



Algebra Questions For SSC GD PDF

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Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 1

Find the number of even factors of 15680.

- A 42
- B 21
- C 36
- D 24

Answer: C

Explanation:

We have to factorise the number into prime factors i.e

$$15680 = 2^6 * 5 * 7^2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{No of even factors} &= 6*(1+1)*(2+1) \\ &= 36 \end{aligned}$$

Question 2

Find the number of prime factors of 14560

- A 3
- B 4
- C 5
- D 6

Answer: B

Explanation:

We have to factorise the number into prime factors i.e

$$14560 = 2^5 * 5 * 13 * 7$$

There are 4 different prime factors namely 2,5,7 and 13.

Question 3

What is the square root of $97 - 16\sqrt{3}$

- A $9 - 4\sqrt{3}$
- B $9 + 4\sqrt{3}$
- C $7 - 4\sqrt{3}$

D $7+4\sqrt{3}$

Answer: C

Explanation:

we have $(a - b)^2 = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$

Comparing this with $97-56\sqrt{3}=a^2 + b^2 - 2ab$

We have $97=a^2 + b^2$

For $a=7$ and $b=4\sqrt{3}$ it gets satisfied and also $2ab=2*7*4\sqrt{3}$

So the $(7 - 4\sqrt{3})^2 = 7^2 + (4\sqrt{3})^2 - 2 * 7 * 4 * \sqrt{3}$

And so required answer is $7-4\sqrt{3}$

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Question 4

Find the value of
$$\frac{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{9} - 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{9}}{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{9} - (\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{9})}$$

A $\frac{25}{36}$

B $\frac{19}{36}$

C $\frac{24}{35}$

D $\frac{17}{26}$

Answer: A

Explanation:

The given equation is in the form of

$$\frac{a^3+b^3+c^3-3abc}{a^2+b^2+c^2-(ab+bc+ca)}$$

We know that $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - (ab + bc + ca))$

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

Then,
$$\frac{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{9} - 3 \cdot \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{9}}{\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{9} - (\frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{9} + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{9})} = \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{12+9+4}{36} = \frac{25}{36}$$

Question 5

Find the value of
$$\frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5} - 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5} - (\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{5})}$$

A $\frac{17}{20}$

B $\frac{19}{20}$

C $\frac{13}{20}$

D $\frac{11}{20}$

Answer: B

Explanation:

The given equation is in the form of

$$\frac{a^3+b^3+c^3-3abc}{a^2+b^2+c^2-(ab+bc+ca)}$$

We know that $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - (ab + bc + ca))$

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

$$\text{Then, } \frac{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5} - 3 \cdot \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5}}{\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} \cdot \frac{1}{5} - (\frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4} \cdot \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{5})} = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{5} = \frac{10+5+4}{20} = \frac{19}{20}$$

Question 6

The lines $2x+y = 3$ and $x+2y = 3$ intersect at points

A (1,1)

B (-1,5)

C (0,3)

D (3,-3)

Answer: A

Explanation:

Given $2x+y = 3$ and $x+2y = 3$

Solving above equations,

We get $x = 1$ and $y = 1$.

Hence, the lines intersect at (1,1)

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Question 7

If $(3^x)(3^y) = 9$ and $(5^x)(125^y) = 625$, then find (x,y)

A (4,-2)

B (0,2)

C (1,1)

D (6,-4)

Answer: C

Explanation:

$$\text{Given } (3^x)(3^y) = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{x+y} = 3^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x+y = 2 \text{ -- (1)}$$

$$(5^x)(125^y) = 625$$

$$\Rightarrow (5^x)((5^3)^y) = 5^4$$

$$\Rightarrow (5^x)(5^3y) = 5^4$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^x + 3y = 5^4$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 3y = 4 \text{ -- (2)}$$

Solving (1) and (2)

$$\Rightarrow 2y = 2 \Rightarrow y = 1$$

Substituting $y = 1$ in (1) $\rightarrow x = 1$

Therefore, $(x,y) = (1,1)$

Question 8

If $(2^x)(2^y) = 16$ and $(3^x)(9^y) = 27$, then find (x,y)

A (4,0)

B (3,2)

C (5,-1)

D (6,-2)

