

HINTS & SOLUTIONS

EXERCISE - 1

Single Choice

$$2. \frac{\log b}{\log b + \log a + \log c} + \frac{\log c}{\log c + \log a + \log b} + \frac{\log a}{\log a + \log b + \log c} = 1$$

$$3. 1+x > 0, 1-x > 0, 1-x^2 > 0, x \neq 0$$

$$4. \begin{aligned} (7x-9)^2(3x-4)^2 &= 100 \\ \Rightarrow (21x^2-55x+36)^2 &= 100 \\ \Rightarrow 21x^2-55x+36 &= \pm 10 \\ 21x^2-55x+26 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$x = \frac{55 \pm \sqrt{3025 - 2184}}{42} = \frac{55 \pm 29}{42} = 2, \frac{13}{21}$$

only two real solution

$$5. \text{ Take log on both sides of equation \& solve the equation simultaneously.}$$

$$6. \text{ Use } a^{\log_b c} = c^{\log_b a} \\ \Rightarrow 3^{\log_4 5} + 4^{\log_5 3} - 3^{\log_4 5} - 4^{\log_5 3} = 0$$

$$7. \text{ Let } \log_3 n = x$$

$$y = 5x^2 - 12x + 9$$

$$y \text{ is minimum at } x = -\frac{b}{2a} = \frac{12}{10} = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\text{Here } \log_3 n = \frac{6}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 3^{6/5} \approx 3.70s$$

which is not natural hence minimum occurs at the closest integer

$$\text{now } 4 > 3^{6/5} \\ 4^5 > 3^6 \\ 1024 > 729 \text{ which is true}$$

$$8. \text{ Using property we get}$$

$$\frac{a^4 - (a^2 + 1) - 2a}{a^2 - a - 1} = \frac{a^4 - (a+1)^2}{a^2 - a - 1} = a^2 + a + 1$$

$$11. \text{ Let } \log_2 x = y$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 2y + y^2 + y + 2y^2 + y^3 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow y(y^2 + 3y + 3) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 0 \text{ or } y^2 + 3y + 3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 x = 0 \text{ or } D < 0 \text{ no real solution}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

(which is not in domain as x is in the base in one term)

$$12. (1+k)^n = \frac{s}{p} \Rightarrow n \log(1+k) = \log(s/p)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = \frac{\log s / p}{\log(1+k)}$$

13. Case-I

when B is a quadratic equation

$$D_1 = (m+3)^2 \text{ and } D_2 = (m-2)^2$$

roots of 1st equation are 2, -(m+1) set A

roots of 2nd equation are -1, $\frac{1}{1-m}$ set B

For exactly there elements in $A \cup B$ two of the roots must be same note that $2 \neq -1$

possibilities are

$$2 = -(m+1) \Rightarrow m = -3$$

$$2 = \frac{1}{1-m} \Rightarrow 2 - 2m = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 1/2$$

$$-m - 1 = -1 \Rightarrow m = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow m = \pm \sqrt{2}$$

$$\frac{1}{1-m} = -1 \Rightarrow m - 1 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 2.$$

Case-II

Now if $m = 1$, then B becomes linear

roots of B as $x = -1$

roots of A are 2 and -2

$$\Rightarrow 3 \text{ elements in common}$$

$$\therefore \text{ all permissible } m \text{ are } \{-3, \frac{1}{2}, \sqrt{2}, -\sqrt{2}, 2, 0, 1\}$$

$$15. \frac{\log x}{\log \frac{p}{q}} = \frac{\log x}{\log p - \log q} = \frac{1}{\frac{\log p}{\log x} - \frac{\log q}{\log x}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\log_x p - \log_x q} = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{1}{\beta}} = \frac{\alpha\beta}{\beta - \alpha}$$

$$17. B = \frac{12}{3 + \sqrt{5} + \sqrt{8}}$$

$$B = \left(\frac{12(3 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{8})}{(3 + \sqrt{5})^2 - 8} \right) = \frac{12(3 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{8})}{6 + 6\sqrt{5}}$$

$$= \left(\frac{2(3 + \sqrt{5} - 2\sqrt{2})}{1 + \sqrt{5}} \right) = \frac{6 + 2\sqrt{5}}{\sqrt{5} + 1} - \frac{4\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{5} + 1}$$

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

$$= \sqrt{5} + 1 - \sqrt{10} + \sqrt{2} = A \Rightarrow \log_A B = 1$$

$$20. x = \left(\frac{5}{3} \right)^{-100} \Rightarrow \log_{10} x = -100(\log 5 - \log 3)$$

$$= -100(\log_{10} 10 - \log_{10} 2 - \log_{10} 3)$$

$$= -100(1 - .3010 - .4771)$$

$$= -22.19 = \overline{23.81} \quad \text{hence } 0's = 23 - 1 = 22$$

EXERCISE - 2

Part # I : Multiple Choice

$$1. (A) \log_3 19 \cdot \log_{1/7} 3 \cdot \log_4 \frac{1}{7} = \log_3 19 \log_4 3 \\ = \log_4 19 > 2$$

$$(B) \frac{1}{5} > \frac{1}{23} > \frac{1}{25}$$

$$\log_5 \frac{1}{5} > \log_5 \frac{1}{23} > \log_5 \frac{1}{25}$$

$$(C) m=7 \quad \& \quad n=7^4 \\ \Rightarrow n=m^4$$

$$(D) \log_{\sqrt{5}} 5^2 = 4$$

$$7. \sin^2 \beta = \sin \alpha \cos \alpha$$

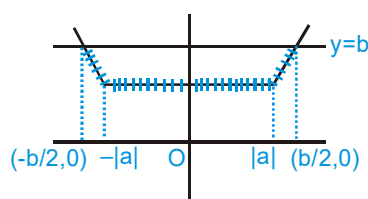
$$\frac{1 - \cos 2\beta}{2} = \frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2}$$

$$\cos 2\beta = 1 - \sin 2\alpha \quad (A)$$

$$= 1 - \cos(\pi/2 - 2\alpha) = 2\sin^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} - \alpha\right) \Rightarrow (B)$$

$$= 2\cos^2\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + \alpha\right) \Rightarrow (D)$$

$$10. \log_2 3 > 1, \log_{12} 10 < 1 \Rightarrow \log_2 3 > \log_{12} 10 \\ \log_6 5 < 1, \log_7 8 > 1 \Rightarrow \log_6 5 < \log_7 8 \\ \log_3 26 < 3, \log_2 9 > 3 \Rightarrow \log_3 26 < \log_2 9 \\ \log_{16} 15 < 1, \log_{10} 11 > 1 \Rightarrow \log_{16} 15 < \log_{10} 11$$



11.

