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instructions to candidates
This is a test of your ability to use basic mathematical principles and ideas. If a question involves terms or principles which you have not met before, these will be explained in sufficient detail to enable you to answer the question. You may also want to make use of the symbols and formulae printed on this page.
You will obtain the best possible score if you observe the following points:
(1) Work carefully through the questions in the order in which they are given.
(2) Don't waste too much time on any one question; if necessary, go on to the next question and come back to the difficult ones later.
(3) If you think you know an answer, mark it—even if you are not certain you are correct. Marks will not be deducted for wrong answers.
(4) Make sure that you mark the letter you have chosen in the correct line on your answer sheet.

If you want to change an answer, erase your first mark completely. Try to avoid having to make erasures by not answering hastily. Take care that your pencil mark does not cross into another row or column, and that there are no marks or smudges on your answer sheet.
Now look through this booklet, but don't start writing until the supervisor tells you to do so.

symbols
= means 'is equal to'
≠ means 'is not equal to'
> means 'is greater than'
< means 'is less than'
° indicates that the angle between the two lines is a right angle

formulae
area of a circle
= \( \pi \times \text{square of radius} \), i.e. \( A = \pi r^2 \)
area of a triangle
= \( \frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height} \), i.e. \( A = \frac{1}{2}bh \)
Questions 1 and 2 refer to the following information:
A matchbox has the letter V carefully printed on its top face and the letter T carefully printed on one side face, as shown in the following diagram. No other faces have letters printed on them.

Initially the matchbox is lying on a board with the face labelled V uppermost as shown.

1. If the matchbox is rotated keeping the face V uppermost, which of the following diagrams could be of this particular matchbox?

   ![Diagram A]
   ![Diagram B]
   ![Diagram C]
   ![Diagram D]

   A. I only
   B. II and III only
   C. I and II only
   D. I and III only

2. If the matchbox is placed in its original position, then rolled forward onto the face labelled T, and then rotated keeping the face T down, which of the following diagrams can not be of this particular matchbox?

   ![Diagram E]
   ![Diagram F]
   ![Diagram G]
   ![Diagram H]

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   B. I and IV only
   C. II and III only
   D. IV only
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   ![Diagram](image)

   A. III only
   B. I and IV only
   C. II and III only
   D. IV only
Questions 3–5 refer to the following information:
Positive integers \(m\) and \(n\) are selected two at a time and satisfy the following conditions:
(i) \(m\) is less than \(n\) which is less than 7;
(ii) \(m\) and \(n\) have no common factor other than 1.

3. The number of different fractions \(\frac{m}{n}\) which can be formed satisfying these conditions is
   
   \[\begin{array}{ll}
   \text{A} & 36 \\
   \text{B} & 30 \\
   \text{C} & 22 \\
   \text{D} & 11 \\
   \end{array}\]

4. In the set of fractions \(\frac{m}{n}\) which can be formed satisfying these conditions, the number which appears most frequently as a denominator is
   
   \[\begin{array}{ll}
   \text{A} & 2 \\
   \text{B} & 3 \\
   \text{C} & 5 \\
   \text{D} & 6 \\
   \end{array}\]

5. If \(p\) is a member of the set of fractions \(\frac{m}{n}\) satisfying these conditions, then so is \(1 - p\).
   
   \[\begin{array}{ll}
   \text{A} & \text{This statement is always true.} \\
   \text{B} & \text{This statement is always false.} \\
   \text{C} & \text{This statement is sometimes true and sometimes false, depending on the numerical value of } p. \\
   \text{D} & \text{It is not possible to decide anything about the truth or falsity of this statement.} \\
   \end{array}\]

Questions 6 and 7 refer to the following information:

\[\begin{array}{c}
\text{W} \quad \text{A} \quad \text{X} \\
\text{Y} \quad \text{Z}
\end{array}\]

WXYZ represents a rectangular grid marked out in squares.

6. Audrey sets out from point \(W\) and walks once around the perimeter of the grid in the direction shown by the arrows. Graeme sets out from point \(A\) at the same time and walks to and fro directly between points \(A\) and \(D\) at the same speed as Audrey. Where will Graeme be when Audrey returns to point \(W\)?
   
   \[\begin{array}{ll}
   \text{A} & \text{at point } A \\
   \text{B} & \text{at point } B \\
   \text{C} & \text{at point } C \\
   \text{D} & \text{at point } D \\
   \end{array}\]

7. Audrey sets out from point \(W\) and walks once around the perimeter of the grid in the direction shown by the arrows. Graeme sets out from one of the points \(A, B, C,\) or \(D\) at the same time and walks to and fro directly between points \(A\) and \(D\) at the same speed as Audrey. If Audrey and Graeme meet at point \(D\), from what point did Graeme start walking?
   
