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Trigonometry Questions for SSC 10 + 2 and CGL Tier-I

Trigonometry Quiz 5

Directions: Read the following questions carefully and choose the right answer.

1. Find the value of $\sin^2 10^\circ + \sin^2 20^\circ + \sin^2 30^\circ + \dots + \sin^2 80^\circ$.

A. 2

B. 3

C. 1

D. 4

2. Find the value of $\frac{16}{\sqrt{3}} (\cos 50^\circ \cos 10^\circ \cos 110^\circ \cos 60^\circ)$

A. 1

B. 2

C. -1

D. -2

3. $\cos^2 \theta \left(\sqrt{\frac{1 + \sin \theta}{1 - \sin \theta}} + \sqrt{\frac{1 - \sin \theta}{1 + \sin \theta}} \right)$

A. $\cos \theta$

B. $\frac{\cos \theta}{2}$

C. $2 \cos \theta$

D. $\sqrt{2} \cos \theta$

4. If $\sin 21^\circ = \frac{x}{y}$, then $\sec 21^\circ - \sin 69^\circ$ is equal to

A. $\frac{x^2}{y\sqrt{y^2 - x^2}}$

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C. $\frac{y}{x\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}}$

5. $\left(\frac{\sin 35^\circ}{\cos 55^\circ}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cos 55^\circ}{\sin 35^\circ}\right)^2 - 2 \cos 30^\circ$

A. 0

B. $1 - \sqrt{3}$

C. $2 - \sqrt{3}$

D. 3

6. If $\sin \alpha + (\sin \alpha)^2 = 1$, then the value of

$(\cos \alpha)^{12} + 3(\cos \alpha)^{10} + 3(\cos \alpha)^8 + (\cos \alpha)^6 - 1$ is

A. 0

B. 1

C. -1

D. 2

7. If $\cos^4 A - \sin^4 A = p$, then find the value of p .

A. $2 \cos^2 A - 1$

B. $2 \cos^2 A + 1$

C. $\cos^2 A - 1$

D. $\cos^2 A + 1$

8. The minimum value of $16 \tan^2 \theta + 25 \cot^2 \theta$ is

A. 5

B. 4

C. 30

D. 40

9. If $7 \sin^2 \theta + 3 \cos^2 \theta = 4$, ($0^\circ < \theta < 90^\circ$), then value of θ is

A. $\pi/2$

B. $\pi/3$

C. $\pi/6$

D. $\pi/4$

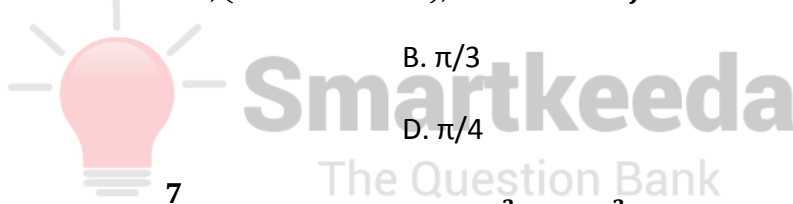
10. If $2 \sin \theta + \cos \theta = \frac{7}{3}$, then the value of $\tan^2 \theta - \sec^2 \theta$ is

A. 0

B. -1

C. 2

D. -2



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Correct answer:

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

Explanation:

1. We can rewrite above equation as

$$\sin^2 10 + \sin^2 80 + \sin^2 20 + \sin^2 70 + \sin^2 30 + \sin^2 60 + \sin^2 40 + \sin^2 50 \dots$$

equation (A)

We know that $\sin^2 x + \sin^2 (90 - x) = 1$

Therefore equation A becomes

$$1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 4$$

Hence, option D is correct.

2. We have $\cos x \cos (60 - x) \cos (60 + x)$

$$= \cos x (\cos x \cos 60 + \sin x \sin 60) (\cos x \cos 60 - \sin x \sin 60)$$

$$= \cos x (\cos^2 x \cos^2 60 - \sin^2 x \sin^2 60)$$

$$= \cos x \left(\frac{1}{4} \cos^2 x - \frac{3}{4} \sin^2 x \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \{ \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x (1 - \cos^2 x) \}$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (4 \cos^3 x - 3 \cos x)$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} \cos 3x$$

Thus,

$$\cos x^\circ \cos (60 - x)^\circ \cos (60 + x)^\circ = \frac{1}{4} \cos (3x)$$

Therefore,

$$\cos 50^\circ \cos 10^\circ \cos 110^\circ = \frac{1}{4} \cos 150^\circ$$

$$= \frac{1}{4} (-\sqrt{3}/2) = -\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8} \quad \dots \text{eq A}$$

$$\text{Also } \cos 60^\circ = \frac{1}{2} \quad \dots \text{eq B}$$

Put values of eq.A and Eq.B in

$$\frac{16}{\sqrt{3}} (\cos 50^\circ \cos 10^\circ \cos 110^\circ \cos 60^\circ), \text{ we get}$$

$$= \frac{16}{\sqrt{3}} \times \left(-\frac{\sqrt{3}}{8}\right) \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= -1$$

Option C is hence the correct answer.

