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Basic operation questions for CDSE, CGL Tier 2, CGLTier 1 and SSC 10+2

Basic operation quiz 2

Direction: Study the following questions carefully and choose the right answer.

1. If $x = 2$ then the value of $x^3 + 27x^2 + 243x + 631$ is:

- A. 1211
- B. 1231
- C. 1233
- D. 1321

2. If $x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + 1}$ then $(x + 1)$ equals to :

- A. 2
- B. $(\sqrt{2} + 1)$
- C. $(\sqrt{2} - 1)$
- D. $\sqrt{2}$

3. if $x + \frac{1}{x} = 99$, find the value of $\frac{100x}{2x^2 + 102x + 2}$

- A. $1/6$
- B. $1/2$
- C. $1/3$
- D. $1/4$

4. The expression $x^4 - 2x^2 + k$ will be a perfect square when the value of k is

- A. 2
- B. 1
- C. -1
- D. -2

5. If $x + \frac{1}{2x} = 2$, find the value of $8x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$.

- A. 48
- B. 88
- C. 40
- D. 44

6. If $(x - 1)$ and $(x + 3)$ are the factor of $x^2 + k_1x + k_2$ then

- A. $k_1 = -2, k_2 = -3$ B. $k_1 = 2, k_2 = -3$
C. $k_1 = 2, k_2 = 3$ D. $k_1 = -2, k_2 = 3$

7. If $\frac{5x}{2x^2 + 5x + 1} = \frac{1}{3}$, then the value of $\left(x + \frac{1}{2x}\right)$ is

- A. 15 B. 10
C. 20 D. 5

8. If $a = 2.234$, $b = 3.121$ and $c = -5.355$, then the value of $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc$ is

- A. -1 B. 0
C. 1 D. 2

9. If $x^2 + y^2 + 1 = 2x$, then the value of $x^3 + y^5$ is

- A. 2 B. 0
C. -1 D. 1

10. If. $\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^2 = 3$, then the value of $a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3}$ is

- A. 0 B. 1
C. 2 D. 6

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Correct answers:

1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
C	D	C	B	C	B	D	B	D	A

Explanations:

1). Given equation,

$$f(x) = x^3 + 27x^2 + 243x + 631$$

$$\Rightarrow x(x^2 + 27x + 243) + 631$$

Now, put the value of $x = 2$

$$\Rightarrow 2(2^2 + 27 \times 2 + 243) + 631$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(4 + 54 + 243) + 631$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(301) + 631 = 602 + 631 = 1233.$$

Hence, option C is correct.

2). On multiplying the numerator and denominator by the conjugate of the existing denominator, we get,

$$x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + 1} \times \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2} - 1}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{2 - 1} \Rightarrow x = \sqrt{2} - 1$$

$$\text{Then } (x + 1) = \sqrt{2} - 1 + 1 = \sqrt{2}$$

Hence, option D is correct.

3).

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = 99$$

$$\therefore \frac{100x}{2x^2 + 102x + 2} = \frac{100x}{2x^2 + 2 + 102x}$$

On dividing by x,

$$= \frac{100x}{2x + \frac{2}{x} + 102} = \frac{100}{2(x + \frac{1}{x}) + 102}$$

$$= \frac{100}{2 \times 99 + 102} = \frac{100}{300} = \frac{1}{3}$$

Hence, option C is correct.

4). **Method I:**

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

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$$x^4 - 2x^2 + k = (x^2)^2 - 2 \cdot x^2 \cdot 1 + k$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 1 - 2 + k = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -1 + k = 0$$

For a perfect square,

$$k = 1.$$

Method II:

Let's assume $x^2 = m$, therefore the given eq. will be:

$m^2 - 2m + k$ which is a quadratic equation ($ax^2 + bx + c$).

Now we know that a quadratic eqn. is a perfect square if its discriminant ($b^2 - 4ac$) is equal to zero.

In the eq. $a = 1$, $b = -2$, $c = k$

$$\therefore (-2)^2 - 4(1).k = 0$$

$$-4k = -4$$

$$\therefore k = 1$$

Hence, option B is correct.

5).

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

Multiplying both sides by 2

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

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

On Cubing both sides, we get

$$\Rightarrow \left(2x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 = (4)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times 2x \times \frac{1}{x} \left(2x + \frac{1}{x}\right) = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 6 \times 4 = 64$$

$$\Rightarrow 8x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 64 - 24 = 40.$$

Hence, option C is correct.

6). $f(x) = x^2 + k_1x + k_2$

$(x - 1)$ is a factor of $f(x)$.

$$\therefore f(1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + k_1 + k_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k_1 + k_2 = -1 \quad \dots(i)$$

Again,

$$f(-3) = 0 \Rightarrow (-3)^2 + k_1(-3) + k_2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 9 - 3k_1 + k_2 = 0 \Rightarrow 3k_1 - k_2 = 9 \quad \dots(ii)$$

On adding both equations,

$$4k_1 = 8 \Rightarrow k_1 = 2$$

From eq.(i),

$$k_1 + k_2 = -1 \Rightarrow 2 + k_2 = -1 \Rightarrow k_2 = -3.$$

Hence, option B is correct.

7).

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

Dividing numerator & denominator by $2x$

$$= \frac{\frac{5}{2}}{x + \frac{5}{2} + \frac{1}{2x}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{5}{2}}{x + \frac{1}{2x} + \frac{5}{2}} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{2x}\right) + \frac{5}{2} = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{2x}\right) = \frac{15}{2} - \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(x + \frac{1}{2x}\right) = 5$$

Hence, option D is correct.

8). $a + b + c = 2.234 + 3.121 - 5.355 = 0$

If $a + b + c = 0$, then $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 0$, which can be proved as under

$$a + b = -c$$

Cubing both sides, we get

$$\Rightarrow (a + b)^3 = (-c)^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a + b) = -c^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(-c) = -c^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 - 3abc = -c^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 0$$

Hence, option B is correct.

9). $x^2 + y^2 + 1 = 2x$

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

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

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

In the above eq. the L.H.S. can only become zero when the base of terms; $(x - 1)$ and y becomes zero because for any other value the sum of their squares will always be a positive integer.

Taking $(x - 1) = 0$

and $y = 0$

Therefore, $x = 1$ and $y = 0$

$$\therefore x^3 + y^5 = 1 + 0 = 1.$$

Hence, option D is correct.

10).

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

$$\Rightarrow a + \frac{1}{a} = \sqrt{3}$$

On cubing both sides, we get

$$\Rightarrow \left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right)^3 = (\sqrt{3})^3$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3} + 3\left(a + \frac{1}{a}\right) = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3} + 3\sqrt{3} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^3 + \frac{1}{a^3} = 3\sqrt{3} - 3\sqrt{3} = 0$$

Hence, option A is correct.

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