

**Answer Key:**

1. C -

$$f(g(x)) = f(-x + 10) = y(-x + 10) + 4 = -yx + 10y + 4$$

$$g(f(x)) = g(yx + 4) = -(yx + 4) + 10 = -yx - 4 + 10 = -yx + 6$$

$$f(g(x)) = g(f(x)) \implies -yx + 10y + 4 = -yx + 6$$

$$10y + 4 = 6 \implies 10y = 2 \implies y = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\boxed{\frac{1}{5}}$$

2. A -

$$f(x) = \frac{\ln(x - e)}{x^2 - e^2}$$

$\ln(x - e)$  is defined when  $x > e$

$x^2 - e^2 = (x - e)(x + e)$  is non-zero when  $x \neq \pm e$

$x > e$  and  $x \neq e$

Domain:  $(e, \infty)$

$$\boxed{(e, \infty)}$$

3. D -

$$\log_2(x - 1) + \log_4(x - 4) = 2$$

$$x - 1 > 0 \quad \text{and} \quad x - 4 > 0 \implies x > 4$$

$$\log_4(x - 4) = \frac{1}{2} \log_2(x - 4)$$

$$\log_2(x - 1) + \frac{1}{2} \log_2(x - 4) = 2$$

$$2 \log_2(x - 1) + \log_2(x - 4) = 4$$

$$\log_2 \left( (x - 1)^2 (x - 4) \right) = 4$$

$$(x - 1)^2 (x - 4) = 2^4 = 16$$

$$(x^2 - 2x + 1)(x - 4) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x - 4 = 16$$

$$x^3 - 6x^2 + 9x - 20 = 0$$

$x = 5$  is a real solution

$$\log_2(5 - 1) + \log_4(5 - 4) = \log_2(4) + \log_4(1) = 2 + 0 = 2$$

$$\boxed{5}$$

4. B -

$$f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 8}{x^2 - 4}$$

Factor the numerator and denominator:

$$f(x) = \frac{(x-2)(x^2+2x+4)}{(x-2)(x+2)}$$

Cancel the common factor  $(x-2)$ :

$$f(x) = \frac{x^2+2x+4}{x+2}, \quad x \neq -2$$

Now, examine the asymptotes:

1. Vertical asymptote:

A vertical asymptote occurs where the denominator is zero and not canceled out.

$$x+2=0 \implies x=-2$$

2. Oblique asymptote:

Since the degree of the numerator is higher than the degree of the denominator (degree 2 vs. degree 1), there is an oblique asymptote.

$$x^2+2x+4 \div (x+2)$$

The quotient is  $x$  with a remainder of 0, so the oblique asymptote is  $y = x$ .Thus, there is one vertical asymptote at  $x = -2$  and one oblique asymptote at  $y = x$ .

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5. B - We are tasked with finding the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the polynomial  $Q_{15}(x)$ , where the sequence of polynomials  $Q_n(x)$  is defined recursively as  $Q_n(x) = Q_{n-1}(x+n)$  for  $n \geq 1$ , and the initial polynomial is given by:

$$Q_0(x) = x^4 + 5x^3 - 12x^2 + 8x + 7.$$

The recursive formula  $Q_n(x) = Q_{n-1}(x+n)$  shifts the argument of the polynomial  $Q_{n-1}(x)$  by  $n$ . This means that every time we move from  $Q_{n-1}(x)$  to  $Q_n(x)$ , we replace  $x$  with  $x+n$  in the polynomial.

We are interested in tracking how the  $x^2$  term changes under this recursion. In  $Q_0(x)$ , the  $x^2$  term is  $-12x^2$ . Each time we apply the transformation  $x \rightarrow x+n$ , the binomial expansion will produce new terms involving powers of  $x$ , specifically from the expansion of  $(x+n)^2$ .

When we substitute  $x+n$  for  $x$ , the  $x^2$  term in  $Q_{n-1}(x)$  changes as follows:

$$(x+n)^2 = x^2 + 2nx + n^2.$$

Thus, the term  $-12x^2$  in  $Q_0(x)$  becomes:

$$-12(x+n)^2 = -12(x^2 + 2nx + n^2) = -12x^2 - 24nx - 12n^2.$$

The new coefficient of  $x^2$  remains  $-12$ , and the transformation does not affect the coefficient of  $x^2$  as we iterate this process.

Since the transformation does not change the coefficient of  $x^2$ , the coefficient of  $x^2$  in  $Q_{15}(x)$  remains the same as in  $Q_0(x)$ , which is  $-12$ .

