3 \times 10^{-10}} = \frac{6 \times 10^{-6}}{3 \times 10^{-10}} = 2 \times 10^4$$
8. (B) Here, rate of production of energy at the atomic power house,
- $$P = 400 \text{ MW} = 400 \times 10^6 \text{ J s}^{-1}$$
- Therefore, total energy produced in a day i.e., $24 \times 60 \times 60$ s,
- $$E = P \times 24 \times 60 \times 60 = 400 \times 10^6 \times 24 \times 60 \times 60 = 3.456 \times 10^{13} \text{ J}$$
- If mass of U^{235} consumed per day is m (in kg) so as to produce the required amount of energy, then
- $$E = m c^2$$
- or $3.456 \times 10^{13} = m c^2$
- $$\text{or } m = \frac{3.456 \times 10^{13}}{c^2} = \frac{3.456 \times 10^{13}}{(3 \times 10^8)^2}$$
- $$= 0.384 \times 10^{-3} \text{ kg} = 0.384 \text{ g}$$
9. (B) Polarity of emf will be opposite in the two cases while entering and while leaving the coil. Only in option (B) polarity is changing.

10. (B) Equivalent resistance in series is sum of individual resistances.

In the given figure 3 resistors of 5Ω are connected in series.



$$\therefore R' = 5 + 5 + 5 = 15 \Omega$$

This 15Ω resistor is connected with the 5Ω resistor in parallel hence, equivalent resistance now is

$$\frac{1}{R''} = \frac{1}{15} + \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\frac{1}{R''} = \frac{5 + 15}{5 \times 15}$$

$$\Rightarrow R'' = 3.75 \Omega$$

From Ohm's law, $V = IR$

$$\therefore I = \frac{V}{R} = \frac{3}{3.75} = 0.8 \text{ A}$$

Chemistry

11. (C) Ketones are less reactive than aldehydes. The aromatic aldehydes and ketones are less reactive than the aliphatic aldehydes and ketones. So
- $$\text{CH}_3\text{CHO} > \text{CH}_3\text{COCH}_3 > \text{PhCOPh}$$
- II I III
12. (C) Doping of Si with P gives extra electrons while doping with Al gives rise to holes.
13. (C) Vapour pressure of pure, $P_A^0 = 40 \text{ mm Hg}$
- Vapour pressure of A in solution,
- $$P_A = 32 \text{ mm Hg}$$
- According to the Raoult's law,
- $$P_A = P_A^0 X_A$$
- Then, $X_A = \frac{P_A}{P_A^0} = \frac{32 \text{ mm Hg}}{40 \text{ mm Hg}} = 0.8$
14. (C) $\text{PH}_3(\text{g}) + 4\text{Cl}_2(\text{g}) \rightarrow \text{PCl}_5 + 3\text{HCl}(\text{g})$
Phosphine
15. (C) Cell potential
- $$= E_{\text{Red}}^0 (\text{RHS}) - E_{\text{Red}}^0 (\text{LHS})$$
- $$= 0.34 - (-0.76) = + 1.10 \text{ V}$$