13. Let any two distinct odd number be $(2n + 3)$ and $(2n + 1)$ when $n \in W$

Now According to question $(2n + 3)^2 - (2n + 1)^2$

$$= (4n^2 + 12n + 9) - (4n^2 + 4n + 1)$$

$$4n^2 + 12n + 9 - 4n^2 - 4n - 1$$

$$= 8n + 8 = 8(n + 1)$$

Which is always divisible by 4 & 8.

16. $2x^2 + 2x + a + 3$ must be positive hence $D < 0$
i.e. $4 - 8(a + 3) < 0 \Rightarrow 1 - 2a - 6 < 0$

$$\Rightarrow -2a < 5 \Rightarrow a > -\frac{5}{2} \quad \dots \text{(i)}$$

Also base of the logarithm

$$7 - a > 0 \text{ and } 7 - a \neq 1$$

$$a < 7 \text{ \& } a \neq 6 \quad \dots \text{(ii)}$$

from (1) and (2)

$$a \in \left(-\frac{5}{2}, 6\right) \cup (6, 7)$$

\Rightarrow (B), (C) and (D) are correct

17. $|z_1 + z_2|^2 = |z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2$

$$z_1 \bar{z}_2 + \bar{z}_1 z_2 = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{z_1}{z_2} = -\frac{\bar{z}_1}{\bar{z}_2}$$

$$\frac{z_1}{z_2} + \overline{\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right)} = 0 \Rightarrow \frac{z_1}{z_2} \text{ Pure imaginary}$$

$$\text{amp}\left(\frac{z_1}{z_2}\right) = \frac{\pi}{2}$$

19. (A) $\log_{10} 5(2\log_{10} 2 + \log_{10} 5) + (\log_{10} 2)^2$
 $= (\log_{10} 2 + \log_{10} 5)^2 = (\log_{10} 10)^2 = 1$

(B) $\frac{\log 4 + \log 3}{2\log 4 + \log 3 - \log 4} = 1$

(C) $-\log_5 \log_3 3^{1/5} = -\log_5 \frac{1}{5} = 1$

(D) $\frac{1}{6} \log_{\sqrt[3]{4}} \left(\frac{4}{3}\right)^3 = \log_{3/4} \frac{4}{3} = -1$

20. $[2 - x] + 2[x - 1] \geq 0$
 $\Rightarrow 2 + [-x] + 2[x] - 2 \geq 0$
 $2[x] + [-x] \geq 0$

Case-I

$x \in I$ then $2I - I \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow I \geq 0$

so $x \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots\} \quad \dots \text{(i)}$

case II

$x \notin I$ then $I - 1 \geq 0$

$\Rightarrow I \geq 1 \Rightarrow I = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

so $x \in (1, 2) \cup (2, 3) \cup (3, 4) \dots \dots \text{(ii)}$

from (1) and (2)

$x \in \{0\} \cup [1, \infty)$

21. Let $\log_3 2 = y$

$$N = \frac{1+2y}{(1+y)^2} + \frac{1}{(\log_2 6)^2}$$

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

$$\log_7 6 < 1 < \log_3 \pi$$

22. $\log_{x^2} 16 + \log_{2x} 64 = 3$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \log_{x^2} 2 + 6 \log_{2x} 2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{4}{\log_2 x^2} + \frac{6}{\log_2 2x} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{\log_2 x} + \frac{6}{1 + \log_2 x} = 3$$

but $\log_2 x = t$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{t} + \frac{6}{1+t} = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + 2t + 6t = 3t + 3t^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 3t^2 - 5t - 2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3t^2 - 5t - 2 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow t = -\frac{1}{3}, \quad t = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 x = -\frac{1}{3} \quad \log_2 x = 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2^{-1/3} \quad x = 4$$

$$= \frac{1}{2^{1/3}}$$

24. Only value of x satisfying given equation are 1 & 4.

25. $\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{\{x\}} > \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{1/2} \Rightarrow \{x\} < \frac{1}{2}$

$$\therefore \text{solution } x = \pi, x = 2 + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{9}}, x = \frac{e}{2}$$

26. $\log_p \log_p (p)^{1/p^n} = \log_p \frac{1}{p^n} = \log_p p^{-n} = -n$

29. $x^{\left[(\log_3 x)^2 - \frac{9}{2} \log_3 x + 5\right]} = 3\sqrt{3}$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_3 x)^3 - \frac{9}{2} \log_3 x + 5 = \log_x 3 \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_3 x)^2 - \frac{9}{2} \log_3 x + 5 = \frac{3}{2} \log_x 3$$

let $\log_3 x = t$

$$\Rightarrow t^2 - \frac{9}{2} t + 5 = \frac{3}{2t}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2t^3 - 9t^2 + 10t - 3 = 0$$

$t = 1$ satisfied

So $2t^3 - 9t^2 + 10t - 3 = 2t^2(t-1) - 7t(t-1) + 3(t-1)$

$$= (t-1)(2t^2 - 7t + 3)$$

$$= (t-1)(2t-1)(t-3)$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{array}{l} t = 1 \\ t = 3 \end{array} \quad \left| \quad \begin{array}{l} t = \frac{1}{2} \end{array} \right.$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_3 x = 1 \quad \log_3 x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_3 x = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3$$

$$x = 27.$$

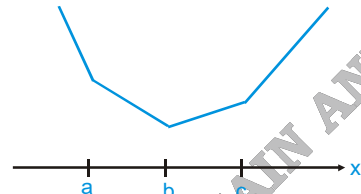
$$x = 3^{1/2}$$

Part # II : Assertion & Reason

1.