Thus, the coefficient of  $x^2$  in  $Q_{15}(x)$  is:

-12

6. **A** - We are given that the polynomial  $R(x)$  has certain remainders when divided by  $x - 7$  and  $x - 42$ . Specifically, the remainder when  $R(x)$  is divided by  $x - 7$  is 42, and the remainder when  $R(x)$  is divided by  $x - 42$  is 7. We need to find the remainder when  $R(x)$  is divided by  $(x - 7)(x - 42)$ .

According to the Remainder Theorem, when a polynomial  $R(x)$  is divided by  $(x - 7)(x - 42)$ , the remainder must be a linear polynomial of the form:

$$R(x) = (x - 7)(x - 42)Q(x) + ax + b$$

where  $ax + b$  is the remainder, and we need to determine  $a$  and  $b$ .

From the problem, we know:

$$R(7) = 42 \quad \text{and} \quad R(42) = 7$$

Substitute these into the remainder form  $R(x) = ax + b$ :

$$R(7) = a(7) + b = 42$$

$$7a + b = 42 \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

$$R(42) = a(42) + b = 7$$

$$42a + b = 7 \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

We now solve the system of linear equations:

$$7a + b = 42 \quad (\text{Equation 1})$$

$$42a + b = 7 \quad (\text{Equation 2})$$

Subtract Equation 1 from Equation 2:

$$(42a + b) - (7a + b) = 7 - 42$$

$$35a = -35$$

$$a = -1$$

Substitute  $a = -1$  into Equation 1:

$$7(-1) + b = 42$$

$$-7 + b = 42$$

$$b = 49$$

Thus, the remainder when  $R(x)$  is divided by  $(x - 7)(x - 42)$  is:

$$\boxed{-x + 49}$$

7. **B**

$$q(x) = x^2 + ax + b$$

$q(x)$  is a factor of both  $x^4 + 5x^2 + 9$  and  $2x^4 + 6x^2 - 4x + 6$ .

$$x^4 + 5x^2 + 9 = (x^2 + ax + b)(x^2 + cx + d)$$

Expanding:

$$x^4 + (a + c)x^3 + (ac + b + d)x^2 + (ad + bc)x + bd$$

$$a + c = 0, \quad ad + bc = 0, \quad ac + b + d = 5, \quad bd = 9$$

$$c = -a, \quad d = b$$

$$-a^2 + 2b = 5, \quad b^2 = 9 \implies b = \pm 3$$

If  $b = 3$ :

$$-a^2 + 2(3) = 7 \implies -a^2 + 6 = 7 \implies -a^2 = 1 \implies a^2 = 1 \implies a = \pm 1$$

$$\text{For } a = 1, \quad c = -1, \quad d = 3$$

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

$$q(2) = 2^2 + 2 + 3 = 9$$

$$\boxed{9}$$

8. C - Solve each piece for  $h(x) = 7$  :

$$\text{Case 1: } x^3 + 1 = 7 \text{ for } x < 0$$

$$x^3 = 6 \implies x = \sqrt[3]{6}$$

(this solution doesn't work since it violates the domain condition).

$$\text{Case 2: } \frac{3}{x} = 7 \text{ for } 0 < x \leq 4$$

$$x = \frac{3}{7}$$

$$\text{Case 3: } 6x - 8 = 7 \text{ for } x > 4$$

$$6x = 15 \implies x = \frac{15}{6} = 2.5$$

(this solution doesn't work since it violates the domain condition).

$$\boxed{\frac{3}{7}}$$

9. E - We are given that  $x^2 + 2x + 3$  is a factor of  $cx^3 + dx^2 + 4$ .

$$\text{Let } cx^3 + dx^2 + 4 = (x^2 + 2x + 3)(Ax + B).$$

Expand:

$$(x^2 + 2x + 3)(Ax + B) = Ax^3 + (2A + B)x^2 + (3A + 2B)x + 3B$$

Compare coefficients:

$$Ax^3 + (2A + B)x^2 + (3A + 2B)x + 3B = cx^3 + dx^2 + 0x + 4$$

From  $x^3$  and constants:  $A = c$ ,  $3B = 4 \implies B = \frac{4}{3}$  Since  $B$  must be an integer, no valid solution exists.

10. D - We are given that a line passes through  $(0, 4)$  and intersects the parabola  $y = x^2 + 1$ , with the positive difference in  $x$ -coordinates being 6.

