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Trigonometry Questions for SSC Exams (CGL Tier 1, CGL Tier 2 & SSC 10+2)

TRIGONOMETRY QUIZ 1

Directions: Study the following questions carefully and choose the right answer:

(1). Find the value of $\frac{\tan 69^\circ + \tan 66^\circ}{1 - \tan 69^\circ \tan 66^\circ}$

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

(2). Show that the value of $3 \sin 15^\circ - 4 \sin^3 15^\circ$ is

- A. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ B. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{4}}$ C. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ D. $\sqrt{3}$

(3). Evaluate: $\cos^2 45^\circ - \sin^2 15^\circ$.

- A. $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$ B. $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$ C. $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$ D. $\sqrt{4}$

(4). What is the value of $\sin 79^\circ \cos 19^\circ - \cos 79^\circ \sin 19^\circ$.

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

(5). What is the value of $\cos 70^\circ \cos 40^\circ + \sin 70^\circ \sin 40^\circ$?

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

(6). If $\tan \Theta = -1$ and $\pi/2 < \Theta < \pi$, find the value of $\sec \Theta$.

- A. 2 B. $-\sqrt{2}$ C. $\sqrt{3}$ D. -5

(7). Convert $\pi/3$ radians into degrees.

- A. 123° B. 145° C. 150° D. 165°

(8). Convert 135° into radians.

- A. $\frac{2\pi}{3}$ Radians
- B. $\frac{3\pi}{4}$ Radians
- C. $\frac{3\pi}{7}$ Radians
- D. $\frac{2\pi}{5}$ Radians

(9). If $\sin \Theta = \frac{1}{2}$ and $0 < \Theta < 2\pi$, find the values of Θ .

- A. $\frac{\pi}{6}$
- B. $\frac{5\pi}{6}$
- C. $\frac{2\pi}{3}$
- D. Both A and B

(10). If $0 < \Theta < 90^\circ$, solve the following equations:

$$2 \cos^2 \Theta + \sin \Theta - 2 = 0.$$

- A. $\Theta = 0$
- B. $\Theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$
- C. $\Theta = 1$
- D. None of these

Correct Answers:

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

Explanations:

1.

$$\frac{\tan 69^\circ + \tan 66^\circ}{1 - \tan 69^\circ \tan 66^\circ} = \tan(69^\circ + 66^\circ) = \tan 135^\circ$$
$$= \tan(90^\circ + 45^\circ) = -\cot 45^\circ = -1.$$

Hence, option B is correct.

2.

Using the formula $3 \sin \theta - 4 \sin^3 \theta = \sin 3\theta$ and putting $\theta = 15^\circ$

$$\text{We get: } 3 \sin 15^\circ - 4 \sin^3 15^\circ = \sin(3 \times 15^\circ) = \sin 45^\circ = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

Hence, option C is correct.

3.

We know that $\cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \phi = \cos(\theta + \phi) \cdot \cos(\theta - \phi)$.

$$\therefore \cos^2 45^\circ - \sin^2 15^\circ = \cos(45^\circ + 15^\circ) \cdot \cos(45^\circ - 15^\circ)$$

$$= \cos 60^\circ \cdot \cos 30^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{4}$$

Hence, option C is correct.

4.

$$\sin 79^\circ \cos 19^\circ - \cos 79^\circ \sin 19^\circ$$

By the formula,

$$\sin(x - y) = \sin(x) \cos(y) - \cos(x) \sin(y)$$

$$= \sin(79^\circ - 19^\circ) = \sin 60^\circ.$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Hence, option A is correct.

5.

$$\cos 70^\circ \cos 40^\circ + \sin 70^\circ \sin 40^\circ = \cos(70^\circ - 40^\circ)$$

$$= \cos 30^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

[because $\cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y = \cos(x - y)$]

Hence, option C is correct.

6.

Since $\frac{\pi}{2} < \Theta < \pi$, so Θ lies in 2nd quadrant.

And $\sec \Theta$ is negative in 2nd quadrant.

$$\therefore \sec \Theta = -\sqrt{1 + \tan^2 \Theta} = -\sqrt{1 + (-1)^2} = -2.$$

Hence, option B is correct.

7.

$$\pi c = 180^\circ$$

$$\therefore \left(\frac{5\pi}{6}\right)c = \left(\frac{180}{\pi} \times \frac{5\pi}{6}\right)^\circ = 150^\circ$$

Hence, option C is correct.

8.

$$180^\circ = \pi c$$

$$\therefore 135^\circ = \left(\frac{\pi}{180} \times 135\right)^c = \left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) \text{ radians.}$$

Hence, option B is correct.

9.

$$\sin \Theta = \frac{1}{2} = \sin \frac{\pi}{6} \Rightarrow \Theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Also, $\sin \Theta = \sin (\pi - \Theta)$

$$\therefore \sin \frac{\pi}{6} = \sin \left(\pi - \frac{\pi}{6}\right) = \sin \frac{5\pi}{6}.$$

Hence, the required values of Θ are $\frac{\pi}{6}$ and $\frac{5\pi}{6}$

Hence, option D is correct.

10.

$$2 \cos^2 \Theta + \sin \Theta - 2 = 0 \Leftrightarrow 2(1 - \sin^2 \Theta) + \sin \Theta - 2 = 0.$$

$$\Leftrightarrow 2 \sin^2 \Theta - \sin \Theta = 0 \Leftrightarrow \sin \Theta (2 \sin \Theta - 1) = 0$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin \Theta = 0 \text{ or } \sin \Theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

As it's given that $0 < \Theta < 90^\circ$, avoiding $\Theta = 0^\circ$ we get

$$\Leftrightarrow \sin \Theta = \frac{1}{2} = \sin 30^\circ = \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } \Theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Hence, option B is correct.



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