(A)

Graph of $y = |x-a| + |x-b| + |x-c|$



We get its minimum value at $x = b$.

So minimum value $|b-a| + |b-c|$

3.

(A)

Statement 2 is correct and from statement 1

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0 \text{ (for } x \in \mathbb{Z})$$

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

Also, $x^2 - 5x + 6 = -1$ (for $x \notin \mathbb{Z}$)

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 7 = 0 \Rightarrow \text{no real root}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{St. 1 is true.}$$

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

$\therefore \text{LHS} < 0 \text{ and RHS} > 0$

hence no solution.

EXERCISE - 3

Part # I : Matrix Match Type

1.

(A) \rightarrow (r),

(B) \rightarrow (t),

(C) \rightarrow (q),

(D) \rightarrow (p)

(A) $\frac{5x+1-x^2-2x-1}{(x+1)^2} < 0$

$$-x^2 + 3x < 0, x \neq -1$$

$$x(x-3) > 0, x \neq -1$$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (-1, 0) \cup (3, \infty)$$

(B) $|x| + |x-3| = \begin{cases} -2x+3 & : x < 0 \\ 3 & : 0 \leq x \leq 3 \\ 2x-3 & : x > 3 \end{cases}$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (3, \infty)$$

(C) $\frac{1}{|x|-3} - \frac{1}{2} < 0$

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

$$(5-|x|)/(|x|-3) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| < 3 \text{ or } |x| > 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -5) \cup (-3, 3) \cup (5, \infty)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (0, 2) \cup (2, \infty)$$

2. (A) $2\log_{10}(x-3) = \log_{10}(x^2-21)$

$$\Rightarrow (x-3)^2 = x^2 - 21$$

$$\Rightarrow 6x = 30 \Rightarrow x = 5$$

(B) $x^{\log_2 x + 4} = 32$

$$\Rightarrow (\log_2 x + 4)\log_2 x = \log_2 32$$

Let $\log_2 x = y$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + 4y - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y+5)(y-1) = 0$$

$$\log_2 x = -5$$

$$\log_2 x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{32} \quad \& \quad x = 2$$

$$(C) \quad 5^{\log_{10} x} + \frac{5^{\log_{10} x}}{5} = 3.3^{\log_{10} x} + \frac{3^{\log_{10} x}}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{6}{5}\right) 5^{\log_{10} x} = \left(\frac{10}{3}\right) 3^{\log_{10} x}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^{\log_{10} x} = \left(\frac{5}{3}\right)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10} x = 2 \Rightarrow x = 100$$

$$(D) \quad 9 \cdot 9^{\log_3 x} - 3 \cdot 3^{\log_3 x} - 210 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9x^2 - 3x - 210 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - x - 70 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3x^2 - 15x + 14x - 70 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 5 ; x = \frac{-14}{3} \text{ (Reject)}$$

$$3. \quad (A) \rightarrow (p, r, s), (B) \rightarrow (r, s), (C) \rightarrow (t), (D) \rightarrow (p, r, s)$$

$$(A) \quad (3-x) > 3\sqrt{1-x^2}$$

$$\text{Case-I (i)} \quad 3-x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 3$$

$$(ii) \quad \sqrt{1-x^2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \in [-1, 1]$$

$$(iii) \quad 9 + x^2 - 6x > 9 - 9x^2$$

$$10x^2 - 6x > 0$$

$$x(5x-3) > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup \left(\frac{3}{5}, \infty\right)$$

$$\therefore x \in [-1, 0) \cup \left(\frac{3}{5}, 1\right]$$

$$\text{Case-II (i)} \quad 3-x < 0$$

-ve > +ve not possible

$$\text{by case-I & II } x \in [-1, 0) \cup \left(\frac{3}{5}, 1\right]$$

$$(B) \quad -\sqrt{x+2} < -x \Leftrightarrow x < \sqrt{x+2}$$

$$\text{case-I (i)} \quad x \geq 0$$

$$(ii) \quad x+2 > 0$$

$$(iii) \quad x^2 < x+2$$

$$\text{so } x \in [0, 2)$$

$$\text{case-II (i)} \quad x < 0$$

$$(ii) \quad x+2 \geq 0$$

$$(iii) \quad -ve < +ve$$

$$\text{so } x \in [-2, 0)$$

$$\text{by case-I & II } x \in [-2, 2)$$

$$(C) \quad \log_5 (x-3) + \frac{1}{2} \log_5 3 < \frac{1}{2} \log_5 (2x^2 - 6x + 7)$$

$$3(x-3)^2 < (2x^2 - 6x + 7)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (2, 10)$$

$$\therefore x > 3$$

$$\text{so } x \in (3, 10)$$

$$(D) \quad 7^{x+2} - \frac{1}{7} \cdot 7^{x+1} - 14 \cdot 7^{x-1} + 2 \cdot 7^x = 48$$

$$\text{Let } 7^x = t$$

$$49t - t - 2t + 2t = 48 \quad \therefore t = 1$$

Part # II : Comprehension

Comprehension 1

$$1. \quad (A) \quad |x^3 - x| + |2 - x| = (x^3 - x) - (2 - x)$$

$$\therefore x^3 - x \geq 0 \text{ and } 2 - x \leq 0$$

$$x^3 - x \geq 0 \text{ and } x \geq 2$$

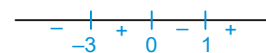
$$x(x^2 - 1) \geq 0 \text{ and } x \geq 2$$

$$\therefore x \in [2, \infty)$$

$$2. \quad (D) \quad (x^2 - x)(x + 3) \leq 0$$

$$x(x-1)(x+3) \leq 0$$

$$x \in (-\infty, -3] \cup [0, 1]$$



$$3. \quad (C) \quad |f(x) - g(x)| = |f(x)| + |g(x)|$$

$$\text{obviously } f(x) \cdot g(x) \leq 0$$

Comprehension 3

$$1. \quad (C) \quad \text{Since } 2m - n = 3 \text{ has the solution } m = 4$$

$$\text{and } a_5 - (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) = 9 - (1 + 3 + 4 + 7) = -6 < 5$$

