

**SOLUTIONS**

1. (C)  
 $2015 = 5 \times 13 \times 31$ , where 5, 13 and 31 are prime numbers.  
 $\therefore 2015 = 1 \times 1 \times 2015$  (3 arrangements)  
 $= 1 \times 5 \times 403$  ( $3! = 6$  arrangements)  
 $= 1 \times 13 \times 155$  ( $3! = 6$  arrangements)  
 $= 1 \times 31 \times 65$  ( $3! = 6$  arrangements)  
 $= 5 \times 13 \times 31$  ( $3! = 6$  arrangements)  
 $\therefore$  there are **27** possible triples  $(x, y, z)$ .
  
2. (B)  
 Since the number 2, in the ratio  $4 : 2 : 3$ , is not divisible by 3, we use the equivalent ratio  $12 : 6 : 9$  because 6 is divisible by 3.  
 Let the area of  $\triangle DEF$  be 6 units.  
 Area of shaded region  $= \frac{1}{3} \times 6 = 2$  units.  
 Area of trapezium ABCD = 12 units  
 Area of parallelogram GHJK = 9 units  
 Area of trapezium ABCD that is unshaded  $= 12 - 2 = 10$  units  
 Area of parallelogram GHJK that is unshaded  $= 9 - 2 = 7$  units  
 Total area of unshaded regions  $= 10 + 7 = 17$  units  
 $\therefore$  ratio of area of shaded region to total area of unshaded regions = **2 : 17**
  
3. (D)  
 If a number is divisible by 24 ( $= 3 \times 8$ ), then it is also divisible by 3 and 8, since 3 and 8 are relatively prime.  
 Using the divisibility test for 8, the last three digits 56Y is also divisible by 8. But there are still 10 possibilities for Y.  
 If a number is divisible by 8, then the number is also divisible by any factor of 8, i.e. X56Y is also divisible by 2 and by 4.  
 Since X56Y is divisible by 2, then Y must be even, i.e.  $Y = 0, 2, 4, 6$  or 8.  
 Since X56Y is divisible by 4, using the divisibility test for 4, the last two digits 6Y is also divisible by 4. Since only 62 and 66 are not divisible by 4, then  $Y = 0, 4$  or 8.  
 Now we use the divisibility test for 8. Since only 564 is not divisible by 8, then  $Y = 0$  or 8.  
 Using the divisibility test for 3,  $X + 5 + 6 + Y = X + Y + 11$  is also divisible by 3.  
 If  $Y = 0$ , then  $X + Y + 11 = X + 11$  is also divisible by 3, i.e.  $X = 1, 4$  or 7.  
 If  $Y = 8$ , then  $X + Y + 11 = X + 19$  is also divisible by 24 are: **1560, 4560, 7560, 2568, 5568, 8568**.  
 $\therefore$  No. of four-digit numbers of the form X56Y that are divisible by 24 = **6**
  
4. (C)  
 For each pile to have a difference number of toys, and the biggest pile to have the smallest possible number of toys, put 1 toy in the 1<sup>st</sup> pile, 2 toys in the 2<sup>nd</sup> pile, 3 toys in the 3<sup>rd</sup> pile, 4 toys in the 4<sup>th</sup> pile and 5 toys in the 5<sup>th</sup> pile. So the biggest pile is the 5<sup>th</sup> pile, but there are only  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + 5 = 15$  toys.  
 The 16<sup>th</sup> toy will have to go to the pile so that each pile will have a different number of toys.  
 The 17<sup>th</sup> toy cannot go to the 5<sup>th</sup> pile because we want to find the smallest possible number of toys in the biggest pile, so the 17<sup>th</sup> toy will have to go to the 4<sup>th</sup> pile. Similarly, the 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup> and 20<sup>th</sup> toys will go to the 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> piles respectively.  
 The 21<sup>st</sup> toy will then go to the 5<sup>th</sup> pile again, and the 22<sup>nd</sup>, 23<sup>rd</sup>, 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> toys will go to the 4<sup>th</sup>,

3<sup>rd</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 1<sup>st</sup> piles respectively.

Similarly, the 26<sup>th</sup> to 30<sup>th</sup> toys will go to the 5<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> piles respectively.

Similarly, the 31<sup>st</sup> to 35<sup>th</sup> toys will also go to the 5<sup>th</sup> to 1<sup>st</sup> piles respectively.