   \[\begin{array}{ll}
   \text{A} & \text{point } A \\
   \text{B} & \text{point } B \\
   \text{C} & \text{point } C \\
   \text{D} & \text{point } D \\
   \end{array}\]
Questions 8-11 refer to the following information:
The symbol \([a, b]\) will be used to denote a number pair, where \(a\) and \(b\) are any real numbers. Two number pairs \([a, b]\) and \([c, d]\) are equal if, and only if, \(a = c\) and \(b = d\). Number pairs can be 'multiplied' as follows:

\[
[a, b] \circ [c, d] = [ac, b + d]
\]

where \(ac\) denotes \(a\) multiplied by \(c\) and \(b + d\) denotes \(b\) plus \(d\). We will use the symbol \(\circ\) to indicate 'multiplication' of number pairs.

8 \([2, 3] \circ [-1, 5]\) is equal to
A \([1, 8]\)
B \([-2, 15]\)
C \([-2, 8]\)
D \([1, 15]\)

9 \([a, b]^2\) is equal to
A \([a^2, b^2]\)
B \([5a, 5b]\)
C \([a^2, 5b]\)
D \([5a, b + 5]\)

10 If \([2, 3] \circ [x, y] = [x, y] \circ [2, 3]\) then
A \(x = 2\) and \(y = 3\)
B \(x = 1\) and \(y = 0\)
C \(2y = 3x\)
D \(x\) and \(y\) can take any values.

11 If \([a, b]^4 = [1, 1]\) then \([a, b]\) is equal to
A \([1, 1]\) or \([-1, -1]\)
B \([1, 1]\) or \([-1, 1]\)
C \(\left[1, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right]\) or \(\left[-1, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right]\)
D \(\left[1, \frac{1}{4}\right]\) or \(\left[-1, \frac{1}{4}\right]\)

Questions 12-18 refer to tables of numbers called 'difference tables'.
Here is an example of a difference table:

\[
\begin{array}{ccccccc}
2 & 3 & 10 & 19 & 58 & 117 \\
1 & 7 & 9 & 39 & 59 \\
6 & 2 & 30 & 20 \\
\end{array}
\]

etc.
The numbers in the second row are called the 'first order differences' and are obtained from numbers in the first row as follows:

\(3 - 2 = 1, 10 - 3 = 7, \text{ etc.}\)

(Notice that the number to the left is always subtracted from the number to the right.) The third row of numbers (i.e. the second order differences) is obtained from the second row in the same way.

12 If this procedure is continued, the set of fourth order differences will be
A 24 and 18
B 32 and -38
C -70
D 16
13 If an error was made in writing down the numbers in the first row, but it is known that the second order differences should be

\[ \begin{array}{cccc}
6 & 2 & 20 & 40 \\
\end{array} \]

which one of the entries in the first row must be incorrect?
A 10  
B 19  
C 58  
D 117

14 If the numbers in the first row of a difference table are given by the formula

\[ n = 2x^2 + 1, \]

where \( x \) takes the values 0, 1, 2, 3, and 4, which of the following statements is (are) true?
I The first order differences are 1, 3, 9, 19, 33.
II The second order differences are all the same.
III All order differences after the second are zero.
A I and II only  
B I and III only  
C III only  
D II and III only

15 The following notation for difference tables is sometimes used:

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \\
\Delta_1 & \Delta_2 & \Delta_3 & \Delta_4 & \Delta_5 & \Delta_6 \\
\Delta_{12} & \Delta_{23} & \Delta_{34} & \Delta_{45} & \Delta_{56} & \text{etc.}
\end{array}
\]

where \( \Delta_1 = a_2 - a_1, \Delta_2 = a_3 - a_2 \), etc. represent first order differences,
where \( \Delta_{12} = \Delta_2 - \Delta_1, \Delta_{23} = \Delta_3 - \Delta_2 \), etc. represent second order differences, and so on.
If this notation is used, then \( \Delta_{45} \) will be
A a first order difference.  
B a third order difference.  
C a fourth order difference.  
D always zero.

16 If the notation of question 15 is applied to the difference table used in question 12, then \( \Delta_{23} + \Delta_{34} \) will be equal to
A 130  
B 32  
C 16  
D none of the above.

