



Coordinate Geometry Questions for NMAT

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Instructions

For the following questions answer them individually

Question 1

Let P be the point of intersection of the lines

$$3x + 4y = 2a \text{ and } 7x + 2y = 2018$$

and Q the point of intersection of the lines

$$3x + 4y = 2018 \text{ and } 5x + 3y = 1$$

If the line through P and Q has slope 2, the value of a is:

A 4035

B 1/2

C 3026

D 1

E 1009

Answer: C

Explanation:

On solving for x and y from the equations

$$3x + 4y = 2018 \text{ and } 5x + 3y = 1$$

we get Q(-550,917)

Let, P(x,y)

$$\text{So, } \begin{matrix} -917 \\ +550 \end{matrix} = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow y - 2x = 2017 \dots (1)$$

Considering the equations

$$3x + 4y = 2a \dots (2)$$

$$7x + 2y = 2018 \dots (3)$$

On subtracting equation (2) from (3) we have,

$$4x - 2y = 2018 - 2a$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x - y = 1009 - a$$

$$\Rightarrow y - 2x = a - 1009 \dots (4)$$

From equation (1) and (4)

$$2017 = a - 1009$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 3026$$

Hence, option C.

Question 2

In a triangle ABC, medians AD and BE are perpendicular to each other, and have lengths 12 cm and 9 cm, respectively. Then, the area of triangle ABC, in sq cm, is

A 78

B 80

C 72

D 68

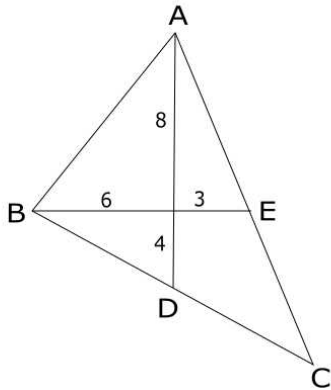
Answer: C

Explanation:

It is given that AD and BE are medians which are perpendicular to each other.

The lengths of AD and BE are 12cm and 9cm respectively.

It is known that the centroid G divides the median in the ratio of 2:1



Area of $\triangle ABC = 2 \times$ Area of the triangle ABD

Area of $\triangle ABD =$ Area of $\triangle AGB +$ Area of $\triangle BGD$

Since $\angle = \angle = 90$ (Given)

$$\text{Area of } \triangle AGB = \frac{1}{2} \times 8 \times 6 = 24$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle BGD = \frac{1}{2} \times 6 \times 4 = 12$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle ABD = 24 + 12 = 36$$

$$\text{Area of } \triangle = 2 \times 36 = 72$$

Question 3

A parallelogram ABCD has area 48 sqcm. If the length of CD is 8 cm and that of AD is s cm, then which one of the following is necessarily true?

A $\neq 6$

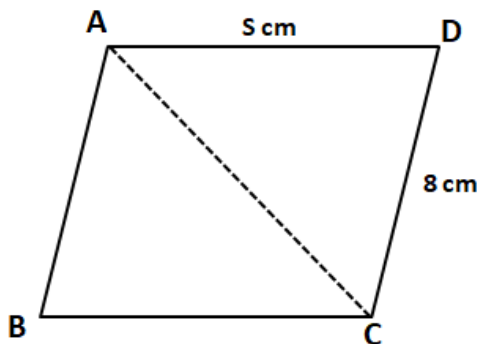
B ≥ 6

C $5 \leq \leq 7$

D ≤ 6

Answer: B

Explanation:



We can see that area of parallelogram ABCD = $2 \times$ Area of triangle ACD

$$48 = 2 \times \text{Area of triangle ACD}$$

$$\text{Area of triangle ACD} = 24$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) * * = 24$$

$$* = 6$$

We know that ≤ 1 , Hence, we can say that $AD \geq 6$

$$\Rightarrow s \geq 6$$

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Question 4

If three sides of a rectangular park have a total length 400 ft, then the area of the park is maximum when the length (in ft) of its longer side is

Answer: 200

Explanation:

Let the length and breadth of the park be $l, b, l > b$

Case 1: $2l + b = 400$

Area = lb . Area is maximum when $2l * b$ is maximum, which is maximum when $2l = b$ (using $AM \geq GM$ inequality) $\Rightarrow l = 100, b = 200$.

Which can't happen since $l > b$

Case 2: $l + 2b = 400$

Area = lb . Area is maximum when $l * 2b$ is

maximum, which is maximum when $l = 2b$ (using $AM \geq GM$ inequality) $\Rightarrow l = 200, b = 100$.

