

# TOPICS COVERED

## SOLUTION OF TRIANGLES

1. If two sides of a triangle are the roots of the equation  $4x^2 - (2\sqrt{6})x + 1 = 0$  and the included angle is  $60^\circ$ , then the third side is
  - (1)  $\sqrt{3}$
  - (2)  $\sqrt{3}/2$
  - (3)  $1/\sqrt{3}$
  - (4)  $2\sqrt{3}$
2. In a triangle, if the sum of two sides is  $x$  and their product is  $y$  such that  $(x+z)(x-z) = y$  where  $z$  is the third side of the triangle then the triangle is
  - (1) equilateral
  - (2) right angled
  - (3) obtuse angled
  - (4) none of these
3. In a triangle ABC if  $\frac{\cos A}{a} = \frac{\cos B}{b} = \frac{\cos C}{c}$ , then the which of the following is not true
  - (1)  $a \tan A = b \tan B = c \tan C$
  - (2)  $\frac{\tan A}{a} = \frac{\tan B}{b} = \frac{\tan C}{c}$
  - (3)  $\tan A + \tan B + \tan C = 3\sqrt{3}$
  - (4)  $\tan A \tan B \tan C = abc$
4. In a triangle ABC,  $\cos A \cos B + \sin A \sin B \sin C = 1$ , then the triangle is
  - (1) equilateral
  - (2) right angled isosceles
  - (3) obtuse angled isosceles
  - (4) none of these
5. In a triangle ABC, if D is the middle point of BC and AD is perpendicular to AC, then  $\cos B =$ 
  - (1)  $2b/a$
  - (2)  $-b/c$
  - (3)  $(b^2 + c^2)/ca$
  - (4)  $(c^2 + a^2)/ca$
6. In the bisector of angle A of the triangle ABC makes an angle  $\theta$  with BC, then  $\sin \theta =$ 
  - (1)  $\cos \frac{B-C}{2}$
  - (2)  $\cos \frac{B+C}{2}$
  - (3)  $\cos(B+A/2)$
  - (4)  $\cos(C+A/2)$
7. If the angles of a triangle ABC satisfy the equation  $81^{\sin^2 x} + 81^{\cos^2 x} = 30$ , then the triangle can not be
  - (1) equilateral
  - (2) isosceles
  - (3) obtuse angled
  - (4) right angled
8. In a triangle ABC if  $\sin A \sin B = ab/c^2$ , then the triangle is
  - (1) equilateral
  - (2) right angled
  - (3) obtuse angled
  - (4) none of these
9. If the sides  $a, b, c$  of a triangle are in G.P. and largest angle exceeds the smallest by  $60^\circ$ , then  $\cos B =$ 
  - (1) 1
  - (2)  $(\sqrt{13}-1)/4$
  - (3)  $1/2$
  - (4)  $(1-\sqrt{13})/4$
10. If  $n, n+1, n+2$ ; where  $n$  is any natural number, represent the sides of a triangle ABC in which the largest angle is twice the smallest, then  $n =$ 
  - (1) 1
  - (2) 2
  - (3) 3
  - (4) 4
11. If the median of the triangle ABC through A is perpendicular to AB, then  $\tan A + 2\tan B =$ 
  - (1)  $\tan C$
  - (2)  $\sin C$
  - (3)  $\cos C$
  - (4) none of these
12. If in a triangle ABC,  $\frac{\cos A}{7} = \frac{\cos B}{19} = \frac{\cos C}{25} = k$  then
  - (1)  $26 - \sec^3 C$
  - (2)  $32 - \sec^2 B$
  - (3)  $44 - \sec^3 A$
  - (4) 0
13. In a triangle the sides are 3, 4, 5 units, then the
 
$$\begin{vmatrix} -1/k & 25 & 19 \\ 25 & -1/k & 7 \\ 19 & 7 & -1/k \end{vmatrix}$$
 is equal to circumradius is

- (1) 2                      (2) 2.5  
(3) 3                      (4) 3.5
14. In a triangle ABC, the sides are 13, 14, 15 units, then the in-radius  $r$  is  
(1) 3                      (2) 4  
(3) 5                      (4) 7
15. If ABC is not a right angled triangle, then which of the following is possible  
(1)  $\sin 2A + \sin 2B + \sin 2C = 4 \cos A \cos B \sin C$   
(2)  $\cos 2A + \cos 2B + \cos 2C = -3/2$   
(3)  $\sin A + \sin B + \sin C = 2\sqrt{2} \cos(A/2) \cos(B/2)$   
(4)  $\cos A + \cos B + \cos C = 1$
16. In a triangle ABC, if  $\cos A + 2 \cos B + \cos C = 2$ , then a, b, c are in  
(1) A.P.                      (2) G.P.  
(3) H.P.                      (4) none of these
17. In a triangle ABC, if  $\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b \end{vmatrix} = 0$ , then  
 $\sin A \sin B + \sin B \sin C + \sin C \sin A =$   
(1) 0                      (2)  $9/4$   
(3) 1  
(4)  $\cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C$
18. In a triangle ABC, if  $a+b = 3c$ , then  $\cos A + \cos B =$   
(1)  $3 \cos C$                       (2)  $3 \sin C$   
(3)  $3 \cos(A-B)$                       (4)  $3 - 3 \cos C$
19. In a triangle ABC, if  $A = 18^\circ$ ,  $b - a = 2$ ,  $ab = 4$ , then the triangle is  
(1) acute angled                      (2) right angled  
(3) obtuse angled                      (4) isosceles
20. If in a triangle ABC,  $C = 60^\circ$ , then  $\frac{1}{a+c} + \frac{1}{b+c}$  is equal to  
(1)  $\frac{a+b+c}{ab}$                       (2)  $\frac{a-b+c}{ab}$   
(3)  $\frac{3}{a+b+c}$                       (4)  $\frac{3}{a+b-c}$
21. If  $O$  is point inside the triangle ABC such that  $\angle OBC = A/2$ ,  $\angle OCA = B/2$ ,  $\angle OAB = C/2$ , then  
$$\frac{\sin(A - (C/2)) \sin(B - (A/2)) \sin(C - (B/2))}{\sin(A/2) \sin(B/2) \sin(C/2)}$$
is equal to  
(1)  $\cos(A/2) \cos(B/2) \cos(C/2)$   
(2)  $\sin A \sin B \sin C$   
(3) 1                      (4)  $\cos A \cos B \cos C$
22. If in a triangle ABC,  $5 \cos C + 6 \cos B = 4$  and  $6 \cos A + 4 \cos C = 5$  then  $\tan(A/2) \tan(B/2)$  is equal to  
(1)  $2/3$                       (2)  $3/2$   
(3)  $1/5$                       (4) 5
23. If a triangle ABC,  $\frac{a(a+c-b)}{b(b+c-a)}$  is equal to  
(1)  $\frac{1 - \cos A}{1 - \cos B}$                       (2)  $\frac{1 + \cos A}{1 + \cos B}$   
(3)  $\frac{\cos^2(A/2)}{\sin^2(B/2)}$                       (4)  $\frac{\sin^2 A}{\sin^2 B}$
24. In a triangle ABC if  $\frac{s-a}{11} = \frac{s-b}{12} = \frac{s-c}{13}$ , then  $\tan^2(A/2) =$   
(1)  $143/432$                       (2)  $13/33$   
(3)  $11/39$                       (4)  $12/37$
25. The perimeter of a triangle right angled at C is 70, and the in-radius is 6, then  $|a - b| =$   
(1) 1                      (2) 2  
(3) 8                      (4) 9
26. If for a triangle ABC,  $a, b$  and  $A$  are given, then which of the following gives us two such triangles  
(1)  $a < b \sin A$                       (2)  $a = b \sin A$   
(3)  $a > b \sin A$  and  $a < b$
27. In a triangle ABC, if  $B = 30^\circ$  and  $c = \sqrt{3}b$ , then  $A$  can be equal to  
(1)  $45^\circ$                       (2)  $60^\circ$   
(3)  $90^\circ$                       (4)  $120^\circ$