$$\therefore \text{there are 2 solutions}$$

$$2. \quad (A) \quad \text{Since } 2m - n = 2 \text{ is not possible}$$

$$\text{but } 2m - n + 1 = 2 \text{ has the solution } m = 3 \text{ and } 2 < 5$$

$$\text{and } 10 - (1 + 3 + 4) = 2 > 1$$

$$\therefore \text{there is no solution}$$

$$3. \quad (C) \quad \text{Since } 2m - n = 2 \text{ has no solution}$$

$$2m - n + 1 = 2 \text{ has a solution } m = 3 \text{ and } 2 < 5$$

$$\text{and } 7 - (1 + 2 + 4) = 0 < 10$$

$$\therefore \text{there are two solutions.}$$

EXERCISE - 4

Subjective Type

$$1. \begin{cases} a > 0 ; a \neq 1 \\ N > 0 ; N \neq 1 \\ b > 0 ; b \neq 1/a \end{cases}$$

$$2. 5$$

$$3. \frac{\log_a x}{\log_a y} = 4 \quad \& \quad \frac{\log_a z}{\log_a y} = 7$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log_a x}{4} = \frac{\log_a y}{1} = \frac{\log_a z}{7} = \lambda$$

$$\Rightarrow x = a^{4\lambda}, y = a^\lambda, z = a^{7\lambda}$$

$$\text{Now } \log_a a^{4\lambda} \log_a (a^{4\lambda+\lambda+7\lambda}) = 48$$

$$48\lambda^2 = 48 \Rightarrow \lambda^2 = 1 \Rightarrow \lambda = \pm 1$$

$$4. \frac{a^4}{b^4}$$

$$5. a^2 + b^2 = c^2 \quad a > 0, b > 0, c > 0$$

$$\log_{c+b} a + \log_{c-b} a = 2 \log_{c+b} a \log_{c-b} a$$

$$\text{LHS} = \frac{1}{\log_a(c+b)} + \frac{1}{\log_a(c-b)}$$

$$= \frac{\log_a(c^2 - b^2)}{\log_a(c+b)\log_a(c-b)} = \frac{\log_a a^2}{\log_a(c+b)\log_a(c-b)}$$

$$= \frac{2}{\log_a(c+b)\log_a(c-b)} = 2 \log_{c+b} a \log_{c-b} a$$

$$6. x = 2, y = 1$$

$$7. x = 50 \log_{10} x \Rightarrow 10^x = x^{50}$$

$$\Rightarrow 10^{2x} = x^{50 \times 2} \Rightarrow 100^x = x^{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 100$$

$$8. x = 2 \text{ or } 81$$

$$9. \log 4 + \log 3 + \log 3^{1/2x} = \log(3^{1/x} + 27)$$

$$\Rightarrow 12 \cdot 3^{1/2x} = 3^{1/x} + 27$$

$$\text{Let } 3^{1/2x} = y \Rightarrow y^2 - 12y + 27 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 9 \text{ or } y = 3 \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{4} \text{ and } x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\text{but } x \in \mathbb{N} \geq 2 \text{ have no solution}$$

$$10. x = 10/3, y = 20/3 \quad \& \quad x = -10, y = 20$$

$$11. \log_{100} |x+y| = \frac{1}{2} \text{ and}$$

$$\log_{10} y - \log_{10} |x| = \log_{100} 4 = \log_{10} 2$$

$$\Rightarrow |x+y| = 10 \quad \& \quad \frac{y}{|x|} = 2 \Rightarrow y = 2|x|$$

$$\text{when } x > 0 \quad ; \quad y = 2x$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{10}{3} \quad \& \quad y = \frac{20}{3}$$

$$\text{when } x < 0; y = -2x$$

$$\Rightarrow |-x| = 10$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -10 \quad y = 20$$

$$12. (i) \frac{(1+i)x - 2i}{3+i} + \frac{(2-3i)y + i}{3-i} = i$$

$$\frac{(3-i)(x+ix-2i) + (3+i)(2y-3iy+i)}{(3+i)(3-i)} = i$$

$$3x + 3ix - 6i - ix + x - 2 + 6y - 9iy + 3i + 2iy + 3y - 1 = 10i$$

$$4x + 9y - 3 + i(2x - 7y - 13) = 10i$$

$$4x + 9y - 3 = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$2x - 7y - 13 = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$23y + 23 = 0$$

$$y = -1$$

$$4x - 9 - 3 = 0$$

$$4x = 12$$

$$x = 3.$$

$$13. k_1 p + 7 = 296$$

$$k_2 p + 11 = 436$$

$$k_3 p + 15 = 542$$

$$k_1 p = 289 = (17)(17)$$

$$k_2 p = 425 = (17)(25)$$

$$k_3 p = 527 = (17)(31)$$

$$\text{Hence } p \text{ is } 17$$

$$14. (i) x \in \left[-2, -\frac{3}{2}\right]$$

$$(ii) (\log_2 5, \infty)$$

$$(iii) (0, 10^{-1}] \cup [10^2, \infty)$$

$$(iv) (-\infty, -5) \cup (-5, -1) \cup (3, \infty)$$

$$(v) (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty)$$

$$(vi) x \in (-2, -1) \cup (-1, 0) \cup (0, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$$

15. (i) $(-\infty, 1) \cup (5, \infty)$

(ii) $[-1, (\sqrt{5} - 1)/2)$ (iii) $x \in [3, \infty)$

(iv) $x \in \left[\frac{7 - \sqrt{21}}{2}, 2\right] \cup \left[4, \frac{7 + \sqrt{21}}{2}\right]$ (v) $x = 2$

(vi) $\left(0, \frac{1}{4}\right] \cup [1, 4)$

16. (i) $|x| + 2 = 3$

$\Rightarrow |x| = 1$

$\Rightarrow x = \pm 1$

(ii) $|x| - 2x + 5 = 0$

case (i)

