

Quant Mega Quiz for SSC CGL Tier - 2 (Solutions)

S1. Ans.(d)

Sol. For maximum value

$$a = b = c = d = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$(1+a)(1+b)(1+c)(1+d)$$

$$= \left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)\left(1 + \frac{1}{4}\right)$$

$$= \left(\frac{5}{4}\right)^4$$

S2. Ans.(a)

Sol.

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{4} + \sqrt[3]{2} + 1} = a\sqrt[3]{4} + b\sqrt[3]{2} + c$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2^{\frac{2}{3}} + 2^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1} = a(2)^{\frac{2}{3}} + b(2)^{\frac{1}{3}} + c$$

On multiplying numerator and denominator by $(2^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1)$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{(2^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1)(2^{\frac{2}{3}} + 2^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1)} = a \cdot 2^{\frac{2}{3}} + b \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{3}} + c$$

$$\frac{2^{\frac{1}{3}} - 1}{2 - 1} = a \cdot 2^{\frac{2}{3}} + b \cdot 2^{\frac{1}{3}} + c$$

$$\therefore a = 0, b = 1, c = -1$$

$$a + b + c = 0 + 1 - 1 = 0$$

S3. Ans.(b)

Sol.

$$a = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}-1} = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}-1} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}+1}$$

$$= \frac{(\sqrt{5}+1)^2}{5-1} = \frac{5+1+2\sqrt{5}}{4}$$

$$a = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

Similarly,

$$b = \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2}$$

$$a + b = \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} + \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} = 3$$

$$\text{and } ab = \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{\sqrt{5}-1} \times \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{\sqrt{5}+1} = 1$$

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$$\frac{a^2 + ab + b^2}{a^2 - ab + b^2} = \frac{(a+b)^2 - ab}{(a+b)^2 - 3ab}$$

$$= \frac{3^2 - 1}{3^2 - 3} = \frac{9 - 1}{9 - 3} = \frac{8}{6} = \frac{4}{3}$$

S4. Ans.(c)

Sol.

$$x = \sqrt[3]{a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^3}} + \sqrt[3]{a - \sqrt{a^2 + b^3}}$$

On cubing both sides.

$$x^3 = \left(\sqrt[3]{a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^3}} + \sqrt[3]{a - \sqrt{a^2 + b^3}} \right)^3$$

$$= \left(\sqrt[3]{a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^3}} \right)^3 + \left(\sqrt[3]{a - \sqrt{a^2 + b^3}} \right)^3 + 3 \left(\sqrt[3]{a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^3}} \right) \left(\sqrt[3]{a - \sqrt{a^2 + b^3}} \right)$$

$$\left[\sqrt[3]{a + \sqrt{a^2 + b^3}} + \sqrt[3]{a - \sqrt{a^2 + b^3}} \right]$$

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

$$= 2a + 3(a^2 - a^2 - b^3)^{\frac{1}{3}} x$$

$$\therefore x^3 = 2a + 3(-b)x$$

$$x^3 + 3bx = 2a$$

S5. Ans.(c)

Sol.

$$\text{Average of } x \text{ and } \frac{1}{x} = M$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x + \frac{1}{x}}{2} = M, x + \frac{1}{x} = 2M$$

On squaring both sides

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x} \right)^2 = (2M)^2$$

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2 = 4M^2$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = 4M^2 - 2$$

$$\text{Average } x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} = \frac{x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}}{2}$$

$$= \frac{4M^2 - 2}{2} = \frac{2(2M^2 - 1)}{2}, = 2M^2 - 1$$

S6. Ans.(d)

Sol.

$$a + b = \frac{1}{2+\sqrt{3}} + \frac{1}{2-\sqrt{3}} = 4 \text{ and,}$$

$$ab = \frac{1}{2+\sqrt{3}} \times \frac{1}{2-\sqrt{3}} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{a+b}{ab} = 4$$

S7. Ans.(a)

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} & (a^2 + 4b^2 + 4b - 4ab - 2a - 8) \\ &= (a - 2b)^2 - 2(a - 2b) - 8 \\ &= x^2 - 2x - 8 \quad \text{where } (a - 2b) = x \\ &= x^2 - 4x + 2x - 8 \\ &= x(x - 4) + 2(x - 4) \\ &= (x + 2)(x - 4) \\ &= (a - 2b - 4)(a - 2b + 2) \end{aligned}$$

S8. Ans.(b)