Answer: C

Explanation:

$$\text{Given } (2^x)(2^y) = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{x+y} = 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow x+y = 4 \text{ -- (1)}$$

$$(3^x)(9^y) = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow (3^x)((3^2)^y) = 3^3$$

$$\Rightarrow (3^x)(3^2y) = 3^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^x + 2y = 3^3$$

$$\Rightarrow x + 2y = 3 \text{ -- (2)}$$

Solving (1) and (2)

$$\Rightarrow y = -1$$

Substituting $y = -1$ in (1) $\rightarrow x = 5$

Therefore, $(x,y) = (5,-1)$

Question 9

If $a = 17$, $b = -4$, $c = -13$, then find the value of $\frac{3a^3+3b^3+3c^3}{4abc}$

A 3

B $\frac{3}{4}$

C 1

D $\frac{9}{4}$

Answer: D

Explanation:

Given $a = 17$, $b = -4$, $c = -13$

Then $a+b+c = 0$.

We know that if $a+b+c = 0$, then $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$

$$\text{Then, } \frac{3a^3+3b^3+3c^3}{4abc} = \frac{3(a^3+b^3+c^3)}{4abc} = \frac{3(3abc)}{4abc} = \frac{9}{4}$$

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Question 10

If $a = 48$, $b = 16$, $c = -64$, then find the value of $\frac{a^3+b^3+c^3}{abc}$

A 176

B 64

C 3

D 12

Answer: C

Explanation:

Given $a = 48$, $b = 16$, $c = -64$

Then, $a+b+c = 48+16-64 = 0$

We know that if $a+b+c = 0$, then $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{a^3+b^3+c^3}{abc} = \frac{3abc}{abc} = 3$$

Question 11

Find the value of $1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{1}{7}}}}}}$

Cubing on both sides

$$x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - 3 \times 3 = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} - 9 = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} = 36$$

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Question 13

If $(a - b)^2 = 16$ and $(a + b)^2 = 36$, then find the value of $\frac{ab}{a+b}$

A $\frac{5}{6}$

B $\frac{8}{11}$

C $\frac{6}{7}$

D $\frac{7}{6}$

Answer: A

Explanation:

Given $(a - b)^2 = 16$ and $(a + b)^2 = 36$

$$(a + b)^2 = (a - b)^2 + 4ab$$

$$36 = 16 + 4ab$$

$$\Rightarrow 4ab = 20$$

$$ab = 5$$

$$(a + b)^2 = 36$$

$$\Rightarrow a + b = 6$$

$$\text{Hence, } \frac{ab}{a+b} = \frac{5}{6}$$

Question 14

If $a+b = 5$ and $a-b = 1$, Then find the value of ab

A 4

B 6

C 8

D 12

Answer: B

Explanation:

Given, $a+b = 5$

$a-b = 1$

Then, $2a = 6 \implies a = 3$

Substituting $a = 3$ in above equation

$\implies b = 2$

Hence, $ab = 3 \times 2 = 6$

Question 15

If $3X + \frac{3}{X} = 6$, then find the value of $X^6 + \frac{1}{X^6}$

A 4

B 3

C 9

D 2

Answer: D

Explanation:

Given $3X + \frac{3}{X} = 6$

$\implies 3\left(X + \frac{1}{X}\right) = 6$

$\implies X + \frac{1}{X} = 2$

Squaring on both sides

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

$$\implies x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} = 4$$

$$\implies x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = 4$$

$$\implies x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 2$$

Cubing on both sides

$$\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^3 = 8$$

$$x^6 + \frac{1}{6} + 3 \times x^2 \times \frac{1}{x^2} \times \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = 8$$

$$\implies x^6 + \frac{1}{6} + 3 \times 2 = 8$$

$$\therefore x^6 + \frac{1}{6} = 8 - 6 = 2$$

Question 16

If $2X + \frac{2}{X} = 6$, then find the value of $X^5 + \frac{1}{X^5}$

A 123

B 121

C 116

D 107

Answer: A

Explanation:

$$\text{Given } 2X + \frac{2}{X} = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\left(X + \frac{1}{X}\right) = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow X + \frac{1}{X} = 3 \rightarrow (1)$$

Squaring (1) on both sides

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 7 \rightarrow (2)$$

Cubing (1) on both sides

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} \times \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times 3 = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 27 - 9 = 18 \rightarrow (3)$$

Multiplying (2) and (3)

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} \times x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 18 \times 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5} + x^2 \times \frac{1}{x^3} + x^3 \times \frac{1}{x^2} = 126$$

$$\Rightarrow x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5} + x + \frac{1}{x} = 126$$

