

SOLUTION

41. (C)

$$\frac{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}}{1 + \sqrt{a}} - \frac{\sqrt{a} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{a}}}{a - 1} = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 5}{10}$$

$$= \frac{-2}{\sqrt{a}(1 + \sqrt{a})} = \frac{\sqrt{5} - 5}{10}$$

$$-20 = \sqrt{5}\sqrt{a}(1 - \sqrt{5})(1 + \sqrt{a})$$

$$\frac{-20}{\sqrt{5}(1 - \sqrt{5})} = \sqrt{a}(1 + \sqrt{a})$$

$$\frac{-20(1 + \sqrt{5})}{\sqrt{5}(1 - 5)} = \sqrt{a}(1 + \sqrt{a})$$

$$\sqrt{5}(1 + \sqrt{5}) = \sqrt{a}(1 + \sqrt{a})$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 5$$

42. (D)

$$\frac{(2 - x^2)(x - 3)^3}{(x + 1)(x^2 - 3x - 4)} \geq 0$$

$$\frac{(\sqrt{2} + x)(\sqrt{2} - x)(x - 3)^3}{(x + 1)^2(x - 4)} \geq 0$$

$$\begin{array}{cccccccc} & - & + & \oplus & + & - & + & \oplus & - \\ & | & | & | & | & | & | & | & \\ - & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & -1 & \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} & 3 & 4 & & & \end{array} \Rightarrow x \in [-\sqrt{2}, 1) \cup (-1, \sqrt{2}] \cup [3, 4)$$

43. (A)

$$\log_{1.5} \frac{2x - 8}{x - 2} < 0$$

Since $1.5 > 1$

$$\therefore 0 < \frac{2x - 8}{x - 2} < 1 \Rightarrow x \in (4, 6)$$

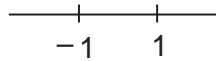
44. (D)

$$\begin{aligned}1 + xyz &= 1 + \frac{\log 7}{\log 14} \times \frac{\log 14}{\log 21} \times \frac{\log 21}{\log 28} \\&= 1 + \frac{\log 7}{\log 28} = \frac{\log 28}{\log 28} + \frac{\log 7}{\log 28} \\&= \frac{\log(28 \times 7)}{\log 28} = \log_{28}(28 \times 7)\end{aligned}$$

45. (A)

46. (ABC)

$$(1+x)^2 \geq |1-x^2|$$



Case I

$$x < -1 \quad \dots\text{(i)}$$

$$(1+x)^2 \geq -1+x^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [-1, \infty) \quad \dots\text{(ii)}$$

$$\text{From (i) and (ii), } x = -1 \quad \dots\text{(iii)}$$

Case II

$$-1 \leq x < 1 \quad \dots\text{(iv)}$$

$$(1+x)^2 \geq 1-x^2 \Rightarrow x \in (-\infty, -1] \cup (0, \infty) \quad \dots\text{(v)}$$

From (iv) and (v),

$$x \in (0, \infty) \cup \{-1\} \quad \dots\text{(vi)}$$

$$\text{Case III } x \geq 1 \quad \dots\text{(vii)}$$

$$(1+x)^2 \geq -1+x^2 \Rightarrow x \in [-1, \infty) \quad \dots\text{(viii)}$$

$$\text{From (vii) and (viii), } x \in [1, \infty) \quad \dots\text{(xi)}$$

$$\text{From (iii), (vi) and (xi), } x \in (0, \infty) \cup \{-1\}$$

47. (AC)

$$\Rightarrow 18^{4x-3} = (54\sqrt{2})^{3x-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 18^{4x-3} = (18)^{3x-4} (3\sqrt{2})^{3x-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow 18^{x+1} = (3\sqrt{2})^{3x-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \left[(3\sqrt{2})^2 \right]^{x+1} = (3\sqrt{2})^{3x-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow (3\sqrt{2})^{2x+2} \times (3\sqrt{2})^{-3x+4} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow (3\sqrt{2})^{-x+6} = 1$$

$$\text{So } -x = 6 \Rightarrow x = 6$$

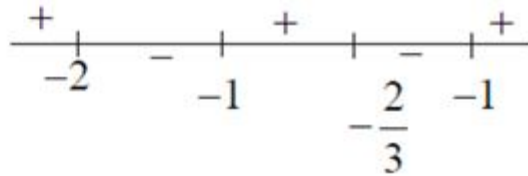
48. (BC)

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x}{2x^2+5x+2} > \frac{1}{x+1} \Rightarrow \frac{2x}{2x^2+5x+2} - \frac{1}{x+1} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2x^2+2x-2x^2-5x+2}{(2x^2+5x+2)(x+1)} > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3x+2}{(2x+1)(x+2)(x+1)} < 0$$

$$\text{So, } x \in (-2, -1) \cup \left(-\frac{2}{3}, -1\right)$$



49. (AC)

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 3 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{12} 5 < 1$$

$$\text{So, } \log_2 3 > \log_{12} 5$$

$$\text{Similarly, } \log_6 5 < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_7 11 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log 82 > \log_3 3^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_3 81 > 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 15 < \log_2 16$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 15 < \log_2 2^4$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_2 15 < 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{16} 15 < 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_{10} 11 > 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_7 6 < 1$$

