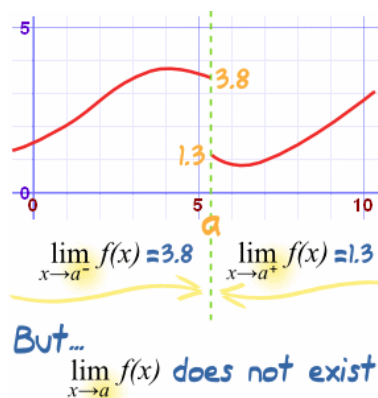


## PREFACE

In mathematics, the **limit of a function** is a fundamental concept in calculus and analysis concerning the behaviour of that function near a particular input.

Informally, a function  $f$  assigns an output  $f(x)$  to every input  $x$ . We say the function has a limit  $L$  at an input  $p$ : this means  $f(x)$  gets closer and closer to  $L$  as  $x$  moves closer and closer to  $p$ . More specifically, when  $f$  is applied to any input sufficiently close to  $p$ , the output value is forced arbitrarily close to  $L$ . On the other hand, if some inputs very close to  $p$  are taken to outputs that stay a fixed distance apart, we say the limit does not exist.

The notion of a limit has many applications in modern calculus. In particular, the many definitions of continuity employ the limit: roughly, a function is continuous if all of its limits agree with the values of the function. It also appears in the definition of the derivative: in the calculus of one variable, this is the limiting value of the slope of secant lines to the graph of a function.



Although implicit in the development of calculus of the 17th and 18th centuries, the modern idea of the limit of a function goes back to Bolzano who, in 1817, introduced the basics of the epsilon-delta technique to define continuous functions. However, his work was not known during his lifetime (Felscher 2000). Cauchy discussed limits in his *Course d'analyse* (1821) and gave essentially the modern definition, but this is not often recognized because he only gave a verbal definition (Grabiner 1983). Weierstrass first introduced the epsilon-delta definition of limit in the form it is usually written today. He also introduced the notations **lim** and **lim<sub>x→x0</sub>** (Burton 1997).

The modern notation of placing the arrow below the limit symbol is due to Hardy in his book *A Course of Pure Mathematics* in 1908 (Miller 2004).

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**LIMITS : Tentative Lecture Flow**  
**(Board Syllabus & Booklet Discussion Included)**

Lecture no.1	Limit definition, LHL & RHL, existence of limit, algebra of limit, different type of indeterminate forms
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Lecture no.3	Various methods of solving indeterminate forms of limits, sandwich theorem, L' hospital rule, expansion of functions

## LIMIT OF A FUNCTION

### 1. NEIGHBOURHOOD OF 'x = a'

For some  $h > 0$ , sufficiently small, let the function  $y = f(x)$  be defined in the interval  $(a - h, a)$  then it is said that the function  $y = f(x)$  is defined in the left-neighbourhood of  $x = a$ .

Similarly, if the function  $y = f(x)$  be defined in the interval  $(a, a + h)$  then it is said that the function  $y = f(x)$  is defined in the right-neighbourhood of  $x = a$ .

If the function  $y = f(x)$  be defined in left-neighbourhood of  $x = a$  or right-neighbourhood of  $x = a$ , then it is said that the function  $y = f(x)$  is defined in the neighbourhood of  $x = a$ .

It must be noted here that the value 'a' itself may or may not be included in the domain which is actually not being considered in its neighbourhood.

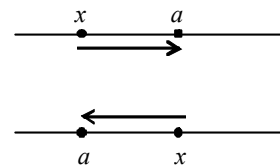
### 2. MEANING OF 'x → a'

Let  $x$  be a variable and 'a' be a constant. If  $x$  assumes values nearer and nearer to 'a' but  $x$  is strictly smaller than 'a' then this statement is mathematically written as  $x \rightarrow a^-$ .

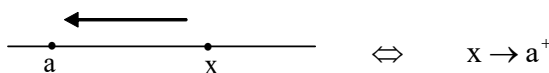
Similarly,  $x \rightarrow a^+$ , implies that  $x$  assumes values nearer and nearer to 'a' but  $x$  is strictly greater than 'a'.

In general by 'x tends to a' we mean that

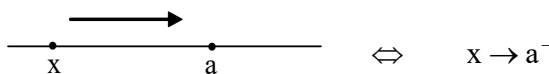
- (i)  $x \neq a$
- (ii)  $x$  assumes values nearer and nearer to 'a' and
- (iii) we are not specifying the manner in which  $x$  should approach to 'a'.  
 $x$  may approach to 'a' from left or right as shown in figure.



If 'x' approach to 'a' from any point on the right of  $x = a$  in the real number line (i.e. the  $x$  axis) but it never crosses  $x = a$ , then it is written as  $x \rightarrow a^+$ .



Similarly,



### 3. INDETERMINATE FORMS

Some times we come across some functions which do not have definite value corresponding to some particular value of the variable.

For example, the function  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 4}{x - 2}$ , converts into  $\frac{0}{0}$  if  $x = 2$  is substituted.

Hence,  $f(2)$  cannot be determined. Such a form is called an **Indeterminate Form**.

There are total **7 Indeterminate Forms** given as

- (1)  $\frac{0}{0}$ , (2)  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$ , (3)  $\infty - \infty$ , (4)  $0 \times \infty$ , (5)  $1^\infty$ , (6)  $\infty^0$ , (7)  $0^0$ .

**Note :** Here 0 and 1 are all approaching values, not the exact values.

**EXAMPLE :**

Which of the following are forming indeterminate form. Also indicate the form

- |   |  |
|---|--|
| (i) $\frac{1}{x}$ as $x \rightarrow 0$                  | (ii) $\frac{1-x}{1-x^2}$ as $x \rightarrow 1$                        |
| (iii) $x \ln x$ as $x \rightarrow 0$                    | (iv) $\left(\frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ |
| (v) $(\sin x)^x$ as $x \rightarrow 0$                   | (vi) $(\ln x)^x$ as $x \rightarrow 0$                                |
| (vii) $(1 + \sin x)^{\frac{1}{x}}$ as $x \rightarrow 0$ | (viii) $\frac{\sec x}{\tan x}$ as $x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}$      |

- Sol.** (i) No                      (ii)  $\frac{0}{0}$  form  
 (iii)  $0 \times \infty$  form              (iv)  $(\infty - \infty)$  form  
 (v)  $(0)^0$  form              (vi)  $(\infty)^0$  form  
 (vii)  $(1)^\infty$  form              (viii)  $\frac{\infty}{\infty}$  form

**4. LIMIT OF A FUNCTION**

**DEFINITION 1**

Let the function  $y = f(x)$  be defined in a certain neighbourhood of a point  $x = a$ . The function  $y = f(x)$  approaches the limit  $L$  ( $y \rightarrow L$ ) as  $x$  approaches 'a' ( $x \rightarrow a$ ). If for every positive number  $h$ , arbitrarily small, we are able to indicate  $k > 0$ , arbitrarily small, such that for all  $x$ , different from 'a' and satisfying the inequality.

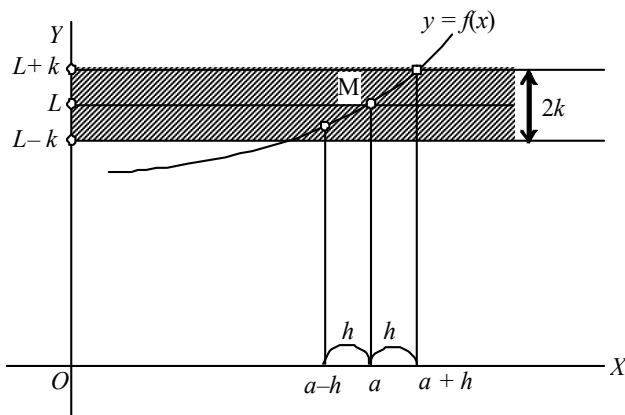
$$|x - a| < h$$

we have the inequality

$$|f(x) - L| < k$$

then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$

or  $f(x) \rightarrow L$  as  $x \rightarrow a$  or limiting value of  $f(x)$  is  $L$  as  $x \rightarrow a$ .



**DEFINITION 2**

Let  $y = f(x)$  be a function of  $x$  and the limiting value of  $y$  is required for  $x \rightarrow a$ , then we consider the values of the function at the points which are very near to 'a'.

If these values tend to a definite unique number  $L$  as  $x$  tends to 'a' (either from left or from right) then this

unique number  $L$  is called the limit of  $f(x)$  at  $x = a$  and we write it as  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$

**Illustration 1**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x + 2)$

**Sol.**  $x + 2$  being a polynomial in  $x$ , its limit as  $x \rightarrow 2$  is given by  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x + 2) = 2 + 2 = 4$

**Illustration 2**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x(x - 1)$

**Sol.**  $x(x - 1)$  being a polynomial in  $x$ , its limit as  $x \rightarrow 2$  is given by  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} x(x - 1) = 2(2 - 1) = 2$

**Illustration 3**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 4}{x + 2}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 4}{x + 2} = \frac{(2)^2 + 4}{2 + 2} = 2$

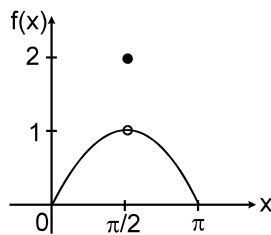
**Illustration 4**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(\sin x)$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos(\sin x) = \cos\left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \sin x\right) = \cos 0 = 1$

**Illustration 5** If  $f(x) = x^3 + 1$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1) = 2$ .

**Illustration 6**

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} f(x)$



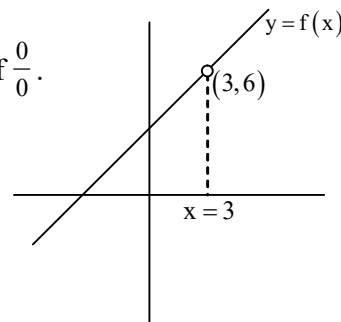
**Sol.** Here  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} f(x) = 1$

**Illustration 7** Find the limiting value of  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$  as  $x \rightarrow 3$ .

**Sol.** At  $x = 3$ ,  $f(x) = \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3}$  converts into an indeterminate form of  $\frac{0}{0}$ .

Now when  $x$  tends to 3 from left or from right, it can be easily observed from the graph that the value of  $f(x)$  tends to 6. Hence

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x^2 - 9}{x - 3} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x - 3)(x + 3)}{(x - 3)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (x + 3) = 3 + 3 = 6 \end{aligned}$$



**5. EXISTENCE OF LIMIT**

The limit of a function  $f(x)$  at a point  $x = a$  exists and equals to  $L$  if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = a$  finite value,  $L$ .

Here  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x)$  are called left hand limit (L.H.L.) and right hand limit (R.H.L.) respectively.

Thus, if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  exists then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a^+} f(x) = a$  finite value,  $L \Rightarrow$  L.H.L. = R.H.L. =  $L$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = L$$

**Illustration 8** The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} [x]$  is, where  $[ ]$  represents the greatest integer function.

- (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 4 (D) Does not exist

**Sol.** Left hand limit =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} [x] = 0$

and Right hand limit =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$

=  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} [x] = 1$

$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} f(x)$

$\therefore$  limit does not exist.

**Illustration 9** If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{1+e^{-1/x}} & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases}$  then at  $x = 0$

- (A) right hand limit of  $f(x)$  exists but not left-hand limit  
 (B) left-hand limit of  $f(x)$  exists but not right- hand limit  
 (C) both limits exists but are not equal  
 (D) both limits exist and are equal

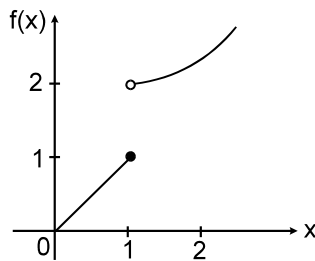
**Sol.**  $f(0^-) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1+e^{1/h}} = \frac{1}{1+\infty} = 0$

$f(0^+) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1+e^{-1/h}} = \frac{1}{1+0} = 1$

$\therefore$  Both limits exist but are not equal.

**Illustration 10**

Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$



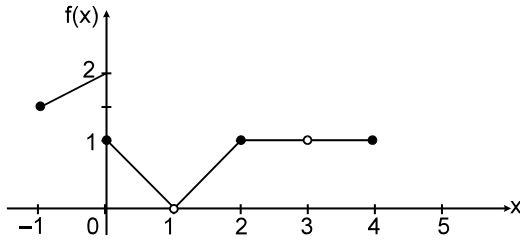
**Sol.**

Left hand limit = 1 Right hand limit = 2

Hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  does not exist.