The equation of the line is  $y = mx + 4$ , where  $m$  is the slope. Setting this equal to the parabola's equation:

$$mx + 4 = x^2 + 1$$

From the quadratic equation we get

$$6 = \sqrt{m^2 + 12} \rightarrow m = 2\sqrt{6} \rightarrow x = \sqrt{6} \pm 3 \rightarrow y_2 - y_1 = 2\sqrt{6}(\sqrt{6} + 3) + 4 - 2\sqrt{6}(\sqrt{6} - 3) - 4 = \boxed{12\sqrt{6}}$$

11. C -

$$|x - 2| = 4 - |x|$$

$$x = -1, \quad x = 3$$

$$\text{From } x = -1 \text{ to } x = 0: \quad \text{Area} = \frac{1 \times 2}{2} = 1$$

$$\text{From } x = 0 \text{ to } x = 2: \quad \text{Area} = 2 \times 2 = 4$$

$$\text{From } x = 2 \text{ to } x = 3: \quad \text{Area} = \frac{1 \times 2}{2} = 1$$

$$\text{Total Area} = 1 + 4 + 1 = 6$$

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12. D - Given:

$$\log_a(b) = 3 \implies b = a^3$$

$$\log_{3a}(3b) = 4 \implies (3a)^4 = 3b$$

Substitute  $b = a^3$ :

$$81a^4 = 3a^3 \implies 27a = 1 \implies a = \frac{1}{27}$$

Thus:

$$b = \left(\frac{1}{27}\right)^3 = \frac{1}{19683}$$

Compute  $\log_{9a}(9b)$ :

$$9a = \frac{9}{27} = \frac{1}{3}, \quad 9b = \frac{9}{19683} = \frac{1}{2187}$$

$$\log_{9a}(9b) = \log_{\frac{1}{3}}\left(\frac{1}{2187}\right) = \log_{\frac{1}{3}}\left(\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^7\right) = 7$$

Answer:

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13. B - For something to be a function, an arbitrary  $f(x)$  can only equal one distinct value. Therefore, looking at the ordered pairs, the only choice that matches this is **B**

14. C - The Pythagorean triples that satisfies are 16 and 63 or 33 and 56, in either order. So the answer is **4**

15. A -

$$g(x) = \begin{vmatrix} -x & 1 & x \\ x+2 & 2x & 1 \\ 4 & 3 & \frac{2}{x} \end{vmatrix}$$

Expanding the determinant:

$$g(x) = -x \cdot \begin{vmatrix} 2x & 1 \\ 3 & \frac{2}{x} \end{vmatrix} - 1 \cdot \begin{vmatrix} x+2 & 1 \\ 4 & \frac{2}{x} \end{vmatrix} + x \cdot \begin{vmatrix} x+2 & 2x \\ 4 & 3 \end{vmatrix}$$

Calculating each minor:

$$\begin{vmatrix} 2x & 1 \\ 3 & \frac{2}{x} \end{vmatrix} = 2x \cdot \frac{2}{x} - 1 \cdot 3 = 4 - 3 = 1$$

$$\begin{vmatrix} x+2 & 1 \\ 4 & \frac{2}{x} \end{vmatrix} = (x+2) \cdot \frac{2}{x} - 1 \cdot 4 = \frac{2x+4}{x} - 4 = \frac{2x+4-4x}{x} = \frac{-2x+4}{x}$$

$$\left| \begin{array}{cc} x+2 & 2x \\ 4 & 3 \end{array} \right| = (x+2) \cdot 3 - 2x \cdot 4 = 3x + 6 - 8x = -5x + 6$$

Substituting back into  $g(x)$ :

$$g(x) = -x(1) - 1 \left( \frac{-2x+4}{x} \right) + x(-5x+6) = -x + \frac{2x-4}{x} - 5x^2 + 6x$$

Simplifying:

$$g(x) = -x + \frac{2x-4}{x} - 5x^2 + 6x = 5x + \frac{2x-4}{x} - 5x^2$$

Combining over a common denominator:

$$g(x) = \frac{5x^2 + 2x - 4 - 5x^3}{x} = \frac{-5x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 4}{x}$$

Setting  $g(x) = 0$ :

$$\frac{-5x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 4}{x} = 0 \Rightarrow -5x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 4 = 0$$