Substituting $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$ in above equation

$$\Rightarrow x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5} + 3 = 126$$

$$\Rightarrow x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5} = 123$$

Question 17

Find the value of $\sqrt{56 - \sqrt{56 - \sqrt{56 - \dots}}}$

- A 9
- B 8
- C 11
- D 14

Answer: B

Explanation:

Let $\sqrt{56 - \sqrt{56 - \sqrt{56 - \dots}}} = X$

Then, $\sqrt{56 - X} = X$

Squaring on both sides,

$$56 - X = X^2$$

$$\Rightarrow X^2 + X - 56 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X^2 - 8X + 7X - 56 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X(X - 8) + 7(X - 8) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (X - 8)(X + 7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X = 8 \text{ or } X = -7$$

Hence, Option B is correct answer.

Question 18

Find the value of $\sqrt{20 - \sqrt{20 - \sqrt{20 - \dots}}}$

- A 8
- B 4
- C 6
- D 10

Answer: B

Explanation:

Let $\sqrt{20 - \sqrt{20 - \sqrt{20 - \dots}}} = X$

Then, $\sqrt{20 - X} = X$

Squaring on both sides,

$$20 - X = X^2$$

$$\Rightarrow X^2 + X - 20 = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow X^2 - 4X + 5X - 20 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow X(X - 4) + 5(X - 4) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow (X - 4)(X + 5) &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow X = 4 \text{ or } X = -5 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, Option B is correct answer.

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Question 19

Find the value of $\sqrt{42 + \sqrt{42 + \sqrt{42 + \dots}}}$

- A 11
- B 7
- C 6
- D 10

Answer: B

Explanation:

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{42 + \sqrt{42 + \sqrt{42 + \dots}}} = X$$

$$\text{Then, } \sqrt{42 + X} = X$$

Squaring on both sides,

$$42 + X = X^2$$

$$\Rightarrow X^2 - X - 42 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X^2 - 7X + 6X - 42 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X(X - 7) + 6(X - 7) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (X - 7)(X + 6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X = 7 \text{ or } X = -6$$

X cannot be negative when all the terms are positive.

Hence, $X = 7$

Question 20

Find the value of $\sqrt{30 + \sqrt{30 + \sqrt{30 + \dots}}}$

- A 12
- B 15
- C 6

D 18

Answer: C

Explanation:

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{30 + \sqrt{30 + \sqrt{30 + \dots}}} = X$$

$$\text{Then, } \sqrt{30 + X} = X$$

Squaring on both sides,

$$30 + X = X^2$$

$$\Rightarrow X^2 - X - 30 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X^2 - 6X + 5X - 30 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X(X - 6) + 5(X - 6) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (X - 6)(X + 5) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X = 6 \text{ or } X = -5$$

X cannot be negative when all the terms are positive.

Hence, $X = 6$

Question 21

$$\text{Find the value of } \sqrt{6 + \sqrt{6 + \sqrt{6 + \dots}}}$$

A 9

B 3

C 27

D 16

Answer: B

Explanation:

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{6 + \sqrt{6 + \sqrt{6 + \dots}}} = X$$

$$\text{Then, } \sqrt{6 + X} = X$$

Squaring on both sides,

$$6 + X = X^2$$

$$\Rightarrow X^2 - X - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X^2 - 3X + 2X - 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X(X - 3) + 2(X - 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (X - 3)(X + 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow X = 3 \text{ or } X = -2$$

X cannot be negative when all the terms are positive.

Hence, $X = 3$

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Question 22

Find the value of $\sqrt{7\sqrt{7\sqrt{7}\dots}}$

A $\sqrt{7}$

B 49

C 7

D 2.64

Answer: C

Explanation:

Let $\sqrt{7\sqrt{7\sqrt{7}\dots}} = X$

Then, $\sqrt{7X} = X$

Squaring on both sides,

$$7X = X^2$$

$$\Rightarrow X = 7$$

Question 23

Find the value of $\sqrt{4\sqrt{4\sqrt{4}\dots}}$

A 4

B 2

C 16

D 8

Answer: A

Explanation:

Let $\sqrt{4\sqrt{4\sqrt{4}\dots}} = X$

Then, $\sqrt{4X} = X$

Squaring on both sides,

$$4X = X^2$$

$$\Rightarrow X = 4$$

$$= 1 + \frac{5}{7}$$

$$= \frac{12}{7}$$

Question 26

Find the value of $1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{6}}}$

A $\frac{17}{5}$

B $\frac{19}{6}$

C $\frac{20}{13}$

D $\frac{17}{13}$

Answer: C

Explanation:

$$1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{6}}} = 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{7}}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{6}{7}}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{1}{\frac{13}{7}}$$

$$= 1 + \frac{7}{13}$$

$$= \frac{20}{13}$$

Question 27

Find the value of $1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}}}$

A $\frac{6}{5}$

B $\frac{8}{5}$

C $\frac{8}{7}$

D $\frac{7}{6}$

Answer: B

Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned}
1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{2}}} &= 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{1}{\frac{3}{2}}} \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{1 + \frac{2}{3}} \\
&= 1 + \frac{1}{\frac{5}{3}} \\
&= 1 + \frac{3}{5} \\
&= \frac{8}{5}
\end{aligned}$$

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Question 28

If $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$, then $x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5} = ?$

- A 123
- B 121
- C 116
- D 107

Answer: A

Explanation:

Given $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3 \rightarrow (1)$

Squaring (1) on both sides

$$(x + \frac{1}{x})^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 7 \rightarrow (2)$$

Cubing (1) on both sides

$$(x + \frac{1}{x})^3 = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} \times (x + \frac{1}{x}) = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times 3 = 27$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 27 - 9 = 18 \rightarrow (3)$$

Multiplying (2) and (3)

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} \times x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 18 \times 7$$

$$\Rightarrow x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5} + x^2 \times \frac{1}{x^3} + x^3 \times \frac{1}{x^2} = 126$$

$$\Rightarrow x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5} + x + \frac{1}{x} = 126$$

Substituting $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$ in above equation

$$\Rightarrow x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5} + 3 = 126$$

$$\Rightarrow x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5} = 123$$

Question 29

If $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$, then find the value of $x^6 + \frac{1}{x^6}$.

A 2

B 5

C 8

D 6

Answer: A

Explanation:

Given $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$

Squaring on both sides

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = 4$$

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

Cubing on both sides

$$\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^3 = 8$$

$$x^6 + \frac{1}{6} + 3 \times x^2 \times \frac{1}{x^2} \times \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow x^6 + \frac{1}{6} + 3 \times 2 = 8$$

$$\therefore x^6 + \frac{1}{6} = 8 - 6 = 2$$

Question 30

If $x + \frac{1}{x} = 4$, then find the value of $x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$.

A 48

B 56

C 52

D 64

Answer: C

Explanation:

Given $x + \frac{1}{x} = 4$

Cubing on both sides

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} \times \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times 4 = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 12 = 64$$

$$\therefore x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 52$$

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Question 31

If $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$, then find the value of $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$.

A 6

B 7

C 9

D 8

Answer: B

Explanation:

Given $x + \frac{1}{x} = 3$

Squaring on both sides

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 \times x \times \frac{1}{x} = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 7$$

Question 32

What is the units digit of $17^{17} * 33^{33}$

- A 7
- B 9
- C 3
- D 1

Answer: D

Explanation:

In the power cycle of 7 we get units digit for

$$7^1 = 7$$

$$7^2 = 49$$

$$7^3 = 243$$

$$7^4 = 1701$$

And this cycle repeats. Cyclicity =4

$17^{4(4)+1}$ has 7 as its unit digit.

In the power cycle of 3 we get units digit for

$$3^1 = 3$$

$$3^2 = 9$$

$$3^3 = 27$$

$$3^4 = 81$$

And this cycle repeats. Cyclicity =4

$33^{8(4)+1}$ has 3 as its unit digit.

So the product of 7 and 3 is 21 and so the units digit is 1.

Question 33

What is the units digit of 27^{27} ?

- A 7
- B 9
- C 3
- D 1

Answer: C

Explanation:

In the cycle of 7 power we get

$$7^1 = 7$$

$$7^2 = 49$$

$$7^3 = 243$$

$$7^4 = 1701$$

And this cycle repeats. Cyclicity = 4

$27^{4(6)+3}$ has 3 as its unit digit.

