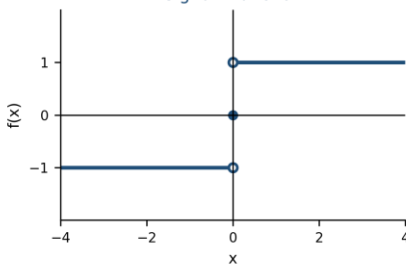


Five Questions in the source paper (Q2, Q8, Q13, Q15 and Q30(a)) carry apparent print/OCR defects; each correction is flagged inline in red.

Q. No	Step-by-Step Solution	Marks per Step
SECTION – A (Q1–20, 1 mark each)		
1	$A \cap B = B$ means every element of B is also in A , i.e. $B \subseteq A$. (b) $B \subset A$	1 mark for the correct option.
2	$n(A) = 3, n(B) = 2 \Rightarrow n(A \times B) = 6$. Number of relations = $2^6 = 64$; non-empty relations = $64 - 1 = 63$. <i>Note: printed option (d) shows “632”, a typo for 63.</i> (d) 63	1 mark for the correct option.
3	$\sin(45^\circ + \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\cos \theta + \sin \theta); \cos(45^\circ - \theta) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}(\cos \theta + \sin \theta)$. $\sin(45^\circ + \theta) - \cos(45^\circ - \theta) = 0$. (d) 0	1 mark for the correct option.
4	$(X \cup Y)' = X' \cap Y'$ (De Morgan's law). $X \cap (X \cup Y)' = X \cap (X' \cap Y') = (X \cap X') \cap Y' = \varnothing \cap Y' = \varnothing$. (c) φ	1 mark for the correct option.
5	$1 + i^2 + i^4 + \dots + i^{2026} = \sum_{k=0}^{1013} i^{2k} = \sum_{k=0}^{1013} (-1)^k$ (1014 terms). An even number of alternating $+1, -1$ terms sums to 0. (a) 0	1 mark for the correct option.
6	$ x - 2 < 5 \Rightarrow -5 < x - 2 < 5 \Rightarrow -3 < x < 7$. (d) $-3 < x < 7$	1 mark for the correct option.
7	$f(x) = \sqrt{7 - x}$ needs $7 - x \geq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 7$. (c) 7	1 mark for the correct option.
8	Diagonals = $\frac{n(n-3)}{2} = 44 \Rightarrow n^2 - 3n - 88 = 0$. $n = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 352}}{2} = \frac{3 \pm 19}{2} \Rightarrow n = 11$. <i>Note: option (c) is unreadable in the source PDF; the correct value is 11 sides.</i> (c) 11	1 mark for the correct option.
9	$\cos 120^\circ = -\frac{1}{2}; \sin 210^\circ = -\frac{1}{2}$. $\cos 120^\circ + \sin 210^\circ = -1$. (d) -1	1 mark for the correct option.

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10	$\binom{n}{25} = \binom{n}{14} \Rightarrow n - 25 = 14 \Rightarrow n = 39.$ $\binom{n}{1} = n = 39.$ (d) 39	1 mark for the correct option.
11	$-3x + 17 < -13 \Rightarrow -3x < -30 \Rightarrow x > 10$ (dividing by -3 reverses the inequality). (a) $x \in (10, \infty)$	1 mark for the correct option.
12	$\sqrt{-9} = 3i, \sqrt{-16} = 4i.$ $2\sqrt{-9} \times \sqrt{-16} = 2 \times 3i \times 4i = 24i^2 = -24.$ (b) -24	1 mark for the correct option.
13	As printed, $5 \cos x + 7$ has maximum 12 (at $\cos x = 1$) — not among the given options. <i>Note: the coefficient appears to be a print error for 2. Taking $2 \cos x + 7$: since $-1 \leq \cos x \leq 1$, range is $[5, 9]$.</i> (b) 9	1 mark for the correct option.
14	$5 - x > 2 \Rightarrow x < 3.$ Natural numbers less than 3: $x \in \{1, 2\}.$ (d) $\{1, 2\}$	1 mark for the correct option.