$x < 0$

$-x - 2x + 5 = 0$

$\Rightarrow x = \frac{5}{3}$ (not possible) ($\because x < 0$)

case (ii)

$x \geq 0$

$x - 2x + 5 = 0$

$\therefore x = 5$

(iii) $x|x| = 4$

case (i)

$x < 0$

$\therefore -x^2 = 4$ (no solution)

case (ii)

$x \geq 0$

$x^2 = 4$

$x = \pm 2$

$\therefore x = 2$

(iv) $||x - 1| - 2| = 1$

(vi) $|x - 3| + 2|x + 1| = 4$

case (i)

$x < -1$

$-x + 3 - 2x - 2 = 4$

$-3x = 3$

$x = -1$

case (ii)

$-1 \leq x < 3$

$-x + 3 + 2x + 2 = 4$

$x = -1$

case (iii)

$x \geq 3$

$x - 3 + 2x + 2 = 4$

$3x = 5$

$x = \frac{5}{3}$ (not possible)

$\therefore x = -1$

(vii) $||x - 1| - 2| = |x - 3|$

by using property

$||a| - |b|| = |a - b| \Rightarrow a \cdot b \geq 0$

$2(x - 1) \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \geq 1$

$\Rightarrow x \in [1, \infty)$

17. $x = 9, \frac{1}{9}$

18. $x = 3$ or -3

20. $\left\{\frac{1}{4}\right\}$

21. $(x^2 + y^2)$

22. $x \in \phi$

23. $x \in \left[\frac{1}{2}, 5\right]$

24. (i) $x \in (-\infty, 1] \cup [5, \infty)$

(ii) $x = 5$ or $x = -1$

(iii) $x \in \mathbb{R} - \{3\}$

(iv) $x \in [0, 6]$

25. 2

EXERCISE - 5

Part # I : AIEEE/JEE-MAIN

6. (A)

$$(x^2 - 5x + 5)^{x^2 + 4x - 60} = (x^2 - 5x + 5)^0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x - 60 = 0 \quad [a^x = a^y \Rightarrow x = y \text{ if } a \neq 1, 0, -1]$$

$$x = -10, 6 \quad \& \quad \text{base } x^2 - 5x + 5 = 0 \quad \text{or } 1 \quad \text{or } -1$$

$$\text{If } x^2 - 5x + 5 = 0$$

But it will not satisfy original equation

$$x^2 - 5x + 5 = 1 \quad | \quad x^2 - 5x + 5 = -1$$

$$\therefore x = 4, 1 \quad | \quad \therefore x = 2, 3$$

$x = 3$ does not satisfy equ.

Part # II : IIT-JEE ADVANCED

12. (4)

$$\text{Let } \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}} \sqrt{4 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}}} \dots = y$$

$$\text{So, } 4 - \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} y = y^2 \quad (y > 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + \frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} y - 4 = 0 \quad \Rightarrow y = \frac{8}{3\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{so, the required value is } 6 + \log_{3/2} \left(\frac{1}{3\sqrt{2}} \times \frac{8}{3\sqrt{2}} \right)$$

$$= 6 + \log_{3/2} \frac{4}{9} = 6 - 2 = 4.$$

13. (ABC)

$$\log_2 3^x = (x-1) \log_2 4 = 2(x-1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \log_2 3 = 2x - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{2}{2 - \log_2 3}$$

Rearranging, we get

$$x = \frac{2}{2 - \frac{1}{\log_3 2}} = \frac{2 \log_3 2}{2 \log_3 2 - 1}$$

Rearranging again,

$$x = \frac{\log_3 4}{\log_3 4 - 1} = \frac{\frac{1}{\log_4 3}}{\frac{1}{\log_4 3} - 1} = \frac{1}{1 - \log_4 3}$$

MOCK TEST

1. (C)

$$\log_2 15 \log_{1/6} 2 \log_3 1/6 = \frac{\log 15}{\log 2} \times \frac{\log 2}{\log 1/6} \times \frac{\log 1/6}{\log 3}$$

$$= \frac{\log(3 \times 5)}{\log 3} = 1 + \log_3 5 > 2 \quad (\text{but } < 3)$$

2. (C)

$$(i) \log_{\frac{1}{3}} (x^2 + x + 1) > -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x + 1 < 3$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + x - 2 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x+2)(x-1) < 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-2, 1) \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\text{and } (ii) x^2 + x + 1 > 0 \Rightarrow x \in \mathbb{R} \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\text{by (i) \& (ii) } x \in (-2, 1)$$

3. (D)

$$|x^2 - 9| + |x^2 - 4| = 5$$

$$|x^2 - 9| + |x^2 - 4| = |(x^2 - 9) - (x^2 - 4)|$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - 9)(x^2 - 4) \leq 0$$

$$\{ \because |a| + |b| = |a - b| \Leftrightarrow a \cdot b \leq 0 \}$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [-3, -2] \cup [2, 3]$$

4. (A)

$$|a| + |b| = |a - b| \Rightarrow a \cdot b \leq 0$$

$$(x^2 - 5x + 7)(x^2 - 5x - 14) \leq 0$$

$$(x-7)(x+2) \leq 0 \Rightarrow x \in [-2, 7]$$

5. (A)

$$S_1 : e^{y \log_7 7 - x \log_7 11} = e^{\frac{7^y}{11^x}} = \frac{7^y}{11^x} = \frac{7^{\sqrt{\log_7 11}}}{11^{\sqrt{\log_7 11}}}$$

$$= \frac{7^{\frac{\log_7 11}{\sqrt{\log_7 11}}}}{11^{\frac{\log_7 11}{\sqrt{\log_7 11}}}} = \frac{11^{\sqrt{\log_7 11}}}{11^{\sqrt{\log_7 11}}} = 1$$

$$S_2 : \log_x 3 > \log_x 2 \Rightarrow x > 1$$

$$S_3 : |x - 2| = [-\pi]$$

$$|x - 2| = -4 \quad \text{no solution}$$

$$S_4 : \log_{25} (2 + \tan^2 \theta) = 0.5$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2} \log_5 (2 + \tan^2 \theta) = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow 2 + \tan^2 \theta = 5$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan^2 \theta = 3 \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \pm \sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \theta \text{ may take values } \frac{2\pi}{3} \text{ or } \frac{4\pi}{3}$$

6. (C)

Since $x = 0$ is one of the solution so the product will be zero.