Hence length of the longer side is 200 ft

Question 5

Let P_1 be the circle of radius R . A square Q_1 is inscribed in P_1 such that all the vertices of the square Q_1 lie on the circumference of P_1 . Another circle P_2 is inscribed in Q_1 . Another Square Q_2 is inscribed in the circle P_2 . Circle P_3 is inscribed in the square Q_2 and so on. If S_N is the area between Q_N and P_{N+1} , where N represents the set of natural numbers, then the ratio of sum of all such S_N to that of the area of the square Q_1 is :

A $\frac{4}{2}$

B $\frac{2}{4}$

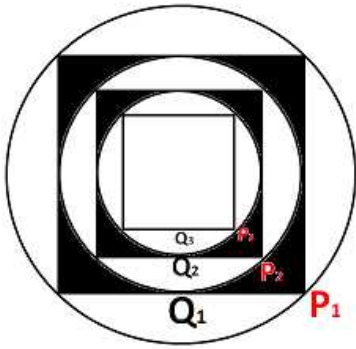
C $\frac{-2}{2}$

D None of the above

Answer: A

Explanation:

Let us draw the diagram according to the information given,



There will be infinite shaded areas as shown in the figure.

$$\text{Area of circle } P_1 = \pi r^2$$

$$\text{Area of square } Q_1 = (\sqrt{2}r)^2 = 2r^2$$

$$\text{Area of circle } P_2 = \pi (\frac{r}{\sqrt{2}})^2 = \frac{\pi r^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Area of square } Q_2 = r^2$$

$$\text{Area of circle } P_3 = \pi (\frac{r}{2})^2 = \frac{\pi r^2}{4}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } S = [2r^2 - \frac{\pi r^2}{2}] + [\frac{\pi r^2}{2} - r^2] + \dots$$

$$S = (2r^2 + r^2 + \frac{r^2}{2} + \dots) - (\frac{\pi r^2}{2} + \frac{\pi r^2}{4} + \frac{\pi r^2}{8} \dots)$$

$$S = 4r^2 - \frac{\pi r^2}{2}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \frac{S}{r^2} = \frac{4 - \frac{\pi}{2}}{1} = 4 - \frac{\pi}{2}. \text{ Hence, option A is the correct answer.}$$

Question 6

The coordinates of a triangle ABC are A(1, 5), B(-2, 3), and C(0,-4); find the equation of the median AD?

A $7x-3y+8=0$

B $5x-4y+15=0$

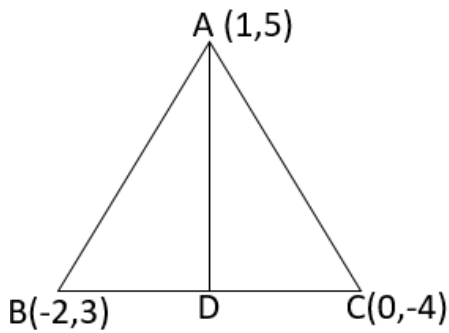
C $x+3y-16=0$

D $11x-4y+9=0$

Answer: D

Explanation:

Given that $\triangle ABC$



Since AD is the median to BC, D will be mid point of BC. So coordinates of D = $(\frac{-2+0}{2}, \frac{3-4}{2}) = (-1, \frac{-1}{2})$

Equation of line passing through points A(1,5) and D(-1, $\frac{-1}{2}$) will be :

$$\frac{y - 5}{\frac{-1}{2} - 5} = \frac{x - 1}{-1 - 1} \quad (\text{Here } (x_1, y_1) = (1, 5), (x_2, y_2) = (-1, \frac{-1}{2}))$$

$$\frac{y - 5}{(-\frac{1}{2}) - 5} = \frac{x - 1}{(-1) - 1}$$

$$4(y - 5) = 11(x - 1)$$

$$11x - 4y + 9 = 0$$

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Question 7

Consider a triangle drawn on the X-Y plane with its three vertices at (41, 0), (0, 41) and (0, 0), each vertex being represented by its (X,Y) coordinates. The number of points with integer coordinates inside the triangle (excluding all the points on the boundary) is

- A 780
- B 800
- C 820
- D 741

Answer: A

Explanation:

The number of points on x = 1 is 39. The number of points on x = 2 is 38 and so on till x = 39, which has one point.

So, the total is $1+2+3+\dots+39 = \frac{39 \times 40}{2} = 780$.

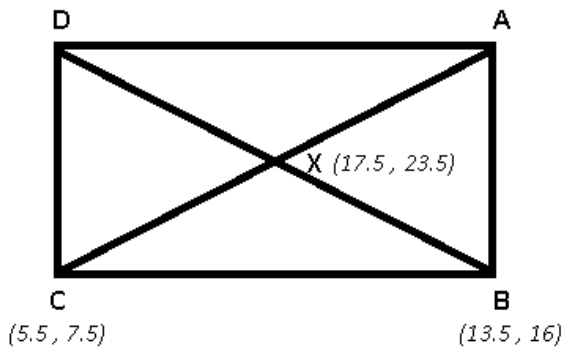
Question 8

Two diagonals of a parallelogram intersect each other at coordinates (17.5, 23.5). Two adjacent points of the parallelogram are (5.5, 7.5) and (13.5, 16). Find the lengths of the diagonals.

