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1) If $5x + 1/4x = 15$ then find the value of $16x^2 + 1/25x^2$

a) $245/3$

b) $521/5$

c) $712/5$

d) $712/3$

2) If $x - 1/x = 3$ then find the value of $x^3 + 1/x^3$

a) $11\sqrt{12}$

b) $10\sqrt{12}$

c) $11\sqrt{13}$

d) $10\sqrt{13}$

3) If $\sqrt{x} + 1/\sqrt{x} = 2$ then find the value of $5x^2 + 1/5x^2$

a) $27/5$

b) $26/5$

c) $24/5$

d) $17/6$

4) Solve: $4^{32} - 255(4^4 + 1)(4^8 + 1)(4^{16} + 1)$

a) -1

b) 0

c) 1

d) None of the above

5) If $x + 1/x = 1$ then find the value of $x^9 + 1/x^9$

a) 2

b) 0

c) -2

d) None of the above

6) If $x = (\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{13})/(\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{13})$ and $y = (\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{13})/(\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{13})$ then find the value of $4x^2 - xy + 4y^2$

a) 658

b) 0

c) 125

d) 3127

7) If $a^3 - b^3 = 37$ and $a - b = 1$ then find the value of $a^2 + b^2$

a) 23

b) 25

c) 24

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d) 27

8) If $9x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$ then find the value of $81x^2 + (1/x)^2$

a) 27

b) 18

c) 36

d) -27

9) If $x + y + z = 9$ and $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 49$ then find the value of $\sqrt{(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)}$

a) $18\sqrt{2}$

b) $3\sqrt{33}$

c) $9\sqrt{11}$

d) $19\sqrt{2}$

10) If $81a^4 + 225a^2b^2 + 625b^4 = 102$ and $9a^2 + 15ab + 25b^2 = 17$ then find the value of $3a + 5b$

a) $\sqrt{(55/3)}$

b) $\sqrt{(57/2)}$

c) $\sqrt{(55/2)}$

d) $\sqrt{(54/5)}$

11) If $(a + b - 5)^2 + (c - a - 6)^2 = 0$ then find the value of $b + c$

a) 11

b) 13

c) 12

d) None of the above

12) Simplify: $(a + b - c - d)^2 - (a - b + c - d)^2$

a) $4(ad + cd - ac)$

b) $4(ab - cd + ac)$

c) $4(ab + cd + ac + bd)$

d) $4(ab + cd - ac - bd)$

13) If $1 - 216x^3 - 18x + (102 + a)x^2 = (1 - ax)^3$ then find the value of a

a) 6

b) 8

c) 7

d) None of the above

14) If $a^2 - b^2 + c^2 = 0$, then the value of $(a^6 + c^6 - b^6)/3(a^2 + c^2)$

a) $1/3$

b) a^2c^2

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c) b^2c^2

d) 0

15) If $a + b + c = 18$, then find the value of

$(a - 5)^3 + (b - 6)^3 + (c - 7)^3 - 3(a - 5)(b - 6)(c - 7)$

a) 27

b) 247

c) 0

d) None of the above

16) If $x^4 + x^{-4} = 47$ then find the value of $(x + x^{-1})$

a) 3

b) 2

c) -3

d) 4

17) If $(16\sqrt{2}x^3 + 81\sqrt{3}y^3) \div (2\sqrt{2} + 3\sqrt{3}) = (Ax + By + Cxy)$ then find the value of $5A - 3B + C\sqrt{6}$

a) 67

b) 77

c) -77

d) 57

18) If $25x^2 + 49y^2 + 16z^2 + 50 = 40x - 42y + 40z$, then the value of $(14y + xz)$ will be

a) -4

b) 5

c) -5

d) 4

19) If $(x + y) = 1$ and $(1/x) - 2y = 6/x$ then find the value of $x^2 + y^2$

a) 6

b) 0

c) -5

d) 5

20) If $x = 2\sqrt{5} + 1/2\sqrt{5}$ and $y = 2\sqrt{5} - 1/2\sqrt{5}$ then find the value of

$\sqrt{(x^4 + y^4 - 2)}$

a) 4

b) -4

c) 0

d) None of the above



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21) If $a^2 + b^2 + c^2 = 25$ and $ab + bc + ca = 12$ then find the value of $\frac{1}{2}(a + b + c)[(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2]$

- a) -91
- b) 87
- c) 91
- d) -87

22) Simplify: $(a + b)^3 + (a - b)^3 - 2a^3$

- a) $6ab^2$
- b) $8ab^2$
- c) 0
- c) $(a^2 + b^6)$

23) If $x + y = 9$ and $xy = 10$ then find the value of $\frac{1}{x^2} + \frac{1}{y^2}$

- a) 0.61
- b) 0.061
- c) 0.75
- d) 0.94

24) If $a^3 + b^3 = 140$ and $a + b = 7$ then find the value of $(a - b)^2 + ab$

- a) 35

b) 25

c) 20

d) None of the above

25) If $x^2 + 1 = 3x$, then the value of $(x^4 + x^{-2}) / (x^2 + 3x + 1)$ is:

- a) -3
- b) 0
- c) 3
- d) 1

26) If $x + 1/x = 5$ then find the value of $x^3 + 1/x^3$

- a) 125
- b) 139
- c) 110
- d) None of the above

27) If $x^2 + y^2 = 23$ and $x - y = 6$ then find the value of xy

- a) -6.5
- b) -7.5
- c) 8
- d) 9

28) Simplify: $a/(a - b) + b/(b - a)$



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a) ab

b) $-ab$

c) 1

d) None of the above

29) If $a/b + b/a = -1$ then find the value of $a^3 - b^3$

a) $a + b$

b) $a^2 + b^2$

c) 0

d) 1

30) If $16x^2 + 9/x^2 = -24$ then find the value of $6x/(x^3 + 4x^2 + x + 3)$

a) 12

b) 24

c) 18

d) 16

31) If $3x - 3/x = 7$ then find the value of $x^3 - 1/x^3 - 7$

a) $-432/27$

b) $432/27$

c) $-343/27$

d) $343/27$

32) If $x = \sqrt[3]{37}$ and $y = \sqrt[3]{36}$ then find the value of $1/(x^2 + xy + y^2)$

a) $x - y$

b) $x + y$

c) $x^2 + y^2$

d) 1

33) If $a + 1/a = 1$ then find the value of $(a^6 + 1)/(a^6 - 1)$

a) 24

b) 13

c) 0

d) None of the above

34) If $x - y = 1$ then find the value of $x^3 - y^3 - 3xy$

a) $2xy$

b) 1

c) -1

d) 0

35) If $x^4 + 1/x^4 = 167$ then, find the value of $x - 1/x$

a) $2\sqrt{11}$



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b) $\sqrt{15}$

c) $\sqrt{11}$

d) 5

36) If $3x^2 + 2x - 6 = 0$ then find the value of $27x^6 + 8x^3 + 54x^5 + 36x^4 - 6$

a) 210

b) 216

c) 312

d) -216

37) If $x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$ then find the value of $(x^2 - 1)/x$

a) 5

b) $\sqrt{5}$

c) $\sqrt{6}$

d) 6

38) If $x^3 - 1/x^3 = 0$, then find the value of $x^{81} - x^{15} - 6x^{36} + 7x^{42} + 9x^{54}$

a) -9

b) 8

c) 10

d) 11

39) If $x = 7 + 4\sqrt{3}$ and $xy = 1$, then find the value of $((1/x^2) + (1/y^2))$

a) 194

b) 57

c) $85\sqrt{3}$

d) None of the above

40) If $x = 11 + 2\sqrt{28}$ then find the value of $(x+1) / 4\sqrt{x}$

a) $(3+\sqrt{7})/(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{4})$

b) $3\sqrt{2}$

c) $(\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2})/(\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2})$

d) $(\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2})/(\sqrt{3}+\sqrt{2})$

41) Find the value of: $313^3 - 350^3 + 37^3$

a) 0

b) -12160065

c) 12160050

d) -12160050

42) If $3x^2 + 1 = 3x$, then find the value of $3x^4 + x^2 - 2x + 6$

a) -1

b) 1



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c) 2

d) 5

43) If $x^2 - 1/x = 0$, then find the value of $x^{18} + 3x^{13} - 3x^{52} + 13x^{99}$

a) -11

b) 14

c) 0

d) Can't be determined

44) If $8(x-1)^3 - 64(2x-3)^3 + 125(4x-5)^3 = -120(4x-5)(2x^2 - 5x + 3)$, then find the value of x

a) 12/13

b) 15/14

c) 12/11

d) 0

45) If $x + 1/x = 4$, then find the value of $x^6 + x^4 - 52x^3 - 14x^2$

a) -2

b) 1

c) -1

d) 0

46) If $3x - 25 = -3/x$ then find the value of $(x-1)/\sqrt{x}$

a) $\sqrt{19/3}$

b) $\sqrt{23/3}$

c) $\sqrt{26/3}$

d) None of the above

47) If $0.064x^3 + 0.125y^3 = 189$ and $0.16x^2 + 0.25y^2 = 9.20$ then find the value of $0.4x + 0.5y$

a) 18

b) -9

c) 21

d) 0

48) If $a+b+c = 7$, $ab+bc+ca=12$, $a^3+b^3=19$, $b^3+c^3=37$ and $c^3+a^3=18$ then find the value of $3abc$

a) 20

b) 24

c) -18

d) -17

49) If a and b are the roots of the equation $x^2/3 = (x-2)$ then what will be the equation whose roots are a^3/b^2 and b^3/a^2 .

a) $4x^2 - 3x - 24 = 0$



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b) $4x^2+3x+24=0$

c) $4x^2+3x-24=0$

d) $4x^2-3x+24=0$

50) If $x^2 + y^2 - 4y - 6x = -13$ then find the value of $x^4 + y^5$

a) 113

b) 124

c) 118

d) 120

ANSWERS

1) Answer: C

Solution:

$$5x + 1/4x = 15$$

Multiply by 4/5

$$4x + 1/5x = 12$$

Squaring on both sides

$$(4x + 1/5x)^2 = 144$$

$$16x^2 + 1/25x^2 + 2(4x)(1/5x) = 144$$

$$16x^2 + 1/25x^2 = 144 - 8/5$$

$$16x^2 + 1/25x^2 = 712/5$$

2) Answer: D

Solution:

$$X - 1/x = 3$$

Squaring on both sides

$$(x - 1/x)^2 = 9$$

$$x^2 + 1/x^2 - 2 = 9$$

$$x^2 + 1/x^2 = 11$$

Add 2 on both sides

$$x^2 + 1/x^2 + 2 = 11 + 2$$

$$(x + 1/x)^2 = 13$$

$$X + 1/x = \sqrt{13}$$

Cubing on both sides

$$x^3 + 1/x^3 + 3(x + 1/x) = 13\sqrt{13}$$

$$x^3 + 1/x^3 = 13\sqrt{13} - 3\sqrt{13}$$

$$x^3 + 1/x^3 = 10\sqrt{13}$$

3) Answer: B

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Solution:

$$\sqrt{x} + 1/\sqrt{x} = 2$$

Squaring on both sides

$$(\sqrt{x} + 1/\sqrt{x})^2 = 4$$

$$x + (1/x) + 2 = 4$$

$$x + 1/x = 2$$

By observing the above equation the value of x is 1

$$5x^2 + 1/5x^2 = 5(1) + 1/5(1) = 5 + 1/5 = 26/5$$

4) Answer: C

Solution:

$$= 4^{32} - 255(4^4 + 1)(4^8 + 1)(4^{16} + 1)$$

$$= 4^{32} - (4^4 - 1)(4^4 + 1)(4^8 + 1)(4^{16} + 1)$$

Applying the formula $a^2 - b^2 = (a+b)(a-b)$ for $(4^4 - 1)(4^4 + 1)$ terms

The above expression become

$$= 4^{32} - (4^8 - 1)(4^8 + 1)(4^{16} + 1)$$

Similarly for $(4^8 - 1)(4^8 + 1)$

The above expression become

$$= 4^{32} - (4^{16} - 1)(4^{16} + 1)$$

$$= 4^{32} - (4^{32} - 1)$$

$$= 1$$

5) Answer: C

Solution:

$$X + 1/x = 1$$

$$x^2 - x + 1 = 0 \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$\text{As, } a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2)$$

$$a = x \text{ and } b = 1$$

$$x^3 + 1^3 = (x+1)(x^2 - x + 1) \text{ ----- (2)}$$

Substitute (1) in (2)

$$x^3 + 1^3 = (x+1)(0)$$

$$x^3 = -1$$

$$\text{Then } \Rightarrow x^9 + 1/x^9 = (x^3)^3 + 1/(x^3)^3$$

$$x^9 + 1/x^9 = -1 - 1 = -2$$

Alternative method

$$X + 1/x = 1$$

Cubing on both sides

$$X^3 + 1/x^3 + 3(X + 1/x) = 1$$

$$X^3 + 1/x^3 + 3 = 1$$

$$X^3 + 1/x^3 = -2$$

Cubing on both sides

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$$X^9 + 1/x^9 + 3(X^3 + 1/x^3) = -8$$

$$X^9 + 1/x^9 = -8 + 6$$

$$X^9 + 1/x^9 = -2$$

6) Answer: D

Solution:

$$= 4x^2 - xy + 4y^2 = 4(x^2 + y^2) - xy = 4[(x+y)^2 - 2xy] - xy = 4(x+y)^2 - 9xy \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$x + y = [(\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{13}) / (\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{13})] + [(\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{13}) / (\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{13})]$$

$$= [(\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{13})^2 + (\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{13})^2] / ((\sqrt{15})^2 - (\sqrt{13})^2)$$

$$= [15 + 13 + 2(\sqrt{15})(\sqrt{13}) + 15 + 13 - 2(\sqrt{15})(\sqrt{13})] / 2$$

$$= 28$$

$$xy = [(\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{13}) / (\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{13})][(\sqrt{15} - \sqrt{13}) / (\sqrt{15} + \sqrt{13})] = 1$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow 4(28)^2 - 9 = 3127$$

7) Answer: B

Solution:

$$\text{As, } (a-b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a-b) \text{ [Algebraic identity]}$$

Put the values of $a^3 - b^3$ and $a-b$ in the above expression

$$1^3 = 37 - 3ab(1)$$

$$ab = 12$$

$$a^3 - b^3 = (a-b)(a^2 + ab + b^2) \text{ [Algebraic identity]}$$

put the values of $a^3 - b^3$, $a-b$ and ab in the above expression

$$37 = 1(a^2 + 12 + b^2)$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = 25$$

8) Answer: B

Solution:

$$9x^2 - 6x + 1 = 0$$

÷ by x

$$9x - 6 + 1/x = 0$$

$$9x + 1/x = 6$$

Squaring on both sides

$$(9x + 1/x)^2 = 36$$

$$81x^2 + 1/x^2 + 18 = 36$$

$$81x^2 + 1/x^2 = 18$$

9) Answer: B

Solution:

$$(x + y + z)^2 = x^2 + y^2 + z^2 + 2(xy + yz + zx) \text{ [Algebraic identity]}$$

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Substitute the values of $(x + y + z)$ and $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ in above expression

$$9^2 = 49 + 2(xy + yz + zx)$$

$$(xy + yz + zx) = (81 - 49)/2 = 16$$

$$\sqrt{(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)} = \sqrt{((x + y + z)(x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - xy - yz - zx))} \text{ [Algebraic identity]}$$

Put the values of $(x + y + z)$, $(x^2 + y^2 + z^2)$, $(xy + yz + zx)$ in the above expression

$$\sqrt{(x^3 + y^3 + z^3 - 3xyz)} = \sqrt{(9 \cdot (49 - 16))} = \sqrt{(9 \cdot 33)} = 3\sqrt{33}$$

