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EN1106 – Introductory Mathematics
Multiple Choice Question Paper

(ONE HOUR)

Important Instructions:

- The duration of the paper is 1 **(one) hour**.
- The medium of instruction and questions is English.
- The paper has **25 questions** and **06 pages**.
- All questions are of the **MCQ** (Multiple Choice Questions) type.
- All questions should be answered.
- Each question will have 5 (five) choices with **one or more** correct answers.
- All questions will carry **equal** marks.
- There will be a penalty for incorrect responses to discourage guessing.
- The mark given for a question will vary from 0 (*All the incorrect choices are marked & no correct choices are marked*) to +1 (*All the correct choices are marked & no incorrect choices are marked*).
- Answers should be marked on the special answer sheet provided.
- Note that questions appear on both sides of the paper.
If a page is not printed, please inform the supervisor immediately.
- Mark the correct choices on the question paper first and then transfer them to the given answer sheet which will be machine marked. **Please completely read and follow the instructions given on the other side of the answer sheet before you shade your correct choices.**
- Calculators are **not** allowed.
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1) If the perimeter of a rectangle is 160 cm and its length is 50 cm, then its diagonal is

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| (a) 50 cm | (b) $10\sqrt{34}$ cm | (c) 40 cm |
| (d) $10\sqrt{41}$ cm | (e) 30 cm | |

2) If $x = 5$ then $x + \frac{1}{1+\frac{1}{x}}$ is equal to

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| (a) $31/6$ | (b) $37/6$ | (c) $35/6$ |
| (d) $33/6$ | (e) $29/6$ | |

3) How many prime numbers are there between 100 and 120?

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| (a) 8 | (b) 7 | (c) 6 |
| (d) 5 | (e) 4 | |

4) The solution to the following set of simultaneous equations is

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = 5 \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{1}{x} - \frac{1}{y} = 1$$

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| (a) $x = 3, y = 2$ | (b) $x = 1/3, y = 1/2$ | (c) $x = 2, y = 3$ |
| (d) $x = 1/2, y = 1/3$ | (e) $x = 1/3, y = -1/2$ | |

5) Two cars A and B which are 100km apart move in the same direction where A is in front of B and, B starts 30 minutes after A. If A moving at 50kmph and B at 100kmph, how long will it take for B to overtake A?

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| (a) 2 hours | (b) 2 hours and 15 minutes | (c) 3 hours |
| (d) 2 hours and 20 minutes | (e) 2 hours and 30 minutes | |

6) Which of the following lines are parallel to the line $2x + 3y - 7 = 0$.

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| (a) $4x + 8y - 7 = 0$ | (b) $4x + 6y - 15 = 0$ | (c) $2x + 4y - 4 = 0$ |
| (d) $2x + 3y - 6 = 0$ | (e) $4x - 6y - 6 = 0$ | |

7) One of the roots of the equation $x^3 - 2x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ is 1. Then the other roots are

- (a) 2 and 3
- (b) -2 and -3
- (c) -2 and -1
- (d) -1 and -3
- (e) -2 and 3

8) The expression $1 + \frac{1}{1 - \frac{2}{1-x^2}}$ is equal to

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

9) If $x^2 + 2x + 5 > 0$, then the possible values of x are

- (a) $x > 1$
- (b) $x > 0$
- (c) Any real number
- (d) $-1 < x < 5$
- (e) $-5 < x < 1$

10) A solid metal cube of side k cm is melted and a cone of base radius $k/2$ cm is made. The height of this cone in cm is

- (a) $6k/\pi$
- (b) $3k/\pi$
- (c) $9k/\pi$
- (d) $24k/\pi$
- (e) $12k/\pi$

11) The sum of squares of two numbers x and y is 2, and their product is 1. Then the square of the sum of x and y is

- (a) 4
- (b) 3
- (c) 6
- (d) 2
- (e) 8

12) If $x_{n+1} = 2x_n$ for $n \geq 1$ and $x_1 = 10$, then the value of x_{10} is