50. (BC)

$$\Rightarrow 2x^2 + 6\sqrt{2}x + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-6\sqrt{2} \pm \sqrt{72-8}}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{2} + 2, \frac{-3\sqrt{2}}{2} - 2$$

51. (BD)

$$\Rightarrow \log_{x+1}(x-0.5) = \log_{x-0.5}(x+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow x-0.5 > 0; x-0.5 > 0; x-0.5 \neq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 0.5; x > 0.5; x \neq 1.5$$

$$\Rightarrow x+1 > 0; x+1 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x > -1; x > -1$$

So, $x \in (0.5, 1.5) \cup (1.5, \infty)$ is feasible reason

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\log(x-0.5)}{\log(x+1)} = \frac{\log(x+1)}{\log(x-0.5)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \log^2(x-0.5) - \log^2(x+1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log\left(\frac{x-0.5}{x+1}\right) \log\{(x-0.5)(x+1)\} = 0$$

$$\text{So, } \frac{x-0.5}{x+1} = 1 \text{ or } (x-0.5)(x+1) = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x-0.5 = x+1 \text{ (no solution)}$$

$$\text{Or } x^2 + 0.5x - 1.5 = 0$$

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

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

$$\Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$\text{As } x \neq \frac{-3}{2}$$

So $x = 1$ is the only solution.

52. (A)

$$\Rightarrow x^{1-\log_5 x} = 0.04$$

$$\Rightarrow x > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \cdot x^{\log \frac{1}{x}} = 0.04$$

Only $x = 25, \frac{1}{5}$ satisfy the equation

53. (A,B)

$$\Rightarrow 10^{\frac{2}{x}} + 25^{\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{17}{4}(50)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 100^{\frac{1}{x}} + 25^{\frac{1}{x}} = \frac{17}{4}(50)^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4^{\frac{1}{x}} + 1 = \frac{17}{4}2^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{2}{x}} - \frac{17}{4}2^{\frac{1}{x}} + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(2^{\frac{1}{x}} - 4\right)\left(2^{\frac{1}{x}} - \frac{1}{x}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2^{\frac{1}{x}} = 4, \frac{1}{4}$$

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

54. (B,C)

$$\Rightarrow |x^2 + 4x + 3| + 2x + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |(x+1)(x+3)| + 2x + 5 = 0$$

Case 1: $x \in (-\infty, -3] \cup [-1, \infty)$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x + 3 + 2x + 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 6x + 8 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -4, -2$$

So $x = -4$

Case 2: $x \in (-3, -1)$

$$\Rightarrow -(x^2 + 4x + 3) + 2x + 5 = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{12}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1 + \sqrt{3}, -1 - \sqrt{3}$$

So, $x = -1 - \sqrt{3}$



55. (A)

56. (2)

$$N = 3^{4\log_3 5} + 3^{3\log_3 2 \cdot 36} + 3^{4\log_3 2 \cdot 7}$$

$$5^4 + (36)^{3/2} + 7^2 = 625 + 216 + 49 = 890$$

57. (3)

$$\frac{1}{\log_{ab} abcd} + \frac{1}{\log_{ac} abcd} + \frac{1}{\log_{ad} abcd} + \frac{1}{\log_{bc} abcd} + \frac{1}{\log_{bd} abcd} + \frac{1}{\log_{cd} abcd}$$

$$= \frac{\log_e ab}{\log_e abcd} + \frac{\log_e ac}{\log_e abcd} + \frac{\log_e ad}{\log_e abcd} + \frac{\log_e bc}{\log_e abcd} + \frac{\log_e bd}{\log_e abcd} + \frac{\log_e cd}{\log_e abcd}$$

$$= \frac{\log_e ab + \log_e ac + \log_e ad + \log_e bc + \log_e bd + \log_e cd}{\log_e abcd}$$

$$= \frac{\log_e (abcd)^3}{\log_e abcd} = \frac{3\log_e abcd}{\log_e abcd} = 3$$

58. (2)

$$\sqrt[3]{5^{\frac{1}{\log_7 5}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{-\log_{10} (10)^{-1}}}} = \sqrt[3]{5^{\log_5 7} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{\log_{10} 10}}} = \sqrt[3]{7+1} = \sqrt[3]{8} = 2$$

59. (5)

Case – I $x < 3$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x + 6 - 10 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 4 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in [1 - \sqrt{5}, 1 + \sqrt{5}]$$

So, $x \in [1 - \sqrt{5}, 3) \dots (i)$

Case – II $x \geq 3$

$$x^2 + 2x - 6 - 10 \leq 0$$

$$x^2 + 2x - 16 \leq 0$$

$$x \in [-1 - \sqrt{17}, -1 + \sqrt{17}]$$

So, $x \in [3, -1 + \sqrt{17}] \dots (ii)$

from (i) and (ii), $x \in [1 - \sqrt{5}, -1 + \sqrt{17}]$

60. (1)

$$|x| + x^3 = 0$$

Case I If $x < 0$

$$-x + x^3 = 0$$

$$-x(1 - x^2) = 0$$

$$x(x - 1)(x + 1) = 0$$

But only $x = -1$ is possible

Case II if $x \geq 0$

$$x + x^3 = 0$$

$$x(1 + x^2) = 0$$

This is possible only when $x = 0$

$$\therefore x = -1, 0$$