**Illustration 11** From the adjoint graph of  $y = f(x)$ , find

- (i)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  (iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  (iv)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x)$  (v)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x)$



- Sol. (i) Here L.H.L. = 2 and R.H.L. = 1  
 $\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist  
 because left hand limit  $\neq$  right hand limit.
- (ii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 0$       (iii)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = 1$   
 (iv)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = 1$       (v)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 4} f(x) = 1$

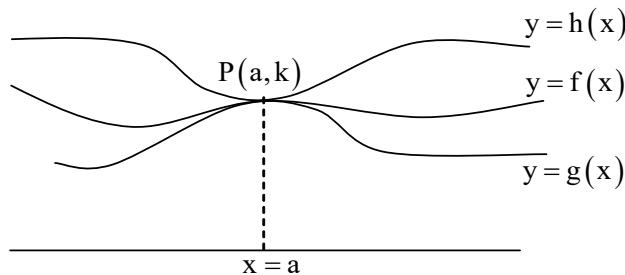
6. THEOREMS ON LIMITS

Let  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$  both individually exist and are finite, then

- (1)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [k f(x)] = k \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)$ , where k is a constant
- (2)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
- (3)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) - g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) - \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
- (4)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) \cdot g(x)] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)$
- (5)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) / g(x)] = [\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x)] / [\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)]$  provided that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \neq 0$
- (6)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f[g(x)] = f[\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)]$ , provided that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = a$  a finite value k and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow k} f(x)$  is also finite.
- (7)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x) + k] = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) + k$
- (8)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} [f(x)]^{g(x)} = \{ \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \}^{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x)}$
- (9)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow +\infty} f(x) \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(1/x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x) \Leftrightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(1/x)$       **(Important)**

(10) Sandwich theorem or Squeeze Play theorem :

If  $g(x) \leq f(x) \leq h(x)$  in the neighbourhood of  $x = a$  such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow a} h(x) = k$ , a finite quantity, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) = k$



**7. SOME STANDARD LIMITS**

$$(1) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin^{-1} x} = 1$$

$$\text{Also, } \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x}{x} \right] = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin^{-1} x} \right] = 0 \text{ and } \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sin x} \right] = \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1} x}{x} \right] = 1$$

(where [ ] denotes the greatest integer function)

$$\text{as } 0 < \frac{\sin x}{x} < 1 \text{ and } 0 < \frac{x}{\sin^{-1} x} < 1$$

$$(2) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \cos x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\cos x} \right) = 1$$

$$(3) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\tan x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan^{-1} x}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\tan^{-1} x} = 1$$

$$(4) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^x = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{1/x} = e$$

$$(5) \text{ If } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} f(x) \rightarrow 1 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} g(x) \rightarrow \infty \text{ then } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \{f(x)\}^{g(x)} = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow a} (f(x)-1)g(x)}$$

$$(6) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \log_e a \text{ (} a > 0 \text{)} \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = 1$$

$$(7) \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = n \cdot a^{n-1} \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^n - 1}{x} = n$$

$$(8) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+x)}{x} = 1 \text{ and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_a(1+x)}{x} = \log_a e$$

$$(9) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} a^x = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } 0 \leq a < 1 \\ 1 & \text{if } a = 1 \\ \infty & \text{if } a > 1 \\ \text{D.N.E.} & \text{if } a < 0 \end{cases}$$

$$(10) \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_0 x^m + a_1 x^{m-1} + \dots + a_m}{b_0 x^n + b_1 x^{n-1} + \dots + b_n} = \begin{cases} \frac{a_0}{b_0} & \text{if } m = n \\ 0 & \text{if } m < n \\ \infty & \text{if } m > n \text{ \& } a_0 \cdot b_0 > 0 \\ -\infty & \text{if } m > n \text{ \& } a_0 \cdot b_0 < 0 \end{cases}$$

**8. IMPORTANT EXPANSIONS**

$$(1) e^x = 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots \dots \dots x \in \mathbb{R}$$

$$(2) a^x = 1 + \frac{x \ln a}{1!} + \frac{x^2 \ln^2 a}{2!} + \frac{x^3 \ln^3 a}{3!} + \dots \dots \dots a > 0$$

$$(3) \ln(1+x) = x - \frac{x^2}{2} + \frac{x^3}{3} - \frac{x^4}{4} + \dots \dots \dots \text{for } -1 < x \leq 1$$



$$(4) \sin x = \frac{e^{ix} - e^{-ix}}{2i} = x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} - \frac{x^7}{7!} + \dots \quad x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$(5) \cos x = \frac{e^{ix} + e^{-ix}}{2} = 1 - \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} - \frac{x^6}{6!} + \dots \quad x \in (-\pi, \pi)$$

$$(6) \tan x = x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} + \dots \quad x \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$$

$$(7) \sin^{-1} x = x + \frac{1^2 \cdot x^3}{3!} + \frac{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot x^5}{5!} + \frac{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot x^7}{7!} + \dots = x + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$$

$$(8) \cos^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin^{-1} x = \frac{\pi}{2} - \left( x + \frac{1^2 \cdot x^3}{3!} + \frac{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot x^5}{5!} + \frac{1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \cdot x^7}{7!} + \dots \right)$$

$$= \frac{\pi}{2} - \left( x + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{x^5}{5} + \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots \right)$$

$$(9) \tan^{-1} x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{x^5}{5} - \frac{x^7}{7} + \dots$$

$$(10) \sec^{-1} x = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{5^2 \cdot x^4}{4!} + \frac{61x^6}{6!} + \dots$$

$$(11) \sinh x = \frac{e^x - e^{-x}}{2} = x + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \frac{x^5}{5!} + \dots$$

$$(12) \cosh x = \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} = 1 + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^4}{4!} + \dots$$

$$(13) \tanh x = x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{2x^5}{15} - \dots$$

**(14) The Binomial Theorem :**

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + n \cdot x + \frac{n \cdot (n-1)}{2!} \cdot x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!} \cdot x^3 + \dots \quad (\text{for rational values of } n \text{ only})$$

$$(15) (1+x)^{1/x} = e \left( 1 - \frac{x}{2} + \frac{11}{24} x^2 + \dots \right)$$

**9. STANDARD APPROACHES TO EVALUATE THE LIMIT OF A FUNCTION**

**1. Substitution**

**Illustration 12** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 + 5x + 1}{7x^2 + 3x - 1}$

**Sol.** Put  $x = \frac{1}{y}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3x^2 + 5x + 1}{7x^2 + 3x - 1} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{y^2 + 5y + 3}{y^2 + 3y + 7} = \frac{3}{7}$

**Illustration 13** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x} - 2x}{x^3}$

**Sol.** The given limit  $l = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x} - 2x}{x^3}$ , put  $x = 3y$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3y} - e^{-3y} - 6y}{27y^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(e^y - e^{-y})^3 + 3(e^y - e^{-y}) - 6y}{27y^3} \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8}{27} \left( \frac{e^{2y} - 1}{2y} \right)^3 + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{9} (e^y - e^{-y} - 2y) \quad \left( \text{Using } \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2y} - 1}{2y} = 1 \right) \\
 &= \frac{8}{27} + \frac{1}{9}l = \frac{8l}{9} = \frac{8}{27} \Rightarrow l = \frac{1}{3}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Illustration 14** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \sin x}{x^3}$

**Sol.** The given limit  $l = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x - \sin x}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3t - \sin 3t}{27t^3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3t - (3 \sin t - 4 \sin^3 t)}{27t^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3(t - \sin t)}{27t^3} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4 \sin^3 t}{27t^3} = \frac{1}{9}l + \frac{4}{27} \\
 \Rightarrow \frac{8l}{9} &= \frac{4}{27} \Rightarrow l = \frac{1}{6}
 \end{aligned}$$

**Illustration 15** Evaluate the limit:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{1}{\ln x} - \frac{1}{x-1} \right)$

**Sol.** The given limit  $l = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{1}{\ln x} - \frac{1}{x-1} \right)$

Put  $x = \frac{1}{t}$ , then  $l = \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{1}{\ln \left( \frac{1}{t} \right)} - \frac{1}{\frac{1}{t} - 1} \right)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{-1}{\ln t} - \frac{t}{1-t} \right) \\
 &= \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{-1}{\ln t} + 1 + \frac{1}{t-1} \right) = 1 - \lim_{t \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{1}{\ln t} - \frac{1}{t-1} \right) \\
 \therefore l &= 1 - l \\
 \therefore 2l &= 1 \\
 \Rightarrow l &= \frac{1}{2}
 \end{aligned}$$

**2 Factorization**

**Illustration 16** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^2 - 1}$

**Sol.** Note that, for  $x = 1$  both the numerator and the denominator of the given fraction vanish.

Hence, it converts into an indeterminate form of  $\frac{0}{0}$ .

Therefore we have  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 - 3x + 2}{x^2 - 1} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x-2)}{(x-1)(x+1)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-2}{x+1} = -\frac{1}{2}$

**Illustration 17** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^3 - x^2 \log x + \log x - 1}{x^2 - 1}$

**Sol.** The given limit =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x^3 - 1) - (x^2 - 1)\log x}{x^2 - 1}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x^2 + x + 1) - (x-1)(x+1)\log x}{(x-1)(x+1)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)[x^2 + x + 1 - (x+1)\log x]}{(x-1)(x+1)}$$

$$= \frac{1^2 + 1 + 1 - (1+1)\log 1}{(1+1)} = \frac{3}{2}$$

**Illustration 18** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{2(2x-3)}{x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x} \right]$

**Sol.** The given limit =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{1}{x-2} - \frac{2(2x-3)}{x(x-1)(x-2)} \right]$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{x(x-1) - 2(2x-3)}{x(x-1)(x-2)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{x^2 - 5x + 6}{x(x-1)(x-2)} \right] = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{(x-2)(x-3)}{x(x-1)(x-2)} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left[ \frac{x-3}{x(x-1)} \right] = -\frac{1}{2}$$

### 3 Rationalization or Double Rationalisation

**Illustration 19** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x(\sqrt{x^2 + k} - x), k > 0$

**Sol.** The given limit =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} x(\sqrt{x^2 + k} - x) \frac{(\sqrt{x^2 + k} + x)}{(\sqrt{x^2 + k} + x)}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{x(x^2 + k - x^2)}{(\sqrt{x^2 + k} + x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \pm\infty} \frac{xk}{|x| \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{k}{x^2}\right)} + x}$$

Here we have to consider two cases

(i) When  $x \rightarrow \infty$ ;  $|x| = x$

then the given limit =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{xk}{x \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{k}{x^2}\right)} + x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{xk}{x \left( \sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{k}{x^2}\right)} + 1 \right)} = \frac{k}{2}$

(ii) When  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ;  $|x| = -x$

then we have 
$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{xk}{-x\sqrt{\left(1 + \frac{k}{x^2}\right)} + x}$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{xk}{x\left(-\sqrt{1 + \frac{k}{x^2}} + 1\right)} \rightarrow \frac{k}{-1^+ + 1} \rightarrow \frac{k}{0^-} \rightarrow -\infty$$

**Illustration 20** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x+x^2} - 1}{x}$

**Sol.** By rationalization of numerator

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x+x^2} - 1}{x} \cdot \frac{\sqrt{1+x+x^2} + 1}{\sqrt{1+x+x^2} + 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1+x+x^2 - 1}{x(\sqrt{1+x+x^2} + 1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1+x}{\sqrt{1+x+x^2} + 1} = \frac{1}{2} \end{aligned}$$

**Illustration 21** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}}{x}$

**Sol.** The given limit taken the form  $\frac{0}{0}$  when  $x \rightarrow 0$ . Rationalising the numerator, we get

$$\begin{aligned} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}}{x} \times \frac{\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}}{\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{(1+x) - (1-x)}{x(\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x})} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{2x}{x(\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x})} \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{2}{\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}} \right] = \frac{2}{2} = 1 \end{aligned}$$

**Illustration 22**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(2x-3)(\sqrt{x}-1)}{2x^2+x-3}$

**Sol.** The given limit =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[ \frac{(2x-3)(\sqrt{x}-1)}{(2x+3)(x-1)} \right]$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[ \frac{(2x-3)(\sqrt{x}-1)}{(2x+3)(\sqrt{x}-1)(\sqrt{x}+1)} \right] \\
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[ \frac{2x-3}{(2x+3)(\sqrt{x}+1)} \right] \\
 &= \frac{-1}{(5)(2)} = \frac{-1}{10}
 \end{aligned}$$

**4 Use of Binomial Theorem and other expansions**

**Illustration 23**  $f(x)$  is integral of  $\frac{2\sin x - \sin 2x}{x^3}$ ,  $x \neq 0$  then, find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x)$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f'(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\sin x - \sin 2x}{x^3}$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2\left(x - \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots\right) - \left(2x - \frac{8x^3}{3!}\right)}{x^3} \\
 &= \frac{8-2}{3!} = 1
 \end{aligned}$$

**Illustration 24** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x - \sin^{-1} x}{2x + \tan^{-1} x}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x - \left(x + \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots\right)}{2x + \left(x - \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots\right)} = \frac{1}{3}$

**Illustration 25** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots\right) - 1 - x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

**Illustration 26** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(7+x)^{1/3} - 2}{x-1}$

**Sol.** Put  $x = 1 + h$ ,

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(8+h)^{1/3} - 2}{h}$$

$$\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \cdot \left(1 + \frac{h}{8}\right)^{1/3} - 2}{h} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \left\{ 1 + \frac{1}{3} \cdot \frac{h}{8} + \frac{1}{3} \left(\frac{1}{3} - 1\right) \left(\frac{h}{8}\right)^2 + \dots - 1 \right\}}{h} \quad \{\text{using binomial theorem}\}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} 2 \times \frac{1}{24} = \frac{1}{12}$$

**Illustration 27** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x-2}{2x-3}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x-2}{2x-3}$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1-2/x}{2-3/x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

**Illustration 28** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 4x + 5}{3x^2 - x^3 + 2}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^2 - 4x + 5}{3x^2 - x^3 + 2}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\frac{1}{x} - \frac{4}{x^2} + \frac{5}{x^3}}{\frac{3}{x} - 1 + \frac{2}{x^3}} = 0$$

**Illustration 29** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{3x^2 + 2}}{x-2}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{3x^2 + 2}}{x-2}$

Put  $x = \frac{-1}{t}$  as  $x \rightarrow -\infty$ ,  $t \rightarrow 0^+$

$$= \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{3+2t^2} \cdot \frac{1}{\sqrt{t^2}}}{\frac{-1-2t}{t}} = \lim_{t \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sqrt{3+2t^2}}{-(1+2t)} \cdot \frac{t}{|t|}$$

$$= \frac{\sqrt{3}}{-1} = -\sqrt{3}$$

**Illustration 30** Evaluate:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3(n+1))!}{(n+1)^3 (3n)!}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(3n+3)(3n+2)(3n+1)(3n)!}{(n+1)^3 (3n)!} = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{27n^3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{2}{3n}\right) \left(1 + \frac{1}{3n}\right)}{n^3 \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^3} = 27$

**Illustration 31** Let  $S_n = 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$  and

$$P_n = \frac{S_2}{S_2 - 1} \cdot \frac{S_3}{S_3 - 1} \cdot \frac{S_4}{S_4 - 1} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{S_n}{S_n - 1} \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{N} (n \geq 2). \text{ Find } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n.$$

**Sol.**  $S_n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  and  $S_{n-1} = \frac{(n+2)(n-1)}{2}$

$$\therefore \frac{S_n}{S_n - 1} = \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \cdot \frac{2}{(n+2)(n-1)} \Rightarrow \frac{S_n}{S_n - 1} = \left(\frac{n}{n-1}\right)\left(\frac{n+1}{n+2}\right)$$

$$P_n = \left(\frac{2}{1} \cdot \frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{4}{3} \cdot \frac{5}{4} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{n}{n-1}\right) \left(\frac{3}{4} \cdot \frac{4}{5} \cdot \frac{5}{6} \cdot \dots \cdot \frac{n+1}{n+2}\right)$$

$$P_n = \left(\frac{n}{1}\right) \left(\frac{3}{n+2}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} P_n = 3$$

**Illustration 32** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x \sin \frac{1}{x}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin(1/x)}{1/x} = 1 \quad \left( \text{Using } \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin y}{y} = 1 \right)$$