- (a) 10×2^{10}
- (b) 10×2^9
- (c) 2560
- (d) 5120
- (e) 10×2^8

13) If $|4x - 1| > 3$, then x will satisfy

- (a) $x > 1$
- (b) $x > 2$
- (c) $x < 1$
- (d) $x < -2$
- (e) $x < -1/2$

14) A spherical bowl of diameter 20 cm is full of water. This is emptied by pouring the water into a cuboid shaped vessel with a square base of side 10 cm. Then the height of water in the cuboid shaped vessel in cm is

- (a) $20\pi/3$
- (b) $60\pi/3$
- (c) $30\pi/4$
- (d) $40\pi/3$
- (e) $27\pi/4$

15) The price of a pen, a pencil and an eraser are in the ratio 4:3:2. If the price of 3 pens, 2 pencils and an eraser is Rs. 200, find the prices of 3 pens, 2 pencil and an eraser as a triad (pen, pencil, eraser).

- (a) (120, 60, 20)
- (b) (120, 40, 40)
- (c) (80, 60, 60)
- (d) (110, 75, 15)
- (e) (100, 60, 40)

16) The value of $\log_2 3 = x$ then $\log_4 12$ is equal to

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

17) If the sum of the first n cubic numbers is $\left[\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right]^2$, then the sum $5^3 + 6^3 + 7^3 + 8^3 + 9^3$ is

- (a) 2215
- (b) 1925
- (c) 1825
- (d) 2125
- (e) 2225

18) If $\frac{36x^5}{(9x^2)^{2/3} \times 27x} = 2^a \times 3^b \times x^c$, then the triad (a, b, c) is equal to

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| (a) $(2, -7/3, -8/3)$ | (b) $(3, -7/3, -8/3)$ | (c) $(3, 7/3, 8/3)$ |
| (d) $(2, -7/3, 8/3)$ | (e) $(2, 7/3, 8/3)$ | |

19) A invested Rs. 500,000 on 1st January 2021 in a business. His friend B joined this business on 1st April 2021 with Rs 1,000,000. In what ratio should they divide the year end profits.

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| (a) A : B = 3 : 2 | (b) A : B = 1 : 1 | (c) A : B = 2 : 3 |
| (d) A : B = 3 : 4 | (e) A : B = 1/3 : 1/2 | |

20) The solution to the equation $\log_9(2 - 3x) = \log_3\left(\frac{1}{3}\right)$ is

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| (a) $x = 27/17$ | (b) $x = 15/27$ | (c) $x = 16/27$ |
| (d) $x = 17/27$ | (e) $x = 27/16$ | |

21) If a fraction has its denominator 7 more than its numerator (x) and the fraction is positive, but less than $1/2$, then the numerator is

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| (a) $x < 7$ | (b) $7 < x < 14$ | (c) $x < -7$ |
| (d) $x < 14$ | (e) $-14 < x < -7$ | |

22) Rs X invested at compound interest of $100r$ % per annum for 2 years yields the same amount when it is invested at simple interest of 10 % for 5 years. Then the value of r is

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| (a) $\frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$ | (b) $\frac{3-\sqrt{3}}{\sqrt{2}}$ | (c) $\frac{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$ |
| (d) $\frac{4-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{2}}$ | (e) $\frac{\sqrt{3}-\sqrt{2}}{\sqrt{3}}$ | |

23) The sum $S = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \dots + \frac{1}{n^2} + \dots$ is

- (a) more than 10
- (b) is infinite
- (c) less than 4
- (d) is equal to 2
- (e) is equal to 1

24) Which of the following are possible solutions of $73 \equiv x \pmod{7}$

- (a) 3
- (b) 7
- (c) 10
- (d) -4
- (e) 1

25) The remainder when 2^{18} is divided by 17 is

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| (a) 13 | (b) 4 | (c) 7 |
| (d) 5 | (e) 11 | |