28. If in a triangle ABC sines of angles A and B satisfy the equation  $4x^2 - 2\sqrt{6} + 1 = 0$ , then  $\cos(A - B)$  is equal to  
 (1) 0 (2)  $1/2$   
 (3)  $1/\sqrt{2}$  (4)  $\sqrt{3}/2$
29. If a triangle ABC,  $A = 2B$ , then  $a^2 - b^2$  is equal to  
 (1)  $ab$  (2)  $bc$   
 (3)  $ca$  (4) none of these
30. In a triangle ABC, if  $\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 - b^2} \sin(A - B) = 1$  and the triangle is not right angled, then  $\cos(A - B)$  is equal to  
 (1)  $\sin\left(\frac{C}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$  (2)  $\cos\left(\frac{C}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$   
 (3)  $\tan\left(\frac{C}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$  (4)  $\cot\left(\frac{C}{2} - \frac{\pi}{4}\right)$
31. In a triangle ABC, if the median AD makes an angle  $\theta$  with AC and  $AB = 2AD$  then  $\sin\theta =$   
 (1)  $\sin A$  (2)  $\sin B$   
 (3)  $\sin C$  (4) none of these
32. In a triangle ABC, if  $Rr(\sin A + \sin B + \sin C) = 96$ , then area of the triangle in units is equal to  
 (1) 24 (2) 48  
 (3) 96 (4) 192
33. A quadrilateral ABCD in which  $AB = a$ ,  $BC = b$ ,  $CD = c$  and  $DA = d$  is such that one circle can be inscribed in it and another circle circumscribed about it, then  $\cos A =$   
 (1)  $\frac{ad - bc}{ad + bc}$  (2)  $\frac{ab - cd}{ab + cd}$   
 (3)  $\frac{ad + bc}{ad - bc}$  (4)  $\frac{ab + cd}{ab - cd}$
34. In a triangle ABC if  $\cot \frac{A}{2} \cot \frac{B}{2} = c$ ,  $\cot \frac{B}{2} \cot \frac{C}{2} = a$  and  $\cot \frac{C}{2} \cot \frac{A}{2} = b$ , then  
 $\frac{1}{s-a} + \frac{1}{s-b} + \frac{1}{s-c} =$   
 (1)  $-1$  (2) 0  
 (3) 1 (4) 2
35. In tangents of two angles of a triangle satisfy the equation  $x^2 + px - 1$ , then the triangle is obtuse angled  
 (1) if  $p > 1$  (2) if  $p < 1$   
 (3) for finite values of  $p$   
 (4) for all values of  $p$
36. The distance of the incentre of the triangle ABC from A is  
 (1)  $4R \sin(A/2)$   
 (2)  $4R \sin[(B+C)/2]$   
 (3)  $4R \sin(B/2) \sin(C/2)$   
 (4) none of these
37. If the area of the triangle ABC is  $a^2 - (b-c)^2$ , then its circumradius  $R =$   
 (1)  $(a/6) \sin^2(A/2)$   
 (2)  $(a/16) \operatorname{cosec}^2(A/2)$   
 (3)  $(b/16) \sin^2(B/2)$   
 (4)  $(c/16) \sin^2(C/2)$
38. In a triangle ABC,  $\frac{\cos B + \cos C}{1 - \cos A} =$   
 (1)  $\frac{b+c}{1-a}$  (2)  $\frac{bc}{1-a}$   
 (3)  $\frac{b+c}{a}$  (4)  $\frac{a}{b+c}$
39. In a triangle ABC,  $\frac{r_1 + r_2}{1 + \cos C} =$   
 (1)  $2ab/c\Delta$  (2)  $(a+b)/c\Delta$   
 (3)  $abc/2\Delta$  (4)  $abc/\Delta^2$
40. In a triangle ABC,  $(a^2 - b^2 - c^2) \tan A + (a^2 - b^2 + c^2) \tan B$  is equal to

- (1)  $(a^2 + b^2 - c^2)\tan C$   
 (2)  $(a^2 + b^2 + c^2)\tan C$   
 (3)  $(b^2 + c^2 - a^2)\tan C$   
 (4) none of these
41. In a triangle ABC, if  $\cot A = (x^3 + x^2 + x)^{1/2}$   
 $\cot B = (x + x^{-1} + 1)^{1/2}$  and  $\cot C =$   
 $\cot B = (x^{-3} + x^{-2} + x^{-1})^{-1/2}$  then the triangle  
 is  
 (1) isosceles (2) obtuse angled  
 (3) right angled (4) none of these
42. In a triangle ABC, if a is the arithmetic mean  
 and b, c ( $b \neq c$ ) are the two geometric means  
 between any two positive real numbers then  
 $\frac{\sin^3 B + \sin^3 C}{\sin A \sin B \sin C}$  is equal to  
 (1) 0 (2) 1  
 (3) 2 (4) 4
43. If D is a point of the base BC of an isosceles  
 triangle ABC such that AD is perpendicular to  
 AC, then a =  
 (1)  $2b$  (2)  $2b \cos B$   
 (3)  $\frac{1 + \cos A}{\sin B} AD$  (4)  $\frac{1 - \sin A}{\cos B} AD$
44. In a triangle ABC  $r_1 r_2 + r r_3 =$   
 (1)  $\frac{ab}{c}$  (2)  $abc$   
 (3)  $ab$  (4)  $(a+b)/c$
45. If  $d_1, d_2, d_3$  are the diameters of the three  
 escribed circles of a triangle ABC, then  
 $d_1 d_2 + d_2 d_3 + d_3 d_1 =$   
 (1)  $ab + bc + ca$  (2)  $\frac{a}{b} + \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}$   
 (3)  $(a+b+c)^2$  (4) none of these
46. If in a triangle ABC,  $r_1 = 2r_2 = 3r_3$ ; D is the  
 mid-point of BC, then  $\cos \angle ADC$  is equal to  
 (1)  $7/25$  (2)  $-7/25$   
 (3)  $24/25$  (4)  $-24/25$
47. In a triangle ABC, if A, B, C are in A.P. and  $b : c$   
 $= \sqrt{3} : \sqrt{2}$ , then  
 (1)  $\sin(2C - A) = \sin(B/4)$   
 (2)  $\sin(A - C) = \sin(B/2)$   
 (3)  $\sin(A + C) = \cos 2B$   
 (4)  $\cos(A - C) = \sin(B/2)$
48. The angles of a triangle ABC satisfy the  
 relations  $3B - C = 30^\circ$  and  $A + 2B = 120^\circ$ . If the  
 perimeter of the triangle is  
 $2(3 + \sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})$ , the largest side of the triangle  
 is  
 (1)  $\sqrt{3} + 1$  (2)  $2 + 2\sqrt{3}$   
 (3)  $2\sqrt{2}$  (4) 4
49. If A is the area and 2s, the sum of three sides  
 of a triangle, then  
 (1)  $A \leq \frac{s^2}{3\sqrt{3}}$  (2)  $A \leq \frac{s^2}{2}$   
 (3)  $A > \frac{s^2}{\sqrt{3}}$  (4) none of these
50. In a triangle ABC, if  $a = 5, b = 4$  and  $c = 3$ , D  
 and E are the points on BC such that  $BD = DE$   
 $= EC$ . If  $\angle DAE = \theta$ , then  $\tan \theta =$   
 (1)  $3/8$  (2)  $2/3$   
 (3)  $18/25$  (4)  $1/\sqrt{3}$
51. In a triangle ABC, the sides a, b, c are  
 respectively 13, 14, 15. If  $r_1$  is the radius of the  
 escribed circle touching BC and the sides AB  
 and AC produced, then  $r_1$  is equal to  
 (1) 10.5 (2) 12  
 (3) 14 (4) 4
52. The distance of the orthocentre of  $\triangle ABC$  from  
 its vertex A is  
 (1)  $2R \sin A$  (2)  $2R \sin B \cos B$   
 (3)  $2R \cos A$  (4)  $2R \sin B \sin C$

53. If  $R$ ,  $r$  denote respectively the circum-radius and in-radius of a triangle, then the distance between the circumcentre and the incentre of the triangle is

(1)  $2Rr$                       (2)  $R^2 - 2Rr$

(3)  $R^2 + 2Rr$                 (4)  $R + r$

54. If  $R$  is the circum radius of the triangle  $ABC$  and  $r_1$  is the radius of the escribed circle which touches  $BC$  and the two sides  $AB$  and  $AC$  produced, then the distance of the circumcentre from the centre of the escribed circle is

(1)  $2Rr_1$                       (2)  $R^2 - 2Rr_1$

(3)  $R^2 + 2Rr_1$                 (4)  $R + r_1$

55. If  $R$  is the circum-radius of a triangle  $ABC$  then the distance of the orthocentre of the triangle from its circumcentre is