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} a^3 - b^3 &= 56 \quad \dots(i) \\ a - b &= 2 \\ \therefore a^3 - b^3 &= (a - b)(a^2 + b^2 + ab) \\ 56 &= 2(a^2 + b^2 + ab) \\ 28 &= [(a - b)^2 + 3ab] \\ ab &= 8 \\ (a - b)^2 &= a^2 + b^2 - 2ab \\ a^2 + b^2 &= 20 \end{aligned}$$

S9. Ans.(b)

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} a &= \sqrt{6} + \sqrt{5} \\ \Rightarrow a^2 &= 11 + 2\sqrt{30} \quad \& \quad b^2 = 11 - 2\sqrt{30} \\ &\& \quad ab = 1 \\ \Rightarrow 2a^2 - 5ab + 2b^2 & \\ \Rightarrow 22 + 4\sqrt{30} - 5 + 22 - 4\sqrt{30} & \\ = 44 - 5 &= 39 \end{aligned}$$

S10. Ans.(d)

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} x &= 3 + 2\sqrt{2} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{x} &= 3 - 2\sqrt{2} \\ \& \quad x + \frac{1}{x} &= 6 \quad \& \quad x - \frac{1}{x} = 4\sqrt{2} \\ \Rightarrow x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} &= 198 \quad \& \quad x^3 - \frac{1}{x^3} = 140\sqrt{2} \end{aligned}$$

S11. Ans.(c)

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned} a^2 + b^2 + \frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} &= 4 \\ \text{Put } a &= b = 1 \\ \text{Thus, } a^2 + b^2 &= 2 \end{aligned}$$



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S12. Ans.(d)

Sol.

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \sqrt{3}$$

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \cdot x \cdot \frac{1}{x} \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$3\sqrt{3} = x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} + 3 \times \sqrt{3}$$

$$x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = 0$$

S13. Ans.(c)

Sol.

$$x^3 + 3x^2 + 3x = 7$$

$$x^3 + 3 \cdot x^2 \cdot 1 + 3 \cdot 1^2 \cdot x + 1^3 - 1^3 = 7$$

$$(x + 1)^3 - 1 = 7$$

$$(x + 1)^3 = 8$$

$$x + 1 = \pm 2$$

$$x = 1$$

S14. Ans.(b)

Sol.

$$2x + \frac{2}{x} = 1$$

$$x + \frac{1}{x} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3} = (\text{Value})^2 - 3(\text{Value})$$

$$= \frac{1}{8} - 3 \times \frac{1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{-11}{8}$$

S15. Ans.(c)

Sol.

$$2x + \frac{1}{3x} = 6$$

Multiply by $\frac{3}{2}$ both sides,

$$3x + \frac{1}{2x} = 9$$

S16. Ans.(a)

Sol.

$$x = (\sqrt{2} - 1)^{-\frac{1}{2}}$$

$$= \frac{1}{\sqrt{\sqrt{2} - 1}}$$

$$x^2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} - 1} = (\sqrt{2} + 1)$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2} = (\sqrt{2} - 1)$$

$$x^2 - \frac{1}{x^2} = (\sqrt{2} + 1) - (\sqrt{2} - 1)$$

$$= 2$$

S17. Ans.(d)

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 + y^2 - 2x + 6y + 10 &= 0 \\(x^2 - 2x + 1) + (y^2 + 2 \cdot y \cdot 3 + 9) &= 0 \\(x - 1)^2 + (y + 3)^2 &= 0 \\x = 1, y = -3 \\x^2 + y^2 &= 1 + 9 \\&= 10\end{aligned}$$

S18. Ans.(a)

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}x^{\frac{1}{3}} + y^{\frac{1}{3}} &= z^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ \text{Cubing both sides,} \\ x + y + 3\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}} + y^{\frac{1}{3}}\right)(xy)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= z \\ x + y + 3(z)^{\frac{1}{3}}(xy)^{\frac{1}{3}} &= z \\ (z + y - z) &= -3(xy)^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ \text{Again cubing both sides,} \\ (x + y - z)^3 &= -27xyz \\ (x + y - z)^3 + 27xyz &= 0\end{aligned}$$

S19. Ans.(d)

Sol.

$$\begin{aligned}a^2 = 2, \text{ then } (a + 1) \\ a = \sqrt{2} \\ (a + 1) &= (\sqrt{2} + 1) \\ \text{Now, check from option, (d)} \\ \frac{a - 1}{3 - 2a} &= \frac{(\sqrt{2} - 1)}{3 - 2(\sqrt{2})} = \frac{(\sqrt{2} - 1)(3 + 2\sqrt{2})}{(3 - 2\sqrt{2})(3 + 2\sqrt{2})} \\ &= \frac{3\sqrt{2} + 4 - 3 - 2\sqrt{2}}{(3 - 2\sqrt{2})(3 + 2\sqrt{2})} \\ &= (\sqrt{2} + 1)\end{aligned}$$

S20. Ans.(a)

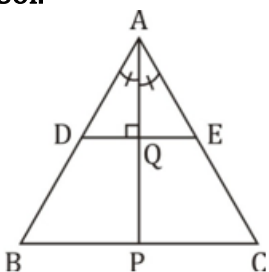
Sol.