10) Answer: C

Solution:

$$81a^4 + 225a^2b^2 + 625b^4 = 102$$

The above expression is rewritten as $(3a)^4 + (9a^2)(25b^2) + (5b)^4 = 102$

$$9a^2 + 15ab + 25b^2 = 17$$

The above expression is rewritten as $(3a)^2 + 15ab + (5b)^2 = 17$ ----- (1)

$$(a^4 + a^2b^2 + b^4) = (a^2 + ab + b^2)(a^2 - ab + b^2) \text{ [Algebraic identity]}$$

$$(3a)^4 + (9a^2)(25b^2) + (5b)^4 = [(3a)^2 + 15ab + (5b)^2][(3a)^2 - 15ab + (5b)^2]$$

$$102 = 17[(3a)^2 - 15ab + (5b)^2]$$

$$(3a)^2 - 15ab + (5b)^2 = 102/17 = 6 \text{ ----- (2)}$$

Adding (1) and (2)

$$(3a)^2 + 15ab + (5b)^2 + (3a)^2 - 15ab + (5b)^2 = 17 + 6 = 33$$

$$2((3a)^2 + (5b)^2) = 33$$

$$(3a)^2 + (5b)^2 = 33/2 \text{ ----- (3)}$$

Subtracting (1) and (2)

$$(3a)^2 + 15ab + (5b)^2 - (3a)^2 + 15ab - (5b)^2 = 17 - 6 = 11$$

$$30ab = 11$$

$$ab = 11/30 \text{ ----- (4)}$$

$$(a)^2 + (b)^2 + 2ab = (a+b)^2 \text{ [Algebraic identity]}$$

$$\text{Therefore, } (3a+5b)^2 = (3a)^2 + (5b)^2 + 2(3a)(5b)$$

$$(3a+5b)^2 = 33/2 + 11$$

$$(3a+5b) = \sqrt{(55/2)}$$

11) Answer: A

Solution:

$$(a+b-5)^2 + (c-a-6)^2 = 0$$

The above expression is of the form $x^2 + y^2 = 0$

Since both terms are in square, the expression is valid only when both terms are 0

$$\text{Therefore, } (a + b - 5) = 0, (c - a - 6) = 0$$

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$$a + b = 5 \text{ and } c - a = 6$$

Adding both terms

$$a + b + c - a = 11$$

$$b + c = 11$$

12) Answer: D

Solution:

$$= (a + b - c - d)^2 - (a - b + c - d)^2$$

$$\text{As, } (a + b + c + d)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + 2(ab + bc + ac + cd + ad + bd) \text{ [Algebraic identity]}$$

$$= (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + 2ab - 2bc + 2cd - 2ac - 2ad - 2bd) - (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 - 2ab - 2bc - 2cd + 2ac - 2ad + 2bd)$$

$$= a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2 + 2ab - 2bc + 2cd - 2ac - 2ad - 2bd - a^2 - b^2 - c^2 - d^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2cd - 2ac + 2ad - 2bd$$

$$= 4ab + 4cd - 4ac - 4bd$$

$$= 4(ab + cd - ac - bd)$$

13) Answer: A

Solution:

$$1 - 216x^3 - 18x + (102 + a)x^2 = (1 - ax)^3$$

Expand the RHS using the algebraic identity,

$$(a - b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2$$

Then the given expression becomes,

$$1 - 216x^3 - 18x + (102 + a)x^2 = 1 - (ax)^3 - 3(1)^2(ax) + 3(1)(ax)^2$$

Comparing the terms on both sides,

$$\text{The coefficient of } x^3, 216 = a^3$$

$$a = 6$$

14) Answer: B

Solution:

$$a^2 - b^2 + c^2 = 0$$

$$a^2 + c^2 = b^2$$

Cubing on both sides

$$(a^2 + c^2)^3 = b^6$$

$$a^6 + c^6 + 3a^4c^2 + 3a^2c^4 = b^6$$

$$a^6 + c^6 - b^6 = 3a^4c^2 + 3a^2c^4 \text{ ----- (1)}$$

As per Question

$$= (a^6 + c^6 - b^6) / (a^2 + c^2)$$

Put (1) in above expression

$$= (3a^4c^2 + 3a^2c^4) / (a^2 + c^2)$$

$$= 3a^2c^2(a^2 + c^2) / (a^2 + c^2)$$

$$= a^2c^2$$

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15) Answer: C

Solution:

The algebraic identity:

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$$

$$\text{So, } (a-5)^3 + (b-6)^3 + (c-7)^3 - 3(a-5)(b-6)(c-7) = (a-5+b-6+c-7)((a-5)^2 + (b-6)^2 + (c-7)^2 - (a-5)(b-6) - (b-6)(c-7) - (c-7)(a-5))$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-5)^3 + (b-6)^3 + (c-7)^3 - 3(a-5)(b-6)(c-7) = (a+b+c-18)((a-5)^2 + (b-6)^2 + (c-7)^2 - (a-5)(b-6) - (b-6)(c-7) - (c-7)(a-5))$$

From question $a + b + c = 18$

$$\Rightarrow (a-5)^3 + (b-6)^3 + (c-7)^3 - 3(a-5)(b-6)(c-7) = (18-18)((a-5)^2 + (b-6)^2 + (c-7)^2 - (a-5)(b-6) - (b-6)(c-7) - (c-7)(a-5))$$

$$\Rightarrow (a-5)^3 + (b-6)^3 + (c-7)^3 - 3(a-5)(b-6)(c-7) = 0$$

16) Answer: A

Solution:

$$x^4 + x^{-4} = 47$$

$$x^4 + 1/x^4 = 47$$

Add 2 both sides

$$x^4 + 1/x^4 + 2 = 49$$

The above expression is of the form $a^2 + b^2 + 2ab = (a + b)^2$ where $a = x$ and $b = 1/x$