Multiplying by  $-1$ :

$$5x^3 - 5x^2 - 2x + 4 = 0$$

For a cubic equation  $ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d = 0$ , the sum of the roots is:

$$-\frac{b}{a} = -\frac{-5}{5} = \boxed{1}$$

16. C -

$$x^2 - 7x + 10 = (x-2)(x-5)$$

$$2(2)^3 - 41(2)^2 + 125(2) - 102 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2 \text{ is a shared root}$$

$$f(x) = \left| 2x^3 - 41x^2 + 125x - 102 \right|^{x^2-7x+10} = 1$$

Solutions occur when:

$$1. x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 5 \text{ (since } x = 2 \text{ leads to } 0^0, \text{ which is undefined).}$$

$$2. |2x^3 - 41x^2 + 125x - 102| = 1, \text{ resulting in:}$$

$$2x^3 - 41x^2 + 125x - 103 = 0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2x^3 - 41x^2 + 125x - 101 = 0$$

The sum of the roots for each cubic equation is  $\frac{41}{2}$ .

Total sum of all roots:

$$5 + \frac{41}{2} + \frac{41}{2} = \boxed{46}$$

17. C -

$$f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$$

To verify that  $f$  is a bijection from  $(0, \infty)$  to  $(0, 1)$ :

**\*\*Injective:\*\***

$$\frac{x_1}{x_1+1} = \frac{x_2}{x_2+1} \implies x_1(x_2+1) = x_2(x_1+1) \implies x_1 = x_2$$

**\*\*Surjective:\*\*** For any  $y \in (0, 1)$ , solve  $y = \frac{x}{x+1}$ :

$$x = \frac{y}{1-y} \in (0, \infty)$$

Thus,  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$  is both injective and surjective, implying a bijection.

**\*\*Answer:\*\***  $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$

18. A -

$\ln(\sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 3})$  is undefined when  $\sqrt{x^2 - 4x + 3} \leq 0$

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 \leq 0$$

$$(x-1)(x-3) \leq 0$$

$$1 \leq x \leq 3$$

The integers in this interval are 1, 2, 3.

$$1 + 2 + 3 = \boxed{6}$$

19. D -

$$2x + y = 20$$

Applying the AM-GM inequality to  $2x$  and  $y$ :

$$\frac{2x+y}{2} \geq \sqrt{2x \cdot y}$$

$$\frac{20}{2} \geq \sqrt{2xy}$$

$$10 \geq \sqrt{2xy}$$

$$100 \geq 2xy$$

$$xy \leq 50$$

Equality holds when  $2x = y$ . Substituting into the perimeter equation:

$$2x + 2x = 20 \implies 4x = 20 \implies x = 5$$

$$y = 2x = 10$$

Thus, the maximum area is:

$$A = xy = 5 \times 10 = \boxed{50}$$

- 20. B** - We are given three points:  $(1, 3)$ ,  $(4, 7)$ , and  $(5, 11)$  on the quadratic function  $g(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ . We want to find  $g(2)$ .

Substitute the points into the quadratic equation:

1. From  $g(1) = 3$ :

$$a + b + c = 3$$

2. From  $g(4) = 7$ :

$$16a + 4b + c = 7$$

3. From  $g(5) = 11$ :

$$25a + 5b + c = 11$$

Subtract the first equation from the second and third:

$$15a + 3b = 4 \quad (1)$$

$$24a + 4b = 8 \quad (2)$$

Solve these two: 1. Divide (1) by 3:  $5a + b = \frac{4}{3}$  2. Divide (2) by 4:  $6a + b = 2$

Subtract to get  $a = \frac{2}{3}$ . Substitute  $a$  back to find  $b = -2$ , and use these values to find  $c = \frac{13}{3}$ .

Thus,  $g(x) = \frac{2}{3}x^2 - 2x + \frac{13}{3}$ .

Finally, calculate  $g(2)$ :

$$g(2) = \frac{2}{3}(4) - 4 + \frac{13}{3} = 3$$

So,  $g(2) = \boxed{3}$ .

- 21. B** - Factoring and simplifying this equation gives us that the denominator is simply equal to  $(x - 4)$ . So the only time it is undefined is when  $\boxed{x = 4}$

- 22. A** - We need the  $x^2y$  term from  $f(x, y) = (2x - 5y)^3$ .

Using the binomial expansion:

$$(2x - 5y)^3 = \sum_{k=0}^3 \binom{3}{k} (2x)^{3-k} (-5y)^k$$

We want  $x^{3-k} = x^2$  and  $y^k = y$ , so  $3 - k = 2$  and  $k = 1$ .