**IN-CHAPTER EXERCISE 1**

1. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{1}{x-1} + \frac{1}{1-x} \right)$  is  
 (A) 0                                      (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$                                       (C)  $-\frac{1}{2}$                                       (D) 1
2. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2}$  is  
 (A) 0                                      (B) 1                                      (C) -1                                      (D) does not exist
3. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{3 + 2^{\frac{1}{x}}}$  is  
 (A) 0                                      (B) 1/3                                      (C) 1/2                                      (D) does not exist
4. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + 2^{\frac{1}{x}}}{3 + 2^{\frac{1}{x}}}$  is  
 (A) 0                                      (B) 1/3                                      (C) 1/2                                      (D) does not exist
5. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x}{[x]}$ ; where [ ] is the greatest integer function, is  
 (A) 0                                      (B) 1                                      (C) -1                                      (D) does not exist

6. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x}{x}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) -1 (D) does not exist
7. The value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{n^2} + \frac{2}{n^2} + \frac{3}{n^2} + \dots + \frac{n}{n^2} \right)$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1/3 (C) 1/2 (D) 1/4
8. The value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sum n^3}{n^4}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{2}$
9. The value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n!}{(n+1)! - n!}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) -1 (D) does not exist
10. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2+1} - \sqrt[3]{x^2+1}}{\sqrt[4]{x^4+1} - \sqrt[5]{x^4+1}}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (C)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  (D) 1
11. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{30 + 4\sqrt{x} + (7\sqrt[3]{x})}{2 + \sqrt{4x-7} + \sqrt[3]{6x-2}}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D)  $\frac{7}{\sqrt[3]{6}}$
12. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (x - \sqrt{x^2 + x})$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1/2 (C) -1/2 (D) 1
13. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x}{\sqrt{4x^2+1} - 1}$  is  
 (A) -1/4 (B) 1/4 (C) -1/2 (D) 1/2
14. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x^2+1}{x+1} - ax - b \right) = b$ , where  $a, b$  are constants, then the value of  $a + b$ , is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1/2 (C) -1/2 (D) 1
15. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1+x^2}}{x}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (C)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  (D) 1
16. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x+x^2} - 1}{x}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (C)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  (D) 1



17. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^+} \frac{\sqrt{x^2-1} + \sqrt{x-1}}{\sqrt{x^2-1}}$  is  
 (A) 1 (B)  $1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (C)  $1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (D) does not exist
18. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - 4}{\sqrt{3x-2} - \sqrt{x+2}}$  is  
 (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 4 (D) 8
19. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} (\sec x - \tan x)$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 1/2 (D) -1
20. The value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{3^{n+1} + 2^{n+2}}{5 \cdot 3^n - 2^{n-1}}$  is  
 (A)  $\frac{1}{5}$  (B)  $\frac{2}{5}$  (C)  $\frac{3}{5}$  (D) 1

**ANSWER KEY**

- 1 A 2 D 3 D 4 D 5 D 6 A 7 C 8 B 9 A  
 10 D 11 C 12 C 13 D 14 B 15 B 16 B 17 C 18 D  
 19 A 20 C

**5 By application of standard limits**

**Illustration 33** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 - 4}$

**Sol. Method I**

$$\frac{x^3 - (2)^3}{x^2 - (2)^2} = \frac{x^3 - (2)^3}{x - 2} \div \frac{x^2 - (2)^2}{x - 2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 - 4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - (2)^3}{x - 2} \div \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 - (2)^2}{x - 2} \\ &= 3(2^2) \div 2(2^1) \quad (\text{using } \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1}) \\ &= 12 \div 4 = 3 \end{aligned}$$

**Method II**

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 - 4} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^2 + 2x + 4)(x - 2)}{(x + 2)(x - 2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^2 + 2x + 4}{x + 2} \\ &= \frac{(2)^2 + 2(2) + 4}{2 + 2} = \frac{12}{4} = 3 \end{aligned}$$

**Illustration 34** Find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{1+x^{1/3}}{1+x^{1/5}}$

**Sol.** Limit =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{x^{1/3} - (-1)}{x^{1/5} - (-1)} = \frac{5}{3}$

**Note :**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x^{1/5})^5 - (-1)}{x^{1/5} - (-1)} = 5(-1)^4$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{(x^{1/3})^3 - (-1)}{x^{1/3} - (-1)} = 3(-1)^2$$

**Illustration 35** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{x}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{x} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{2x} \cdot 2 = 2$

**Illustration 36** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{\sin 3x}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{\sin 3x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\sin 2x}{2x} \cdot \frac{2x}{3x} \cdot \frac{3x}{\sin 3x} \right]$

$$= \left[ \lim_{2x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{2x} \right] \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left[ \lim_{3x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3x}{\sin 3x} \right]$$

$$= 1 \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \left[ \lim_{3x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x}{3x} \right] = \frac{2}{3} \times 1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

**Illustration 37** Evaluate : Limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - \sin x}{x^3}$

**Sol.** Limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x - \sin x}{x^3}$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x(1 - \cos x)}{x^3} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} \cdot \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x \cdot 2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}}{x^3}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{2} \left( \frac{\sin \frac{x}{2}}{\frac{x}{2}} \right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left( \text{Note that : } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2} = \frac{1}{2} \right)$$

**Illustration 38** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} \frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{(\cos^{-1} x)^2}$

**Sol.** Put  $\cos^{-1} x = y$  and  $x \rightarrow 1^- \Rightarrow y \rightarrow 0$

The given limit =  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \sqrt{\cos y}}{y^2}$

now rationalizing numerator

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos y)}{y^2(1 + \sqrt{\cos y})}$$

$$= \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos y}{y^2} \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{1 + \sqrt{\cos y}} = \frac{1}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{4}$$

**Illustration 39** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2 \cos \frac{1}{x}}{\sin x}$

**Sol.** The given limit =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cdot \cos(1/x) \cdot x}{\sin x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cos \frac{1}{x} = 0 \times (\text{a finite quantity between } -1 \text{ and } 1) = 0$

**Illustration 40**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\cos^{-1}(1-x)}{\sqrt{x}}$

**Sol.** Put  $\cos^{-1}(1-x) = \theta$ , then as  $x \rightarrow 0^+, \theta \rightarrow 0^+$

$$\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{1 - \cos \theta}} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\theta}{\sqrt{2} \sin(\theta/2)} = \lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{2(\theta/2)}{\sqrt{2} \sin(\theta/2)} = \sqrt{2}$$

**Illustration 41** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(1 - \cos x)}{\sin^4 x}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos\left(2 \sin^2 \frac{x}{2}\right)}{x^4} \Rightarrow \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos(1 - \cos x)}{(1 - \cos x)^2} \cdot \frac{(1 - \cos x)^2}{x^4} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{8}$

**Illustration 42** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2 \cos x}\right)}{\sin(\sin x^2)}$

**Sol.**  $l = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2 \cos x}\right) \cdot (\sin x^2)}{\sin x^2 \cdot \sin(\sin x^2)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2 \cos x}\right)}{x^2} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{\sin x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos\left(\frac{\pi}{2 \cos x}\right)}{x^2}$

$$l = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2 \cos x}\right)}{\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2 \cos x}\right)} \cdot \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{\pi}{2} - \frac{\pi}{2 \cos x}\right)}{x^2} \left(\text{taking } \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \text{ common}\right)$$

$$= (1) \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}\right) \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos x)}{\cos x} \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} = -\frac{\pi}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2} = -\frac{\pi}{4} \text{ Ans. ]}$$

**Illustration 43** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{e^x - e^3}{x - 3}$

**Sol.** Put  $y = x - 3$ . So, as  $x \rightarrow 3, y \rightarrow 0$ . Thus

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{e^x - e^3}{x - 3} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3+y} - e^3}{y} = \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^3 \cdot e^y - e^3}{y} = e^3 \lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^y - 1}{y} = e^3 \cdot 1 = e^3$$

**Illustration 44** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3x} - 1}{x/2}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3x} - 1}{x/2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2 \times 3 \frac{e^{3x} - 1}{3x} = 6.$

**Illustration 45** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(e^x - 1)}{1 - \cos x}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(e^x - 1)}{1 - \cos x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^2}{1 - \cos x} \cdot \frac{e^x - 1}{x} = \frac{1}{\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)} \cdot 1 = 2$

**Illustration 46** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \cos^2 x)}{x^2}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \cos^2 x)}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin\{\pi(1 - \sin^2 x)\}}{x^2}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi - \pi \sin^2 x)}{x^2}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \sin^2 x)}{x^2}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\sin(\pi \sin^2 x)}{\pi \sin^2 x} \times \frac{\pi}{1} \times \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} \right\}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \sin^2 x)}{\pi \sin^2 x} \times \pi \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^2 x}{x^2} = 1 \times \pi \times 1 = \pi$

**Illustration 47** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{x}\right)^x$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{2}{x}\right)^x = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2}{x} \cdot x} = e^2.$

**Illustration 48** Evaluate :  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right) \right\}^{1/x}$

**Sol.**  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right) \right\}^{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{\tan \frac{\pi}{4} + \tan x}{1 - \tan \frac{\pi}{4} \tan x} \right\}^{1/x}$   
 $= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{1 + \tan x}{1 - \tan x} \right\}^{1/x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ 1 + \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan x} \right\}^{1/x}$   
 $= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left\{ \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan x} \right\} \cdot \frac{1}{x}}$   
 $= e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 2 \frac{\tan x}{x} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \tan x}} = e^2$

**Illustration 49** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow e} \frac{\ln x - 1}{x - e}$

**Sol.** The given limit =  $\lim_{x \rightarrow e} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{x}{e}\right)}{e\left(\frac{x}{e} - 1\right)}$

Put  $\frac{x}{e} - 1 = y$ , as  $x \rightarrow e, y \rightarrow 0$

$\therefore$  The given limit =  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1+y)}{ey} = \frac{1}{e}$

**6 By using Sandwich Theorem**

**Illustration 50** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[x]}{x}$

**Sol.**  $x - 1 < [x] \leq x, \Rightarrow 1 - \frac{1}{x} < \frac{[x]}{x} \leq 1$  {As  $x \rightarrow \infty \therefore x > 0$ }

Now  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{x}\right) = 1$ .

Therefore by Sandwich theorem  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[x]}{x} = 1$

**Illustration 51** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x^3 \cos \frac{2}{x}$

**Sol.**  $-1 \leq \cos \frac{2}{x} \leq 1; -x^3 \leq x^3 \cos \frac{2}{x} \leq x^3$  for  $x > 0$  and  $x^3 \leq x^3 \cos \frac{2}{x} \leq -x^3$  for  $x < 0$   
in both the cases limit is zero

**Illustration 52** Evaluate:  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 - \sin 3x}{x^2 + 10}$

**Sol.**  $\because -1 \leq \sin 3x \leq 1$

$$\therefore \frac{5x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 10} \leq \frac{5x^2 - \sin 3x}{x^2 + 10} \leq \frac{5x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 10}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 10} \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 - \sin 3x}{x^2 + 10} \leq \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 10}$$

Since  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 - 1}{x^2 + 10} = 5$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 10} = 5$ . Hence  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{5x^2 - \sin 3x}{x^2 + 10} = 5$ .

**Illustration 53** Evaluate:  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} + \frac{n}{n^2 + 2} + \frac{n}{n^2 + 3} + \dots + \frac{n}{n^2 + n} \right)$

**Sol.** Let  $f(n) = \frac{n}{n^2 + 1} + \frac{n}{n^2 + 2} + \frac{n}{n^2 + 3} + \dots + \frac{n}{n^2 + n}$   
note that  $f(n)$  has  $n$  terms which are decreasing

Suppose  $h(n) = \left( \frac{n}{n^2+1} + \frac{n}{n^2+1} + \frac{n}{n^2+1} + \dots + \frac{n}{n^2+1} \right)$ ,  $n$  terms

$$h(n) = \frac{n^2}{n^2+1} \quad (\text{obviously } f(n) < h(n))$$

and  $g(n) = \left( \frac{n}{n^2+n} + \frac{n}{n^2+n} + \frac{n}{n^2+n} + \dots + \frac{n}{n^2+n} \right)$ ,  $n$  terms

$$= \frac{n^2}{n^2+n} \quad (\text{obviously } g(n) < f(n))$$

Hence  $g(n) < f(n) < h(n)$

Since  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} g(n) = 1 = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} h(n)$

Hence, using Sandwich Theorem  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n) = 1$

**Illustration 54** If  $[x]$  denotes the integral part of  $x$ , then evaluate

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[1^2x] + [2^2x] + \dots + [n^2x]}{n^3}$$

**Sol.** Let  $S_n = [1^2x] + [2^2x] + \dots + [n^2x]$

$$x - 1 < [x] \leq x$$

$$\therefore 1^2x - 1 < [1^2x] \leq 1^2x$$

$$2^2x - 1 < [2^2x] \leq 2^2x$$

$$3^2x - 1 < [3^2x] \leq 3^2x$$

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$$n^2x - 1 < [n^2x] \leq n^2x$$

$$\therefore (1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2)x - n < S_n \leq (1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2)x$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^3}x - \frac{n}{n^3} < \frac{S_n}{n^3} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^3}x$$

$$\Rightarrow \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^3}x - \frac{1}{n^2} \right\} < \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n}{n^3} \leq \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^3}x$$

$$\therefore \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left\{ \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^3}x - \frac{1}{n^2} \right\} = \frac{x}{3} \text{ and } \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6n^3}x = \frac{x}{3}$$

Hence required limit i.e.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{S_n}{n^3} = \frac{x}{3}$ .