Then the above expression becomes

$$(x^2 + 1/x^2)^2 = 7^2$$

Taking square root on both sides

$$(x^2 + 1/x^2) = 7$$

Again adding 2 both sides

$$(x^2 + 1/x^2 + 2) = 9$$

$$(x + 1/x)^2 = 3^2$$

Taking square root on both sides

$$(x + 1/x) = 3$$

17) Answer: C

Solution:

$$(16\sqrt{2}x^3 + 81\sqrt{3}y^3) \div (2\sqrt{2}x + 3\sqrt{3}y) = (Ax + By + Cxy)$$

Expand the numerator by using the algebraic identity

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a + b)(a^2 + b^2 - ab)$$

$$a = 2\sqrt{2}x \text{ and } b = 3\sqrt{3}y$$

$$[(2\sqrt{2}x + 3\sqrt{3}y)(8x^2 + 27y^2 - 6\sqrt{6}xy)] / (2\sqrt{2}x + 3\sqrt{3}y) = (Ax + By + Cxy)$$

$$(8x^2 + 27y^2 - 6\sqrt{6}xy) = (Ax^2 + By^2 + Cxy)$$

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Comparing the coefficients of respective terms

$$A=8, B=27 \text{ and } C=-6\sqrt{6}$$

$$5A-3B+C\sqrt{6}=5(8)-3(27)-(-6\sqrt{6})\sqrt{6}$$

$$= 40 - 81 - 36 = -77$$

18) Answer: C

Solution:

$$25x^2+49y^2+16z^2+50=40x-42y+40z$$

Rearrange the above expression

$$\Rightarrow (5x)^2+(7y)^2+(4z)^2-2(5x)(4)+2(7y)(3)-$$

$$2(4z)(5)+16+9+25=0$$

$$\Rightarrow (5x)^2-2(5x)(4)+16+(7y)^2+2(7y)(3)+9+(4z)^2-$$

$$2(4z)(5)+25=0$$

$$\Rightarrow [(5x)^2-2(5x)(4)+4^2]+[(7y)^2+2(7y)(3)+3^2]+[(4z)^2-$$

$$2(4z)(5)+5^2]=0$$

$$\Rightarrow (5x-4)^2+(7y+3)^2+(4z-5)^2=0$$

The above expression is 0 only when each term is 0

$$5x-4=0, 7y+3=0, 4z-5=0$$

$$X=4/5, y=-3/7 \text{ and } z=5/4$$

$$(14y+xz)=14(-3/7)+(4/5)(5/4)=-6+1=-5$$

19) Answer: A

Solution:

$$\text{As, } x^2+y^2=(x+y)^2-2xy \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$(1/x)-2y=6/x$$

$$1/x-6/x=2y$$

$$-5/x=2y$$

$$2xy=-5$$

Substitute the values of 2xy and x+y in (1)

$$x^2+y^2=1-(-5)=6$$

20) Answer: A

Solution:

$$=\sqrt{(x^4+y^4-2)}$$

$$=\sqrt{(x^2-y^2)^2}$$

$$=(x^2-y^2)$$

$$=((2\sqrt{5}+(1/2\sqrt{5})^2)-(2\sqrt{5}-(1/2\sqrt{5})^2))$$

The above expression is of the form,

$$(a+b)^2-(a-b)^2=4ab$$

$$A=2\sqrt{5}, b=1/2\sqrt{5}$$

$$\text{Then, } (2\sqrt{5}+1/2\sqrt{5})^2-(2\sqrt{5}-1/2\sqrt{5})^2=4(2\sqrt{5})(1/2\sqrt{5})=4$$

21) Answer: C

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Solution:

As we know,

$$(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2(ab + bc + ca)$$

Substitute the value of $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$ and $ab + bc + ca$ in the above expression

$$(a + b + c)^2 = 25 + 2(12) = 49$$

$$a + b + c = 7$$

As we know,

$$\frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)[(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2] = (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca) \text{ [Algebraic identity]}$$

Substitute the values of $(a+b+c)$ and $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$

$$\frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)[(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2] = 7(25 - 12)$$

$$\frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)[(a-b)^2 + (b-c)^2 + (c-a)^2] = 91$$

22) Answer: A

Solution:

$$= (a + b)^3 + (a - b)^3 - 2a^3$$

$$= a^3 + b^3 + 3a^2b + 3ab^2 + a^3 - b^3 - 3a^2b + 3ab^2 - 2a^3$$

$$= 6a^2b$$

23) Answer: A

Solution:

$$= 1/x^2 + 1/y^2$$

$$= (x^2 + y^2)/x^2y^2$$

$$= ((x + y)^2 - 2xy)/x^2y^2$$

Substitute the values of $(x + y)$ and xy

$$= (9^2 - 20)/100 = 61/100 = 0.61$$

24) Answer: C

Solution:

$$\text{As, } a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)(a^2 - ab + b^2) \text{ ----- (1)}$$

As per question

$$(a-b)^2 + ab = a^2 + b^2 - 2ab + ab = a^2 + b^2 - ab$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow 140 = 7(a^2 + b^2 - ab)$$

$$a^2 + b^2 - ab = 20$$

25) Answer: C

Solution:

Given:

$$x^2 + 1 = 3x$$

$$x^2 + 1 - 3x = 0$$

÷ by x

$$x + 1/x = 3$$

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Cubing on both sides

$$(x+1/x)^3 = x^3 + 1/x^3 + 3(x)(1/x)(x+1/x)$$

Put the value of $(x+1/x)$ in above expression

$$27 = x^3 + 1/x^3 + 9$$

$$x^3 + 1/x^3 = 18$$

According to the question,

$$= (x^4 + x^{-2}) / (x^2 + 3x + 1)$$

$$= (x^4 + x^{-2}) / (x^2 + 3x + 1 - 3x + 3x) \text{ {add and subtract } 3x}$$

$$= (x^4 + x^{-2}) / (x^2 + 1 - 3x + 6x)$$

Put the value of $x^2 + 1 - 3x$ in above expression

$$= (x^4 + 1/x^2) / (6x)$$

$$= x(x^3 + 1/x^3) / 6x$$

$$= (x^3 + 1/x^3) / 6 \text{ --- (1)}$$

Put the values of $(x^3 + 1/x^3)$ in (1)

$$(x^4 + x^{-2}) / (x^2 + 3x + 1) = 18/6 = 3$$

26) Answer: C

Solution:

$$x + 1/x = 5$$

Cubing on both sides

$$(x+1/x)^3 = 125$$

$$\text{As, } (a+b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a+b)$$

$$x^3 + 1/x^3 + 3(x+1/x) = 125$$

$$x^3 + 1/x^3 = 125 - 15 = 110$$

27) Answer: A

Solution:

$$(x-y)^2 = x^2 + y^2 - 2xy$$

Substitute the value of $x^2 + y^2$ and $x-y$ in above expression

$$6^2 = 23 - 2xy$$

$$36 - 23 = -2xy$$

$$-13/2 = xy$$

$$xy = -6.5$$

28) Answer: C

Solution:

$$= a/(a-b) + b/(b-a)$$

$$= a/(a-b) - b/(a-b)$$

$$= (a - b)/(a - b) = 1$$

29) Answer: C

Solution:

$$a/b + b/a = -1$$

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$$(a^2+b^2)/ab = -1$$

$$a^2+b^2 = -ab$$

$$a^2 + b^2 + ab = 0$$

As, $a^3-b^3 = (a-b)(a^2+b^2+ab)$ --- Algebraic identity

Substitute the values in the above expression then

$$a^3-b^3 = (a-b)(0)=0$$

30) Answer: B

Solution:

Given:

$$16x^2 + 9/x^2 = -24$$

$$16x^2 + 9/x^2 + 24 = 0$$

$$(4x)^2 + (3/x)^2 + 2(4x)(3/x) = 0$$

The above expression is of the form $a^2 + b^2 + 2ab = (a+b)^2$

$$\text{So, } (4x)^2 + (3/x)^2 + 2(4x)(3/x) = 0$$

$$(4x+3/x)^2 = 0$$

$$4x + 3/x = 0$$

$$x^2 = -3/4$$

According to the question

$$= 6x/(x^3+4x^2+x+3)$$

$$= 6x/x(x^2+4x+1+3/x)$$

$$= 6/(x^2+1+4x+3/x)$$

Put the value of $4x+3/x$ in the above expression

$$= 6/(x^2+1+0)$$

$$= 6/(-3/4+1) \quad \{\text{Since } x^2 = -3/4\}$$

$$= 6/(1/4) = 24$$

31) Answer: D

Solution:

$$3x - 3/x = 7$$

$$\div \text{ by } 3 \Rightarrow x - 1/x = 7/3$$

Cubing on both sides

$$(x - 1/x)^3 = 343/27$$

$$x^3 - 1/x^3 - 3(x - 1/x) = 343/27$$

Put the value of $x - 1/x$ in the above expression

$$x^3 - 1/x^3 - 3(7/3) = 343/27$$

$$x^3 - 1/x^3 - 7 = (343/27)$$

32) Answer: A

Solution:

$$= 1/(x^2 + xy + y^2)$$

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Multiply and divide by $(x - y)$

$$= (x - y)/[(x - y)(x^2 + xy + y^2)]$$

$$= (x - y)/(x^3 - y^3)$$

$$= (x - y)/(37 - 36) = x - y$$

33) Answer: C

Solution:

Given:

$$a + 1/a = 1$$

Squaring on both sides

$$a^2 + 1/a^2 + 2 = 1$$

$$a^2 + 1/a^2 + 1 = 0 \text{ ----- (1)}$$

According to the question,

$$= (a^6 - 1)/(a^6 + 1)$$

$$= a^3(a^3 - 1/a^3)/a^3(a^3 + 1/a^3)$$

$$= (a^3 - 1/a^3)/(a^3 + 1/a^3)$$

Expand the above expression using the algebraic identity

$$= [(a - 1/a)(a^2 + 1 + 1/a^2)]/[(a + 1/a)(a^2 - 1 + 1/a^2)] \text{ ---(2)}$$

Put (1) in (2)

$$(2) \Rightarrow [(a - 1/a)(0)]/[(a + 1/a)(a^2 - 1 + 1/a^2)] = 0$$

34) Answer: B

Solution:

$$X - y = 1 \text{ ---} \rightarrow 1$$

Take cube root on both sides

$$(X - Y)^3 = 1^3$$

$$X^3 - Y^3 - 3xy(x - y) = 1 \quad (x - y = 1 \text{ from equation 1})$$

$$X^3 - y^3 - 3xy = 1$$

35) Answer: C

Solution:

$$x^4 + 1/x^4 = 167$$

Add 2 on both sides

$$x^4 + 1/x^4 + 2 = 167 + 2$$

$$(x^2 + 1/x^2)^2 = 169$$

$$(x^2 + 1/x^2) = 13$$

Subtract 2 on both sides

$$(x^2 + 1/x^2 - 2) = 13 - 2$$

$$(x - 1/x)^2 = 11$$

$$x - 1/x = \sqrt{11}$$

36) Answer: A

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Solution:

$$3x^2+2x-6=0$$

$$3x^2+2x=6$$

Cubing on both sides

$$(3x^2+2x)^3=216$$

$$27x^6+8x^3+54x^5+36x^4=216$$

Subtract 6 on both sides

$$27x^6+8x^3+54x^5+36x^4-6=210$$

37) Answer: B

Solution:

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

The above expression can be rewritten as

$$= x-1/x \text{ -----} \rightarrow (1)$$

Given:

$$x^2-3x+1=0$$

$$x-3+1/x=0$$

$$x+1/x=3$$

As, algebraic identity $(x-1/x)^2=(x+1/x)^2-4$

Substitute the value of $x+1/x$ in above expression

$$(x-1/x)^2=(3)^2-4 = 5$$

$$(x - 1/x) = \sqrt{5}$$

38) Answer: C

Solution:

Given:

$$x^3-1/x^3=0$$

$$x^6=1$$

According to the question

$$= x^{81} - x^{15} - 6x^{36} + 7x^{42} + 9x^{54}$$

$$= x^3x^{78} - x^{18}/x^3 - 6x^{36} + 7x^{42} + 9x^{54}$$

$$= x^3(x^6)^{13} - (x^6)^3/x^3 - 6(x^6)^6 + 7(x^6)^7 + 9(x^6)^9$$

Put the value of x^6 in above expression

$$= x^3(1)^{13} - (1)^3/x^3 - 6(1)^6 + 7(1)^7 + 9(1)^9$$

$$= x^3 - 1/x^3 - 6 + 7 + 9$$

$$= 0 + 10 = 10 \text{ (As, } x^3 - 1/x^3 = 0)$$

39) Answer: A

Solution:

Given:

$$xy=1$$

$$y=1/(7+4\sqrt{3})$$

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Taking complex conjugate

$$y = (7-4\sqrt{3})/((7+4\sqrt{3})(7-4\sqrt{3}))$$

$$= 7-4\sqrt{3}/(49-48) = (7-4\sqrt{3})$$

$$y = (7-4\sqrt{3})$$

Question:

$$(1/x^2 + 1/y^2) = (x^2+y^2)/(xy)^2$$

$$= [(x+y)^2 - 2xy]/(xy)^2 \text{ ---(1)}$$

$$xy = (7+4\sqrt{3})(7-4\sqrt{3}) = 49-48=1$$

$$x+y = (7+4\sqrt{3}) + (7-4\sqrt{3}) = 14$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow (14^2 - 2)/1 = 194$$

40) Answer: A

Solution:

$$x = 11 + 2\sqrt{28}$$

$$= 7 + 4 + 2\sqrt{28}$$

$$= (\sqrt{7})^2 + (\sqrt{4})^2 + 2 \cdot \sqrt{7} \cdot \sqrt{4} = (\sqrt{7} + \sqrt{4})^2$$

$$\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{7} + \sqrt{4}$$

$$x+1 = 12 + 2\sqrt{28}$$

$$(x+1)/4\sqrt{x} = (12+2\sqrt{28})/4(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{4})$$

$$= (3+\sqrt{7})/(\sqrt{7}+\sqrt{4})$$

41) Answer: D

Solution:

$$= 313^3 - 350^3 + 37^3$$

As algebraic identity,

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a+b+c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$$

$$\text{Since, } a+b+c = 313-350+37=0$$

$$\text{Then, } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = 0$$

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$$

$$313^3 + (-350)^3 + 37^3 = 3(313)(-350)(37) = -12160050$$

42) Answer: D

Solution:

$$3x^2 + 1 = 3x$$

$$3x^2 + 1 - 3x = 0 \text{ ----- (1)}$$

Multiply by x

$$1 \Rightarrow 3x^3 + x - 3x^2 = 0 \text{ ---- (2)}$$

Multiply (2) by x

$$2 \Rightarrow 3x^4 + x^2 - 3x^3 = 0 \text{ ----(3)}$$

Adding 1, 2&3

$$3x^2 + 1 - 3x + 3x^3 + x - 3x^2 + 3x^4 + x^2 - 3x^3 = 0$$

$$1 - 2x + x^2 + 3x^4 = 0$$

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$$3x^4 + x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0$$

Add 5 on both sides

$$3x^4 + x^2 - 2x + 6 = 5$$

43) Answer: B

Solution:

$$x^2 - 1/x = 0$$

$$x^3 - 1 = 0$$

$$x^3 = 1$$

$$= x^{18} + 3x^{13} - 3x^{52} + 13x^{99}$$

$$= (x^3)^6 + 3x(x^3)^4 - 3x(x^3)^{17} + 13(x^3)^{33}$$

$$= (1)^6 + 3x(1)^4 - 3x(1)^{17} + 13(1)^{33}$$

$$= 1 + 3x - 3x + 13$$

$$= 14$$

44) Answer: B

Solution:

$$8(x-1)^3 - 64(2x-3)^3 + 125(4x-5)^3 = -120(4x-5)(2x^2-5x+3)$$

$$[2(x-1)]^3 + [-4(2x-3)]^3 + [5(4x-5)]^3 = 3 \cdot 2(x-1) \cdot (-4(2x-3)) \cdot 5(4x-5)$$