7. (B)

Case I

$$[x] - 2x = 4 \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] - 2([x] + \{x\}) = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] + 2\{x\} + 4 = 0 \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\because 0 \leq 2\{x\} < 2$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq -[x] - 4 < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow -6 < [x] \leq -4 \Rightarrow [x] = -4, -5$$

$$\therefore \text{from (i) we get } x = -4, -\frac{9}{2}$$

Case II

$$[x] - 2x = -4 \quad \dots\dots(iii)$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = 2x - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = 2([x] + \{x\}) - 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 2\{x\} = 4 - [x] \quad \dots\dots(iv)$$

$$\therefore 0 \leq 2\{x\} < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq 4 - [x] < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 < [x] \leq 4 \quad \therefore [x] = 3, 4$$

$$\therefore \text{from (iii) we get } x = 4, \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of solutions of } |[x] - 2x| = 4 \text{ are 4.}$$

8. (A)

$$5\{x\} = x + [x] \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

$$[x] - \{x\} = \frac{1}{2} \quad \dots\dots(ii)$$

$$\because 0 \leq \{x\} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq [x] - \frac{1}{2} < 1 \quad (\text{by (ii)})$$

$$\Rightarrow [x] = 1 \quad \therefore \{x\} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore \text{from (i) we get } \frac{5}{2} = x + 1$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{3}{2}, (\text{one value})$$

9. (D)

$$0 \leq \log_e [2x] \leq 1$$

$$1 \leq [2x] \leq e$$

$$\Rightarrow [2x] = 1, 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \leq 2x < 3$$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{2} \leq x < \frac{3}{2}$$

10. (A)

$$N = \frac{(3^4)^{\log_9 5} + 3^{3 \log_3 \sqrt{6}}}{409} [7^{\log_7 25} - (5^3)^{\log_{5^2} 6}]$$

$$\Rightarrow N = \frac{3^{\log_3 25} + 3^{\log_3 \sqrt{6^3}}}{409} [25 - 6\sqrt{6}]$$

$$N = \frac{(25 + 6\sqrt{6})(25 - 6\sqrt{6})}{409}$$

$$N = 1$$

$$\log_2 N = \log_2 1 = 0$$

11. (A, D)

$$\ell n(x+z) + \ell n(x-2y+z) = 2 \ell n(x-z)$$

$$\ell n(x+z)(x-2y+z) = \ell n(x-z)^2$$

$$x^2 - 2xy + 2zx - 2yz + z^2 = x^2 + z^2 - 2zx$$

$$\Rightarrow y = \frac{2xz}{z+x} \quad \text{or} \quad \frac{x}{z} = \frac{x-y}{y-z}$$

12. (C, D)

$$\log_{10} 5 \cdot \log_{10} 20 + (\log_{10} 2)^2$$

$$= \log_{10} 5 (1 + \log_{10} 2) + (\log_{10} 2)^2 = \log_{10} 5 +$$

$$\log_{10} 2 [\log_{10} 5 + \log_{10} 2]$$

$$= 1$$

13. (B)

Here $x \neq 0$ Case I when $x \geq -2$

$$\frac{|x+2|-x}{x} < 2 \Rightarrow \frac{2}{x} < 2 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (x-1)/x > 0$$

$$x \in [-2, 0) \cup (1, \infty) \quad \dots\dots(i)$$

Case II when $x < -2$

$$\frac{|x+2|-x}{x} < 2 \Rightarrow \frac{-2-2x}{x} < 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1+x}{x} + 1 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1+2x)/x > 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -2) \dots\dots(ii)$$

\therefore from (i) and (ii) we get $x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup (1, \infty)$

14. (B, D)

(A) $\log_3 \log_{27} \log_4 64 = \log_3 \log_{27} 3 = \log_3 \left(\frac{1}{3}\right) = -1$

(B) $2 \log_{18} (\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{8}) = 2 \cdot \log_{(3\sqrt{2})^2} (\sqrt{2} + 2\sqrt{2}) = 2 \cdot$

$$\log_{(3\sqrt{2})^2} (3\sqrt{2}) = \frac{2}{2} = 1$$

(C) $\log_2 \left(\sqrt{10} \times \frac{2}{\sqrt{5}} \right) = \log_2 2\sqrt{2} = \frac{3}{2}$

(D) $-\log_{\sqrt{2}-1} (\sqrt{2} + 1) = \log_{\sqrt{2}-1} (\sqrt{2} + 1)^{-1}$
 $= \log_{\sqrt{2}-1} (\sqrt{2} - 1) = 1$

15. (A, B)

$\therefore AM \geq GM$

$$\frac{x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{xy}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{2-z}{2} \right) \geq \sqrt{xy}$$

$$\frac{2-z}{2} \geq \sqrt{\frac{z^2+4}{2}}$$

$$\frac{4+z^2-4z}{4} \geq \frac{4+z^2}{2}$$

$$(z+2)^2 \leq 0 \therefore z = -2$$

$$x+y=4 \quad \text{and} \quad xy=4$$

$$x-y=0$$

$$\therefore x=2, y=2 \quad \text{and} \quad z=-2$$

only one real solution.

16. (D) Statement I is false

\therefore Sum of the length of any two sides of a triangle is greater than length of third side

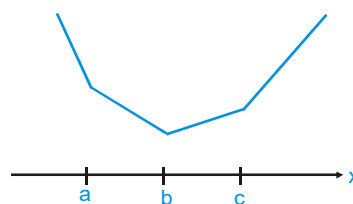
Statement II is true

$$\therefore a^2 + c^2 - b^2 < 0$$

then $\cos B < 0 \Rightarrow B$ is obtuse

17. (A)

Graph of $y = |x-a| + |x-b| + |x-c|$



We get its minimum value at $x = b$.