**IN-CHAPTER EXERCISE 2**

- The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 5x - \sin 3x}{\sin x}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) does not exist
- The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2x - x}{3x - \sin x}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1/2 (C) -1/2 (D) 1

3. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{\sin x} - 1}{x}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) -1 (D) None of these
4. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(2+x) - \sin(2-x)}{x}$  is  
 (A)  $\sin 2$  (B)  $\cos 2$  (C)  $2 \sin 2$  (D)  $2 \cos 2$
5. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}}{\sin^{-1} x}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B)  $1/2$  (C) 1 (D) 2
6. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\cos x - \sin x}{\pi - 4x}$  is  
 (A)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (B)  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  (D)  $-\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$
7. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{1 + \cos 2x}{(\pi - 2x)^2}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C)  $1/2$  (D)  $-1/2$
8. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \ln(1+x)}{1 - \cos x}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) does not exist
9. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - b^x}{x}$  is  
 (A)  $\ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$  (B)  $\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)$  (C)  $\ln\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^2$  (D)  $\ln\left(\frac{b}{a}\right)^2$
10. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2 \cdot 3^x - 3 \cdot 2^x}{x - 1}$  is  
 (A)  $6 \ln \frac{3}{2}$  (B)  $6 \ln \frac{2}{3}$  (C)  $3 \ln \frac{3}{2}$  (D)  $3 \ln \frac{2}{3}$
11. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x + b^x + c^x - 3}{x}$  ( $a, b, c > 0$ ), is  
 (A)  $\ln(abc)$  (B)  $\ln(abc)^{-1}$  (C)  $\ln(abc)^{1/3}$  (D)  $\ln(abc)^{-1/3}$
12. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x + x^2 + \dots + x^n - n}{x - 1}$  is  
 (A)  $\frac{n}{2}$  (B)  $\frac{n+1}{2}$  (C)  $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$  (D)  $\frac{n(n+1)}{4}$

13. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}} \frac{x - \cos(\sin^{-1}x)}{1 - \tan(\sin^{-1}x)}$  is  
 (A)  $1/\sqrt{2}$  (B)  $-1/\sqrt{2}$  (C) 1 (D) does not exist
14. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^2 \sin\left(\ln \sqrt{\cos \frac{\pi}{x}}\right)$  is  
 (A)  $-\frac{\pi^2}{2}$  (B)  $-\frac{\pi^2}{4}$  (C)  $\frac{\pi^2}{2}$  (D)  $\frac{\pi^2}{4}$
15. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + \sin x)^{\cot x}$  is  
 (A) 1 (B)  $e$  (C)  $e^{-1}$  (D)  $e^{-1/2}$
16. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\tan x}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{x^2}}$  is  
 (A) 1 (B)  $e$  (C)  $\sqrt{e}$  (D)  $\sqrt[3]{e}$
17. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[\frac{2x^2 + 3}{2x^2 + 5}\right]^{8x^2 + 3}$  is  
 (A)  $e^{-2}$  (B)  $e^{-4}$  (C)  $e^{-8}$  (D)  $e^{-1}$
18. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x+c}{x-c}\right)^x = 4$ , then the value of  $c$  is  
 (A) 1 (B)  $\ln 2$  (C)  $-\ln 2$  (D)  $2 \ln 2$
19. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{x-1+\cos x}{x}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$  is  
 (A) 1 (B)  $e$  (C)  $\sqrt{e}$  (D)  $1/\sqrt{e}$
20. The value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[x] + [2x] + \dots + [nx]}{n^2}$ , where  $[ ]$  is the step function ( $x$  is real), is  
 (A) 0 (B)  $x$  (C)  $x/2$  (D) does not exist

**ANSWER KEY**

- 1 C 2 B 3 B 4 D 5 C 6 C 7 C  
 8 C 9 A 10 A 11 A 12 C 13 B 14 B  
 15 B 16 D 17 C 18 B 19 D 20 C



**SOLVED OBJECTIVE EXAMPLES**

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos 2x + 1}{\sin 2x} =$   
 (a) 0                      (b) 1                      (c) 2                      (d) 1/2

**Sol.** (a)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos 2x + 1}{\sin 2x} &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\cos 2x + 1}{\sin 2x} \times \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{1 - \cos 2x} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sin 2x}{1 - \cos 2x} = 0. \end{aligned}$$

2. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \sin 2x}}{4x - \pi}$  is  
 (a) 0                      (b) 1                      (c)  $\infty$                       (d) limit does not exist

**Sol.** (d)

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \sin 2x}}{4x - \pi} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sqrt{(\sin x - \cos x)^2}}{4x - \pi} \Rightarrow L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{|\sin x - \cos x|}{4x - \pi}$$

Now

$$\text{LHL} = - \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^-} \frac{\sin x - \cos x}{4x - \pi} \Rightarrow \text{LHL} = - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^-} \frac{\sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{x - \frac{\pi}{4}} = - \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}} \text{ \&}$$

$$\text{RHL} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^+} \frac{\sin x - \cos x}{4x - \pi} \Rightarrow \text{RHL} = \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}^+} \frac{\sin\left(x - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)}{x - \frac{\pi}{4}} = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

As LHL  $\neq$  RHL, hence limit does not exist.

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln\left(\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right)\right)}{x} =$   
 (a) 0                      (b) 1                      (c) 2                      (d) limit does not exist

**Sol.** (c)

$$\begin{aligned} L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln\left(\tan\left(\frac{\pi}{4} + x\right)\right)}{x} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln\left(\frac{1 + \tan x}{1 - \tan x}\right)}{x} \Rightarrow L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1 + \tan x) - \ln(1 - \tan x)}{x} \\ \Rightarrow L &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\ln(1 + \tan x)}{\tan x} + \frac{\ln(1 - \tan x)}{-\tan x} \right) \times \frac{\tan x}{x} = 2. \end{aligned}$$

4. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{x+7} - \sqrt{2x+5}}$  is

- (a)  $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$                       (b)  $-\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}$                       (c) 0                      (d) limit does not exist

**Sol.** (b)

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x} - \sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{x+7} - \sqrt{2x+5}} \Rightarrow L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{(x+7) - (2x+5)} \times \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{x+7} + \sqrt{2x+5}}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x-2}{2-x} \times \frac{\sqrt{x} + \sqrt{4}}{\sqrt{x+7} + \sqrt{2x+5}} = -\frac{\sqrt{2}}{3}.$$

5. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+2)^n - 4^n}{\sin \pi x}$  is

- (a)  $\frac{n \cdot 4^{n-1}}{\pi}$                       (b)  $\frac{n \cdot 4^n}{\pi}$                       (c) 0                      (d)  $\infty$

**Sol.** (a)

Let  $x = h + 2$ , then

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x+2)^n - 4^n}{\sin \pi x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(h+4)^n - 4^n}{\sin(2\pi + \pi h)}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h^n + {}^n C_1 \cdot h^{n-1} \cdot 4 + {}^n C_2 \cdot h^{n-2} \cdot 4^2 + \dots + {}^n C_{n-2} \cdot h^2 \cdot 4^{n-2} + {}^n C_{n-1} \cdot h \cdot 4^{n-1}}{\sin \pi h}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{h \left( h^{n-1} + {}^n C_1 \cdot h^{n-2} \cdot 4 + {}^n C_2 \cdot h^{n-3} \cdot 4^2 + \dots + {}^n C_{n-2} \cdot h \cdot 4^{n-2} + {}^n C_{n-1} \cdot 4^{n-1} \right)}{\pi h \left( \frac{\sin \pi h}{\pi h} \right)} = \frac{n 4^{n-1}}{\pi}.$$

6. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1/2} \frac{a^{\sin \pi x} - 1}{\tan^2 2\pi x}$  is

- (a)  $-\frac{\ln a}{4}$                       (b)  $\frac{\ln a}{4}$                       (c)  $\frac{\ln a}{8}$                       (d)  $-\frac{\ln a}{8}$

**Sol.** (d)

Let  $x = 1 + h$ , then

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1/2} \frac{a^{\sin \pi x} - 1}{\tan^2 2\pi x} = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{\cos \pi h} - 1}{\tan^2 2\pi h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{a^{-2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi h}{2}} - 1}{-2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi h}{2}} \right) \times \frac{-2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi h}{2}}{\sin^2 2\pi h} \times \cos^2 2\pi h$$

$$= \ln a \times \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{-2 \sin^2 \frac{\pi h}{2}}{\left(4 \sin \frac{\pi h}{2} \cos \frac{\pi h}{2} \cos \pi h\right)^2} \times \cos^2 2\pi h$$

$$\Rightarrow L = -\frac{\ln a}{8}.$$

7. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi^+} (\pi - x)^{\sin x}$  is

- (a) 1                      (b) 0                      (c)  $\pi$                       (d) not defined

**Sol.** (a)

Let  $x = \pi - h$ , then

$$L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} (h)^{\sin h} \Rightarrow \ln L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \sin h (\ln h)$$

$$\Rightarrow \ln L = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{\sin h}{h} (h \times \ln h) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow L = 1.$$

8. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 2}\right)^{2x^2 + 3}$  is

- (a) e                      (b)  $e^{-2}$                       (c)  $e^2$                       (d) not defined

**Sol.** (b)

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 2}\right)^{2x^2 + 3} \Rightarrow L = e^{\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 2} - 1\right)(2x^2 + 3)}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = e^{-\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2x^2 + 3}{x^2 + 2}\right)}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = e^{-\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{2 + \frac{3}{x^2}}{1 + \frac{2}{x^2}}\right)} = e^{-2}.$$

9. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2x - 2x}{\sin 3x - 3x}$  is

- (a)  $-\frac{2}{81}$                       (b)  $\frac{2}{27}$                       (c)  $-\frac{2}{27}$                       (d)  $-\frac{4}{27}$

**Sol.** (c)

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2x - 2x}{\sin 3x - 3x} \Rightarrow L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(2x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots\right) - 2x}{\left(3x - \frac{27x^3}{6} + \dots\right) - 3x}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\frac{x^3}{3} + \dots}{-\frac{27x^3}{6} + \dots} = -\frac{4}{27}$$

10. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\int_1^{x^2} \sin(1-\sqrt{t})}{3x-x^3}$  is

- (a)  $-\frac{2}{3}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (c)  $-\frac{1}{3}$                       (d)  $\frac{2}{3}$

Sol. (b)

$$L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\int_1^{x^2} \sin(1-\sqrt{t})}{3x-x^3} \Rightarrow L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{2x \sin(1-x)}{3(1-x^2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sin(1-x)}{(1-x)} \cdot \frac{2x}{3(1+x)} = \frac{1}{3}$$

11. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{ax} - b \sin x - c}{x^2} = 2, (a > 0)$ , then a =

- (a) 2                      (b) 1                      (c) 1/2                      (d) 0

Sol. (a)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{ax} - b \sin x - c}{x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(1 + ax + \frac{a^2 x^2}{2} + \dots\right) - b\left(x - \frac{x^3}{6} + \dots\right) - c}{x^2}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - c + (a - b)x + \frac{a^2 x^2}{2} + \dots}{x^2}$$

Now for  $L = 2, 1 - c = 0, a - b = 0, \frac{a^2}{2} = 2$ .

Hence  $a = b = 2$  &  $c = 1$ .

12. If  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x - \sin x}{x + \cos^2 x}}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  is

- (a) 0                      (b)  $\infty$                       (c) 1                      (d) Does not exist

Sol. (c)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{x - \sin x}{x + \cos^2 x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{1 - \frac{\sin x}{x}}{1 + \frac{\cos^2 x}{x}}} = 1$$

13. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a \tan x - \sin bx}{x^2 \ln(1+x)} = \frac{11}{2}$ , then  $a + b =$

- (a) 5/2                      (b) 6                      (c) 9/2                      (d) 3/2

Sol. (b)

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a \tan x - \sin bx}{x^2 \ln(1+x)} = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a \left( x + \frac{x^3}{3} + \dots \right) - \left( bx - \frac{b^3 x^3}{6} + \dots \right)}{\left( x^3 - \frac{x^4}{2} + \dots \right)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(a-b)x + \left( \frac{a}{3} + \frac{b^3}{6} \right) x^3 + \dots}{\left( x^3 - \frac{x^4}{2} + \dots \right)}$$

Now  $a = b$ ,  $\frac{a}{3} + \frac{b^3}{6} = \frac{11}{2}$ , hence  $b^3 + 2b = 33$  or  $b = 3$ .

14. Value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3}{n^4} \right)$  is

- (a)  $\frac{2}{3}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (d)  $\infty$

Sol. (b)

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3}{n^4} \right) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \left( \left( \frac{1}{n} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{2}{n} \right)^2 + \left( \frac{3}{n} \right)^2 + \dots \right)$$

$$= \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n} \sum_{r=1}^n \left( \frac{r}{n} \right)^2$$

$$= \int_0^1 x^2 dx = \frac{1}{3}$$

15. If  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{2n} \sin x + \cos x}{x^{2n} + 2}$ , then  $f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) =$

- (a)  $\sqrt{2}$                       (b) 0                      (c)  $\infty$                       (d)  $\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}$

Sol. (d)

If  $x < 1$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x^{2n} = 0$ , hence  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{x^{2n} \sin x + \cos x}{x^{2n} + 2} \Rightarrow f(x) = \frac{\cos x}{2}$

$$\therefore f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

If  $x > 1$ , then  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{x^{2n}} = 0$ , hence  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sin x + \frac{\cos x}{x^{2n}}}{1 + \frac{2}{x^{2n}}} \Rightarrow f(x) = \sin x$

$$\therefore f\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$$

$$\text{Hence } f\left(\frac{\pi}{4}\right) + f\left(\frac{3\pi}{4}\right) = \frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}$$

**EXERCISE - 1 (A)**

1. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x, & \text{when } x > 1 \\ x^2, & \text{when } x < 1 \end{cases}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) =$ 

(a)  $x^2$                       (b)  $x$                       (c)  $-1$                       (d)  $1$
  
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{|x-2|}{x-2} =$ 

(a)  $1$                       (b)  $-1$                       (c)  $0$                       (d) Does not exist
  
3. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{2}{5-x}, & \text{when } x < 3 \\ 5-x, & \text{when } x > 3 \end{cases}$ , then
 

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) = 0$                       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x) = 0$   
 (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 3^-} f(x)$                       (d) None of these
  
4. Let the function  $f$  be defined by the equation  $f(x) = \begin{cases} 3x, & \text{if } 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 5-3x, & \text{if } 1 < x \leq 2 \end{cases}$ , then
 

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$                       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 3$   
 (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = 2$                       (d)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  does not exist
  
5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{|x|}{x} =$ 

(a)  $1$                       (b)  $-1$                       (c)  $0$                       (d) Does not exist
  
6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (3x^2 + 4x + 5) =$ 

(a)  $12$                       (b)  $-12$                       (c)  $4$                       (d) Does not exist
  
7. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{3^{x/2} - 3}{3^x - 9}$  is
 

(a)  $0$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{6}$                       (d)  $\ln 3$
  
8. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^5 - a^5}{x - a}$  is
 

(a)  $0$                       (b)  $5a^4$                       (c)  $4a^5$                       (d)  $1$
  
9.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{h} \left[ \frac{1}{x+h} - \frac{1}{x} \right]$  equals
 

(a)  $\frac{1}{2x}$                       (b)  $-\frac{1}{2x}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{x^2}$                       (d)  $-\frac{1}{x^2}$

10. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1-x^2} - \sqrt{1+x^2}}{x^2}$  is  
 (a) 1 (b) -1 (c) -2 (d) 0
11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x-3}{\sqrt{x-2} - \sqrt{4-x}}$  equals  
 (a) 1 (b)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (d) None of these
12.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{ax^2 + bx + c}{dx^2 + ex + f} =$   
 (a)  $\frac{b}{e}$  (b)  $\frac{c}{f}$  (c)  $\frac{a}{d}$  (d)  $\frac{d}{a}$
13.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x}}} - \sqrt{x} \right]$  is equal to  
 (a) 0 (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (c)  $\ln 2$  (d)  $e^4$
14.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} x^x =$   
 (a) 1 (b)  $\infty$  (c) Not defined (d) None of these
15.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} =$   
 (a) 2 (b) e (c) Not defined (d) None of these
16.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \left[ \frac{3 \sin x - \sqrt{3} \cos x}{6x - \pi} \right]$   
 (a)  $\sqrt{3}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$  (c)  $-\sqrt{3}$  (d)  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
17. The value of the limit of  $\frac{x^3 - x^2 - 18}{x - 3}$  as x tends to 3 is  
 (a) 3 (b) 9 (c) 18 (d) 21
18. The value of the limit of  $\frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 - 4}$  as x tends to 2 is  
 (a) 3 (b) (c) 1 (d) 0
19.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x}{\sqrt{1+x} - \sqrt{1-x}}$  is equal to  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 0



20.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\sqrt{a+2x} - \sqrt{3x}}{\sqrt{3a+x} - 2\sqrt{x}}$  equals
- (a)  $\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$       (b)  $\frac{2}{3\sqrt{3}}$       (c) 0      (d) None of these
21.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1^{99} + 2^{99} + 3^{99} + \dots + n^{99}}{n^{100}} =$
- (a)  $\frac{99}{100}$       (b)  $\frac{1}{100}$       (c)  $\frac{1}{99}$       (d)  $\frac{1}{101}$
22. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 7} \frac{2 - \sqrt{x-3}}{x^2 - 49}$  is
- (a)  $\frac{2}{9}$       (b)  $-\frac{2}{49}$       (c)  $\frac{1}{56}$       (d)  $-\frac{1}{56}$
23.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{\sum_{r=1}^n r^2}{n^3} \right] =$
- (a)  $-\frac{1}{6}$       (b)  $\frac{1}{6}$       (c)  $\frac{1}{3}$       (d)  $-\frac{1}{3}$
24.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{4^x - 9^x}{x(4^x + 9^x)} =$
- (a)  $\log\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)$       (b)  $\frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$       (c)  $\frac{1}{2} \log\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$       (d)  $\log\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$
25. If  $f(x) = \frac{2}{x-3}$ ,  $g(x) = \frac{x-3}{x+4}$  and  $h(x) = -\frac{2(2x+1)}{x^2+x-12}$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} (f(x) + g(x) + h(x))$  is
- (a) -2      (b) -1      (c)  $-\frac{2}{7}$       (d) 0
26.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x + \log(1-x)}{x^2}$  is equal to
- (a) 0      (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$       (c)  $-\frac{1}{2}$       (d) None of these
27. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{x^3+1}{x^2+1} - (ax+b) \right] = 2$ , then
- (a)  $a=1, b=1$       (b)  $a=1, b=-1$       (c)  $a=1, b=-2$       (d)  $a=1, b=2$

28.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{(x+1)^{10} + (x+2)^{10} + \dots + (x+100)^{10}}{x^{10} + 10^{10}}$  is equal to  
 (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 10 (d) 100

29.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{xe^x - \log(1+x)}{x^2}$  equals  
 (a)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (d)  $\frac{3}{2}$

30.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1} x - \tan^{-1} x}{x^3}$  is equal to  
 (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) -1 (d)  $\frac{1}{2}$

31.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \sin x}}{2x - \pi}$   
 (a) Exists and it equal  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (b) Exists and it equals  $-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$   
 (c) Does not exist (d) None of these

32.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos 2x) \sin 5x}{x^2 \sin 3x} =$   
 (a)  $\frac{10}{3}$  (b)  $\frac{3}{10}$  (c)  $\frac{6}{5}$  (d)  $\frac{5}{6}$

33.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^3}{\sin x^2} =$   
 (a) 0 (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (c) 3 (d)  $\frac{1}{2}$

34.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x + \sin x}{x} =$   
 (a)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (b) 3 (c) 4 (d)  $\frac{1}{4}$

35.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^8 - 1 - 8x}{x^2} =$   
 (a) 28 (b) 56 (c) -28 (d) 16

36. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\sin[x]}{[x]}, & x < 0 \\ 0, & 0 \leq x < 1 \end{cases}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  equals  
 (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) -1 (d) Does not exist

37. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2x - \sin 2x}{x^3}$  is  
 (a) 4 (b) -4 (c)  $\frac{16}{3}$  (d) 2
38. If  $f(x) = \frac{\sin(e^{x-2} - 1)}{\log(x-1)}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  is given by  
 (a) -2 (b) -1 (c) 0 (d) 1
39.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} \frac{a^{\cot x} - a^{\cos x}}{\cot x - \cos x} =$   
 (a)  $\ln a$  (b)  $\ln 2$  (c)  $a$  (d)  $\ln x$
40. If  $f(x) = \begin{vmatrix} \sin x & \cos x & \tan x \\ x^3 & x^2 & x \\ 2x & 1 & 1 \end{vmatrix}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2}$  is  
 (a) 3 (b) -1 (c) 0 (d) 1
41. If  $f(x) = \cot^{-1}\left(\frac{3x - x^3}{1 - 3x^2}\right)$  and  $g(x) = \cos^{-1}\left(\frac{1 - x^2}{1 + x^2}\right)$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(x) - f(a)}{g(x) - g(a)}$ ,  $0 < a < \frac{1}{2}$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{3}{2(1+a^2)}$  (b)  $\frac{3}{1+a^2}$  (c)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (d)  $-\frac{3}{2}$
42.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x (1 - \cos x)}{(1 + \tan x)x^3}$  is equal to  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{8}$  (b) 0 (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (d)  $\infty$
43. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(2(a-2)x - \tan x) \sin 2x}{x^2} = 0$ , then  $a$  is equal to  
 (a) 0 (b)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (c) 2 (d)  $\frac{5}{2}$
44.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_e(1+4h) - 2\log_e(1+2h)}{h^2}$   
 (a) -4 (b) 4 (c) 2 (d) -2
45.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{\ln(1+(x-a))}{(x-a)} =$   
 (a) -1 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) -2
46.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log_{10}(1+h)}{h} =$   
 (a) 1 (b)  $\log_{10} e$  (c)  $\log_e 10$  (d) None of these

47. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(3+2x) - \log(3-2x)}{x} = k$ , then the value of k is  
 (a) 0 (b)  $-\frac{2}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{4}{3}$  (d)  $-\frac{4}{3}$
48.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{2x} - e^x - x}{x^2} =$   
 (a) 0 (b) -1 (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (d)  $\frac{3}{2}$
49. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - 1 - x}{x^2}$  is  
 (a) 0 (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (c) 1 (d)  $\frac{1}{4}$
50.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2^x - 1}{\sqrt{1+x} - 1}$  is equal to  
 (a)  $\ln 4$  (b)  $\ln \sqrt{2}$  (c)  $\ln 2$  (d)  $\ln \frac{1}{2}$
51. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x+4}{x+1} \right)^{x+3}$  is  
 (a)  $e^4$  (b)  $e^3$  (c) 1 (d)  $e^2$
52. If a, b, c, d are positive, then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( 1 + \frac{1}{a+bx} \right)^{c+dx}$   
 (a)  $e^{d/b}$  (b)  $e^{c/a}$  (c)  $e^{(c+d)/(a+b)}$  (d) e
53.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (2x)^{3x} =$   
 (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) e (d) None of these
54. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} - e + \frac{ex}{2}}{x^2}$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{11e}{24}$  (b)  $\frac{-11e}{24}$  (c)  $\frac{e}{24}$  (d) None of these
55.  $\lim_{m \rightarrow \infty} \left( \cos \frac{x}{m} \right)^m =$   
 (a) 0 (b) e (c)  $1/e$  (d) 1
56.  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{n^2 - n + 1}{n^2 - n - 1} \right)^{n(n-1)} =$   
 (a) e (b)  $e^2$  (c)  $1/e$  (d) 1

57.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos mx}{1 - \cos nx} =$

- (a)  $\frac{m}{n}$                       (b)  $\frac{n}{m}$                       (c)  $\frac{m^2}{n^2}$                       (d)  $\frac{n^2}{m^2}$

58.  $8 \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{8}} \frac{\sin 2x - \cos 2x}{8x - \pi} \right) =$

- (a)  $2\sqrt{2}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$                       (c) 1                      (d)  $\sqrt{2}$

59.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^3 - a^3}{\sin(x - a)} =$

- (a) 0                      (b)  $\frac{3a^2}{2}$                       (c) 3a                      (d)  $3a^2$

60.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4 + \sin h} - 2}{h} =$

- (a)  $\frac{1}{4}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (c) 0                      (d) Does not exist

61.  $\lim_{\alpha \rightarrow \beta} \frac{\sin^2 \alpha - \sin^2 \beta}{\alpha^2 - \beta^2}$

- (a) 0                      (b) 1                      (c)  $\frac{\sin^2 \beta}{\beta^2}$                       (d)  $\frac{\sin 2\beta}{2\beta}$

62.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 4x - 2x}{6x - \sin 3x}$  equals

- (a)  $\frac{2}{3}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (d) 0

63.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{5 - \sqrt{26 - x^2}}{x - 1}$  equals

- (a)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{26}}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{5}$                       (c)  $-\sqrt{24}$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{24}}$

64. If  $f(1) = 2, f'(1) = 1, g(1) = 1, g'(1) = 2$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{g(x)f(1) - g(1)f(x)}{x - 1}$  equals

- (a) -3                      (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (c) 3                      (d)  $-\frac{1}{3}$

65. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{x^2 - 1} + \sqrt{x^2 - 2}}{x + 1}$  is

- (a) -2                      (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (c) 2                      (d)  $-\frac{1}{2}$

**EXERCISE - 1 (B)**

1. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 + 2, & x \geq 1 \\ 2x + 1, & x < 1 \end{cases}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  equals  
 (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) Does not exist
  
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 + e^{-1/x}}{1 - e^{-1/x}}$  is equal to  
 (a) 1 (b) -1 (c) 0 (d) Does not exist
  
3. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} x - 1, & x < 0 \\ 1/4, & x = 0 \\ x^2, & x > 0 \end{cases}$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  equals  
 (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) -1 (d) Does not exist
  
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{x - 3}{|x - 3|}$ , is equal to  
 (a) 1 (b) -1 (c) 0 (d) Does not exist
  
5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 + 3x}{3x^2 + 4}$  equals  
 (a) 1/2 (b) 2/3 (c) 3/4 (d) 0
  
6.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x)$  equals  
 (a) -1 (b) 0 (c) 1 (d) None of these
  
7. If  $f(x) = \sqrt{\frac{x - \sin x}{x + \cos^2 x}}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x)$  equals  
 (a) 0 (b)  $\infty$  (c) 1 (d) None of these
  
8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left[ \frac{x^2 - (a+1)x + a}{x^3 - a^3} \right]$  is equal to  
 (a)  $\frac{a-1}{3a^2}$  (b)  $a-1$  (c)  $a$  (d) 0
  
9.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan x}{\sqrt{1 + \sin x} - \sqrt{1 - \sin x}}$  is equal to  
 (a) 1/2 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 0

10.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2x - x}{3x - \sin x}$  equals  
 (a) 2/3 (b) 1/3 (c) 1/2 (d) 0
11.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin x}{x} \right)^{1/x^2}$  is equal to  
 (a)  $e^{-1/3}$  (b)  $e^{1/3}$  (c)  $e^{1/6}$  (d)  $e^{-1/6}$
12.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin x^{\circ}}{x}$  is equal to  
 (a) 1 (b)  $\pi$  (c) x (d)  $\pi/180$
13.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\pi}{2} - \tan^{-1} x \right)^{1/x}$  equals  
 (a) 0 (b) 1 (c)  $\infty$  (d) -1
14. If  $G(x) = -\sqrt{25-x^2}$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{G(x) - G(1)}{x-1}$  equals  
 (a) 1/24 (b) 1/5 (c)  $-\sqrt{24}$  (d) None of these
15. If  $f(9) = 9$  and  $f'(9) = 4$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 9} \frac{\sqrt{f(x)} - 3}{\sqrt{x} - 3}$  is equal to -  
 (a) 1 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 9
16. Let  $f(1) = g(1) = k$  and their  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivatives  $f^n(1), g^n(1)$  exist and are not equal for some n.  
 If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{f(1)g(x) - f(1) - g(1)f(x) + g(1)}{g(x) - f(x)} = 4$ , then the value of k is  
 (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 0
17. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\int_0^{2x^2} \sec^2 2t \, dt}{x \sin x} \right)$  is  
 (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 0
18. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin^{-1}(3x - 4x^3)}{\ln(1 + 2x)}$  is  
 (a) 4 (b) 2 (c) 3/2 (d) 6

19. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^2 + 5)^{\frac{1}{2}} - (x^3 + 1)^{\frac{1}{2}}}{x^2 - 4}$  is  
 (a) 4/3 (b) 2/3 (c) -1/3 (d) 1/6
20. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 2x - \sin x}{x}$  is  
 (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) 2 (d) 1/6
21. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 4x - \sin 2x + \sin x}{x \cot x + 1}$  is  
 (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) 2 (d) 2/3
22. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(1 + \sin x)}{e^{\tan 2x} - 1}$  is  
 (a) 1 (b) 1/2 (c) 2 (d) 0
23. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} (1 + \cos 2x)^{\frac{1}{1 - \tan x}}$  is  
 (a) e (b) 1/e (c) e<sup>2</sup> (d) 1/e<sup>2</sup>
24. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a \sin x + b \cos x + ce^x}{x^2} = 2$ , then  
 (a) a = b = 2, c = -2 (b) a = b = c = -2  
 (c) a = b = c = 2 (d) a = b = -2, c = 2
25. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{ax + 1}{ax + 2} \right)^{2x} = e^{1/2}$ , then a =  
 (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) -4 (d) 1/2
26. The limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin [x]}{[x]}$ , where [x] denotes greatest integer less than or equal to x, is equal to  
 (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) sin 1 (d) not defined
27. The limit  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + [x])^{\frac{1}{x}}$ , where [x] denotes greatest integer less than or equal to x, is equal to  
 (a) 1 (b) e (c) 0 (d) does not exist
28.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^2 + 8x + 3} - \sqrt{x^2 + 4x + 3}) =$   
 (a) 0 (b)  $\infty$  (c) 2 (d) 1/2