The above expression is of the form

$$a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$$

$$\text{If } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc \text{ then } a+b+c=0$$

$$a=2(x-1), b=-4(2x-3), c=5(4x-5)$$

$$a+b+c=2x-2-8x+12+20x-25=0$$

$$14x-15=0$$

$$x=15/14$$

45) Answer: A

Solution:

$$\text{If } x+1/x=4 \text{ --- (1)}$$

$$\text{Squaring on both sides, } (x+1/x)^2=16$$

$$x^2+1/x^2+2=16$$

$$x^2+1/x^2=14$$

$$\text{Cubing (1) } \Rightarrow (x+1/x)^3=64$$

$$x^3+1/x^3+3(x)(1/x)(x+1/x)=64$$

$$x^3+1/x^3=52$$

According to the Question

$$=x^6+x^4-52x^3-14x^2$$

Substitute the value of 52 and 14 in above expression

$$=x^6+x^4-(x^3+1/x^3)x^3-(x^2+1/x^2)(x^2)$$

$$=x^6+x^4-x^6-1-x^4-1=-2$$

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46) Answer: A

Solution:

$$3x-25= -3/x$$

$$3x+3/x=25$$

Divide by 3

$$x+1/x=25/3$$

Subtract 2 both sides

$$x+1/x-2=(25/3)-2$$

$$(\sqrt{x}-1/\sqrt{x})^2 = 19/3$$

$$\sqrt{x}-(1/\sqrt{x}) = \sqrt{(19/3)}$$

$$(x-1)/\sqrt{x} = \sqrt{(19/3)}$$

47) Answer: C

Solution:

Given:

$$0.064x^3+0.125y^3=189$$

$$(0.4x)^3+(0.5y)^3=189 \text{ ---(1)}$$

$$0.16x^2+0.25y^2=9.20$$

$$0.16x^2+0.25y^2=9+0.20$$

$$(0.4x)^2+(0.5y)^2-0.20=9 \text{ ---(2)}$$

$$\text{As, } a^3+b^3= (a+b)(a^2-ab+b^2) \text{ ---(3)}$$

By analysing the (1),(2) and(3)

$$a=0.4x \text{ and } b=0.5y$$

$$(3)=> (0.4x)^3+(0.5y)^3=(0.4x+0.5y)[(0.4x)^2+(0.5y)^2-0.20]$$

Put the respective values in the above expression

$$189= (0.4x+0.5y)(9)$$

$$(0.4x+0.5y)=21$$

48) Answer: C

Solution:

$$(a + b + c)^2=a^2+b^2+c^2+2(ab+bc+ca) \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$49 = a^2+b^2+c^2+2(12)$$

$$a^2+b^2+c^2 = 25$$

$$a^3+b^3+c^3+a^3+b^3+c^3=19+37+18=74$$

$$2(a^3+b^3+c^3) = 74$$

$$a^3+b^3+c^3 = 37$$

$$\text{As, } a^3+b^3+c^3-3abc = (a+b+c)(a^2+b^2+c^2-ab-bc-ca) \text{ -----}$$

$$\text{-- (2)}$$

Substitute the respective values

$$37-3abc=7*(25-12)$$

$$3abc = 37 - 91$$

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$$3abc = -54$$

$$abc = -18$$

49) Answer: B

Solution:

$$x^2/3 = (x-2)$$

$$x^2 = 3x - 6$$

$$x^2 - 3x + 6 = 0$$

$$\text{Sum of the roots } (a+b) = 3$$

$$\text{Product of the roots } (ab) = 6$$

According to the Question,

The roots of the required equation are a^3/b^2 and b^3/a^2

$$\text{Product of roots} = a^3/b^2 * b^3/a^2 = ab = 6$$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = a^3/b^2 + b^3/a^2$$

$$= (a^5 + b^5)/a^2b^2 \text{ ----- (1)}$$

$$(a^2 + b^2)(a^3 + b^3) = a^5 + b^5 + b^2a^3 + a^2b^3$$

$$(a^2 + b^2)(a^3 + b^3) = a^5 + b^5 + b^2a^2(a+b) \text{ ----- (2)}$$

$$a^2 + b^2 = (a+b)^2 - 2ab = 9 - 12 = -3$$

$$a^3 + b^3 = (a+b)^3 - 3ab(a+b) = 27 - 54 = -27$$

$$(2) \Rightarrow (-3)(-27) = a^5 + b^5 + (6)^2 * 3$$

$$a^5 + b^5 = 81 - 108 = -27$$

$$(1) \Rightarrow \text{Sum of roots} = -27/36 = -3/4$$

Required equation:

$$x^2 - (\text{sum of the roots})x + \text{product of roots} = 0$$

$$x^2 - (-3/4)x + 6 = 0$$

$$4x^2 + 3x + 24 = 0$$

50) Answer: A

Solution:

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4y - 6x = -13$$

$$x^2 + y^2 - 4y - 6x + 13 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 6x + 9 + y^2 - 4y + 4 = 0$$

$$(x-3)^2 + (y-2)^2 = 0$$

The above equation will be satisfied only when both terms are 0. Since both terms are in square.

Therefore, $x-3=0$ and $y-2=0$

$$x=3 \text{ and } y=2$$

According to the Question:

$$x^4 + y^5 = 3^4 + 2^5 = 81 + 32 = 113$$



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