(1)  $R^2 - 8R^2 \sin A \cos B \cos C$

(2)  $R^2 - 8R^2 \cos A \sin B \cos C$

(3)  $R^2 - 8R^2 \sin A \sin B \sin C$

(4)  $R^2 - 8R^2 \cos A \cos B \cos C$

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**EXERCISES**

1. In a triangle ABC if  $\frac{a}{1} = \frac{b}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{c}{2}$  then
- (1)  $A + B - C = 90^\circ$
  - (2) The triangle is acute angled
  - (3) A, B, C are in A.P.
  - (4) the triangle is obtuse angled
2. In a triangle ABC, if  $\tan \frac{B-C}{2} = \frac{3}{5} \cot \frac{A}{2}$ , then D =
- (1)  $2b^2 \sin A$
  - (2)  $2c^2 \sin A$
  - (3)  $(1/8)c^2 \sin A$
  - (4)  $2c^2 \cos A$
3. In an isosceles triangle with base angle  $\alpha$  and lateral side 4, Rr =
- (1)  $8 \cos \alpha$
  - (2)  $\frac{8 \cos \alpha}{1 - \cos \alpha}$
  - (3)  $\frac{8 \cos \alpha}{1 + \cos \alpha}$
  - (4)  $8 \cos \alpha (1 - \cos \alpha)$
4. In a triangle ABC, if  $s - a, s - b, s - c$  are in G.P., then  $\frac{\sin^2 A + \sin^2 C}{\sin A + \sin C} =$
- (1)  $\sin B$
  - (2)  $\cos B$
  - (3)  $\sin [(A + C)/2]$
  - (4)  $\sin [(A - C)/2]$
5. a right angled triangle of maximum area is inscribed in a circle of radius R, the radius of the incircle is
- (1)  $\sqrt{2}R$
  - (2)  $(\sqrt{2} - 1)R$
  - (3)  $R/2$
  - (4) none of these
6. If  $x, y, z$  are perpendiculars from the angular points of a  $\triangle ABC$  upon the opposite sides  $a, b, c$  respectively, then  $\frac{bx}{c} + \frac{cy}{a} + \frac{az}{b}$  is equal to
- (1)  $b \cos B + c \cos C + a \cos A$
  - (2)  $2R(\sin^2 A + \sin^2 B + \sin^2 C)$
  - (3)  $2R(\cos^2 A + \cos^2 B + \cos^2 C)$
  - (4) none of these
7. If a chord of length 1 unit subtends an angle  $\theta$  at the circumference of a circle whose radius is R then  $R \sin \theta =$
- (1) 2
  - (2)  $1/2$
  - (3)  $1/3$
  - (4)  $1/4$
8. In a triangle ABC, AD is perpendicular to BC and DE is perpendicular to AB, then area of  $\triangle ADE =$
- (1)  $(c^2/4) \cos^2 B \sin 2B$
  - (2)  $(c^2/4) \sin^2 B \sin 2B$
  - (3)  $(c^2/4) \sin 2B$
  - (4)  $(b^2/4) \sin 2C$
9. In a triangle ABC  $\frac{bc \sin^2 A}{\cos A + \cos B \cos C} =$
- (1)  $b^2 + c^2$
  - (2)  $bc$
  - (3)  $a^2$
  - (4)  $a^2 + bc$
10. If the sides of a triangle are 17, 10, 21, then the radius of the circum-circle is approximately
- (1) 10.5
  - (2) 10.6
  - (3) 10.7
  - (4) 10.8
11. In a triangle PQR,  $\sin P, \sin Q, \sin R$  are in A.P., then
- (1) the altitudes are in A.P.
  - (2) the altitudes are in H.P.
  - (3) the medians are in A.P.
  - (4) the medians are in H.P.
12. In a triangle ABC,  $\sin A, \sin B, \sin C$  are irrational numbers, then
- (1) sides of the triangle must be irrational numbers
  - (2) medians of the triangle must be irrational numbers
  - (3) altitudes of the triangle must be irrational numbers
  - (4) none of these
13. In a triangle ABC, Let  $\angle C = \pi/2$ , if  $r$  is the inradius and  $R$  is the circum radius of the triangle, then  $2(r + R)$  is equal to
- (1)  $a + b$
  - (2)  $b + c$
  - (3)  $c + a$
  - (4)  $a + b + c$

14. In a triangle ABC,  $2ac \sin [(A - B + C)/2]$  is equal to  
 (1)  $a^2 + b^2 - c^2$  (2)  $c^2 + a^2 - b^2$   
 (3)  $b^2 - c^2 - a^2$  (4)  $c^2 - a^2 - b^2$
15. In a triangle ABC, if  $\frac{\cos A}{a} = \frac{\cos B}{b} = \frac{\cos C}{c}$  and  $a = 2\sqrt{3}$  cm, then the area of the triangle is  
 (1)  $2\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2$  (2)  $3 \text{ cm}^2$   
 (3)  $4 \text{ cm}^2$  (4)  $3\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}^2$
16. If  $\cos A = \frac{\sin B}{2 \sin C}$ , then  $\Delta ABC$  is  
 (1) equilateral (2) isosceles  
 (3) right angled (4) none of these
17. In an equilateral triangle the in-radius, circumradius and one of the ex-radii are in the ratio  
 (1) 2 : 3 : 5 (2) 1 : 2 : 3  
 (3) 1 : 3 : 5 (4) 3 : 5 : 7
18. If the angles of a  $\Delta$  are  $30^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  and the included side is  $(\sqrt{3} + 1)$  cm, the area of the triangle is  
 (1)  $(1/2)(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ cm}^2$   
 (2)  $(1/4)(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ cm}^2$   
 (3)  $(1/6)(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ cm}^2$   
 (4)  $(1/8)(\sqrt{3} + 1) \text{ cm}^2$
19. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the lengths of the altitudes of a triangle ABC, then  $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2}$  is equal to  
 (1)  $\pi / \Delta$  (2)  $\Delta / \pi$   
 (3)  $\pi$  (4) none of these  
 where  $\pi = \cot A + \cot B + \cot C$  and  $\Delta$  is the area of the triangle
20. In any triangle ABC,  $\frac{r_1}{bc} + \frac{r_2}{ca} + \frac{r_3}{ab}$  is equal to  
 (1)  $\frac{1}{2R} - \frac{1}{r}$  (2)  $2R - r$   
 (3)  $r - 2R$  (4)  $\frac{1}{r} - \frac{1}{2R}$
21. In a triangle ABC  $\frac{b^2 - c^2}{a} \cos A + \frac{c^2 - a^2}{b} \cos B + \frac{a^2 - b^2}{c} \cos C$  is equal to  
 (1) 0 (2) 1  
 (3)  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$  (4)  $abc$
22. If the angles, A, B, C of triangle ABC are in arithmetical progression then  
 (1)  $\tan A + \tan C - \sqrt{3} \tan A \tan C = \sqrt{3}$   
 (2)  $\tan A + \tan C + \sqrt{3} \tan A \tan C = \sqrt{3}$   
 (3)  $\tan A + \tan C - \sqrt{3} \tan A \tan C = -\sqrt{3}$   
 (4)  $\tan A + \tan C + \sqrt{3} \tan A \tan C = -\sqrt{3}$
23. In a triangle ABC if  $\frac{\cos A}{a} = \frac{\tan C}{c}$ , then  $\sin(B+C)$  is equal to  
 (1)  $\cos B \cos C$  (2)  $\cos A \cos C$   
 (3)  $\cos A \cos B$  (4)  $\sin B \sin C$
24. If the angles of a triangle are in the ratio 1 : 3 : 5 and  $\theta$  denotes the smallest angle, then the ratio of the largest side to the smallest side of the triangle is  
 (1)  $\frac{\sqrt{3} \sin \theta + \cos \theta}{2 \sin \theta}$  (2)  $\frac{\sqrt{3} \cos \theta - \sin \theta}{2 \sin \theta}$   
 (3)  $\frac{\cos \theta + \sqrt{3} \sin \theta}{2 \sin \theta}$  (4)  $\frac{\sqrt{3} \cos \theta + \sin \theta}{2 \sin \theta}$
25. In a triangle ABC,  $(b+c)/a$  is equal to  
 (1)  $\frac{\sin [(B-C)/2]}{\sin [(B+C)/2]}$  (2)  $\frac{\cos [(B-C)/2]}{\cos [(B+C)/2]}$   
 (3)  $\frac{\sin [(B+C)/2]}{\sin [(B-C)/2]}$  (4)  $\frac{\cos [(B+C)/2]}{\cos [(B-C)/2]}$