If $x + \frac{1}{x} = \sqrt{3}$, $x^6 = -1$ & power difference of 6 = 0

$$\begin{aligned}x^{206} + x^{200} + x^{90} + x^{84} + x^{18} + x^{12} + x^6 + 1 \\ \underbrace{\phantom{x^{206} + x^{200} + x^{90} + x^{84} + x^{18} + x^{12} + x^6 + 1}}_0 \quad \underbrace{\phantom{x^{206} + x^{200} + x^{90} + x^{84} + x^{18} + x^{12} + x^6 + 1}}_0 \quad \underbrace{\phantom{x^{206} + x^{200} + x^{90} + x^{84} + x^{18} + x^{12} + x^6 + 1}}_0 \quad \underbrace{\phantom{x^{206} + x^{200} + x^{90} + x^{84} + x^{18} + x^{12} + x^6 + 1}}_0 \\ = 0\end{aligned}$$

S21. Ans.(b)

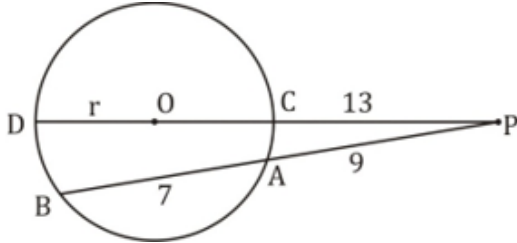
Sol.



$\angle DAQ = \angle EAQ$
 $\angle AQD = \angle AQE = 90^\circ$
 AQ is common in ΔAQD and ΔAQE .
 $\therefore \Delta AQD \cong \Delta AQE$
 $\therefore AD = AE$

S22. Ans.(d)

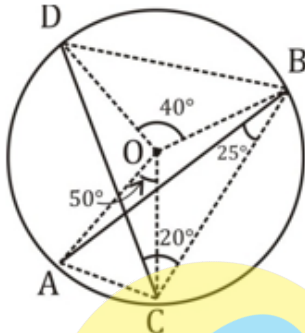
Sol.



Let centre of circle is 'O' and
 Radius = r cm
 $PC = 13 - r$, $PD = 13 + r$
 $PC \times PD = PA \times PB$
 $\Rightarrow (13 - r)(13 + r) = 9 \times 16$
 $\Rightarrow r = 5$ cm

S23. Ans.(a)

Sol.



$\angle AOC = 50^\circ$
 $\therefore \angle ABC = 25^\circ$
 And $\angle BOC = 40^\circ$
 $\therefore \angle BCD = 20^\circ$
 $\angle BPC = 180^\circ - \angle PBC - \angle BCP$
 $\angle BPC = 180^\circ - 25^\circ - 20^\circ$
 $\angle BPC = 135^\circ$
 $\therefore \angle BPD = 180^\circ - 135^\circ$
 $\angle BPD = 45^\circ$

S24. Ans.(c)

Sol.

$\angle ADB = 90^\circ$ (\because angle in half circle)
 ABCD is a cyclic quadrilateral
 $\therefore \angle BAD = 180 - \angle BCD$
 $\Rightarrow \angle BAD = 180 - 130^\circ = 50^\circ$
 $\angle ABD = 180^\circ - (\angle ADB + \angle BAD)$
 $\angle ABD = 180 - (90^\circ + 50^\circ)$
 $\angle ABD = 40^\circ$

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S25. Ans.(c)

Sol.