∴ the largest pile (which is the 5<sup>th</sup> pile) will contain  $5 + 1 + 1 + 1 + 1 = 9$  toys.

5. (A)

From the identity  $4ab = (a + b)^2 - (a - b)^2$ , one sees that when  $a + b$  is fixed, the product is the largest when  $|a - b|$  is the smallest.

Now let  $a < b < c$  be 3 distinct positive integers such that  $a + b + c = 3n$  and the product  $abc$  is the biggest possible. If  $a$  and  $b$  differ more than 2, then by increasing  $a$  by 1 and decreasing  $b$  by 1, the product  $abc$  will become bigger. Hence  $a$  and  $b$  differ by at most 2. Similarly  $b$  and  $c$  differ by at most 2.

On the other hand, if  $c = b + 2 = a + 4$ , then one can increase the value of  $abc$  by decreasing  $c$  by 1 and increasing  $a$  by 1. So this case is ruled out.

Since  $a + b + c$  is divisible by 3, it is not possible that  $c = b + 1 = a + 3$  or  $c = b + 2 = a + 3$ .

So we must have  $c = b + 1 = a + 2$ . Hence the three numbers are  $n - 1, n$  and  $n + 1$ . Thus, their product is  $(n - 1)n(n + 1) = n^3 - n$ .

6. (C)

Observe that the stop numbers 1, 9, 25, 49, ... are at the lower right corners. The point  $(0, -n)$  is at the stop number  $(2n + 1)^2 - (n + 1) = 4n^2 + 3n$ . When  $n = 22$ , we have  $4(22^2) + 3(22) = 2002$ . So the point  $(0, -22)$  is the 2002-th stop. Thus the point  $(3, -22)$  is the 2005-th stop.

7. (A)

Observe that  $((b - c) + (c - a))^2 - 4(b - c)(c - a) = 0$ .

Hence  $((b - c) - (c - a))^2 = 0$ .

Thus,  $b - c = c - a$ .

8. (B)

Since  $m \neq n$  and  $m^2 - n^2 = (n - m)$ , we get  $m + n = -1$ .

Thus  $m^2 + n^2 = (m + n) + 4 = 3$  and  $mn = \frac{1}{2}[(m + n)^2 - m^2 - n^2] = -1$ .

Thus  $4mn - m^3 - n^3 = 4mn - (m + n)(m^2 + n^2 - mn) = -4 - (-1)(3 - (-1)) = 0$ .

9. (B)

Since  $x = 200600 + y - 20\sqrt{2006y}$  is an integer,  $y = 2006u^2$  for some positive integer  $u$ .

Similarly  $x = 2006v^2$  for some positive integer  $v$ . Thus  $u + v = 10$ .

There are 11 pairs in total, namely  $(0, 10), (1, 9), \dots, (10, 0)$ .

10. (A)

Observe that  $\triangle ABD \cong \triangle EBD$ . Thus,  $BE = AB = 4, AD = DE$ .

Hence, area of  $\triangle ACE = 2 \times$  Area of  $\triangle DCE$ .

Since,  $BC = 3$ ,  $EC = -BC = 4 - 3 = 1$ . Thus,

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area of } \triangle ABC &= 3 \times \text{Area of } \triangle ACE \\ &= 6 \times \text{Area of } \triangle DCE. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Thus, Area of } ABCD &= \text{Area of } \triangle ABC + \text{Area of } \triangle ACD \\ &= 6 \times \text{Area of } \triangle DCE + \text{Area of } DCE \\ &= 7 \times \text{Area of } \triangle DCE \end{aligned}$$

11. (B)

Let  $AB = CD = a$ ,  $AD = BC = b$  and  $AX = x$ .

Then triangles  $AXY$  and  $BXC$  are similar.

$$\text{Thus } \frac{b}{AY} = \frac{a-x}{x} \text{ and } AY = \frac{bx}{a-x}. \text{ Now, } DY = AY + b = \frac{bx}{a-x} + b = \frac{ab}{a-x}.$$

Also,  $BX = a - x$  and hence  $BX \times DY = ab$ , the area of the rectangle  $ABCD$ .

12. (B)

Cubing both sides of  $\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{y} = 4$  we get

$$x + y + 12(xy)^{\frac{1}{3}} = 64$$

Putting  $x + y = 28$  in the above, we get  $xy = 27$ .

Hence,  $x, y$  are roots of  $t^2 - 28t + 27 = 0$  and  $(x, y) = (1, 27)$  or  $(27, 1)$ .