26. In a triangle ABC,  $1 - \tan(A/2) \tan(B/2)$  is equal to
- (1)  $\frac{2a}{b+c-a}$  (2)  $\frac{2b}{c+a-b}$
- (3)  $\frac{2c}{a+b-c}$  (4)  $\frac{2c}{a+b+c}$
27. If in a triangle ABC,  $b+c=3a$ , then  $\cot(B/2) \cot(C/2)$  is equal to
- (1)  $1/2$  (2)  $1$
- (3)  $2$  (4) non of these
28. The angles of a triangle ABC are in A.P. The largest is twice the smallest and the median to the largest side divides the angle at the vertex in the ratio  $2:3$ . If length of the median is  $2\sqrt{3} \text{ cm}$ , length of the largest side is
- (1)  $2 \sin 32^\circ$  (2)  $2 \sin 48^\circ$
- (3)  $8 \sin 32^\circ$  (4)  $\sqrt{3} \sin 40^\circ$
29. The expression  $\frac{(a+b+c)(b+c-a)}{(c+a-b)(a+b-c)}$  is equal to
- (1)  $\cos^2(A/2)$  (2)  $\sin^2(A/2)$
- (3)  $\cot^2(A/2)$  (4)  $\tan^2(A/2)$
30. If the median AD of a triangle ABC divides the angle  $\angle BAC$  in the ratio  $1:2$ , then  $\sin B/\sin C$  is equal to
- (1)  $2 \cos(A/3)$  (2)  $(1/2) \sec(A/3)$
- (3)  $(1/2) \sin(A/3)$  (4)  $2 \operatorname{cosec}(A/3)$
31. In a triangle ABC,  $b \sin^2(A/2) + a \sin^2(B/2)$  is equal to
- (1)  $s-c$  (2)  $s+c$
- (3)  $s-(a+b)$  (4) none of these
32. In a triangle ABC, if  $c=(a-b)\sec\theta$ , then  $\tan\theta$  is equal to
- (1)  $\frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a-b} \sin \frac{C}{2}$  (2)  $\frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a-b} \tan \frac{C}{2}$
- (3)  $\frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a-b} \cos \frac{C}{2}$  (4)  $\frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a-b} \sec \frac{C}{2}$
33. The vertical angle of a triangle is divided into two parts, such that the tangent of one part is 3 times the tangent of the other and the difference of these parts is  $30^\circ$ , then the triangle is
- (1) isosceles (2) right angled
- (3) obtuse angled (4) none of these
34. In a triangle ABC,  $(b-c)\cos(A/2)$  is equal to
- (1)  $a \cos[(B-C)/2]$  (2)  $a \sin[(B-C)/2]$
- (3)  $a \cos[(B+C)/2]$  (4)  $a \sin[(B+C)/2]$
35. In a cyclic quadrilateral ABCD; a, b, c, d denote the length of the sides AB, BC, CD and DA respectively, then  $\cos A$  is equal to
- (1)  $\frac{a^2+b^2-c^2-d^2}{2(ab+cd)}$  (2)  $\frac{b^2+c^2-d^2-a^2}{2(bc+da)}$
- (3)  $\frac{c^2+d^2-a^2-b^2}{2(cd+ab)}$  (4)  $\frac{d^2+a^2-b^2-c^2}{2(da+bc)}$
36. In a triangle ABC,  $\sin A + \sin B + \sin C$  is maximum when the triangle is
- (1) right angled (2) isosceles
- (3) equilateral (4) obtuse angle
37. In a triangle ABC, if  $\tan(A/2)=p$ ,  $\tan(B/2)=q$ , then  $\frac{2(p+q)(1-pq)}{(1+p^2)(1+q^2)}$  is equal to
- (1)  $\sin A$  (2)  $\sin B$
- (3)  $\sin C$  (4)  $\sin A + \sin B$
38. In a triangle ABC,  $a^2 \cos 2B + b^2 \cos 2A$  is equal to
- (1)  $a^2 + b^2 + 4ab \sin A \sin B$
- (2)  $a^2 + b^2 - 4ab \sin A \sin B$
- (3)  $a^2 + b^2 + 4ab \cos A \sin B$
- (4)  $a^2 + b^2 - 4ab \cos A \sin B$
39. If the angles A and B of the triangle ABC satisfy the relation  $\sin A + \sin B = \sqrt{3}(\cos B - \cos A)$  then they



- differ by
- (1)  $\pi/6$                       (2)  $\pi/3$   
 (3)  $\pi/4$                       (4)  $\pi/2$
40. In a triangle ABC, right angled at C, the sum of the tangents of the other two angles is  $169/60$ . The tangent of the larger of these two is equal to  
 (1)  $5/12$                       (2)  $12/5$   
 (3)  $12/13$                       (4)  $13/5$
41. The sides of a triangle are 17, 25, 28, The length of the largest altitude is  
 (1) 15                      (2)  $84/5$   
 (3)  $420/17$                       (4)  $210/17$
42. Two angles of a triangular field are  $22.5^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ , and the length of the sides opposite to the later is 200 metres. The area of the field is  
 (1)  $50^2 m^2$                       (2)  $100^2 m^2$   
 (3)  $200^2 m^2$                       (4)  $100 m^2$
43. In a triangle ABC if  $A = \pi/4$  and  $\tan B \tan C = k$ , then k must satisfy  
 (1)  $k^2 - 6k + 1 \geq 0$       (2)  $k^2 - 6k + 1 = 0$   
 (3)  $k^2 - 6k + 1 \leq 0$   
 (4)  $3 - 2\sqrt{2} < k < 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$
44. The sides of a triangle are in the ratio 5 : 8 : 11 . If  $\theta$  denotes the largest angle of the triangle then  $\tan^2(\theta/2)$  is equal to  
 (1)  $1/21$                       (2)  $7/48$   
 (3)  $7/3$                       (4)  $7/12$
45. In a triangle ABC if  $\frac{\cos A}{a} + \frac{\cos B}{b} + \frac{\cos C}{c} = \frac{a}{bc}$ , then A is  
 (1) an acute angle      (2) an obtuse angle  
 (3) a right angle      (4) equal to B - C
46. If one base angle of a triangle is five times the other and half the angle at the vertex, then base of the triangle is equal to  
 (1) the height                      (2) half the height  
 (3) twice the height      (4) five times the height
47. In a triangle ABC, the median AD is perpendicular to AC; if  $b = 5, c = 11$ , then a is equal to  
 (1) 10                      (2) 12
- (3) 14                      (4)  $\sqrt{221}$
48. In a triangle ABC, if  $b = 7, c = 4$  and  $A = 120^\circ$  then the length of the bisector of angle A is  
 (1)  $28/11$                       (2)  $28\sqrt{3}/11$   
 (3)  $2\sqrt{3}/11$                       (4)  $7\sqrt{3}/22$
49. If A, B, C, D are the angles of a quadrilateral, then  $\frac{\tan A + \tan B + \tan C + \tan D}{\cot A + \cot B + \cot C + \cot D}$  is equal to  
 (1)  $\tan A \tan B \tan C \tan D$   
 (2)  $\cot A \cot B \cot C \cot D$   
 (3)  $\tan^2 A + \tan^2 B + \tan^2 C + \tan^2 D$   
 (4)  $\sum \tan A \tan B \tan C$
50. If in a triangle ABC, the line joining the circumcentre O and the incentre I is parallel to BC, then  
 (1)  $r = R \cos A$                       (2)  $r = R \sin A$   
 (3)  $R = r \cos A$                       (4)  $R = r \sin A$
51. If the sides of a triangle are 17, 10 and 21, then the largest ex-radii of the triangle is  
 (1) 6                      (2) 12  
 (3) 28                      (4) none of these
52. If the area of a triangle is 96, and the radii of the escribed circles are 8, 12, 24, then the largest side of the triangle is  
 (1) 16                      (2) 18  
 (3) 20                      (4) 32
53. If R is the circumradius of a triangle ABC then the area of its pedal triangle is  
 (1)  $(1/2)R^2 \sin A \sin B \sin C$   
 (2)  $(1/2)R^2 \sin 2A \sin 2B \sin 2C$   
 (3)  $(1/2)R^2 \cos A \cos B \cos C$   
 (4)  $(1/2)R^2 \cos 2A \cos 2B \cos 2C$
54. If R is the circumradius of the triangle ABC, then the circumradius of its pedal triangle is  
 (1)  $\sqrt{R}$                       (2)  $R/2$   
 (3)  $R/3$                       (4) none of these