Common tangent of two touching circle = $\sqrt{4Rr}$
 (where R and r radius of both circle)

$$\sqrt{4R_1R_2} = \sqrt{4R_1R_3} + \sqrt{4R_2R_3}$$

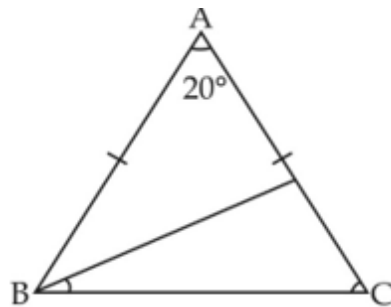
$$\therefore \sqrt{4 \times 9 \times 4} = \sqrt{4 \times 9 \times R_3} + \sqrt{4 \times R_3 \times 4}$$

$$12 = \sqrt{R_3} [6 + 4]$$

$$R_3 = 1.44 \text{ cm}$$

S26. Ans.(c)

Sol.



$$\therefore AB = AC$$

$$\therefore \angle ABC = \angle ACB$$

$$\angle ABC + \angle ACB = 180^\circ - 20^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle ABC = \angle ACB = 80^\circ$$

Use Sine rule:

In $\triangle ADB$,

$$\frac{\sin 20^\circ}{BD} = \frac{\sin \angle ABD}{AD}$$

$$\Rightarrow BD = \frac{AD \sin 20^\circ}{\sin \angle ABD} \quad \dots (i)$$

In $\triangle BDC$,

$$\frac{\sin \angle BDC}{BC} = \frac{\sin 80^\circ}{BD}$$

$$\Rightarrow BD = \frac{BC \sin 80^\circ}{\sin \angle BDC} \quad \dots (ii)$$

From (i) and (ii) we can say

$$\frac{AD \sin 20^\circ}{\sin \angle ABD} = \frac{BC \sin 80^\circ}{\sin \angle BDC}$$

$$\angle BDC = \angle ABD + \angle DAB$$

Let $\angle ABD = x^\circ$

$$\frac{\sin 20^\circ}{\sin x^\circ} = \frac{\sin 80^\circ}{\sin(20+x)^\circ} \quad (\because AD=BC)$$

$$\frac{\sin(20+x)}{\sin x} = \frac{\sin 80^\circ}{\sin 20^\circ}$$

$$\sin 20^\circ \cot x + \cos 20^\circ = 4 \cos 20^\circ \cos 40^\circ$$

$$\sin 20^\circ \cot x + \cos 20^\circ = 2 \cos 60^\circ + 2 \cos 20^\circ$$

$$\sin 20^\circ \cot x = 1 + \cos 20^\circ$$

$$\cot x = \frac{2 \cos^2 10^\circ}{2 \sin 10^\circ \cos 10^\circ}$$

$$\cot x = \cot 10^\circ$$

$$x = 10^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle DBC = 80^\circ - 10^\circ = 70^\circ$$

S27. Ans.(c)

Sol.

$$\angle ADP = 100^\circ \text{ (Given)}$$

$$\therefore \angle PDE = 80^\circ$$

$$\angle DPE = 90^\circ \text{ (Angle of half circle)}$$

$$\therefore \angle PED = 180 - (\angle DPE + \angle PDE)$$

$$\angle PED = 10^\circ$$

In same way

$$\angle QDE = 10^\circ$$

\therefore Consider ΔDRE

$$\angle DRE = 180^\circ - (\angle RDO + \angle REO)$$

$$\angle DRE = 180^\circ - (10^\circ + 10^\circ)$$

$$\angle DRE = 160^\circ$$

$$\therefore \angle PRD = 180^\circ - \angle DRE$$

$$\angle PRD = 180^\circ - 160^\circ = 20^\circ$$

S28. Ans.(d)

Sol.

$$\angle PCB = 180 - \angle BAP$$

$$\angle PCB = 180 - 60$$

$$\angle PCB = 120^\circ$$

S29. Ans.(c)

Sol.

Smaller circle passes through 'O' and touches outer circle at P

\therefore OP will be a diameter of smaller circle

Then $\angle ORP = 90^\circ$ (angle of half circle)

So we can say $OR \perp SP$

$\therefore SR = PR$ (\because SP is chord of outer circle)

$$SR = \sqrt{OS^2 - OR^2}$$

$$SR = \sqrt{5^2 - 4^2}$$

$$SR = 3 \text{ cm}$$

$$SP = 3 \text{ cm}$$

S30. Ans.(a)

Sol.

AC and BD are two chords intersecting at 'O'

$$OA \times OC = OD \times OB$$

And AC is angle bisector of $\angle DAB$

$$\therefore AD : AB = OD : OB$$

$$\therefore AD = AB$$

$$\therefore OD = OB$$

$$OD \times OB = OA \times OC$$

$$OA = \frac{OD^2}{OC} = \frac{8 \times 8}{4} \Rightarrow OA = 16$$

$$\therefore AC = 16 + 4 = 20 \text{ cm}$$

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