15	$(4 + 3i)^{-1} = \frac{4 - 3i}{4^2 + 3^2} = \frac{4 - 3i}{25} = \frac{4}{25} - \frac{3}{25}i.$ <i>Note: option (d) as printed appears OCR-garbled; this matches the calculation exactly.</i> (d) $\frac{4}{25} - \frac{3}{25}i$	1 mark for the correct option.
16	Let $t = [x]$. $t^2 - 5t + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (t - 2)(t - 3) = 0 \Rightarrow t = 2$ or $3.$ $[x] = 2 \Rightarrow x \in [2, 3); [x] = 3 \Rightarrow x \in [3, 4);$ union $= [2, 4).$ (d) $x \in [2, 4)$	1 mark for the correct option.
17	$A = \{3, 6, 9, 12\}$ needs a rule generating exactly these 4 values. Option (d): $x = 3(n - 1), n \in N, 1 < n < 6 \Rightarrow n = 2, 3, 4, 5 \Rightarrow x = 3, 6, 9, 12.$ (d) $A = \{x : x = 3(n - 1), n \in N, 1 < n < 6\}$	1 mark for the correct option.
18	Each toss has 2 outcomes; for 6 independent tosses, total outcomes $= 2^6 = 64.$ (b) 64	1 mark for the correct option.
19	$f(x) = \sin 5x + \cos 5x = \sqrt{2} \sin\left(5x + \frac{\pi}{4}\right),$ amplitude $\sqrt{2}.$ Since $-1 \leq \sin \theta \leq 1$ for all θ (Reason R, true), range of f is $[-\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{2}]$ (Assertion A, true). R is exactly the fact used to derive A, so R correctly explains A.	1 mark for the correct option.

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	(a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A.	
20	$\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ vs $\{3, 2, 5, 1\}$: the element 4 is not in the second set — sets are NOT equal. Assertion A is FALSE. Reason R (the definition of equal sets) is TRUE. (d) A is false but R is true.	1 mark for the correct option.
SECTION – B (Q21–25, 2 marks each)		
21	Part (a) $A - B = A \cap B'$, so $(A \cap B) \cup (A - B) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B') = A \cap (B \cup B')$. $B \cup B' = U \Rightarrow A \cap (B \cup B') = A \cap U = A$. Hence $(A \cap B) \cup (A - B) = A$. Part (b) $A = \{x : x^2 + 7 x + 6 = 0\}$. Let $t = x \geq 0$: $t^2 + 7t + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow (t+1)(t+6) = 0 \Rightarrow t = -1, -6$. Both roots negative — invalid for x — so no real x exists. Answer: $A = \varnothing$; its only subset is $\varnothing$ itself.	Step 1 (a): 1 mark for the proof using $A - B = A \cap B'$. Step 1 (b): 1 mark for finding $A = \varnothing$ and its only subset.
22	$(\cos x + \cos y)^2 + (\sin x - \sin y)^2 = \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x + \cos^2 y + \sin^2 y + 2(\cos x \cos y - \sin x \sin y)$. $= 2 + 2\cos(x+y) = 2[1 + \cos(x+y)]$. Using $1 + \cos \theta = 2\cos^2(\theta/2)$: $= 4\cos^2\left(\frac{x+y}{2}\right)$. Hence proved.	Step 1: 1 mark for expanding and grouping using $\cos^2 + \sin^2 = 1$. Step 2: 1 mark for the half-angle step to the final form.
23	Part (a) $x + iy = \frac{a+ib}{a-ib} \Rightarrow x+iy = \frac{ a+ib }{ a-ib } = 1$ (equal moduli). $\Rightarrow x^2 + y^2 = 1$. Part (b) $\left(\frac{1}{3} + 3i\right)^3 = (a^3 - 3ab^2) + i(3a^2b - b^3)$, with $a = \frac{1}{3}$, $b = 3$. Real part $= \frac{1}{27} - 9 = -\frac{242}{27}$; Imaginary part $= 1 - 27 = -26$. Answer: $-\frac{242}{27} - 26i$	Step 1 (a): 1 mark for using $a+ib = a-ib$. Step 1 (b): 1 mark for the binomial expansion to $a+ib$ form.