55. If  $S$  is the circumcentre of the triangle whose circumradius is  $R$ ;  $I, I_1, I_2, I_3$  are respectively the incentre and excentres of the triangle, then  $SI^2 + SI_1^2 + SI_2^2 + SI_3^2$  is equal to
- (1)  $4R^2$  (2)  $8R^2$   
 (3)  $12R^2$  (4) none of these
56. If  $I$  is the incentre of the triangle  $ABC$ , then  $aAI^2 + bBI^2 + cCI^2$
- (1)  $abc$  (2)  $a^2 + b^2 + c^2$   
 (3)  $(1/2)(a+b+c)$  (4)  $a^2b^2c^2$
57. Let  $ABC$  be a triangle  $I_1, I_2, I_3$  its ex-centres : then orthocentre of the *Ex-central triangle*  $I_1 I_2 I_3$  is the
- (1) centroid (2) circumcentre  
 (3) in-centre (4) orthocentre
58. If  $R$  is the circumradius of the triangle  $ABC$  then the circumradius of the ex-central triangle is equal to
- (1)  $R/2$  (2)  $2R$   
 (3)  $R^2$  (4)  $\sqrt{R}$
59. If  $I$  is the incentre of a triangle whose in radius and circumradius are  $r$  and  $R$  respectively;  $I_1 I_2 I_3$  is its ex-central triangle, then  $II_1 \cdot II_2 \cdot II_3$  is equal to
- (1)  $R^2r$  (2)  $16R^2$   
 (3)  $Rr^2$  (4)  $16Rr^2$
60. If the radius of the circumcircle of a triangle is twice the radius of the in-circle of the triangle then the triangle is
- (1) right-angled (2) isosceles  
 (3) equilateral (4) obtuse angled

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## TOPICS COVERED

### HEIGHTS AND DISTANCES

1. A flagstaff stand in the centre of a rectangular field whose diagonal is 1200 m, and subtends angles  $15^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  at the mid points of the sides of the field. The height of the flagstaff is  
 (1) 200 m                      (2)  $300\sqrt{2+\sqrt{3}}$  m  
 (3)  $300\sqrt{2-\sqrt{3}}$  m      (4) 400 m
2. Two flagstuffs stand on a horizontal plane. A and B are two points on the line joining their feet between them. The angles of elevation of the tops the flagstuffs as seen from A are  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  and as seen from B are  $60^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$ . If AB is 30 m, the distance between the flagstuffs in metres is  
 (1)  $30+15\sqrt{3}$               (2)  $45+15\sqrt{3}$   
 (3)  $60-15\sqrt{3}$               (4)  $60+15\sqrt{3}$
3. In a cubical hall A B C D P Q R S with each side 10 m G is the centre of the wall B C R Q and T is the mid point of the side AB. The angle of elevation of G at the point T is  
 (1)  $\sin^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$           (2)  $\cos^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$   
 (3)  $\tan^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$           (4)  $\cot^{-1}(1/\sqrt{3})$
4. Two vertical poles 20 m and 80 m high stand apart on a horizontal plane. The height of the point of intersection of the lines joining the top of each pole to the foot of the other is  
 (1) 15 m                      (2) 16 m  
 (3) 18 m                      (4) 50 m
5. A man from the top of a 100 metres high tower sees a car moving towards the tower at an angle of depression of  $30^\circ$ . After some time, the angle of depression becomes  $60^\circ$ . The distance (in metres) travelled by the car during this time is  
 (1)  $100\sqrt{3}$                       (2)  $200\sqrt{3}/3$   
 (3)  $100\sqrt{3}/3$                   (4)  $200\sqrt{3}$
6. A pole stands vertically, inside a triangular park ABC. If the angle of elevation of the top of the pole from each corner of the park is same, then in  $\triangle ABC$ , the foot of the pole is at the  
 (1) centroid                      (2) circumcentre  
 (3) incentre                      (4) orthocentre
7. A man observes that the angle of elevation of the top of a tower from a point P on the ground is  $\theta$ . He moves a certain distance towards the foot of the tower and finds that the angle elevation of the top has doubled. He further moves a distance  $3/4$  of the previous and finds that the angle of elevation is three times that at P. The angle  $\theta$  is given by  
 (1)  $\sin \theta = \sqrt{5/12}$           (2)  $\cos \theta = \sqrt{5/12}$   
 (3)  $\sin \theta = 3/4$                   (4)  $\cos \theta = 3/8$
8. A and B are two points 30 m apart in a line on the horizontal plane through the foot of a tower lying on opposite sides of the tower. If the distance of the top of the tower from A and B are 20 m and 15 m respectively, the angle of elevation of the top of the tower at a is  
 (1)  $\cos^{-1}(43/48)$           (2)  $\sin^{-1}(43/48)$   
 (3)  $\cos^{-1}(29/36)$           (4)  $\sin^{-1}(29/36)$
9. A vertical pole subtends P on the ground. The angle subtended by the upper half of the pole at the P is  
 (1)  $\tan^{-1}(1/4)$                   (2)  $\tan^{-1}(2/9)$   
 (3)  $\tan^{-1}(1/8)$                   (4)  $\tan^{-1}(2/3)$
10. An aeroplane flying at a height of 3000 m above the ground passes vertically above another at an instant when the angles of elevation of the two planes from the same point on the ground are  $60^\circ$  and  $45^\circ$  respectively. The height of the lower plane the ground is

- (1)  $1000\sqrt{3}m$       (2)  $1000/\sqrt{3}m$
- (3)  $500m$       (4)  $1500(\sqrt{3}+1)m$
11. A pole of height  $h$  stands at one corner of a park in the shape of an equilateral triangle. If  $\alpha$  is the angle which the pole subtends at the midpoint of the opposite side, the length of each side of the park is
- (1)  $(\sqrt{3}/2)h \cot \alpha$     (2)  $(2/\sqrt{3})h \cot \alpha$
- (3)  $(\sqrt{3}/2)h \tan \alpha$     (4)  $(2/\sqrt{3})h \tan \alpha$
12. If each side of length  $a$  of an equilateral triangle subtends an angle of  $60^\circ$  at the top of tower  $h$  situated at the centre of the triangle, then
- (1)  $3a^2 = 2h^2$       (2)  $2a^2 = 3h^2$
- (3)  $a^2 = 3h^2$       (4)  $3a^2 = h^2$
13. A pole 50 m high stands a building 250 m high. To an observer at a height of 300 m, the building and the pole subtend equal angles. The horizontal distance of the observer from the pole is
- (1) 25 m      (2) 50 m
- (3)  $25\sqrt{6}m$       (4)  $25\sqrt{3}m$
14. The angle of elevation of the top C of a vertical tower CD of height  $h$  from a point A in the horizontal plane is  $45^\circ$  and from a point B at a distance  $a$  from A on the line making an angle  $30^\circ$  with AD, it is  $60^\circ$ , then
- (1)  $a = h(\sqrt{3} + 1)$     (2)  $h = a(\sqrt{3} + 1)$
- (3)  $a = h(\sqrt{3} - 1)$     (4)  $h = a(\sqrt{3} - 1)$
15. The angle of elevation of a vertical tower standing inside a triangular field at the vertices of the are each equal to  $\theta$ . If the length of the sides of the field are 30 m, 50 and 70 m, the height of the tower is
- (1)  $70\sqrt{3} \tan \theta m$     (2)  $(70/\sqrt{3}) \tan \theta m$
- (3)  $(50/\sqrt{3}) \tan \theta m$     (4)  $75\sqrt{3} \theta m$
16. Two vertical poles of height  $a$  and  $b$  subtend the same angle  $45^\circ$  at a point on the line joining their feet, the square of the distance between their tops is
- (1)  $\frac{1}{2}(a^2 + b^2)$       (2)  $a^2 + b^2$
- (3)  $2(a^2 + b^2)$       (4)  $(a+b)^2$
17. A monument ABCD stands on a level ground. At point P on the ground the portions AB, AC, AD subtend angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  respectively. If  $AB = a, AC = b, AD = c, AP = x$  and  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 180^\circ$  then  $x^2$  is equal to
- (1)  $\frac{a}{a+b+c}$       (2)  $\frac{b}{a+b+c}$
- (3)  $\frac{c}{a+b+c}$       (4)  $\frac{abc}{a+b+c}$
18. In a triangular plot ABC with  $BC = 7\text{cm}$ ,  $CA = 8\text{m}$  and  $AB = 9\text{m}$ . A lamp post is situated at the middle point E of the side AC and subtends an angle  $\tan^{-1} 3$  at the point B, the height of the lamp post is
- (1) 21 m      (2) 24 m
- (3) 27 m
- (4) can not be determined
19. A vertical tower CP subtends the same angle  $\theta$ , at point B on the horizontal plane through C, the top of the tower, and at point A in the vertical plane. If the triangle ABC is equilateral with length of each side equal to 4m, the height of the tower is
- (1)  $8\sqrt{3}m$       (2)  $4\sqrt{3}/3m$
- (3)  $4\sqrt{3}m$       (4)  $8/\sqrt{3}m$
20. Two objects at the points P and Q subtend an angle of  $30^\circ$  at a point A. Lengths  $AR = 20\text{m}$  and  $AS = 10\text{m}$  are measured from A at right angles to AP and AQ respectively. If PQ subtends equal angles of  $30^\circ$ , at R and S, then length of PQ is
- (1)  $\sqrt{300 - 200\sqrt{3}}$     (2)  $\sqrt{500 - 200\sqrt{3}}$
- (3)  $\sqrt{500\sqrt{3} - 200}$     (4)  $\sqrt{300}$
21. From a ship at sea it is observed that the angle