17 It is also possible to use another notation for difference tables as indicated below:

\[
\begin{array}{cccccccc}
a_1 & a_2 & a_3 & a_4 & a_5 & a_6 \\
\nabla_2 & \nabla_3 & \nabla_4 & \nabla_5 & \nabla_6 \\
\nabla_{12} & \nabla_{23} & \nabla_{34} & \nabla_{45} & \nabla_{56} & \text{etc.}
\end{array}
\]

where \( \nabla_1 = a_2 - a_1, \nabla_{12} = \nabla_2 - \nabla_1 \), etc.
Using this notation, \( \nabla_{34} \) will be equal to
A \( a_5 - a_3 \)  
B \( a_5 - 2a_4 + a_3 \)  
C \( a_5 - 2a_4 - a_3 \)  
D \( 2a_4 - a_3 - a_5 \)

18 Referring to the two notations outlined in questions 15 and 17, which of the following statements is true?
A \( \nabla_{12} = \Delta_{12} \)  
B \( \nabla_{12} = \Delta_{12} \)  
C \( \nabla_{12} = \Delta_{12} \)  
D None of the above statements is true.
19. In the diagram below, $XY$, of length $2\pi$ units, is a tangent at $X$ to the circle whose centre is $O$ and whose radius is 1 unit. $P$, $Q$, and $R$ are areas indicated by the differently hatched parts of the diagram.

Which one of the following statements is correct?

A $Q = \frac{1}{2} (P + Q)$  
B $Q = \frac{1}{4} R$  
C $P = R$  
D $R = \frac{1}{4} (P + Q)$

20. A square of paper is folded twice, as shown in the diagram, and then cut along the dotted line.

After cutting, the paper is opened out. Which of the following shows the resulting shapes?

A  
B  
C  
D
Questions 21 and 22 refer to the following information:

$R(n)$ denotes a rule by which a number is obtained from $n$.

The rule is such that

1. $R(m + n) = R(m) + R(n)$, where $m$ and $n$ are positive numbers
2. $R(2) = 1$

21. Which one of the following statements is false?

- A. $R(1) = 0$
- B. $R(3) = 1.5$
- C. $R(4) = 2$
- D. $R(0.5) = 0.25$

22. Which one of the following statements is true for all values of $n$?

- A. $R(2^n) = n$
- B. $R(n^2) = 2R(n)$
- C. $R(2n) = 2R(n)$
- D. $R(2n) = R(n) + 1$

23. If a solid wooden cone like the one depicted below is cut straight through with a saw, which one of the following shapes representing the sawn faces could not be obtained?

- A.
- B.
- C.
- D.
Questions 24-26 refer to the following information:
A certain computer has seven elements, some or all of which light up. They light up in combinations to give the patterns shown below, for the numerals 0-9.

\[ 0 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 \]

The computer 'reads' the patterns in the order shown by the arrows in the diagram below. If an element is off (unlit) it is read as 0 and if an element is on (lit up) it is read as 1; so, for example, the number 4 would be read 0011010.

24 How would the number 2 be read?
A 101010  
B 110111  
C 111100  
D 1101101

25 If the computer's reading sequence breaks down and not all the elements are read (and those which are read may be read in an order which is different from the usual order), it may still be possible to decide from the incomplete display which numeral was intended. Which one of the following reading patterns would allow this?

A  
B  
C  
D  

26 If, as a result of a fault in the machine, two numerals appear together, the effect is that two 'on' signals cancel and the element is observed to be 'off'. Otherwise on + off = on, off + off = off.
If 2 and 4 are superimposed, the resultant pattern is

A  
B  
C  
D  

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Questions 27–29 refer to the following information about the 'numbers' $i$, $j$, and $k$:

$i^2 = j^2 = k^2 = -1$ ($i^2$ means $i$ multiplied by $i$)

$ij = -ji = k$

$jk = -kj = i$

$ki = -ik = j$

27 $ijk$ is equal to
   A $j$  
   B $k$  
   C 1  
   D $-1$

28 $ijk - kij$ is equal to
   A 0  
   B 1  
   C 2  
   D $-1$

29 In which line of the following argument does the first false statement occur?
   A $i^2j^2 = (jj)^2$
   B therefore $i^2j^2 = k^2$
   C but $i^2 = -1, j^2 = -1$, and $k^2 = -1$
   D so $(-1)(-1) = -1$, that is $1 = -1$

Questions 30–33 refer to the following information:
A collection of blocks has three attributes—colour, size, and shape. The colour may be red, blue, or yellow; the size may be large or small; and the shape may be square, circular, or triangular. Each possible combination of the attributes occurs with equal frequency in the collection, and the collection contains six red triangular blocks.