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Question 34

If $x + \frac{1}{x} = -2$ then the value of $x^p + x^q$ is: (Where p is an even number and q is an odd number)

A -2

B 2

C 1

D 0

Answer: D

Explanation:

Given : $x + \frac{1}{x} = -2$

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

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 + 2x = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1$$

$$\therefore x^p + x^q \quad (\text{let } p = 2 \text{ and } q = 1)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow \text{Ans - (D)}$$

Question 35

If $p(x + y)^2 = 5$ and $q(x - y)^2 = 3$, then the simplified value of $p^2(x + y)^2 + 4pqxy - q^2(x - y)^2$ is:

A $-(p + q)$

B $2(p + q)$

C $p + q$

D $-2(p + q)$

Answer: B

Question 36

The simplified value of the following expression is: $\frac{1}{\sqrt{11-2\sqrt{30}}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{7-2\sqrt{10}}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{8+4\sqrt{3}}}$

- A 0
- B 1
- C $\sqrt{2}$
- D $\sqrt{3}$

Answer: A

Explanation:

Using, $a^2 + b^2 + ab = (a + b)^2$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{11 - 2\sqrt{30}} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{6})^2 + (\sqrt{5})^2 - 2\sqrt{6}\sqrt{5}} = (\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{5})$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \sqrt{7 - 2\sqrt{10}} = (\sqrt{5} - \sqrt{2})$$

$$\text{and } \sqrt{8 + 4\sqrt{3}} = \sqrt{8 + 2\sqrt{12}} = (\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{2})$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{To find: } & \frac{1}{\sqrt{11-2\sqrt{30}}} - \frac{3}{\sqrt{7-2\sqrt{10}}} - \frac{4}{\sqrt{8+4\sqrt{3}}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{5})} - \frac{3}{(\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2})} - \frac{4}{(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2})} \end{aligned}$$

Rationalizing the denominator, we get :

$$\begin{aligned} &= \left[\frac{1}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{5}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{5}} \right] - \left[\frac{3}{\sqrt{5}-\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5}+\sqrt{2}} \right] - \left[\frac{4}{\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{2}} \right] \\ &= (\sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5}) - (\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{2}) - (\sqrt{6} - \sqrt{2}) \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

\Rightarrow Ans - (A)

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Question 37

The value of the following is: $\sqrt{12 + \sqrt{12 + \sqrt{12 + \dots}}}$

- A $2\sqrt{2}$
- B $2\sqrt{3}$
- C 2
- D 4

Answer: D

Explanation:

$$\text{Let } x = \sqrt{12 + \sqrt{12 + \sqrt{12 + \dots}}}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{12 + x}$$

Squaring both sides, we get :

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = x + 12$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 4x + 3x - 12 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x - 4) + 3(x - 4) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 4)(x + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 4, -3$$

$\therefore x$ cannot be negative, $\Rightarrow x = 4$

\Rightarrow Ans - (D)

Question 38

The value of x in the following equation is:

$$0.\dot{3} + 0.\dot{6} + 0.\dot{7} + 0.\dot{8} = x$$

A 5.3

B $2\frac{3}{10}$

C $2\frac{2}{3}$

D 2.35

Answer: C

Question 39

If $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + p^2 = \frac{p(p+1)(2p+1)}{6}$, then $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + 17^2$ is equal to:

A 1785

B 1700

C 980

D 969

Answer: D

Explanation:

$$\begin{aligned}
&\text{Expression : } 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + 17^2 \\
&= [1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \dots + 16^2 + 17^2] - [2^2 + 4^2 + \dots + 16^2] \\
&= [1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + 4^2 + \dots + 16^2 + 17^2] - (2^2)[1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + 8^2] \\
&= \left[\frac{17(17+1) + (34+1)}{6} \right] - \left[4 \times \frac{8(8+1)(16+1)}{6} \right] \\
&= \left[\frac{17(17+1) + (34+1)}{6} \right] - \left[4 \times \frac{8(8+1)(16+1)}{6} \right] \\
&= [51 \times 35] - [48 \times 17] \\
&= 17 \times (105 - 48) = 969 \\
&\Rightarrow \text{Ans - (D)}
\end{aligned}$$

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Question 40

Given $2^2 + 4^2 + 6^2 + \dots + 40^2 = 11480$, then the value of $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + 20^2$ is:

- A 2870
- B 2868
- C 2867
- D 2869

Answer: A

Explanation:

$$\text{Given : } 2^2 + 4^2 + 6^2 + \dots + 40^2 = 11480$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^2 [1 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + 20^2] = 11480$$

$$\Rightarrow 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + 20^2 = \frac{11480}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + 20^2 = 2870$$

\Rightarrow Ans - (A)

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