29.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2x(3^x - 1)}{1 - \cos 2x}$  is equal to  
 (a)  $\ln 3$  (b)  $\ln 9$  (c)  $0$  (d)  $\ln \sqrt{3}$
30. The value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1^5 + 2^5 + 3^5 + \dots + n^5}{n^6} =$   
 (a)  $\infty$  (b)  $1/2$  (c)  $0$  (d)  $1/6$
31. The value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{3}{1+n^3} + \frac{12}{8+n^3} + \frac{27}{27+n^3} + \dots + n \text{ terms} \right]$  is equal to  
 (a)  $\ln 3$  (b)  $\ln 2$  (c)  $0$  (d)  $1$
32. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{4+x} - \sqrt{4-x}}{\sin^{-1} 2x} =$   
 (a)  $2$  (b)  $1/2$  (c)  $0$  (d)  $1/4$
33. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1^x + 3^x + 5^x + \dots + (2n-1)^x}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$  is  
 (a)  $2n-1$  (b)  $(2n-1)/n$  (c)  $0$  (d)  $1$
34. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1^x + 2^x + 3^x + \dots + n^x}{n} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$  is  
 (a)  $1$  (b)  $(n!)^{1/n}$  (c)  $0$  (d)  $(n!)^n$
35.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8(2^x - 3^x) \tan x}{1 - \cos 4x} =$   
 (a)  $\infty$  (b)  $\ln \frac{3}{2}$  (c)  $0$  (d)  $\ln \frac{2}{3}$

**EXERCISE - 1(C)**

1. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt[13]{x} - \sqrt[7]{x}}{\sqrt[5]{x} - \sqrt[3]{x}}$  is
 

(a)  $\frac{9}{13}$                       (b)  $\frac{5}{91}$                       (c)  $\frac{9}{91}$                       (d)  $\frac{45}{91}$
2. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\left[ \sum_{k=1}^{100} x^k \right] - 100}{x - 1}$  is
 

(a) 4950                      (b) 5050                      (c) 5150                      (d) 5151
3. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \frac{p}{1-x^p} - \frac{q}{1-x^q} \right)$   $p, q \in \mathbb{N}$ , is
 

(a)  $\frac{p-q}{2}$                       (b)  $\frac{p+q}{2}$                       (c)  $\frac{q-p}{2}$                       (d) None of these
4. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{3\pi}{4}} \frac{1 + \sqrt[3]{\tan x}}{1 - 2 \cos^2 x}$  is
 

(a)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (c)  $-\frac{1}{2}$                       (d)  $-\frac{1}{3}$
5. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\ln(1 + \sin^2 x)) \cot(\ln^2(1+x))$  is
 

(a) 0                      (b) 1                      (c) -1                      (d)  $\frac{1}{2}$
6. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2\sqrt{x} + 3x^{1/3} + 5x^{1/5}}{\sqrt{3x-2} + (2x-3)^{1/3}}$  is
 

(a) 1                      (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$                       (c)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$                       (d)  $\sqrt{3}$
7. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sec 4x - \sec 2x}{\sec 3x - \sec x}$  is
 

(a) 1                      (b)  $\frac{2}{3}$                       (c)  $\frac{3}{2}$                       (d) 2
8. The sum of an infinite geometric series whose first term is the limit of the function  $f(x) = \frac{\tan x - \sin x}{\sin^3 x}$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$  and whose common ratio is the limit of the function  $g(x) = \frac{1 - \sqrt{x}}{(\cos^{-1} x)^2}$  as  $x \rightarrow 1$ , is
 

(a)  $\frac{1}{3}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{4}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (d)  $\frac{2}{3}$

9. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( x - \ln \left( \frac{e^x + e^{-x}}{2} \right) \right)$  is  
 (a) 0 (b)  $\ln 2$  (c) 1 (d)  $2 \ln 2$
10. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{8}{x^8} \left[ 1 - \cos \frac{x^2}{2} - \cos \frac{x^2}{4} + \cos \frac{x^2}{2} \cos \frac{x^2}{4} \right]$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{16}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{32}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{64}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{8}$
11. The value of  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\sqrt{2} - \cos \theta - \sin \theta}{(4\theta - \pi)^2}$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{2\sqrt{2}}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{4\sqrt{2}}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{8\sqrt{2}}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{16\sqrt{2}}$
12. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{2^{-\cos x} - 1}{x(x - \frac{\pi}{2})}$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{\ln 2}{\pi}$  (b)  $\frac{2 \ln 2}{\pi}$  (c)  $\frac{\ln 8}{\pi}$  (d)  $\frac{\ln 16}{\pi}$
13. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(\ln(1+x) - \ln 2)(3 \cdot 4^{x-1} - 3x)}{[(7+x)^{\frac{1}{3}} - (1+3x)^{\frac{1}{2}}] \cdot \sin(x-1)}$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{3}{4} \ln \frac{4}{e}$  (b)  $-\frac{3}{4} \ln \frac{4}{e}$  (c)  $\frac{9}{4} \ln \frac{4}{e}$  (d)  $-\frac{9}{4} \ln \frac{4}{e}$
14. The value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=2}^n \left( (r+1) \sin \frac{\pi}{r+1} - r \sin \frac{\pi}{r} \right)$  is  
 (a)  $\pi - 2$  (b)  $\frac{\pi}{2} - 1$  (c)  $2\pi - 2$  (d)  $\frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{1}{2}$
15. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{(3x^4 + 2x^2) \sin \frac{1}{x} + |x|^3 + 5}{|x|^3 + |x|^2 + |x| + 1}$  is  
 (a) 2 (b) -2 (c) 1 (d) -1
16. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{(x^3 + 27) \ln(x-2)}{x^2 - 9}$  is  
 (a) 1 (b) 3 (c) 6 (d) 9
17. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{27^x - 9^x - 3^x + 1}{\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1 + \cos x}}$  is  
 (a)  $8\sqrt{2}(\ln 3)^2$  (b)  $4\sqrt{2}(\ln 3)^2$  (c)  $2\sqrt{2}(\ln 3)^2$  (d)  $\sqrt{2}(\ln 3)^2$

18. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{(1+x)^{1/x}}{e} \right]^{1/x}$  is
- (a)  $\sqrt{e}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{e}$                       (d)  $e$
19. The value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\sqrt{n^2+n-1}}{n} \right)^{2\sqrt{n^2+n-1}}$  is
- (a)  $\sqrt{e}$                       (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$                       (c)  $\frac{1}{e}$                       (d)  $e$
20. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left( \tan \frac{\pi x}{4} \right)^{\tan \frac{\pi x}{2}}$  is
- (a)  $e$                       (b)  $e^{-1}$                       (c)  $\sqrt{e}$                       (d)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{e}}$
21.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + x \right) \right]^{1/x}$  is equal to
- (a)  $e^{-1}$                       (b)  $e$                       (c)  $e^2$                       (d)  $\sqrt{e}$
22.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{3^x - 1}{x} \right)$  equals
- (a)  $\log 3$                       (b)  $3 \log 3$                       (c)  $2 \log 3$                       (d) None of these
23.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\cos(\sin x) - 1}{x^2} =$
- (a)  $1$                       (b)  $-1$                       (c)  $1/2$                       (d)  $-1/2$
24.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{1/x}}{\frac{1}{e^x + 1}} =$
- (a)  $0$                       (b)  $1$                       (c)  $2$                       (d) Does not exist
25.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{\sin x} - 1}{b^{\sin x} - 1} =$
- (a)  $\frac{a}{b}$                       (b)  $\frac{b}{a}$                       (c)  $\frac{\log a}{\log b}$                       (d)  $\frac{\log b}{\log a}$
26.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{e^x - 1}{x} \right) =$
- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$                       (b)  $\infty$                       (c)  $1$                       (d)  $0$

27.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x+3}{x+1} \right)^{x+1} =$   
 (a)  $e^2$  (b)  $e^3$  (c)  $e$  (d)  $e^{-1}$
28.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1-ax)^{\frac{1}{x}} =$   
 (a)  $e$  (b)  $e^{-a}$  (c)  $1$  (d)  $e^a$
29. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^n - \sin x^n}{x - \sin^n x}$  is non zero definite, then n must be  
 (a)  $1$  (b)  $2$  (c)  $3$  (d) None of these
30. The values of a and b such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(2+a \cos x) + b \sin x}{x^3} = 2$ , are  
 (a)  $a = 5, b = -3$  (b)  $a = -5, b = 3$  (c)  $a = -5, b = -3$  (d)  $a = 5, b = 3$
31.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{3} \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + h\right) - \cos\left(\frac{\pi}{6} + h\right)}{\sqrt{3}h(\sqrt{3} \cos h - \sin h)} =$   
 (a)  $-\frac{1}{3}$  (b)  $-\frac{3}{8}$  (c)  $-\sqrt{3}$  (d)  $\frac{2}{3}$
32. The value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cos x - \log(1+x)}{x^2}$  is  
 (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (b)  $0$  (c)  $1$  (d) None of these
33.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \left( \frac{1 - \tan x}{1 - \sqrt{2} \sin x} \right)$  equals  
 (a)  $0$  (b)  $1$  (c)  $-2$  (d)  $2$
34.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3^x - 1}{\sqrt{4+x} - 2}$  equals  
 (a)  $\log 9$  (b)  $\log 81$  (c)  $\log 3$  (d)  $\log 27$
35.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{\sin(2+2x) + \sin(2-2x) - 2 \sin 2}{x \sin x} \right)$  is equal to  
 (a)  $4 \sin 2$  (b)  $-4 \sin 2$  (c)  $1$  (d)  $-2 \sin 2$
36.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{4}} \frac{\int_{\pi/4}^x t^2 dt}{\cos 2x}$  is equal to  
 (a)  $\infty$  (b)  $\frac{\pi^2}{32}$  (c)  $-\frac{\pi^2}{32}$  (d)  $-\frac{\pi^2}{16}$

37.  $\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{(x+h)\sec(x+h) - x\sec x}{\sin h} =$

- (a)  $\sec x(x \tan x + 1)$
- (b)  $x \tan x + \sec x$
- (c)  $x \sec x + \tan x$
- (d) None of these

38.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{6}} \frac{\sin\left(\frac{\pi}{3} - 2x\right)}{2 \cos 2x - 1}$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (b)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$
- (c)  $\sqrt{3}$
- (d)  $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$

39.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{x^4} - \cos^2 x}{x^4}$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{3}{2}$
- (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (c)  $\frac{2}{3}$
- (d) 3

40.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x \cos^2 x - \sin^2 x}{x + \sin x}$  equals

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- (b)  $-\frac{1}{2}$
- (c) 1
- (d) -1

**WINDOW TO JEE MAIN**

1.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln x^n - [x]}{[x]}$ ,  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ , ( $[x]$  denotes greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ )  
 (a) has value  $-1$       (b) has value  $0$       (c) has value  $1$       (d) does not exist  
 (2002)
2. If  $f(1) = 1$ ,  $f'(1) = 2$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{f(x)} - 1}{\sqrt{x} - 1}$  is  
 (a)  $2$       (b)  $4$       (c)  $1$       (d)  $1/2$   
 (2002)
3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos 2x}}{\sqrt{2} x}$  is  
 (a)  $1$       (b)  $-1$       (c)  $0$       (d) does not exist.  
 (2002)
4.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x^2 + 5x + 3}{x^2 + x + 3} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}} =$   
 (a)  $e^4$       (b)  $e^2$       (c)  $e^3$       (d)  $1$   
 (2002)
5. Let  $f(2) = 4$  and  $f'(2) = 4$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{xf(2) - 2f(x)}{x - 2}$  equals  
 (a)  $2$       (b)  $-2$       (c)  $-4$       (d)  $3$   
 (2002)
6. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(3+x) - \log(3-x)}{x} = k$  the value of  $k$  is  
 (a)  $-1/3$       (b)  $2/3$       (c)  $-2/3$       (d)  $0$   
 (2003)
7. The value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 2^4 + 3^4 + \dots + n^4}{n^5} - \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3}{n^5}$  is  
 (a) zero      (b)  $1/4$       (c)  $1/5$       (d)  $1/30$   
 (2003)
8.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \frac{\pi}{2}} \frac{\left(1 - \tan \frac{x}{2}\right)(1 - \sin x)}{\left(1 + \tan \frac{x}{2}\right)(\pi - 2x)^3}$  is  
 (a)  $0$       (b)  $1/32$       (c)  $\infty$       (d)  $1/8$   
 (2003)
9. Let  $f(a) = g(a) = k$  and their  $n^{\text{th}}$  derivatives  $f^{(n)}(a)$ ,  $g^{(n)}(a)$  exist and are not equal for some  $n$ .  
 Further if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{f(a)g(x) - f(x)g(a)}{g(x) - f(x)} = 4$ , then the value of  $k$  is  
 (a)  $2$       (b)  $1$       (c)  $0$       (d)  $4$   
 (2003)

10. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(1 + \frac{a}{x} + \frac{b}{x^2}\right)^{2x} = e^2$ , then the values of a and b, are
- (a)  $a \in \mathbf{R}, b = 2$  (b)  $a = 1, b \in \mathbf{R}$   
 (c)  $a \in \mathbf{R}, b \in \mathbf{R}$  (d)  $a = 1$  and  $b = 2$
- (2004)

11. Let a and b be the distinct roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \alpha} \frac{1 - \cos(ax^2 + bx + c)}{(x - \alpha)^2}$  is equal to
- (a) 0 (b)  $\frac{a^2(\alpha - \beta)^2}{2}$  (c)  $\frac{(\alpha - \beta)^2}{2}$  (d)  $-\frac{a^2(\alpha - \beta)^2}{2}$
- (2005)

12. Let  $f : \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  be a positive increasing function with  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(3x)}{f(x)} = 1$ , then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(2x)}{f(x)} =$
- (a) 1 (b)  $\frac{2}{3}$  (c)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (d) 3
- (2010)

13. Let  $p(x)$  be a function defined on  $\mathbf{R}$  such that,  $p'(x) = p'(1 - x)$ , for all  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $p(0) = 1$  and  $p(1) = 41$ .  
 Then  $\int_0^1 p(x) dx$  equals
- (a) 41 (b) 21 (c) 41 (d) 42
- (2010)

14.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{1 - \cos 2(x - 2)}}{x - 2}$
- (a) equals  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$  (b) equals  $\sqrt{2}$  (c) equals  $-\sqrt{2}$  (d) does not exist
- (2011)

15.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(1 - \cos 2x)(\cos x + 3)}{x \tan 4x} =$
- (a)  $-\frac{1}{4}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (c) 1 (d) 2
- (2013)



**EXERCISE - 2 (A)**

**More than one options may be correct**

1. Assume that  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow -1} f(\theta)$  exists and  $\frac{\theta^2 + \theta - 2}{\theta + 3} \leq \frac{f(\theta)}{\theta^2} \leq \frac{\theta^2 + 2\theta - 1}{\theta + 3}$  holds for certain interval containing the point  $\theta = -1$  then  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow -1} f(\theta)$   
 (A) is equal to  $f(-1)$  (B) is equal to 1 (C) is non-existent (D) is equal to  $-1$

2. Let  $l_1 = \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \sqrt{\frac{x - \cos^2 x}{x + \sin x}}$  and  $l_2 = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0^+} \int_{-1}^1 \frac{h \, dx}{h^2 + x^2}$ . Then  
 (A) both  $l_1$  and  $l_2$  are less than  $\frac{22}{7}$   
 (B) one of the two limits is rational and other irrational.  
 (C)  $l_2 > l_1$   
 (D)  $l_2$  is greater than 3 times of  $l_1$ .