Substituting  $k = 1$ :

$$\binom{3}{1} (2x)^{3-1} (-5y)^1 = \binom{3}{1} (2x)^2 (-5y)$$

Simplifying:

$$\binom{3}{1} = 3, \quad (2x)^2 = 4x^2, \quad (-5y) = -5y$$



So the term is:

$$3 \times 4x^2 \times (-5y) = -60x^2y$$

The  $x^2y$  term is  $\boxed{-60x^2y}$ .

**23. C** - We check if there's a bijection between  $\mathbb{N}$  and each set:

1.  $\mathbb{N}$  is countably infinite since the identity function  $f(n) = n$  is a bijection from  $\mathbb{N}$  to  $\mathbb{N}$ .
2.  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countably infinite. There exists a bijection between  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{Q}$  by enumerating the rational numbers, so  $\mathbb{Q}$  is countable.
3.  $\mathbb{R}$  is uncountable. Cantor's diagonal argument shows no bijection between  $\mathbb{N}$  and  $\mathbb{R}$ .
4.  $\mathbb{Z}$  is countably infinite, as we can list integers in a sequence that includes all positive and negative integers, so a bijection with  $\mathbb{N}$  exists.

Three sets ( $\mathbb{N}, \mathbb{Q}, \mathbb{Z}$ ) are countably infinite.

Thus,  $\boxed{3}$  sets are countably infinite.

**24. B** - We need  $2 - \sqrt{2x^2 + 4x} \geq 0$  for the function  $g(x) = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2x^2 + 4x}}$  to be defined.

1. Start by solving  $2 - \sqrt{2x^2 + 4x} \geq 0$ , which gives  $\sqrt{2x^2 + 4x} \leq 2$ . Squaring both sides:

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

The roots are  $x = -1 \pm \sqrt{3}$ , so  $-1 - \sqrt{3} \leq x \leq -1 + \sqrt{3}$ .

2. For the inner square root,  $2x(x+2) \geq 0$ , the solution is  $x \leq -2$  or  $x \geq 0$ .

Thus the domain is  $\boxed{[-1 - \sqrt{3}, -2] \cup [0, \sqrt{3} - 1]}$

**25. A** - To find the range of  $g(x) = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2x^2 + 4x}}$ :

1. The inner expression  $\sqrt{2x^2 + 4x}$  ranges from 0 to 2 since  $0 \leq \sqrt{2x^2 + 4x} \leq 2$ .
  2. Therefore,  $2 - \sqrt{2x^2 + 4x}$  ranges from 0 to 2.
  3. Taking the square root of this gives  $g(x) = \sqrt{2 - \sqrt{2x^2 + 4x}}$ , which ranges from 0 to  $\sqrt{2}$ .
- Thus, the range of  $g(x)$  is  $[0, \sqrt{2}]$ .

**26. D** - We are given  $g(x) = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 5$  and need to find its minimum value for  $x \neq 0$ .

By the AM-GM inequality, we know that for  $a = x^2$  and  $b = \frac{1}{x^2}$ , we have:

$$a + b \geq 2\sqrt{ab}.$$

Since  $ab = x^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2} = 1$ , we get:

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} \geq 2.$$

Thus,  $g(x) = x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 5 \geq 2 + 5 = 7$ .

The minimum value of  $g(x)$  is  $\boxed{7}$ , which occurs when  $x^2 = 1$ .

27. **C** - We use shoelace formula:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Area} &= \frac{1}{2} |0 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 25 + 5 \cdot 15 + 2 \cdot 1 - (2 \cdot 1 + 5 \cdot 3 + 2 \cdot 25 + 0 \cdot 15)| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |0 + 50 + 75 + 2 - (2 + 15 + 50 + 0)| \\ &= \frac{1}{2} |75 - 15| = \frac{1}{2} \times 60 = \boxed{30}.\end{aligned}$$

28. **A** - We can see  $f(x) = a^x$ . Then, plugging in our conditions, we see that  $f(x) = 2^x$ . So  $f(2025) = \boxed{2^{2025}}$

29. **B** - Vietas tells us the sum is  $\boxed{\frac{4}{3}}$

30. **B** -  $f(x+2025) = x^2 + 2x - 5 \rightarrow f(x) = (x-2025)^2 + 2(x-2025) - 5$  So the product of the roots is  $2025^2 - 2(2025) - 5 = (2025)(2023) - 5 = \boxed{4096570}$