- A 15 and 30
- B 15 and 40
- C 17 and 30
- D 17 and 40
- E Multiple solutions are possible

Answer: D

Explanation:



Using distance formula,

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{(17.5 - 5.5)^2 + (23.5 - 7.5)^2} = \sqrt{12^2 + 16^2} \\ &= \sqrt{144 + 256} = \sqrt{400} = 20 \\ \Rightarrow &= 2 \times \quad = 40 \\ &= \sqrt{(17.5 - 13.5)^2 + (23.5 - 16)^2} = \sqrt{4^2 + 7.5^2} \\ &= \sqrt{16 + 56.25} = \sqrt{72.25} = 8.5 \\ \Rightarrow &= 2 \times \quad = 17 \end{aligned}$$

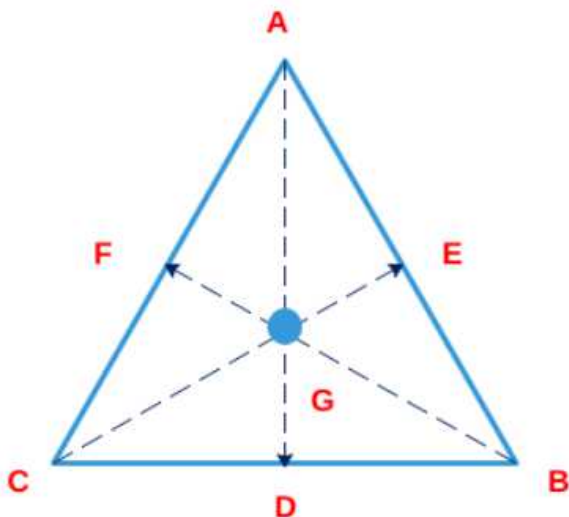
Question 9

From an interior point of an equilateral triangle, perpendiculars are drawn on all three sides. The sum of the lengths of the three perpendiculars is s . Then the area of the triangle is

- A $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} s^2$
- B $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} s^2$
- C $2\sqrt{3} s^2$
- D $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}} s^2$

Answer: D

Explanation:



Based on the question: AD, CE and BF are the three altitudes of the triangle. It has been stated that $\{GD+GE+GF = s\}$

Now since the triangle is equilateral, let the length of each side be "a". So area of triangle will be

$$\frac{1}{2} \times a \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \times a \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} + \frac{1}{2} \times a \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a^2$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a^2 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a^2 + \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a^2 = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \text{ or } \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} a^2 = \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$$

Given the area of the equilateral triangle = $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} a^2$; substituting the value of 'a' from above, we get the area (in terms 's') = $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

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Question 10

In a plane rectangular coordinate system, points L, M, N and O are represented by the coordinates (-5, 0), (1, -1), (0, 5), and (-1, 5) respectively. Consider a variable point P in the same plane. The minimum value of $PL + PM + PN + PO$ is

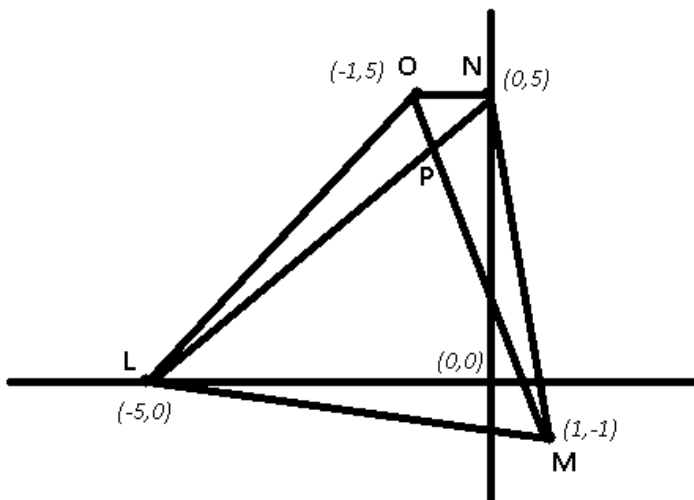
- A $1 + \sqrt{37}$
- B $5\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{10}$
- C $\sqrt{41} + \sqrt{37}$
- D $\sqrt{41} + 1$
- E None of these

Answer: B

Explanation:

($PL + PM$) will be minimum if P lies on LN, and ($PN + PO$) will be minimum if P lies on OM.

=> P must be the intersection point of the diagonals of the quadrilateral.



∴ Min (PL + PM + PN + PO)

= $PL + PM + PN + PO$

$$= (\sqrt{(0+5)^2 + (5-0)^2}) + (\sqrt{(1+1)^2 + (-1-5)^2})$$

$$= (\sqrt{25+25}) + (\sqrt{4+36})$$

$$= \sqrt{50} + \sqrt{40} = 5\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{10}$$

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