13. (A)

$$\begin{aligned} x + \sqrt{x^2 + \sqrt{x^3 + 1}} &= 1 \Rightarrow x^2 + \sqrt{x^3 + 1} = (1-x)^2 \\ &\Rightarrow \sqrt{x^3 + 1} = 1 - 2x \\ &\Rightarrow x^3 + 1 = 1 - 4x + 4x^2 \\ &\Rightarrow x^3 - 4x^2 + 4x = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x(x^2 - 4x + 4) = 0 \\ &\Rightarrow x = 0, 2, 2 \end{aligned}$$

When  $x = 2$ , the given equation is not satisfied.

Hence  $x = 0$  is the only solution.

14. (B)

Let  $S$  denote the sum of all numbers.

The middle number is  $\frac{S}{9}$ . The sum of the five largest number is  $5 \times 68 = 340$ . The sum of the five smallest numbers is  $5 \times 44 = 220$ . If we add these two, we would have added the middle numbers twice.

$$\text{Thus, } S + \frac{S}{9} = 340 + 220 = 560$$

Hence,  $S = 504$ .

15. (D)

Let  $QR = b$ . Note that the difference between the areas  $A$  and  $B$  can be obtained as the difference between the area of the triangle  $PQR$  minus the area of the semi circle on  $PQ$  as diameter.

Area of the semi circle =  $\frac{1}{2} \times \frac{22}{7} \times 21 \times 21 = 693 \text{ cm}^2$  and area of the triangle  $PQR = \frac{1}{2} \times 42 \times b = 21b$ .

Since  $21b - 693 = 357$ , we have  $b = 50 \text{ cm}$ .

16. (B)

Clearly  $\alpha_3 = \alpha_6 = 45^\circ$ .

We observe  $\alpha_1 = \alpha_2$  and  $\alpha_4 = \alpha_5$ .

Considering the right triangles containing  $\alpha_1$  and  $\alpha_5$  we find that  $\alpha_1 + \alpha_5 = 90^\circ$ .

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Similarly, } \alpha_1 + \alpha_2 + \alpha_3 + \alpha_4 + \alpha_5 + \alpha_6 &= (\alpha_3 + \alpha_6) + (\alpha_1 + \alpha_5) + (\alpha_2 + \alpha_4) \\ &= 270^\circ \end{aligned}$$

17. (C)

Let  $a, b, c$  be the uniform speeds of  $A, B, C$  respectively.

$$\frac{x}{a} = \frac{x-30}{b} \quad \dots(5)$$

$$\frac{x}{b} = \frac{x-20}{c} \quad \dots(6)$$

$$\frac{x}{a} = \frac{x-48}{c} \quad \dots(7)$$

From (6) and (7), we get

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{x-20}{x-48} \quad \dots(8)$$

And from (5), we get

$$\frac{a}{b} = \frac{x}{x-30} \quad \dots(9)$$

Hence from (8) and (9), we get

$$\frac{x}{x-30} = \frac{x-20}{x-48}$$

Solving for  $x$ , we get  $x = 300$ .

18. (B)

$$\begin{aligned} &\frac{a\sqrt{a} + b\sqrt{b}}{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(a-b)} + \frac{2\sqrt{b}}{\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b}} - \frac{\sqrt{ab}}{a-b} \\ &= \frac{a\sqrt{a} + b\sqrt{b} + 2\sqrt{b}(a-b) - \sqrt{ab}(\sqrt{a} - \sqrt{b})}{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(a-b)} \\ &= \frac{a\sqrt{a} - b\sqrt{b} + a\sqrt{b} - b\sqrt{a}}{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(a-b)} \\ &= \frac{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(a-b)}{(\sqrt{a} + \sqrt{b})(a-b)} \\ &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

19. (A)  
There are total 100 numbers, out of which  
50 numbers are divisible by 2,  
33 numbers are divisible by 3,  
20 numbers are divisible by 5

Following are counted twice above  
16 numbers are divisible by both 2 and 3  
10 numbers are divisible by both 2 and 5  
6 numbers are divisible by both 3 and 5

Following is counted thrice above  
3 numbers are divisible by all 2, 3 and 5

$$\begin{aligned} \text{So total numbers divisible by 2, 3 and 5 are} \\ &= 50 + 33 + 20 - 16 - 10 - 6 + 3 \\ &= 103 - 29 \\ &= 74 \end{aligned}$$

So probability that a number is not divisible by 2, 3 and 5  $= (100 - 74)/100 = 0.26$

20. (C)  
 $\angle ACD = \angle CBD$ , being the angle in the alternate segment and  $CD = DB$  since  $D$  is the mid point of the arc  $BC$ . Thus  $\angle BCD = \angle DBC$ . Thus  $CD$  bisects the angle  $\angle ACB$ . Similarly,  $BD$  bisects the angle  $\angle ABC$ . Consequently,  $D$  is the incentre of the triangle  $ABC$ .

