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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

(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

(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?

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

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

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

(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?

(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  $2x + 3y - 7 = 0$ .

(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

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| (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

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| (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

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|---------------|---------------|--------------|
| (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

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| (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

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| (a) $10 \times 2^{10}$ | (b) $10 \times 2^9$ | (c) 2560 |
| (d) 5120               | (e) $10 \times 2^8$ |          |

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

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| (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).

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| (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

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|---------------------|---------------------|---------------------|
| (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

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| (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 1<sup>st</sup> January 2021 in a business. His friend B joined this business on 1<sup>st</sup> 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  $S = 1 + \frac{1}{2^2} + \frac{1}{3^2} + \frac{1}{4^2} + \cdots \frac{1}{n^2} + \cdots$  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 |       |

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