

Sequences and Series—SOLUTIONS

State Convention 2004

1. C—If $|r| > 1$, then it diverges (b/c its unbounded) and if $|r| < 1$ then the limit = 0, hence converges. If $r = 1$, converges to 0 and if $r = -1$, it diverges by oscillation. So $-1 < r \leq 1$.

2. B— $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{1}{1 \cdot 2} + \frac{1}{2 \cdot 3} + \frac{1}{3 \cdot 4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)}$. So, $S_n = 1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots + \frac{1}{n} - \frac{1}{n+1} = 1 - \frac{1}{n+1}$. And, $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} S_n = 1$.

3. D—The limit of the ratio for the series $\sum \frac{1}{n^{3/2}}$ is 1, so this test fails.

4. D— $S = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{2/3}{1-2/3} = 2$.

5. C— $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} (n+1)(x-3) = \infty$ (diverges), unless $x = 3$.

6. D—The series is $\cos \frac{\pi}{4} - (x - \frac{\pi}{4}) \sin \frac{\pi}{4} + \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^2}{2!} \cos \frac{\pi}{4} - \frac{(x - \frac{\pi}{4})^3}{3!} \sin \frac{\pi}{4} - \dots$. And the coefficient of the required term is $\frac{\sqrt{2}}{12}$.

7. A—Using the series for e^x and letting $x = -0.1$ gives the answer.

8. A— $f(x) = x \ln x$; $f'(x) = 1 + \ln x$; $f''(x) = \frac{1}{x}$; $f'''(x) = \frac{-1}{x^2}$; $f^4(x) = \frac{2}{x^3}$; $f^5(x) = \frac{-3 \cdot 2}{x^4}$ and $f^5(1) = -3 \cdot 2$.

So, the coefficient of $(x-1)^5 = \frac{-3 \cdot 2}{5!} = \frac{-1}{20}$.

9. C—Using the Ratio Test, we get $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left| \frac{x \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n}{2} \right| = \left| \frac{x}{2} \cdot e \right|$. So, the series converges when $\left| \frac{x}{2} \cdot e \right| < 1$, that is, when $|x| < \frac{2}{e}$. So, the radius of convergence is $\frac{2}{e}$.

10. D—Since the ratio $r < 1$, the sum of the series = $\frac{a}{1-r}$ or $\frac{\pi^3}{3^\pi} \cdot \frac{1}{1 - \frac{\pi^3}{3^\pi}}$, which simplifies to get the answer.

11. A—The error of this given series is less in absolute value than the first term dropped, that is, less than $\left| \frac{(-1)^{300}}{900-1} \right| \approx 0.0011$. The closest answer to this is A.

12. E—Using the Ratio Test, we get $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{1}{n+1} |x-1|$. This equals 0 if $x \neq 1 \Rightarrow$ convergent everywhere. It also converges if $x = 1$.

13. C—The power series for $\ln(1-x)$, if $x < 1$, is $-x - \frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} - \dots$ and the coefficient of the x^3 term is $-\frac{1}{3}$.

14. A—Rewrite the given limit as: $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left[\left(\frac{1}{n}\right)^{1/2} + \left(\frac{2}{n}\right)^{1/2} + \left(\frac{3}{n}\right)^{1/2} + \dots + \left(\frac{n}{n}\right)^{1/2} \right] \frac{1}{n}$. Note that the interval in

this case is 0 to 1 and $\Delta x = \frac{1}{n}$, $x_k = \frac{k}{n}$, and $f(x_k) = (x_k)^{1/2}$. This gives the integral.

15. B—Differentiating, the new series is $1 + \frac{x-1}{2} + \frac{(x-1)^2}{3} + \frac{(x-1)^3}{4} + \dots$ Using Ratio Test gives the answer.

16. B—The limit approaches 0 as n gets large (denominator gets huge).

17. D—Using the p -Series test, where $p > 1$, as in D, will show convergence.

18. B—Using the Integral test for B, shows divergence.

19. D—Using the Limit Comparison Test shows convergence for this series/

20. A—Since the given series is a convergent geometric series with $a = 2$ and $r = 0.2$, we have

$$R_3 = \frac{ar^3}{1-r} = \frac{2(1/5)^3}{1-1/5} = 0.02$$

21. D—We want $\frac{2(1/5)^n}{1-1/5} < 0.0002$. Solving, we get $n > 5.86$. so 6 terms are required for stated accuracy.

22. D—Rationalizing the denominators, we have $(\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{1}) + (\sqrt{3} - \sqrt{2}) + (\sqrt{4} - \sqrt{3}) + \dots + (\sqrt{25} - \sqrt{24}) = 4$.

23. C—Subtract 2 from the beginning index of summation means add 2 to the formula that is summed.

24. B—We have $(t_{10} + t_2 + \dots + t_{n-1}) + t_n = n^2 t_n \Rightarrow (n-1)^2 t_{n-1} = (n^2 - 1)t_n \Rightarrow t_n = \frac{n-1}{n+1} t_{n-1}$. So the sum is

$$50^2 \cdot \frac{1}{50 \cdot 51} = \frac{50}{51}.$$

25. B—Write the series as $1 + 3x + 5x^2 + 7x^3 + \dots$ which then can be written as

$$[1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots] + [2(x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots)] + [2(x^2 + x^3 + \dots)] + \dots = \left[\frac{1}{1-x} \right] + \left[\frac{2x}{1-x} \right] + \left[\frac{2x^2}{1-x} \right] + \dots = \frac{1+x}{(1-x)^2}$$

Letting $x = \frac{1}{3}$ gives the answer 3.

26. B—Plugging in, one can readily see that everything cancels but $2(n+1) - 1 = 2n+1$.

27. B—Let $S = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{2}{5^2} + \frac{3}{5^3} + \dots$ and $\frac{1}{5}S = \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{2}{5^3} + \frac{3}{5^4} + \dots$ Subtracting these quantities gives

$$\frac{4}{5}S = \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5^2} + \frac{1}{5^3} + \dots \text{ or (using the infinite geom. sum formula), } \frac{4}{5}S = \frac{1/5}{1-1/5} \Rightarrow S = \frac{5}{16}.$$

28. C—Rewrite the series as $1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{5} + \frac{1}{5} - \dots = 1 - \frac{1}{201} = \frac{200}{201}$.

29. D—Using the geometric sum formula, we get $S = (1+i)^{22} - 1$ and $(1+i)^2 = 2i$, so

$$(1+i)^{22} = (2i)^{11} \Rightarrow S = -1 - i \cdot 2^{11} = -1 - 2048i$$

30. D—Using the formula given, when $n = 1$, $x_2 = 3$ and when $n = 2$, $x_3 = 5$.