So minimum value $|b-a| + |b-c|$

18. (C)

The result can be easily understood with the help of nature of graph of $y = \log_a x$

19. (A)

Statement 2 is correct and from statement 1

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0 \quad (\text{for } x \in z)$$

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

Also, $x^2 - 5x + 6 = -1 \quad (\text{for } x \notin z)$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 5x + 7 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{no real root} \Rightarrow \text{St. 1 is true.}$$

20. (A)

$$\log_a b < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{either } \{0 < a < 1 \text{ and } b > 1\}$$

$$\text{or } \{a > 1 \text{ and } b < 1\}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 \text{ lies between the roots}$$

$$\therefore a + \alpha + \beta < 0 \text{ and so } \alpha + \beta < 0$$

\therefore both the statements are true. Statement-2 is a correct explanation for Statement-1.

21. (A) - (r), (B) - (t), (C) - (p,q,r), (D) - (p,q)

(A) $\log_{\sin x} (\log_3 (\log_{0.2} x)) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow \log_3 (\log_{0.2} x) > 1$$

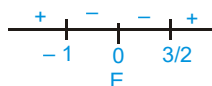
$$\Rightarrow \log_{0.2} x > 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < x < (0.2)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < x < \frac{1}{125} \quad (\text{which also satisfy } 0 < \sin x < 1)$$

$$(B) \frac{(e^x - 1)(2x - 3)(x^2 + x + 2)}{(\sin x - 2)x(x + 1)} \leq 0$$

$$\frac{(e^x - 1)(x - 3/2)}{x(x + 1)} \geq 0$$



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

$$(C) |2 - |[x] - 1|| \leq 2 \Rightarrow ||[x] - 1| - 2| \leq 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 \leq |[x] - 1| \leq 4 \Rightarrow -3 \leq [x] \leq 5$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [-3, 6)$$

$$(D) |\sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3)| \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{\pi}{2} \leq \sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3) \leq \frac{\pi}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 \leq 3x - 4x^3 \leq 1 \Rightarrow -1 \leq x \leq 1$$

$$22. (A) \rightarrow (p, r, s), (B) \rightarrow (r, s), (C) \rightarrow (t), (D) \rightarrow (p, r, s)$$

$$(A) (3 - x) > 3\sqrt{1 - x^2}$$

$$\text{Case-I (i)} 3 - x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 3$$

$$(ii) \sqrt{1 - x^2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \in [-1, 1]$$

$$(iii) 9 + x^2 - 6x > 9 - 9x^2$$

$$10x^2 - 6x > 0$$

$$x(5x - 3) > 0 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, 0) \cup \left(\frac{3}{5}, \infty\right)$$

$$\therefore x \in [-1, 0) \cup \left(\frac{3}{5}, 1\right]$$

$$\text{Case-II (i)} 3 - x < 0$$

-ve > +ve not possible

$$\therefore \text{by case-I \& II } x \in [-1, 0) \cup \left(\frac{3}{5}, 1\right]$$

$$(B) -\sqrt{x+2} < -x \Leftrightarrow x < \sqrt{x+2}$$

$$\text{Case-I (i)} x \geq 0$$

$$(ii) x + 2 > 0$$

$$(iii) x^2 < x + 2$$

$$\text{so } x \in [0, 2)$$

$$\text{Case-II (i)} x < 0$$

$$(ii) x + 2 \geq 0$$

$$(iii) -ve < +ve$$

$$\text{so } x \in [-2, 0)$$

$$\text{by case-I \& II } x \in [-2, 2)$$

$$(C) \log_5(x-3) + \frac{1}{2} \log_5 3 < \frac{1}{2} \log_5(2x^2 - 6x + 7)$$

$$3(x-3)^2 < (2x^2 - 6x + 7) \Rightarrow x \in (2, 10)$$

$$\therefore x > 3$$

$$\text{so } x \in (3, 10)$$

$$(D) 7^{x+2} - \frac{1}{7} \cdot 7^{x+1} - 14 \cdot 7^{x-1} + 2 \cdot 7^x = 48$$

$$\text{Let } 7^x = t$$

$$49t - t - 2t + 2t = 48 \therefore t = 1 \text{ so } x = 0$$

23.

$$1. (A) |x^3 - x| + |2 - x| = (x^3 - x) - (2 - x)$$

$$\therefore x^3 - x \geq 0 \text{ and } 2 - x \leq 0$$

$$x^3 - x \geq 0 \text{ and } x \geq 2$$

$$x(x^2 - 1) \geq 0 \text{ and } x \geq 2$$

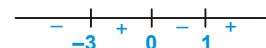
$$\therefore x \in [2, \infty)$$

2. (D)

$$(x^2 - x)(x + 3) \leq 0$$

$$x(x - 1)(x + 3) \leq 0$$

$$x \in (-\infty, -3] \cup [0, 1]$$



3. (C)

$$|f(x) - g(x)| = |f(x)| + |g(x)|$$

$$\text{obviously } f(x) \cdot g(x) \leq 0$$

24.

1. This equation is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{cases} 2x > 0 \\ (2x)^2 = 7x - 2 - 2x^2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x > 0 \\ 6x^2 - 7x + 2 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x > 0 \\ (x - 1/2)(x - 2/3) = 0 \end{cases} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} x = \frac{1}{2} \\ x = \frac{2}{3} \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore \text{Number of solutions} = 2.$$

2. This equation is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{cases} 4x - 15 > 0 \\ 2x = (4x - 15)^2 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x > \frac{15}{4} \\ 2x = 16x^2 - 120x + 225 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x > \frac{15}{4} \\ 16x^2 - 122x + 225 = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{9}{2}$$

\therefore Number of solutions = 1.

3. This equation is equivalent to the system

$$\begin{cases} 3x^2 + x - 2 > 0 \\ 3x^2 + x - 2 = (3x - 2)^3 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} (x - 2/3)(x + 1) > 0 \\ (x - 2/3)(9x^2 - 13x + 3) = 0 \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{cases} x < 2/3 \text{ and } x < -1 \\ x = 2/3, x = \frac{13 \pm \sqrt{61}}{18} \end{cases}$$

\therefore No root.