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \quad & \cos^2 \theta \left(\sqrt{\frac{(1 + \sin \theta)(1 + \sin \theta)}{(1 - \sin \theta)(1 + \sin \theta)}} + \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \sin \theta)(1 - \sin \theta)}{(1 + \sin \theta)(1 - \sin \theta)}} \right) \\ & \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta \left(\sqrt{\frac{(1 + \sin \theta)^2}{(1 - \sin^2 \theta)}} + \sqrt{\frac{(1 - \sin \theta)^2}{(1 - \sin^2 \theta)}} \right) \\ & \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta \left(\frac{1 + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{1 - \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) \\ & \Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta \left(\frac{1 + \sin \theta + 1 - \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \right) = \frac{2 \cos^2 \theta}{\cos \theta} = 2 \cos \theta \end{aligned}$$

Hence, option C is correct.

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. \quad \sin 21^\circ &= \frac{x}{y} \\
 \cos 21^\circ &= \sqrt{1 - (\sin 21^\circ)^2} \\
 &\Rightarrow \sqrt{1 - \frac{x^2}{y^2}} = \frac{\sqrt{y^2 - x^2}}{y} \\
 &\Rightarrow \sec 21^\circ = \frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2 - x^2}}
 \end{aligned}$$

According to the question,

$$\Rightarrow \sec 21^\circ - \sin 69^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec 21^\circ - \sin (90 - 21^\circ)$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec 21^\circ - \cos 21^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2 - x^2}} - \frac{\sqrt{y^2 - x^2}}{y}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{y \sqrt{y^2 - x^2}}$$

Hence, option A is correct.

$$\begin{aligned}
 5. \quad &\left(\frac{\sin 35^\circ}{\cos 55^\circ}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cos 55^\circ}{\sin 35^\circ}\right)^2 - 2 \cos 30^\circ \\
 &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\sin (90 - 35^\circ)}{\cos 55^\circ}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\cos (90 - 55^\circ)}{\sin 35^\circ}\right)^2 - 2 \cos 30^\circ \\
 &\Rightarrow \left(\frac{\cos 55^\circ}{\cos 55^\circ}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\sin 35^\circ}{\sin 35^\circ}\right)^2 - 2 \cos 30^\circ \\
 &\Rightarrow 1 + 1 - 2 \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} \\
 &\Rightarrow 2 - \sqrt{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

Hence, option C is correct.



6. $\sin \alpha + (\sin \alpha)^2 = 1$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \alpha = 1 - (\sin \alpha)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \alpha = (\cos \alpha)^2$$

According to the question,

$$\text{we have } (\cos \alpha)^{12} + 3(\cos \alpha)^{10} + 3(\cos \alpha)^8 + (\cos \alpha)^6 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ((\cos \alpha)^4 + (\cos \alpha)^2)^3 - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow ((\sin \alpha)^2 + (\cos \alpha)^2)^3 - 1 = 1 - 1 = 0$$

Hence, option A is correct.

7. we know, $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$

$$\Rightarrow (\cos^2 A)^2 - (\sin^2 A)^2 = (\cos^2 A + \sin^2 A)(\cos^2 A - \sin^2 A)$$

$$\Rightarrow \{\cos^2 A - (1 - \cos^2 A)\} \quad [\text{using, } \sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \cos^2 A - 1$$

Hence, option A is correct.

8. Comparing $16 \tan^2 \theta + 25 \cot^2 \theta$ with $a \tan^2 \theta + b \cot^2 \theta$, we get

$$a = 16$$

$$\text{and, } b = 25$$

We know that the minimum value of such equation = $2\sqrt{ab}$

$$\text{Thus the minimum value} = 2\sqrt{(16 \times 25)}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 \times 4 \times 5 = 40$$

Hence, option D is correct.

9. $7 \sin^2\theta + 3 \cos^2\theta = 4$

$$4 \sin^2\theta + 3 (\sin^2\theta + \cos^2\theta) = 4$$

$$4 \sin^2\theta + 3 \sin^2\theta + 3 \cos^2\theta = 4$$

$$\sin^2\theta = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\theta = \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Hence, option C is correct.

10. This question is a tricky one. Those who'd start solving it keeping the given equation in mind would just waste their precious time.

Kindly go through the explanation given below:

$$\tan^2\theta - \sec^2\theta = ?$$

We know that

$$1 + \sec^2\theta = \tan^2\theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2\theta - \tan^2\theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sec^2\theta = 1 + \tan^2\theta$$

$$\text{So, } \tan^2\theta - \sec^2\theta = -1$$

Hence, option B is correct.



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