- subtended by feet A and B of two light houses, at the ship is  $30^\circ$ . the ship sails 4 km towards A and this angle is then  $48^\circ$ , the distance of B from the ship at the second observation is
- (1) 6.460 km                      (2) 6.472 km  
 (3) 6.476 km                      (4) 6.478 km
22. A man on the ground observes that the angle of elevation of the top of a tower is  $68^\circ 11'$ , and a flagstaff 24 m high on the summit of the tower subtends an angle of  $2^\circ 10'$  at the observer's eye. If  $\tan 70^\circ 21' = 2.8$  and  $\cot 68^\circ 11' = 0.4$  the height of the tower is
- (1) 120 m                          (2) 168 m  
 (3) 200 m                          (4) 300 m
23. A statue, standing on the top of a pillar 25 m high subtends an angle whose tangent is 0.125 at a point 60 m from the foot of the pillar. The best approximation for the height of the statue is
- (1) 9.28 m                          (2) 9.29 m  
 (3) 9.30 m                          (4) 10 m
24. A tower BCD surmounted by a spire DE stands on a horizontal plane. At the extremity a of horizontal line Ba it is found that BC and DE subtend equal angles. If  $BC = 3$  m,  $CD = 28$  m and  $DE = 5$  m, then BA is equal to
- (1)  $\sqrt{18 \times 93}$                       (2)  $\sqrt{36 \times 93}$   
 (3)  $\sqrt{34 \times 93}$                       (4)  $\sqrt{34 \times 36}$
25. From a point on the horizontal plane, the elevation of the top of a hill is  $45^\circ$ . After walking 500 m towards its summit up a slope inclined at an angle of  $15^\circ$  to the horizontal the elevation is  $75^\circ$ , the height of the hill is
- (1)  $500\sqrt{6} m$                       (2)  $500\sqrt{3} m$   
 (3)  $250\sqrt{6} m$                       (4)  $250\sqrt{3} m$
26. A lamp post standing at a point a on a circular path of radius  $r$  subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at some point B on the path, and AB subtends an angle of  $45^\circ$  at any other point on the path, then height of the lamp post is
- (1)  $\sqrt{2} r \cot \alpha$                       (2)  $(r/\sqrt{2}) \tan \alpha$   
 (3)  $\sqrt{2} r \tan \alpha$                       (4)  $(1/\sqrt{2}) \cot \alpha$
27. A tree is broken by wind, its upper part touches the ground at a point 10 m from the foot of the tree and makes an angle  $45^\circ$  with the ground. The entire length of the tree was
- (1) 15 m                              (2) 20 m  
 (3)  $10(\sqrt{2}+1)m$                       (4)  $5(\sqrt{3}+2)m$
28. From the top of a cliff  $x$  m high, the angle of depression of the foot of a tower is found to be double the angle of elevation of the tower. If the height of the tower is  $h$ , the angle of elevation is
- (1)  $\sin^{-1} \sqrt{x/(2-h)}$  (2)  $\tan^{-1} \sqrt{3-2h/x}$   
 (3)  $\sin^{-1} \sqrt{2h/x}$                       (4)  $\cos^{-1} \sqrt{2h/x}$
29. The elevation of a steeple at a place due south of it is  $45^\circ$  and at a place B due west of A the elevation is  $15^\circ$ . If  $AB = 2a$ , the height of the steeple is
- (1)  $a \frac{(\sqrt{3}-1)}{\sqrt{2}}$                       (2)  $a \frac{(\sqrt{3}+1)}{\sqrt{2}}$   
 (3)  $a \left[ 3^{\frac{1}{4}} - 3^{-\frac{1}{4}} \right]$                       (4)  $a \left[ 3^{\frac{1}{4}} + 3^{-\frac{1}{4}} \right]$
30. A river flows due North, and a tower stands on its left bank. From a point A upstream and on the same bank as the tower, the elevation of the tower is  $60^\circ$ , and from a point B just opposite A on the other bank the elevation is  $45^\circ$ . If the tower is 360 m high, the breadth of the river is
- (1)  $120\sqrt{6} m$                       (2)  $240\sqrt{3} m$   
 (3)  $240\sqrt{3} m$                       (4)  $240\sqrt{6} m$
31. The top of a pole, placed against a wall at an angle  $\alpha$  with the horizon, just touches the coping, and when its foot is moved  $a$  m, away from the the wall and its angle of inclination is  $\beta$ , it rests on the sill of a window;
- (1)  $a \sin((\alpha+\beta)/2)$  (2)  $a \cos((\alpha+\beta)/2)$   
 (3)  $a \cot((\alpha+\beta)/2)$  (4)  $a \tan((\alpha+\beta)/2)$
32. OAB is a triangle in the horizontal plane through the foot P of the tower at the middle point of the side OB of the triangle. If  $OA = 2m$ ,  $OB = 6m$ ,  $AB = 5$  m and  $\angle AOB$  is equal to the angle subtended by the tower at A then the height of the tower is

$$(1) \sqrt{\frac{11 \times 39}{25 \times 3}} \quad (2) \sqrt{\frac{11 \times 39}{25 \times 2}}$$

$$(3) \sqrt{\frac{11 \times 25}{39 \times 2}} \quad (4) \text{ none of these}$$

33. If two vertical towers PQ and RS of lengths  $a$  and  $b$  ( $a > b$ ) respectively subtend the same angle  $\alpha$  at a point A on the line joining their feet P and R in the horizontal plane and angles  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  at another point B on this line nearer the towers on the side of the towers as A, then  $\frac{\sin(\beta - \gamma)}{\sin(\beta - \alpha)}$  is equal to

$$(1) \frac{b \sin \alpha}{(a - b) \sin \gamma} \quad (2) \frac{(b - 1) \sin \gamma}{b \sin \alpha}$$

$$(3) \frac{\sin \gamma}{\sin \alpha} \quad (4) \frac{(b - a) \sin \alpha}{b \sin \gamma}$$

34. The angle of elevation of a cloud at a height  $h$  above the level of water in a lake is  $\alpha$ , and the angle of depression of its image in the lake is  $\beta$ . The height of the cloud above the surface of the lake is

$$(1) \frac{h(\cot \alpha + \cot \beta)}{\cot \beta - \cot \alpha} \quad (2) \frac{h(\tan \alpha + \tan \beta)}{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}$$

$$(3) \frac{h \sin(\alpha + \beta)}{\sin(\beta - \alpha)} \quad (4) \frac{h \sin(\alpha - \beta)}{\sin(\alpha + \beta)}$$

35. A person standing on the ground observes the angle of elevation of the top of a tower to be  $30^\circ$ . On walking a distance  $a$  in a certain direction, he finds the elevation of the top to be the same as before. He then walks a distance  $5a/3$  at right angles to his former direction, and finds that the elevation of the top has doubled. The height of the tower is

$$(1) a \quad (2) \sqrt{85/48} a$$

$$(3) \sqrt{6/5} a \quad (4) \sqrt{48/85} a$$

36. a balloon of radius  $r$  subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at the eye of an observer and the elevation of the centre of the balloon from the eye is  $\beta$ , the height  $h$  of the centre of the balloon of the balloon is given by

$$(1) \frac{r \sin \beta}{\sin \alpha} \quad (2) r \sin \beta \sin \alpha$$

$$(3) \frac{r \sin \alpha}{\sin(\alpha/2)} \quad (4) \frac{r \sin \alpha}{\sin(\beta/2)}$$

37. A tower PQ subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at a point A on the same level as the foot Q of the tower. It also subtends the same angle  $\alpha$  at a point B where AB subtends the angle  $\alpha$  with AP then

$$(1) AB = BQ \quad (2) BQ = 2AQ$$

$$(3) \frac{AB}{BQ} = \frac{1}{2} \sin \alpha \quad (4) \frac{AB}{BQ} = \frac{1}{2} \operatorname{cosec} \alpha$$