24	(i) Repetition allowed $5 \times 5 \times 5 = 125$. (ii) Repetition not allowed $5 \times 4 \times 3 = 60$.	Step 1: 1 mark for 125 (repetition allowed). Step 2: 1 mark for 60 (repetition not allowed).

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25	$l = r\theta \Rightarrow r_1\theta_1 = r_2\theta_2; \theta_1 = 75^\circ = \frac{5\pi}{12}, \theta_2 = 90^\circ = \frac{\pi}{2}.$ $\frac{r_1}{r_2} = \frac{\theta_2}{\theta_1} = \frac{\pi/2}{5\pi/12} = \frac{6}{5}.$ Answer: radii in ratio 6 : 5.	Step 1: 1 mark for $r_1\theta_1 = r_2\theta_2$ with correct radian conversion. Step 2: 1 mark for the final ratio 6 : 5.
SECTION – C (Q26–31, 3 marks each)		
26	Signum function  $f(x) = 1$ if $x > 0$; $f(x) = 0$ if $x = 0$; $f(x) = -1$ if $x < 0$. Domain: $\mathbb{R}$. Range: $\{-1, 0, 1\}$.	Step 1: 1 mark for the piecewise definition. Step 2: 1 mark for the graph. Step 3: 1 mark for domain and range.
27	Part (a) $x + iy = (u + iv)^{1/3} \Rightarrow (x + iy)^3 = u + iv = (x^3 - 3xy^2) + i(3x^2y - y^3).$ $u = x(x^2 - 3y^2), v = y(3x^2 - y^2) \Rightarrow \frac{u}{x} = x^2 - 3y^2, \frac{v}{y} = 3x^2 - y^2.$ $\frac{u}{x} + \frac{v}{y} = 4x^2 - 4y^2 = 4(x^2 - y^2).$ Part (a) — OR: $z_1 = 2 - i, z_2 = 1 + i$ $z_1 + z_2 + 1 = 4; z_1 - z_2 + i = 1 - i.$ $\frac{4}{1 - i} = \frac{4(1 + i)}{2} = 2 + 2i \Rightarrow 2 + 2i = \sqrt{8} = 2\sqrt{2}.$ Answer: $2\sqrt{2}$	Step 1: 1 mark for cubing and expanding $(x + iy)^3$. Step 2: 1 mark for forming $u/x, v/y$. Step 3: 1 mark for the final simplification (OR: rationalising to $2\sqrt{2}$).
28	Part (a) Acid quantity fixed = $0.45 \times 1125 = 506.25$ L. Let x L water be added. $25 < \frac{50625}{1125 + x} < 30 \Rightarrow 562.5 < x < 900.$ Answer: between 562.5 L and 900 L. Part (b) — OR $5(2x - 7) - 3(2x + 3) \leq 0 \Rightarrow x \leq 11.$ $2x + 19 \leq 6x + 47 \Rightarrow x \geq -7.$ Answer: $x \in [-7, 11]$	Step 1: 1 mark for the fixed acid quantity and inequality setup. Step 2: 1 mark for solving both bounds. Step 3: 1 mark for the final interval.

Q. No	Step-by-Step Solution	Marks per Step
29	$\frac{2x-1}{3} \geq \frac{3x-2}{4} - \frac{2-x}{5}$ Multiply by LCM = 60: $20(2x-1) \geq 15(3x-2) - 12(2-x) \Rightarrow 40x - 20 \geq 57x - 54$ $34 \geq 17x \Rightarrow x \leq 2$ Answer: $x \in (-\infty, 2]$	Step 1: 1 mark for clearing denominators. Step 2: 1 mark for expanding and simplifying. Step 3: 1 mark for the final answer.