25.

1. (C)

Since $2m - n = 3$ has the solution $m = 4$

and $a_5 - (a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4) = 9 - (1 + 3 + 4 + 7) = -6 < 5$

\therefore there are 2 solutions

2. (A)

Since $2m - n = 2$ is not possible

but $2m - n + 1 = 2$ has the solution $m = 3$ and $2 < 5$

and $10 - (1 + 3 + 4) = 2 > 1$

\therefore there is no solution

3. (C)

Since $2m - n = 2$ has no solution

$2m - n + 1 = 2$ has a solution $m = 3$ and $2 < 5$

and $7 - (1 + 2 + 4) = 0 < 10$

\therefore there are two solutions.

26.

4.

Case - I

$$0 < x^2 < 1 \Rightarrow x \in (-1, 1) - \{0\} \quad \text{.....(i)}$$

$$|x - 1| < 1 \Rightarrow -1 < x - 1 < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 0 < x < 2 \quad \text{.....(ii)}$$

from (i) and (ii), we get $x \in (0, 1)$

Case - II

$$x^2 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (1, \infty) \quad \text{.....(iii)}$$

$$|x - 1| > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x - 1 > 1 \text{ or } x - 1 < -1$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 2 \text{ or } x < 0 \quad \text{.....(iv)}$$

from (iii) and (iv), we get $x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (2, \infty)$

$$\therefore x \in (-\infty, -1) \cup (0, 1) \cup (2, \infty)$$

inequality is not defined for

$$x = -1, 0, 1, 2$$

\therefore sum of their absolute values

$$= |-1| + |0| + |1| + |2| = 4.$$

27.

4.

$$|x^2 - 3x - 1| < |3x^2 + 2x + 1| + |2x^2 + 5x + 2|, x^2 - 3x - 1 \neq 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow |(3x^2 + 2x + 1) - (2x^2 + 5x + 2)| < |3x^2 + 2x + 1| + |2x^2 + 5x + 2|,$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 1 \neq 0$$

The inequality holds if and only if

$$(3x^2 + 2x + 1)(2x^2 + 5x + 2) > 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } 2x^2 + 5x + 2 > 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } (2x + 1)(x + 2) > 0$$

$$\text{i.e. } x \in (-\infty, -2) \cup (-1/2, \infty)$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2 \text{ and } b = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\therefore a + \log ab = 2$$

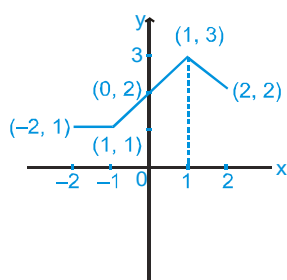
$$28. \underbrace{\sqrt[p]{\sqrt[p]{\sqrt[p]{\dots \sqrt[p]{p}}}}}_{2008 \text{ times}} = (p)^{\frac{1}{p^{2008}}} = p^{p^{-2008}}$$

$$\log_p \log_p \underbrace{\sqrt[p]{\sqrt[p]{\sqrt[p]{\dots \sqrt[p]{p}}}}}_{2008 \text{ times}} = \log_p \log_p (p^{p^{-2008}})$$

$$= \log_p (p^{-2008}) = -2008,$$

$$\therefore \lambda = 2008$$

29. (3)

Drawing the graph of $y = f(x)$ Clearly the range of $y = f(x)$ is $[1, 3]$ when $-2 \leq x \leq -1$, $\{f(x)\} = 0$ when $-1 \leq x \leq 0$, $\{f(x)\}$ will have the value $\frac{1}{2}$ for one value of x .when $0 \leq x \leq 1$, $\{f(x)\}$ will have the value $\frac{1}{2}$ for one value of x .when $1 \leq x \leq 2$, $\{f(x)\}$ will have the value $\frac{1}{2}$ for one value of x .Hence the total number of values of x for which $\{f(x)\} = \frac{1}{2}$ are 3

30. (1)

$$\sqrt{\left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right]} + \left[\sqrt{\{x\}} + \left[\frac{x}{3}\right]\right] = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right]} + \left[\sqrt{\{x\}} + \left[\frac{x}{3}\right]\right] = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{\left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right]} + \left[\frac{x}{3}\right] = 3$$

Case-1 $\sqrt{\left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right]} = 3$ and $\left[\frac{x}{3}\right] = 0$

i.e. $\left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right] = 9$ and $0 \leq x < 3$

$\therefore 0 \leq x < 3 \Rightarrow [x] = 0, 1$ or 2 ; $\left[\frac{x}{2}\right] = 0$ or 1

\therefore There is no solution in this case.

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

i.e. $\left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right] = 4$ and $3 \leq x < 6$

$\therefore 3 \leq x < 6 \Rightarrow [x] = 3, 4$ or 5 ; $\left[\frac{x}{2}\right] = 1$ or 2

$\therefore \left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right] = 4$ has a solution for $[x] = 3$ and

$\left[\frac{x}{2}\right] = 1$ and $\left[\frac{x}{3}\right] = 1$.

i.e. $3 \leq x < 4, 2 \leq x < 4$ and $3 \leq x < 6$

$\therefore [3, 4)$ are solutions.

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

i.e. $\left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right] = 1$ and $6 \leq x < 9$

$\therefore 6 \leq x < 9$

$\Rightarrow [x] = 6, 7$ or 8 ; $\left[\frac{x}{2}\right] = 3$ or 4

$\therefore \left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right] = 1$ and $\left[\frac{x}{3}\right] = 2$ is not possible.

Case-4 $\sqrt{\left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right]} = 0$ and $\left[\frac{x}{3}\right] = 3$

i.e. $\left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right] = 0$ and $9 \leq x < 12$

$\therefore 9 \leq x < 12$

$\Rightarrow [x] = 9, 10$ or 11 ; $\left[\frac{x}{2}\right] = 4$ or 5

$\therefore \left[x + \left[\frac{x}{2}\right]\right] = 0$ has no solution.

Hence the solution set is $[3, 4)$.