38. Two poles of height  $a$  and  $b$  stand at the centres of two circular plots which touch each other externally at a point and the two poles subtend angles of  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively at this point, then distance between the centres of these plots is

$$(1) a + b \quad (2) (3a + b)/\sqrt{3}$$

$$(3) (a + 3b)/\sqrt{3} \quad (4) a\sqrt{3} + b$$

39. The angle of elevation of the top of a tree at a point B due south of it is  $60^\circ$  at a point C due north of it is  $30^\circ$ . D is a point due north of C where the angle of elevation is  $15^\circ$ , then given

$$\sqrt{31} \frac{8}{11} \text{ and } BC \times CD = 2^2 \times 3^2 \times 19 \times 11, \text{ the}$$

height of the tree is

$$(1) 33 \quad (2) 38$$

$$(3) 57 \quad (4) 88$$

40.  $n$  poles standing at equal distances on a straight road subtend the same angle  $\alpha$  at a point O on the road. If the height of the largest pole is  $h$  and the distance of the foot of the smallest pole from O is  $a$ , the distance between two consecutive poles is

$$(1) \frac{h \sin \alpha - a \cos \alpha}{(n-1) \sin \alpha} \quad (2) \frac{h \cos \alpha - a \cos \alpha}{(n-1) \cos \alpha}$$

$$(3) \frac{h \cos \alpha - a \sin \alpha}{(n-1) \sin \alpha} \quad (4) \frac{h \sin \alpha - a \cos \alpha}{(n-1) \cos \alpha}$$



**EXERCISES**

- The angle of elevation of the top of an incomplete vertical pillar at a horizontal distance of 100 m from its base is  $45^\circ$ . If the angle of elevation of the top of the pillar after completion at the same point is  $60^\circ$ , then the height to be increased for the completion of the pillar in metres is
  - $50\sqrt{3}$
  - $100\sqrt{2}$
  - $100\sqrt{3}$
  - $100(\sqrt{3}-1)$
- The angle of elevation of the top of a tower at the top and the foot of a pole 10 m high are  $30^\circ$  and  $60^\circ$  respectively. The height of the tower is
  - 15 m
  - 20 m
  - $10\sqrt{3}$  m
  - $25\sqrt{3}$  m
- A tower subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at a point A on the ground, and the angle of depression of its foot from a point B just above A and at distance b from A, is  $\beta$ . The height of the tower is
  - $b \tan \alpha \tan \beta$
  - $b \tan \alpha \cot \beta$
  - $b \cot \alpha \cot \beta$
  - $b \cot \alpha \tan \beta$
- A person walking along a straight road observes that at two points 1 km apart, the angles of elevation of a pole in front of him are  $30^\circ$  and  $75^\circ$ . The height of the pole is
  - $250(\sqrt{3}+1)m$
  - $250(\sqrt{3}-1)m$
  - $500(\sqrt{2}+1)m$
  - $500(\sqrt{2}-1)m$
- If a flagstaff subtends the same angle at the points A, B, C and D on the horizontal plane through its foot, then ABCD is
  - square
  - cyclic quadrilateral
  - rectangle
  - none of these
- From a point on the ground 100 m away from the base of building, the angle of elevation of the top of the building is  $60^\circ$ . Which of the following is the best approximation for the height of the building?
  - 172 m
  - 173 m
  - 174 m
  - 175 m
- From the top of a tower 100 m height, the angles of depression of two objects 200 m apart on the horizontal plane and in a line passing through the foot of the tower and on the same side of the tower are  $45^\circ - A$  and  $45^\circ + A$ , then angle A is equal to
  - $15^\circ$
  - $22.5^\circ$
  - $30^\circ$
  - $35^\circ$
- An observer finds that the angular elevation of a tower is A, on advancing 3m towards the tower the elevation is  $45^\circ$  and on advancing 2m nearer, the elevation is  $90^\circ - A$ , the height of the tower is
  - 1 m
  - 5 m
  - 6 m
  - 8 m
- ABC is a triangular park with all sides equal. If a pillar at A subtends an angle of  $45^\circ$  at C, the angle of elevation of the pillar at D, the middle point of BC is
  - $\tan^{-1}(\sqrt{3}/2)$
  - $\tan^{-1}(2/\sqrt{3})$
  - $\cot^{-1}\sqrt{3}$
  - $\tan^{-1}\sqrt{3}$
- A kite is flying with the string inclined at  $75^\circ$  to the horizon. If the length of the string is 25 m, the height of the kite is
  - $(25/2)(\sqrt{3}-1)^2$
  - $(25/4)(\sqrt{3}+1)\sqrt{2}$
  - $(25/2)(\sqrt{3}+1)^2$
  - $(25/2)(\sqrt{6}+\sqrt{2})$
- AB is a vertical pole. The end A is on the level ground. C is the middle point of AB. P is a point on the level ground. The portion BC subtends an angle  $\beta$  at P. If  $AP = n AB$ , then  $\tan \beta =$ 
  - $\frac{n}{2n^2+1}$
  - $\frac{n}{n^2-1}$
  - $\frac{n}{n^2+1}$
  - none of these



12. a man in a boat rowing away from a cliff 150 metres high observes that it takes 2 minutes to change the angle of elevation of the top of the cliff from  $60^\circ$  to  $45^\circ$ . The speed of the boat is
- (1)  $(1/2)(9-3\sqrt{3})km/h$  (2)  $(1/2)(9+3\sqrt{3})km/h$   
 (3)  $(1/2)(9\sqrt{3})km/h$  (4) none of these
13. A person standing on the bank of a river observes that the angle subtended by a tree on the opposite bank is  $60^\circ$ , when he retires 40 metres from the banks he finds the angle at  $30^\circ$ . The breadth of the river is
- (1) 40 m (2) 60 m  
 (3) 20 m (4) 30 m
14. The elevation of the top of a mountain at each of the three angular points A, B and C of a plane horizontal triangle is  $\alpha$ , if  $BC = a$  the height of the mountain is
- (1)  $(a/2)\operatorname{cosec} A \tan \alpha$   
 (2)  $(a/2)\sec A \tan \alpha$   
 (3)  $(a/2)\operatorname{cosec} \alpha \cot A$   
 (4)  $(a/2)\sec \alpha \tan A$
15. From the top of a building of height  $h$ , a tower standing on the ground is observed to make an angle  $\theta$ . If the horizontal distance between the building and the tower is  $h$ , the height of the tower is
- (1)  $\frac{2h \cos \theta}{\sin \theta + \cos \theta}$  (2)  $\frac{2h}{1 + \cot \theta}$   
 (3)  $\frac{2h}{1 + \tan \theta}$  (4)  $\frac{2h}{\sin \theta + \cos \theta}$
16. The angles of elevation of the top of a tower standing on a horizontal plane, from two points on a line passing through its foot at distance  $a$  and  $b$ , respectively, are complementary angles. If the line joining the two points subtends an angle  $\theta$  at the top of the tower, then if  $a > b$   $\sin \theta =$
- (1)  $\frac{a-b}{a+b}$  (2)  $\frac{a+b}{a-b}$   
 (3)  $\frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a+b}$  (4)  $\frac{2\sqrt{ab}}{a-b}$
17. The upper three-quarters of a vertical pole subtends an angle  $\tan^{-1}(3/5)$  at a point in the horizontal plane through its foot and distant 40 m from it. The height of the pole is
- (1) 80 m (2) 100 m  
 (3) 160 m (4) 200 m
18. PQ is a vertical tower and A, B, C are three points on a horizontal line through Q, the foot of the tower and on the same side of the tower. If the angles of elevation of the top of the tower from A, B and C are  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  respectively, then  $AB/BC =$
- (1) (2)  
 (3) (4)
19. ABCD is a rectangular park with  $AB = a$ . A tower standing at C makes angle  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  at A and B respectively, the height of the tower is
- (1)  $\frac{a}{\sqrt{\cot^2 \alpha + \cot^2 \beta}}$  (2)  $\frac{a}{\sqrt{\cot^2 \alpha - \cot^2 \beta}}$   
 (3)  $\frac{a \tan \alpha \tan \beta}{\sqrt{\tan^2 \beta - \tan^2 \alpha}}$  (4)  $\frac{a \cot \alpha \cot \beta}{\sqrt{\cot^2 \alpha - \cot^2 \beta}}$
20. Two circular paths of radii  $a$  and  $b$  intersect at a point O and AB is a common chord of these circles at A and B respectively. Chords OA and OB subtend equal angles of  $60^\circ$  at their respective centres. A vertical pole at O subtends angle  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively at A and B then height of the pole is
- (1)  $-\cot \alpha$  (2)  $b \cot \beta$   
 (3)  $\frac{a+b}{\cot \alpha + \cot \beta}$  (4) none of these
21. Three poles of height  $a, b, c$  stand on the same side of road and subtend an angle of  $45^\circ$  at a point on the line joining their feet. The pole of height  $a$  subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at the foot of the pole of height  $b$  which subtends an angle  $\beta$  at the foot of the pole with height  $c$  if  $a > b > c$ ,