30	Part (a) <i>Note: printed denominator has a typo — coefficient of $\tan^4 x$ should be 1, not 4:</i> $\frac{4 \tan x(1 - \tan^2 x)}{1 - 6 \tan^2 x + \tan^4 x} = \tan 4x$ $\tan 2x = \frac{2 \tan x}{1 - \tan^2 x}; \tan 4x = \frac{2 \tan 2x}{1 - \tan^2 2x}$ Substituting and simplifying: $\tan 4x = \frac{4 \tan x(1 - \tan^2 x)}{1 - 6 \tan^2 x + \tan^4 x}$ Part (b) — OR: find $\tan(\pi/8)$ $\tan \frac{\theta}{2} = \frac{1 - \cos \theta}{\sin \theta}, \theta = 45^\circ: \tan \frac{\pi}{8} = \frac{1 - \frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}}{\frac{\sqrt{2}}{2}} = \sqrt{2} - 1$ Answer: $\sqrt{2} - 1$	Step 1: 1 mark for applying $\tan 2\theta$ twice. Step 2: 1 mark for expanding $(1 - \tan^2 x)^2 - 4 \tan^2 x$. Step 3: 1 mark for the final identity (OR: value $\sqrt{2} - 1$).
31	$U = \{1, \dots, 9\}, A = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}, B = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$. $A \cup B = \{2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\} \Rightarrow (A \cup B)' = \{1, 9\} = A' \cap B'$. (i) verified. $A \cap B = \{2\} \Rightarrow (A \cap B)' = \{1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\} = A' \cup B'$. (ii) verified. Both De Morgan's laws verified.	Step 1: 1 mark for verifying (i). Step 2: 1 mark for verifying (ii). Step 3: 1 mark for the concluding statement.
SECTION – D (Q32–35, 5 marks each)		
32	$(1 + \cos \frac{5\pi}{8}) = 1 - \cos \frac{3\pi}{8}; (1 + \cos \frac{7\pi}{8}) = 1 - \cos \frac{\pi}{8}$ (supplementary angles). Product = $\sin^2 \frac{\pi}{8} \sin^2 \frac{3\pi}{8} = \sin^2 \frac{\pi}{8} \cos^2 \frac{\pi}{8} = \left(\frac{1}{2} \sin \frac{\pi}{4}\right)^2$ $= \left(\frac{\sqrt{2}}{4}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{8}$ OR: Show $2 \sin^2 \beta + 4 \cos(\alpha + \beta) \sin \alpha \sin \beta + \cos 2(\alpha + \beta) = \cos 2\alpha$ Let $S = \alpha + \beta$. $2 \sin^2 \beta = 1 - \cos 2\beta$. $2 \sin \alpha \sin \beta = \cos(\alpha - \beta) - \cos S \Rightarrow 4 \cos S \sin \alpha \sin \beta = 2 \cos S \cos(\alpha - \beta) - 2 \cos^2 S$ $2 \cos S \cos(\alpha - \beta) = \cos 2\alpha + \cos 2\beta$ (sum-to-product, since $S \pm (\alpha - \beta) = 2\alpha, 2\beta$). Sum = $1 + \cos 2\alpha - 2 \cos^2 S + \cos 2S$; using $2 \cos^2 S = \cos 2S + 1$: $= \cos 2\alpha$.	Step 1: 1 mark for pairing supplementary terms. Step 2: 2 marks for reducing to $\sin^2(\pi/8) \cos^2(\pi/8)$. Step 3: 2 marks for the final evaluation $1/8$ (OR: 2+2+1 marks for the identity proof).
33	$f(x) = \sqrt{2026 - x^2}$ needs $2026 - x^2 \geq 0 \Rightarrow x^2 \leq 2026$. Domain: $x \in [-\sqrt{2026}, \sqrt{2026}]$	Step 1: 2 marks for the domain. Step 2: 3 marks for the range.

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	$2026 - x^2$ ranges over $[0, 2026]$ as x^2 ranges over $[0, 2026]$; taking the square root: Range: $f(x) \in [0, \sqrt{2026}]$	
34	(i) No girl $\binom{7}{5} = 21$. (ii) At least one boy and one girl $\binom{11}{5} - \binom{7}{5} - 0 = 462 - 21 = 441$. (iii) At least 3 girls $\binom{4}{3}\binom{7}{2} + \binom{4}{4}\binom{7}{1} = 84 + 7 = 91$. OR: PERMUTATIONS (12 letters, T repeated twice) (i) Starts with P, ends with S: $\frac{10!}{2!} = 1,814,400$. (ii) Vowels together: $\frac{8!}{2!} \times 5! = 20160 \times 120 = 2,419,200$. (iii) Exactly 4 letters between P, S: $7 \text{ position-pairs} \times 2 \times \frac{10!}{2!} = 14 \times 1,814,400 = 25,401,600$.	Step 1: (i) 1, (ii) 2, (iii) 2 marks — total 5. (OR:) Step 1: 1 mark (i); Step 2: 2 marks (ii); Step 3: 2 marks (iii).