30 How many blocks are in the complete collection?
   A 18  
   B 54  
   C 81  
   D 108

31 What fraction of the total number of blocks is large and circular?
   A $\frac{1}{6}$  
   B $\frac{1}{4}$  
   C $\frac{1}{3}$  
   D $\frac{1}{2}$

32 What fraction of the total number of blocks is neither large nor blue?
   A $\frac{1}{6}$  
   B $\frac{1}{4}$  
   C $\frac{1}{3}$  
   D $\frac{5}{6}$

33 How many different kinds of triangular block are there in the collection?
   A 3  
   B 5  
   C 6  
   D 18
Questions 34–37 refer to the following information:
A network is a system of power stations (represented by points $P$, $Q$, $R$, ...) and supply lines (represented by straight line segments). The supply lines in a network join some (or all) of the power stations.

Two stations are said to be connected if it is possible to transmit power from one to the other via supply lines. In the following network, $P$ and $S$ are connected, and $P$ and $W$ are not.

34 A system of power stations has $K$ connected to $L$, but $L$ not connected to $M$. Which one of the following deductions is valid?
- A $K$ is connected to $M$.
- B $K$ is not connected to $M$.
- C $K$ may or may not be connected to $M$.
- D The system does not form a network.

35 A system of power stations has $F$ not connected to $G$, and $G$ not connected to $H$. Which one of the following deductions is valid?
- A $F$ is connected to $H$.
- B $F$ is not connected to $H$.
- C $F$ may or may not be connected to $H$.
- D The system does not form a network.

Questions 36 and 37 refer to the following additional information:
If the removal of a power line results in the two stations which it joined being no longer connected, the power line is called a vital link. A tree network is a network in which every station is connected to every other station and the network has at least one vital link.

36 Which of the following is (are) tree networks?

![Diagram]

- A I only
- B II only
- C I and II only
- D I, II, and III

37 A tree network connects $n$ power stations. What is the least number of supply lines that there could be in the network?
- A $n - 1$
- B $n$
- C $2n$
- D There is insufficient information to decide.
Questions 38–43 refer to the following information:

David Dimble plays with sets of fractions which are made up as follows:
The Dimble set of order $n$ (which is written $D_n$) consists of all positive fractions less than 1, such that the numerator and denominator have no common factor and the denominator is less than or equal to $n$.

For example, $D_3 = \{\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{3}\}$
The number of fractions in $D_n$ is denoted by $N_n$. So $N_3 = 3$.
The sum of the fractions in $D_n$ is denoted by $S_n$. So $S_3 = 1\frac{1}{2}$.
David was able to show that, for all $n$, $S_n = \frac{1}{2}N_n$.

38 \( N_4 \) is equal to
A 4
B 5
C 6
D 7

39 \( N_2 \) is equal to
A 0
B 1
C 2
D 3

40 If $m > n$, then
A $N_m$ must be greater than $N_n$.
B $N_m$ cannot be less than, but may be equal to $N_n$.
C $N_m$ can be less than, but not equal to $N_n$.
D A, B, and C are all false.

41 $S_2 - S_1$ is equal to
A $1\frac{1}{2}$
B 2
C 2\( \frac{1}{2} \)
D 3

42 $\frac{S_m + S_n}{N_m + N_n}$
A is equal to 1
B is equal to $\frac{2}{m + n}$
C is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$
D cannot be determined from the information given.

43 If $m \neq n$, $\frac{S_m - S_n}{N_m - N_n}$
A is equal to 1
B is equal to $\frac{2}{m - n}$
C is equal to $\frac{1}{2}$
D cannot be determined from the information given.
Questions 44 and 45 refer to the following diagram which shows a circle and its circumscribing square:

![Diagram of a circle and a circumscribing square]

44 As the radius of the circle increases and the circumscribing square expands accordingly, the ratio of the area contained by circle to the area contained by square:
   A remains constant.
   B increases.
   C decreases.
   D increases until the circle's radius is 1 unit, and then decreases.

45 As the radius of the circle increases and the circumscribing square expands accordingly, the ratio of the perimeter of the circle to the perimeter of the square:
   A remains constant.
   B increases.
   C decreases.
   D increases until the circle's radius is 1 unit, and then decreases.