then  $\cot \alpha - \cot \beta =$

(1)  $\frac{ac - b^2}{ab}$                       (2)  $\frac{bc - a^2}{ab}$

(3)  $\frac{ab - c^2}{bc}$                       (4)  $\frac{ac - b^2}{bc}$

22. A tower stands at the foot of a hill whose inclination to the horizon is  $9^\circ$ ; at a point 40 m up the hill the tower subtends at angle of  $54^\circ$ . The height of the tower is  
 (1) 17.56 m                      (2) 45.76 m  
 (3) 54.76 m                      (4) none of these
23. An aeroplane flying horizontally 1 km above the ground is observed at an elevation of  $60^\circ$ . If after 10 seconds, the elevation is observed to be  $30^\circ$ , then the uniform speed of the aeroplane per hour is  
 (1) 120 km                      (2) 240 km  
 (3)  $240\sqrt{3}$  km                      (4)  $240/\sqrt{3}$  km
24. The angle of elevation of a stationary cloud from a point 2500 metres above a lake is  $15^\circ$  and the angle of depression of its reflection in the lake is  $45^\circ$ . The height of the cloud above the lake level is  
 (1)  $2500/\sqrt{3}$  m                      (2) 2500 m  
 (3)  $2500\sqrt{3}$  m                      (4)  $5000\sqrt{3}$  m
25. If a flagstaff 6 metres high placed on the top of a tower throws a shadow of  $2\sqrt{3}$  metres along the ground then the angle (in degrees) that the sun makes with the ground is  
 (1)  $15^\circ$                       (2)  $0^\circ$   
 (3)  $60^\circ$                       (4)  $\tan^{-1} 2\sqrt{3}$
26. A tower PQ stands at a point P within the triangular park ABC such that the sides  $a, b, c$  of the triangle subtends equal angles at P, the foot of the tower and the tower subtends angles  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  at A, B, C respectively, then  $a^2(\cot \beta - \cot \gamma) + b^2(\cot \gamma - \cot \alpha) + c^2(\cot \alpha - \cot \beta)$  is equal to  
 (1) -1                      (2) 0  
 (3) 1                      (4)  $a + b + c$
27. A spherical balloon subtends an angle  $2\alpha$  at man's eye and the elevation of its centre is  $\beta$ . If  $\theta$  is the elevation of the highest point of the balloon at A then  $\tan \theta$  is equal to  
 (1)  $\frac{\sin \alpha + \cos \beta}{\sin \beta}$                       (2)  $\frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\cos \beta}$   
 (3)  $\frac{\sin \alpha + \cos \beta}{\sin \alpha}$                       (4)  $\frac{\sin \alpha + \sin \beta}{\cos \alpha}$
28. Three poles whose feet lie on a circle subtend angle  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  respectively at the centre of the circle. If the height of the poles are in A.P. then  $\cot \alpha, \cot \beta, \cot \gamma$  in  
 (1) A.P.                      (2) G.P.  
 (3) H.P.                      (4) none of these
29. A person stands at a point A due south of a tower and observes that its elevation is  $60^\circ$ . He then walks westwards towards B, where the elevation is  $45^\circ$ . At a point C on AB produced, he finds it to be  $30^\circ$ . then AB/BC is equal to  
 (1) 1/2                      (2) 1  
 (3) 2                      (4) 5/2
30. a pole stands at point A on the boundary of a circular park of radius  $a$  and subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at another point B on the boundary. If the chord AB subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at the centre of the path, the height of the pole is  
 (1)  $2a \cos(\alpha/2) \tan \alpha$   
 (2)  $2a \sin(\alpha/2) \cot \alpha$   
 (3)  $2a \sin(\alpha/2) \tan \alpha$   
 (4)  $2a \cos(\alpha/2) \cot \alpha$
31. A, B, C are three points on a vertical pole whose distances from the foot of the pole are in A.P. and whose angles of elevation at a point on the ground are  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  respectively. If  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = \pi$ , then  $\tan \alpha$  and  $\tan \gamma$  is equal to  
 (1) 3                      (2) 2  
 (3) 1                      (4) -1
32. A, B, C are three points on a horizontal line through the base O of a pillar OP, such that OA, OB, OC in A.P. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  the angles of

elevation of the top of the pillar at A, B, C respectively are also in a.P. then  $\sin \alpha, \sin \beta, \sin \gamma$  are in

- (1) A.P. (2) G.P.  
(3) H.P. (4) none of these

33. A ladder rests against a wall at an angle of  $35^\circ$ . Its is pulled away through a distance  $a$ , so that it slides a distance  $b$  down the wall, finally making an angle  $25^\circ$  with the horizontal, then  $a/b =$

- (1) 1 (2)  $1/\sqrt{3}$   
(3)  $\sqrt{3}$  (4)  $\sqrt{3}/2$

34. The angle of elevation of the top Q of a tower PW at a point a on the horizontal plane through P the foot of the tower is  $\alpha$ . At a point of B on AQ at a vertical height of  $a$ , the angle of elevation of the middle point R of the tower PQ is  $\beta$ , then the height of the tower is

(1)  $\frac{2a(\tan \alpha - \tan \beta)}{\tan \alpha - 2 \tan \beta}$

(2)  $\frac{2a(\tan \alpha - 2 \tan \beta)}{\tan \alpha - \tan \beta}$

(3)  $\frac{2a(\tan \alpha \tan \beta - 1)}{2 \tan \alpha \cot \beta - 1}$

(4)  $\frac{2a(\tan \alpha \cot \beta - 1)}{2 \tan \alpha \cot \beta - 1}$

35. A lamppost stands in the centre of a circular garden and makes angle  $\alpha$  at pint A and B on the boundary where AB subtends an angle  $2\beta$  at the foot of the lamppost. If  $\gamma$  is the angle which the lamppost subtends at C, the middle point of the line joining a and B, then  $\tan \gamma =$

- (1)  $\tan \alpha \tan \beta$  (2)  $\sec \alpha \tan \beta$   
(3)  $\tan \alpha \sec \beta$  (4) none of these

36. From a pint on the ground, if the angle of elevation of a bird flying at constant speed in horizontal direction, measured at equal intervals of time are  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  and  $\delta$

(1)  $\cot^2 \beta - \cot^2 \gamma = 3(\cot^2 \alpha - \cot^2 \delta)$

(2)  $\cot^2 \beta - \cot^2 \delta = 3(\cot^2 \alpha - \cot^2 \gamma)$

(3)  $\cot^2 \gamma - \cot^2 \delta = 3(\cot^2 \alpha - \cot^2 \beta)$

(4)  $\cot^2 \alpha - \cot^2 \delta = 3(\cot^2 \alpha - \cot^2 \gamma)$

37. A vertical tower standing at O has marks P, Q, R, S at heights of 1 m 2 m, 3 m and 4 m from the foot O and A is a point on the horizontal plane through O. If PQ and RS subtend angles  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively at A where  $OA = 2m$

then  $\cos(\alpha + \beta) =$

(1)  $5/\sqrt{26}$  (2)  $24/\sqrt{650}$

(3)  $23/\sqrt{650}$  (4)  $1/\sqrt{26}$

38. ABCD is a rectangular field with  $AB = a$  and  $BC = b$ . A lamp post of height  $h$  at A subtends an angle  $\alpha$  at P, the middle point of CD and another lamp post of equal height at D subtends an angle  $\beta$  at Q, the middle point of BC. If PQ subtends an angle  $\theta$  at A, then  $\cot^{-1} \beta \cos^2 \theta = k^2$ , where  $k =$

(1)  $(a^2 + b^2)2h^2$  (2)  $(a^2 - b^2)2h^2$

(3)  $2h^2/(a^2 - b^2)$  (4)  $2(a^2 + b^2)h^2$

39. A vertical tower OP of height  $h$  subtends angle  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  respectively at the points A, B, C on the horizontal plane through the foot O of the tower. A is due west of the tower. B is due east of A and on the same side of the tower as A. A is due south of B,  $AC =$

(1)  $h(\cot \alpha - \cot \beta)$

(2)  $h\sqrt{\cot^2 \gamma - \cot^2 \beta}$

(3)  $h\sqrt{\cot^2 \alpha + \cot^2 \gamma - 2 \cot \alpha \cot \beta}$

(4)  $h\sqrt{\cot^2 \gamma + \cot^2 \beta - 2 \cot \alpha \cot \beta}$

40. PQ and RS are two vertical towers of the same height. The line joining the top P and the foot S of the two towers meets the horizontal line through Q at a point A where the angles of elevation of the tops P and R of the two towers is  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  respectively. If  $AS = a$ , the height of the towers is

(1)  $\frac{a \sin(\beta - \alpha)}{\cos \beta}$  (2)  $\frac{a \cos(\beta - \alpha)}{\cos \beta}$

(3)  $\frac{a \sin(\beta - \alpha)}{\sin \beta}$  (4)  $\frac{a \cos(\beta - \alpha)}{\sin \beta}$