3.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow c} f(x)$  does not exist when  
 (A)  $f(x) = [x] - [2x - 1]$ ,  $c = 3$  (B)  $f(x) = [x] - x$ ,  $c = 1$   
 (C)  $f(x) = \{x\}^2 - \{-x\}^2$ ,  $c = 0$  (D)  $f(x) = \frac{\tan(\operatorname{sgn} x)}{\operatorname{sgn} x}$ ,  $c = 0$ .  
 where  $[x]$  denotes step up function &  $\{x\}$  fractional part function.

4. Let  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{\tan^2 \{x\}}{x^2 - [x]^2} & \text{for } x > 0 \\ 1 & \text{for } x = 0 \\ \sqrt{\{x\} \cot \{x\}} & \text{for } x < 0 \end{cases}$  where  $[x]$  is the step up function and  $\{x\}$  is the fractional part function

of  $x$ , then :

- (A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 1$  (B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 1$   
 (C)  $\cot^{-1} \left( \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \right)^2 = 1$  (D)  $f$  is continuous at  $x = 1$ .

5. Which of the following limits vanish?

- (A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x^{\frac{1}{4}} \sin \frac{1}{\sqrt{x}}$  (B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/2} (1 - \sin x) \cdot \tan x$   
 (C)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 + 3}{x^2 + x - 5} \cdot \operatorname{sgn}(x)$  (D)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 3^+} \frac{[x]^2 - 9}{x^2 - 9}$

where  $[ ]$  denotes greatest integer function

6. Let  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^{2n} \sin \frac{1}{x} + x}{1 + x^{2n}}$  then which of the following alternative(s) is/are correct?

(A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} x f(x) = 2$

(B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x)$  does not exist.

(C)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist.

(D)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} f(x)$  is equal to zero.

7. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} (\sqrt{x^4 + ax^3 + 3x^2 + bx + 2} - \sqrt{x^4 + 2x^3 - cx^2 + 3x - d}) = 4$ , then

(A)  $a = 2$

(B)  $b \in \mathbb{R}$

(C)  $c = 5$

(D)  $d \in \mathbb{R}$

8. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a + b \sin x - \cos x + ce^x}{x^3}$  exists finitely, then

(A)  $a = 2$

(B)  $b = 1$

(C)  $c = 1$

(D)  $d \in \mathbb{R}$

9. If  $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{a^{[x]+x}}{[x]+x}, & x \neq 0 \\ \ln a, & x = 0 \end{cases}$ , then which of the following is correct

(A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{a}$

(B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \ln a$

(C)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$  does not exist

(D)  $f(x)$  is continuous at  $x = 0$

10. Let  $f(x) = \left(\frac{x}{2+x}\right)^{2x}$ , then

(A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = e^{-4}$

(B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = \frac{1}{9}$

(C)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} f(x) = e^4$

(D) none of these

11. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ae^{1/x} + be^{-1/x}}{ce^{1/x} + de^{-1/x}} = 2$ , then the roots of  $bx^2 + (a - 2c)x - 2d = 0, a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Q}$  are

(A) real

(B) integral

(C) rational

(D) equal

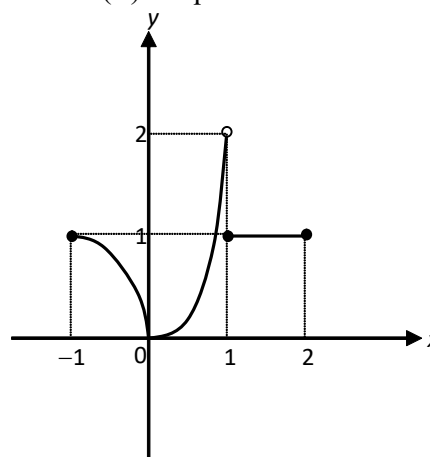
12. Which of the following statements are true of the function  $f$  defined for  $-1 \leq x \leq 3$  in the figure shown.

(A)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1^+} f(x) = 2$

(B)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$  does not exist

(C)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1^-} f(x) = 2$

(D)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$



13. For all positive real valued functions  $f$  &  $g$  defined for real values of  $x$ . Let  $R$  be a relation defined by the statement that “ $f$  is related to  $g$  only & only if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{f(x)}{g(x)} = 1$ ”. Which of the following can be concluded if  $f$  is

related to  $g$ ?

- (A)  $f^2$  is related to  $g^2$  (B)  $\sqrt{f}$  is related to  $\sqrt{g}$   
 (C)  $e^f$  is related to  $e^g$  (D)  $f + g$  is related to  $2g$

14. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \left(2 - \frac{a}{x}\right)^{\tan \frac{\pi x}{2a}} = e^{-\frac{2}{\pi}}$ , then which of the following is correct

- (A)  $a \in (-\infty, 0)$  (B)  $a \in R$  (C)  $a \in (0, \infty)$  (D)  $a \in (-1, 1)$

15. Which of the following is incorrect? ( $[x]$  denotes greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ )

- (A)  $\left[\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{2x^2 + 1}{x^2 + 2}\right] = 2$  (B)  $\left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x}{x}\right] = 1$  (C)  $\left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan 3x}{x}\right] = 3$  (D)  $\left[\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} \frac{\sqrt{4x^2 + 1}}{x + 2}\right] = -2$

**PASSAGE 1**

Let  $f(x)$  is a function continuous for all  $x \in R$  except at  $x = 0$ . Such that  $f'(x) < 0 \forall x \in (-\infty, 0)$  and  $f'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (0, \infty)$ . Let  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = 2$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) = 3$  and  $f(0) = 4$ .

16. The value of  $\lambda$  for which  $2 \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x^3 - x^2)\right) = \lambda \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(2x^4 - x^5)\right)$  is

- (A)  $\frac{4}{3}$  (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 5

17. The values of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{f(-x)x^2}{\left\{ \frac{1 - \cos x}{[f(x)]} \right\}}$  where  $[\cdot]$  denote greatest integer function and  $\{\cdot\}$  denote fraction part

function.

- (A) 6 (B) 12 (C) 18 (D) 24

18.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} \left( \left[ 3f \left( \frac{x^3 - \sin^3 x}{x^4} \right) \right] - f \left( \left[ \frac{\sin x^3}{x} \right] \right) \right)$  where  $[\cdot]$  denote greatest integer function.

- (A) 3 (B) 5 (C) 7 (D) 9

**PASSAGE 2**

Suppose that function  $f: R \rightarrow R$  satisfies the inequality,  $\left| \sum_{k=1}^n (3^k \{f(x + ky) - f(x - ky)\}) \right| \leq 1$  for every

positive integer  $n$  and for all  $x, y \in R$ . Also let  $g(x) = ax^3 - (3 + b)x^2 + cx$  for  $x \in R$ , where  $a, b, c$

are are such that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{axe^x - b \ln(1+x) + cxe^{-x}}{x^2 \sin x} = 2$ .

19. If  $f(13) = 17$ , then the value of  $f(293)$  is  
 (A) 17 (B) 297 (C) 13 (D) 293
20. If  $f(13) = -23$ , number of solutions of  $g(x) = f(x)$  is  
 (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4 (D) 1
21. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{g(x)+3}{\ln(2-x)}$  is equal to  
 (A) 12 (B) 3 (C) 9 (D) None of these

**PASSAGE 3**

Let  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \cos \sqrt{\frac{x}{n}} \right)^n$ ,  $g(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (1+x(1+e^{1/n}))^n$  and  $h(x) = \tan^{-1}(g^{-1}(f^{-1}(x)))$ .

22. Value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\ln(f(x))}{\ln(g(x))}$  is equal to  
 (A) 1/2 (B) -1/2 (C) 0 (D) 1
23. Domain of the function  $h(x)$  is  
 (A)  $(0, \infty)$  (B)  $\mathbb{R}$  (C)  $(0, 1)$  (D)  $[0, 1]$
24. Range of the function  $h(x)$  is  
 (A)  $\left(0, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  (B)  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, 0\right)$  (C)  $\mathbb{R}$  (D)  $\left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$

**MATRIX MATCH TYPE**

- 25
- | Column-I  | Column-II |
|---|-----------|
| (A) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 2x}{e^{x^2} - e^x + x}$ equals   | (P) 1     |
| (B) If the value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \frac{(3/x)+1}{(3/x)-1} \right)^{1/x}$ can be expressed in the form of $e^{p/q}$ , where $p$ and $q$ are relative prime then $(p+q)$ is equal to | (Q) 2     |
| (C) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\tan^3 x - \tan x^3}{x^5}$ equals   | (R) 4     |
| (D) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x + 2 \sin x}{\sqrt{x^2 + 2 \sin x + 1} - \sqrt{\sin^2 x - x + 1}}$   | (S) 5     |
- 26
- | Column-I  | Column-II         |
|---|-------------------|
| (A) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \cos^2 \left( \pi \left( \sqrt[3]{n^3 + n^2 + 2n} \right) \right)$ where $n$ is an integer, equals                           | (P) $\frac{1}{2}$ |
| (B) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n \sin \left( 2\pi \sqrt{1+n^2} \right)$ ( $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) equals   | (Q) $\frac{1}{4}$ |
| (C) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (-1)^n \sin \left( \pi \sqrt{n^2 + 0.5n + 1} \right) \left( \sin \frac{(n+1)\pi}{4n} \right)$ is (where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ) | (R) $\pi$         |
| (D) If $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x+a}{x-a} \right)^x = e$ where 'a' is some real constant then the value of 'a' is equal to                   | (S) non-existent  |

27	<b>Column-I</b>	<b>Column-II</b>
	(A) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sqrt{x + \sqrt{x}} - \sqrt{x - \sqrt{x}} \right)$ equals	(P) -2
	(B) The value of the limit, $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 2x - 2 \tan x}{\ln(1 + x^3)}$ is	(Q) -1
	(C) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left( \ln \sin^3 x - \ln(x^4 + ex^3) \right)$ equals	(R) 0
	(D) Let $\tan(2\pi  \sin \theta ) = \cot(2\pi  \cos \theta )$ , where $\theta \in \mathbb{R}$	(S) 1
	and $f(x) = ( \sin \theta  +  \cos \theta )^x$ . The value of $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{2}{f(x)} \right]$ equals	
	(Here [ ] represents greatest integer function)	

28	<b>Column-I</b>	<b>Column-II</b>
	(A) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\ln x}{x^4 - 1}$	(P) 2
	(B) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3e^x - x^3 - 3x - 3}{\tan^2 x}$	(Q) $\frac{2}{3}$
	(C) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi - 2 \tan^{-1} x}{\ln \left( 1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)}$	(R) $\frac{3}{2}$
	(D) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{2 \sin x - \sin 2x}{x(\cos x - \cos 2x)}$	(S) $\frac{1}{4}$
	(E) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^x - e^{-x} - 2x}{x - \sin x}$	

29	<b>Column I</b>	<b>Column II</b>
	(A) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x}{1+x} \right)^x$ equals	(P) $e^2$
	(B) $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \sin \frac{1}{x} + \cos \frac{1}{x} \right)^x$	(Q) $e^{-1/2}$
	(C) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (\cos x)^{\cot^2 x}$	(R) $e$
	(D) $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \tan \left( \frac{\pi}{4} + x \right) \right)^{1/x}$	(S) $e^{-1}$

**EXERCISE - 2 (B)**

1. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin 3x + A \sin 2x + B \sin x}{x^5} = C$ , then find the value of  $A + B + C$ .
2. Find the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x^{6000} - (\sin x)^{6000}}{100 \cdot x^2 \cdot (\sin x)^{6000}}$ .
3. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x + \ln(\sqrt{x^2 + 1} - x)}{x^3} = \frac{p}{q}$  where  $p$  and  $q$  are coprimes then find the value of  $|p^2 - q^2|$ .
4. At the end-points and the midpoint of a circular arc  $AB$  tangent lines are drawn, and the points  $A$  and  $B$  are joined with a chord. Find the limit of ratio of the areas of the two triangles thus formed as the arc  $AB$  decreases indefinitely.
5. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{ae^x - b \cos x + ce^{-x}}{x \cdot \sin x} = 2$ , then find the value of  $a + b + c$ .
6. Let  $L = \prod_{n=3}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{4}{n^2}\right)$ ;  $M = \prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(\frac{n^3 - 1}{n^3 + 1}\right)$  and  $N = \prod_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(1 + n^{-1})^2}{1 + 2n^{-1}}$ , then find the value of  $L^{-1} + M^{-1} + N^{-1}$ .
7. Find the value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 2}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n^2 + 2n}} \right)$ .
8. Find the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} x^{(x^x - 1)}$ .
9. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos 3x \cdot \cos 9x \cdot \cos 27x \dots \cos 3^n x}{1 - \cos \frac{1}{3}x \cdot \cos \frac{1}{9}x \cdot \cos \frac{1}{27}x \dots \cos \frac{1}{3^n}x} = 3^{10}$ , find the value of  $n$ .
10. If the  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1}{x^3} \left( \frac{1}{\sqrt{1+x}} - \frac{1+ax}{1+bx} \right)$  exists and has the value equal to  $l$ , then find the value of  $\frac{1}{8} \left( \frac{1}{a} - \frac{2}{1} + \frac{3}{b} \right)$ .
11. If the equations,  $x^2 + ax + 12 = 0$ ,  $x^2 + bx + 15 = 0$  &  $x^2 + (a+b)x + 36 = 0$  have a common positive root, and the other three roots are also the roots of the polynomial  $P(x) = x^3 + ax^2 + bx + c$ , then evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 5} \frac{-P(x)}{\ln(x-4)^5}$ .

12. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \pi/3} \frac{3 \tan x - \tan^3 x}{3 \cos\left(x + \frac{\pi}{6}\right)}$ .

13. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \left[ \left[ \frac{4}{x^2 - x^{-1}} - \frac{1 - 3x + x^2}{1 - x^3} \right]^{-1} + \frac{3 \cdot (x^4 - 1)}{x^3 - x^{-1}} \right]$ .

14. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{x(1 - m \cos x) + n \sin x}{x^3} = 1$ , then find  $m + n$ .

15. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x}{x + \frac{x}{x + \frac{x}{x + \dots \infty \text{ terms}}}} \right)$ .

**EXERCISE - 3**

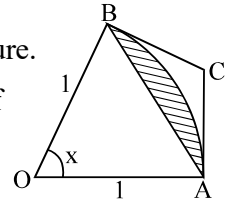
**Subjective type**

- Let  $f(x) = \frac{x}{\sin x}$ ,  $x > 0$  and  $g(x) = x + 3$ ,  $x < 1$   
 $= 2 - x$ ,  $x \leq 0$   $= x^2 - 2x - 2$ ,  $1 \leq x < 2$   
 $= x - 5$ ,  $x \geq 2$   
 find LHL and RHL of  $g(f(x))$  at  $x = 0$  and hence find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} g(f(x))$ .
- Let  $P_n = a^{P_{n-1}} - 1$ ,  $\forall n = 2, 3, \dots$  and Let  $P_1 = a^x - 1$  where  $a \in \mathbb{R}^+$  then evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{P_n}{x}$ .
- Let  $\{a_n\}$ ,  $\{b_n\}$ ,  $\{c_n\}$  be sequences such that  
 (i)  $a_n + b_n + c_n = 2n + 1$ ; (ii)  $a_n b_n + b_n c_n + c_n a_n = 2n - 1$ ; (iii)  $a_n b_n c_n = -1$ ; (iv)  $a_n < b_n < c_n$   
 Then find the value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} n a_n$ .
- If  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $a_n = 2^2 + 4^2 + 6^2 + \dots + (2n)^2$  and  $b_n = 1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n - 1)^2$ . Find the value  
 $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\sqrt{a_n} - \sqrt{b_n}}{\sqrt{n}}$ .
- At the end points A, B of the fixed segment of length L, lines are drawn meeting in C and making angles  $\theta$  and  $2\theta$  respectively with the given segment. Let D be the foot of the altitude CD and let  $x$  represents the length of AD. Find the value of  $x$  as  $\theta$  tends to zero i.e.  $\lim_{\theta \rightarrow 0} x$ .
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \cos \left( 2\pi \left( \frac{x}{1+x} \right)^a \right) \right]^{x^2}$   $a \in \mathbb{R}$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{x-1+\cos x}{x} \right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{a_1^{\frac{1}{x}} + a_2^{\frac{1}{x}} + a_3^{\frac{1}{x}} + \dots + a_n^{\frac{1}{x}}}{n} \right)^{nx}$  where  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots, a_n > 0$
- Let  $f(x) = \frac{\sin^{-1}(1-\{x\}) \cdot \cos^{-1}(1-\{x\})}{\sqrt{2\{x\}} \cdot (1-\{x\})}$  then find  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x)$  and  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x)$ , where  $\{x\}$  denotes the fractional part function.
- $\lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{1}{(a^2 - x^2)^2} \left( \frac{a^2 + x^2}{ax} - 2 \sin \left( \frac{a\pi}{2} \right) \sin \left( \frac{\pi x}{2} \right) \right)$  where  $a$  is an odd integer
- If  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3) \dots (1-x^{2n})}{[(1-x)(1-x^2)(1-x^3) \dots (1-x^n)]^2}$  then show that  $L$  can be equal to  
 (a)  $\prod_{r=1}^n \frac{n+r}{r}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{n!} \prod_{r=1}^n (4r-2)$   
 (c) The sum of the coefficients of two middle terms in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{2n-1}$ .  
 (d) The coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{2n}$ .



12. Evaluate,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1-x + \ln x}{1 + \cos \pi x}$
13.  $\lim_{y \rightarrow 0} \left[ \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\exp\left(x \ln\left(1 + \frac{ay}{x}\right)\right) - \exp\left(x \ln\left(1 + \frac{by}{x}\right)\right)}{y} \right]$
14. Let  $x_0 = 2 \cos \frac{\pi}{6}$  and  $x_n = \sqrt{2 + x_{n-1}}$ ,  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ , find  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} 2^{(n+1)} \cdot \sqrt{2 - x_n}$ .
15.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left[ \frac{\ln(1+x)^{1+x}}{x^2} - \frac{1}{x} \right]$

16. A circular arc of radius 1 subtends an angle of  $x$  radians,  $0 < x < \frac{\pi}{2}$  as shown in the figure. The point C is the intersection of the two tangent lines at A & B. Let  $T(x)$  be the area of triangle ABC & let  $S(x)$  be the area of the shaded region. Compute:



- (a)  $T(x)$                       (b)  $S(x)$       &      (c) the limit of  $\frac{T(x)}{S(x)}$  as  $x \rightarrow 0$ .

17. Let  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{n=1}^n 3^{n-1} \sin^3 \frac{x}{3^n}$  and  $g(x) = x - 4f(x)$ . Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + g(x))^{\cot x}$ .

18. If  $f(n, \theta) = \prod_{r=1}^n \left( 1 - \tan^2 \frac{\theta}{2^r} \right)$ , then compute  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(n, \theta)$

19.  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sqrt{\frac{\cos 2x + (1+3x)^{1/3}}{2}} - \sqrt[3]{\frac{4 \cos^3 x - \ln(1+x)^4}{4}}}{x}$

If  $L = a/b$  where 'a' and 'b' are relatively primes find  $(a + b)$ .

20.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\cosh(\pi/x)}{\cos(\pi/x)} \right)^{x^2}$  where  $\cosh t = \frac{e^t + e^{-t}}{2}$

21. Through a point A on a circle, a chord AP is drawn & on the tangent at A a point T is taken such that  $AT = AP$ . If TP produced meet the diameter through A at Q, prove that the limiting value of AQ when P moves upto A is double the diameter of the circle.

22. If  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left( \frac{1}{\ln(1+x)} - \frac{1}{\ln(x + \sqrt{1+x^2})} \right)$  then find the value of  $\frac{L+153}{L}$ .

23. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{1 - \cos x \cdot \cos 2x \cdot \cos 3x \dots \cos nx}{x^2}$  has the value equal to 253, find the value of n (where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ).

24. Let  $a_1 > a_2 > a_3 \dots a_n > 1$ ;  $p_1 > p_2 > p_3 \dots > p_n > 0$ ; such that  $p_1 + p_2 + p_3 + \dots + p_n = 1$

Also  $F(x) = (p_1 a_1^x + p_2 a_2^x + \dots + p_n a_n^x)^{1/x}$ . Compute

- (a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} F(x)$                       (b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} F(x)$                       (c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow -\infty} F(x)$

25. Evaluate  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \sum_{r=1}^n \cot^{-1} \left( r^2 + \frac{3}{4} \right)$ .

1. For  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x-3}{x+2} \right)^x =$  [JEE 2000]  
 (A)  $e$  (B)  $e^{-1}$  (C)  $e^{-5}$  (D)  $e^5$
2.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(\pi \cos^2 x)}{x^2}$  equals [JEE 2001]  
 (A)  $-\pi$  (B)  $\pi$  (C)  $\frac{\pi}{2}$  (D)  $1$
3. Evaluate  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^{\tan x} - a^{\sin x}}{\tan x - \sin x}$ ,  $a > 0$ . [REE 2001]
4. The integer  $n$  for which  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(\cos x - 1)(\cos x - e^x)}{x^n}$  is a finite non-zero number is [JEE 2002]  
 (A)  $1$  (B)  $2$  (C)  $3$  (D)  $4$
5. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\sin(nx)[(a-n)x - \tan x]}{x^2} = 0$  ( $n > 0$ ) then the value of 'a' is equal to [JEE 2003]  
 (A)  $\frac{1}{n}$  (B)  $n^2 + 1$  (C)  $\frac{n^2 + 1}{n}$  (D) None
6. Find the value of  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[ \frac{2}{\pi} (n+1) \cos^{-1} \left( \frac{1}{n} \right) - n \right]$ . [JEE '2004]
7. Let  $L = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a - \sqrt{a^2 - x^2} - \frac{x^2}{4}}{x^4}$ ,  $a > 0$ , If  $L$  is finite, then [JEE '2009]  
 (A)  $a = 2$  (B)  $a = 1$  (C)  $L = \frac{1}{64}$  (D)  $L = \frac{1}{32}$
8. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + x \ln(1 + b^2))^{\frac{1}{x}} = 2b \sin^2 \theta$ ,  $b > 0$  &  $\theta \in (-\pi, \pi]$ , then the value of is [JEE '2011]  
 (A)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{4}$  (B)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{3}$  (C)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{6}$  (D)  $\pm \frac{\pi}{2}$
9. If  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x + 1} - ax - b \right) = 4$ , then [JEE '2012]  
 (A)  $a = 1, b = 4$  (B)  $a = 1, b = -4$  (C)  $a = 2, b = -3$  (D)  $a = 2, b = 3$

10. Let  $\alpha(a)$  and  $\beta(a)$  be the roots of the equation  $((1+a)^{1/3} - 1)x^2 + (\sqrt{1+a} - 1)x + ((1+a)^{1/6} - 1) = 0, a > -1$ , then  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \alpha(a)$  &  $\lim_{a \rightarrow 0^+} \beta(a)$  are

- (A)  $-1$  &  $-\frac{1}{2}$       (B)  $-1$  &  $-\frac{3}{2}$       (C)  $1$  &  $-\frac{1}{2}$       (D)  $-1$  &  $\frac{3}{2}$

[ JEE ' 2012 ]

11. For  $a \in \mathbb{R}$  (the set of all real numbers),  $a \neq -1$ ,  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1^a + 2^a + \dots + n^a}{(n+1)^{a-1} ((na+1) + (na+2) + \dots + (na+n))} = \frac{1}{60}$ , then  $a =$

- (A) 5      (B) 7      (C)  $-\frac{15}{2}$       (D)  $-\frac{17}{2}$

[ JEE ' 2013 ]

**ANSWER KEY**

**EXERCISE - 1(A)**

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. D  | 2. D  | 3. C  | 4. D  | 5. D  | 6. A  | 7. C  |
| 8. B  | 9. D  | 10. B | 11. A | 12. C | 13. B | 14. A |
| 15. A | 16. B | 17. D | 18. A | 19. C | 20. D | 21. B |
| 22. D | 23. C | 24. A | 25. C | 26. C | 27. C | 28. D |
| 29. D | 30. D | 31. C | 32. A | 33. A | 34. C | 35. A |
| 36. D | 37. A | 38. D | 39. A | 40. D | 41. D | 42. C |
| 43. D | 44. A | 45. C | 46. B | 47. C | 48. D | 49. B |
| 50. A | 51. B | 52. A | 53. B | 54. A | 55. D | 56. B |
| 57. C | 58. A | 59. D | 60. A | 61. D | 62. A | 63. B |
| 64. C | 65. A |       |       |       |       |       |

**EXERCISE - 1(B)**

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. C  | 2. D  | 3. D  | 4. D  | 5. B  | 6. B  | 7. C  |
| 8. A  | 9. C  | 10. C | 11. D | 12. D | 13. B | 14. D |
| 15. C | 16. A | 17. B | 18. C | 19. C | 20. A | 21. B |
| 22. B | 23. A | 24. D | 25. C | 26. C | 27. D | 28. C |
| 29. A | 30. D | 31. B | 32. D | 33. A | 34. B | 35. D |

**EXERCISE - 1(C)**

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|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| 1. D  | 2. B  | 3. A  | 4. D  | 5. B  | 6. C  | 7. C  |
| 8. D  | 9. B  | 10. B | 11. D | 12. B | 13. D | 14. A |
| 15. B | 16. D | 17. A | 18. B | 19. C | 20. B | 21. C |
| 22. A | 23. D | 24. D | 25. C | 26. C | 27. A | 28. B |
| 29. A | 30. B | 31. D | 32. A | 33. D | 34. B | 35. B |
| 36. C | 37. A | 38. B | 39. D | 40. A |       |       |

**WINDOW TO JEE MAIN**

1. D    2. A    3. B    4. D    5. C    6. B    7. C  
 8. B    9. D    10. B    11. B    12. A    13. B    14. D  
 15. D

**EXERCISE - 2 (A)**

- 1 A,D    2 A,B,C,D    3 B,C    4 A,C    5 A,B,D  
 6 A,B,D    7 A,B,C,D    8 A,B    9 B,C    10 A,B  
 11 A,B,C    12 C,D    13 A,B,D    14 A,C    15 B,C,D  
 16 C    17 B    18 B    19 A    20 B  
 21 A    22 B    23 C    24 D  
 25 (A) R; (B) S; (C) P; (D) Q    26 (A) Q; (B) R; (C) P; (D) P  
 27 (A) S; (B) P; (C) Q; (D) R    28 (A) S; (B) R; (C) P; (D) Q; (E) P  
 29 (A) S; (B) R; (C) Q; (D) P

**EXERCISE - 2 (B)**

- 1 2    2 10    3 35    4 4    5 3  
 6 8    7 2    8 1    9 4    10 9  
 11 2    12 8    13 3    14 4    15 1

**EXERCISE - 3**

- 1  $-3, -3, -3$     2  $(\ln a)^n$     3  $-1/2$     4  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$   
 5  $\frac{2L}{3}$     6  $e^{-2\pi^2 a^2}$     7  $e^{-1/2}$     8  $(a_1 \cdot a_2 \cdot a_3 \dots a_n)$   
 9  $\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2\sqrt{2}}$     10  $\frac{\pi^2 a^2 + 4}{16a^4}$     12  $-\frac{1}{\pi^2}$     13  $a - b$   
 14  $\frac{\pi}{3}$     15  $1/2$   
 16  $T(x) = \frac{1}{2} \tan^2 \frac{x}{2} \cdot \sin x$  or  $\tan \frac{x}{2} - \frac{\sin x}{2}$ ,  $S(x) = \frac{1}{2} x - \frac{1}{2} \sin x$ , limit =  $\frac{3}{2}$   
 17  $g(x) = \sin x$  and  $l = e$     18  $\frac{\theta}{\tan \theta}$     19 19    20  $e^{\pi^2}$

- 22 307                                  23 11                                  24 (a)  $a_1^{p_1} \cdot a_2^{p_2} \dots a_n^{p_n}$ ; (b)  $a_1$ ; (c)  $a_n$
- 25  $\cot^{-1} \frac{1}{2}$

**WINDOW TO JEE ADVANCED**

- 1 C                                  2 B                                  3  $\ln a$                                   4 C                                  5 C
- 6  $1 - \frac{2}{\pi}$                                   7 A, C                                  8 D                                  9 B                                  10 A
- 11 B, D