Questions 46–50 refer to the following information:
In the Annual Snake Gully Snail Race there are ten contestants, numbered 1–10. It is stated (by an experienced judge of snails) that their respective probabilities of winning are as shown below:

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Snail</th>
<th>1</th>
<th>2</th>
<th>3</th>
<th>4</th>
<th>5</th>
<th>6</th>
<th>7</th>
<th>8</th>
<th>9</th>
<th>10</th>
</tr>
</thead>
<tbody>
<tr>
<td>Probability of winning</td>
<td>0.48</td>
<td>0.20</td>
<td>0.10</td>
<td>0.08</td>
<td>0.04</td>
<td>0.04</td>
<td>0.03</td>
<td>0.01</td>
<td>0.01</td>
<td>0.01</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>

46 The probability that the winner's number is a multiple of 3 is
   A 0.05
   B 0.10
   C 0.15
   D 0.30

47 The probability that the winner's number is a multiple of 3 or a multiple of 2 (or both) is
   A 0.30
   B 0.45
   C 0.49
   D 0.70

48 The odds against the occurrence of an event is the ratio of the probability of the non-occurrence of the event to the probability of occurrence of the event. The odds against snail 2 winning are
   A 4 : 1
   B 5 : 1
   C 9 : 1
   D 10 : 1

49 If snail 3 is withdrawn from the race by order of the stewards, then the probability that snail 2 wins
   A is increased.
   B stays the same.
   C is decreased.
   D cannot be determined.

50 Given that the place getters were snails 2, 5, and 8, in some unknown order, the probability that the winner was snail 5 is
   A 0.04
   B 0.16
   C 0.25
   D 0.33
Questions 51–53 refer to the following information:
If \( n \) is an integer, we define its \( d \)-cube, \( n^{(d)} \), as follows:
\[
 n^{(d)} = n (n - 1) (n - 2) \]

51. Which of the following statements is/are true for all integers \( n \)?
   (i) \( n^{(3)} \) is an even number
   (ii) \( n^{(3)} \) is exactly divisible by 3
   (iii) \( n^{(3)} \) is exactly divisible by 6
   A (i) only
   B (ii) only
   C (i) and (ii) only
   D (i), (ii), and (iii)

52. \( 89^{(3)} \) is equal to
   A 68 124
   B 681 376
   C 681 384
   D 681 746

53. If \( n^{(9)} = 10 626 \), then
   A \( n = 18 \)
   B \( n = 23 \)
   C \( n = 26 \)
   D \( n = 33 \)

Questions 54–57 refer to the following information:
\( S_n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \ldots + n \), that is, \( S_n \) is the sum of the first \( n \) counting numbers, and
\( T_n = 1 + 3 + 5 + \ldots + 2n - 1 \), that is, \( T_n \) is the sum of the first \( n \) odd numbers.
For example, \( S_4 = 1 + 2 + 3 + 4 = 10 \), and
\( T_3 = 1 + 3 + 5 = 9 \)

54. \( T_n \) is equal to one of the following for all values of \( n \).
   Which one?
   A \( 2S_n + n^2 \)
   B \( S_n + n - 1 \)
   C \( 2S_n - n \)
   D \( 2S_n - n (n - 1) \)

55. \( S_{2n} \) is equal to one of the following for all values of \( n \).
   Which one?
   A \( 2S_n + n^2 \)
   B \( S_n + 2n \)
   C \( 2S_n \)
   D \( 2S_n - n (n - 1) \)

56. \( T_{2n} \) is equal to one of the following for all values of \( n \).
   Which one?
   A \( 2S_{2n} + n^2 \)
   B \( 2S_{2n} - n \)
   C \( 2S_{2n} + 4n^3 \)
   D \( 2S_{2n} - 2n \)

57. \( T_n \) is equal to one of the following for all values of \( n \).
   Which one?
   A \( n^2 \)
   B \( n (n - 1) \)
   C \( \frac{1}{2} n (n + 1) \)
   D \( n (n + 1) \)
58 The sum
\[
9.87654 + 8.76543 + 7.65432 + 6.54321 + 5.43210 + 4.32109 + 3.21098 + 2.10987 + 1.09876 + 0.98765
\]
is
A less than 46.
B greater than 46 but less than 49.
C greater than 49 but less than 50.
D greater than 50.

Questions 59 and 60 refer to the following information:
The area of an equilateral triangle of side 2 cm is \( \sqrt{3} \) cm\(^2\).

59 The area of a regular hexagon (six-sided plane figure) of side length 2 cm is equal to
A \( 3\sqrt{3} \) cm\(^2\).
B \( 4\sqrt{3} \) cm\(^2\).
C \( 6\sqrt{3} \) cm\(^2\).
D \( 2\pi\sqrt{3} \) cm\(^2\).

60 Each acute angle in the diagram below is 60°, and the shortest lines are of length 2 cm.

The area of this figure is
A \( 7\sqrt{3} \) cm\(^2\).
B \( 8\sqrt{3} \) cm\(^2\).
C \( 9\sqrt{3} \) cm\(^2\).
D \( 10\sqrt{3} \) cm\(^2\).