35	Part 1 — Prove $\tan 5x - \tan 4x - \tan x = \tan 5x \tan 4x \tan x$ $\tan 5x = \tan(4x + x) = \frac{\tan 4x + \tan x}{1 - \tan 4x \tan x}$ $\Rightarrow \tan 5x - \tan 5x \tan 4x \tan x = \tan 4x + \tan x \Rightarrow \tan 5x - \tan 4x - \tan x = \tan 5x \tan 4x \tan x$ Part 2 — Evaluate $\frac{\tan 50^\circ}{2 \tan 10^\circ + \tan 40^\circ}$ With $x = 10^\circ$: $\tan 50^\circ - \tan 40^\circ - \tan 10^\circ = \tan 50^\circ \tan 40^\circ \tan 10^\circ$. $\tan 40^\circ = \cot 50^\circ \Rightarrow \tan 50^\circ \tan 40^\circ = 1 \Rightarrow \text{RHS} = \tan 10^\circ$. $\Rightarrow \tan 50^\circ = \tan 40^\circ + 2 \tan 10^\circ \Rightarrow \frac{\tan 50^\circ}{2 \tan 10^\circ + \tan 40^\circ} = 1$	Step 1: 2 marks for the identity proof. Step 2: 2 marks for using $\tan 40^\circ = \cot 50^\circ$. Step 3: 1 mark for the final value 1.
SECTION – E (Q36–38, Case-Study Based, 4 marks each)		
36	Side elevation of the platform (not to scale) $PQRS$ square, side 1 m $\Rightarrow$ height $h = 1$ m (all sides of a square are equal). $\tan \theta_1 = \frac{h}{US} = \frac{1}{2}; \tan \theta_2 = \frac{h}{RV} = \frac{1}{3}$	Step 1: 1 mark for $h = 1$ m and $\tan \theta_1, \tan \theta_2$. Step 2 (i): 1 mark. Step 3 (ii): 1 mark. Step 4 (iii): 2 marks for $\tan(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = 1$ (OR: 2 marks for $\pi/4$).

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	(i) $\tan \theta_1 + \tan \theta_2 = \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} = \frac{5}{6}$. (ii) $\tan \theta_1 \cdot \tan \theta_2 = \frac{1}{2} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{1}{6}$. (iii) $\tan(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = \frac{5/6}{1 - 1/6} = \frac{5/6}{5/6} = 1$. OR (iii): radian measure of $\theta_1 + \theta_2$ Both $\theta_1, \theta_2 < 45^\circ$, so $\theta_1 + \theta_2 \in (0^\circ, 90^\circ)$; $\tan(\theta_1 + \theta_2) = 1 \Rightarrow \theta_1 + \theta_2 = \frac{\pi}{4}$.	
37	(i) $\binom{10}{2} \times \binom{20}{3} = 45 \times 1140 = 51,300$. (ii) $\binom{9}{1} \times \binom{20}{3} = 9 \times 1140 = 10,260$. (iii) $\binom{10}{2} \times \binom{19}{3} = 45 \times 969 = 43,605$. OR (iii): a particular professor excluded $\binom{9}{2} \times \binom{20}{3} = 36 \times 1140 = 41,040$.	Step 1 (i): 1 mark for 51,300. Step 2 (ii): 1 mark for 10,260. Step 3 (iii): 2 marks for 43,605 (OR: 2 marks for 41,040).
38	(i) $2^{10} = 1024$ subsets; smallest = φ; largest = $S = \{1, \dots, 10\}$. (ii) For x, y, z in AP: $x, x+d, x+2d$ with $x \geq 1, x+2d \leq 10 \Rightarrow d \leq 4$. Counting: $d=1:8, d=2:6, d=3:4, d=4:2 \Rightarrow \text{total} = 20$.	Step 1 (i): 2 marks for 1024 with smallest/largest subsets. Step 2 (ii): 2 marks for counting all 20 three-term APs.