21. (D)  
There is no way to reduce the cuts to fewer than 6: Just consider the middle cube (the one which has no exposed surfaces in the beginning), each of its sides requires at least one cut.

22. (A)  
$$\frac{(1 \times 2 \times 3) + (2 \times 4 \times 6) + (3 \times 6 \times 9) + \dots + (335 \times 670 \times 1005)}{(1 \times 3 \times 6) + (2 \times 6 \times 12) + (3 \times 9 \times 18) + \dots + (335 \times 1005 \times 2010)}$$
$$= \frac{(1 \times 2 \times 3) [1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + 335^3]}{(1 \times 3 \times 6) [1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + 335^3]}$$
$$= \frac{1 \times 2 \times 3}{1 \times 3 \times 6} = \frac{1}{3}$$

23. (D)  
From the given equations, we obtain  
 $a + b + c + d = a(r + 1)$ ,  $a + b + c + d = b(r + 1)$ ,  
 $a + b + c + d = c(r + 1)$ ,  $a + b + c + d = d(r + 1)$ .

Adding these four equations gives

$$4(a + b + c + d) = (a + b + c + d)(r + 1),$$

that is,

$$(3 - r)(a + b + c + d) = 0.$$

Thus  $r = 3$ , or  $a + b + c + d = 0$ . If  $a + b + c + d = 0$ , then we see from the original given equations

that  $r = -1$ . Hence the value of  $r$  is either 3 or  $-1$ .

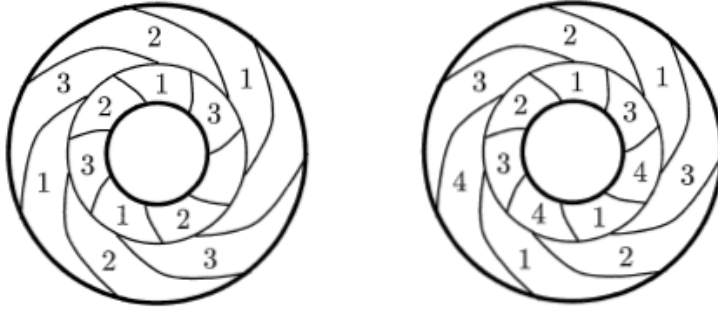
24. (B)

Let  $K = N_2 + \dots + N_{2010}$ . Then  $X = (N_1 + K)(K + N_{2011})$  and  $Y = (N_1 + K + N_{2011})K$ .

$$X - Y = (N_1K + K^2 + N_1N_{2011} + KN_{2011}) - (N_1K + K^2 + N_{2011}K) = N_1N_{2011} > 0.$$

25. (B)

The left shows that 3 colours are not enough. The right is a painting using 4 colours.



26. (B)

Only the last statement is correct:  $ac^2 < bc^2$  implies  $c^2 > 0$ , hence  $a < c$ . For other statements, counterexamples can be taken as  $a = -2, b = -1; a = 0$  and  $a = 0$  respectively.

27. (D)

Use Inclusion and Exclusion Principle.

28. (D)

Just count: Label the "center"  $O$ . There are 6 triangles like  $\Delta AFO$ ; 3 like  $\Delta AOB$ ; 6 like  $\Delta ABD$  and 1 like  $\Delta ABC$ . Total: 16.

29. (C)

$$x + y + z = 9 + \frac{S}{2}.$$

$$\text{So, } x = 1 + \frac{S}{2}, y = 9 - \frac{S}{2} \text{ and } z = -1 + \frac{S}{2}.$$

Since,  $x, y, z \geq 0$ , we have  $2 \leq S \leq 18$ .

30. (A)

Assume  $p = \frac{a}{b}$ , then  $q = \frac{a+10}{b+10}$ , since  $b > a$ , it implies  $p < q$ .