



(a) 3

(b) 2

(c) -3

(d) -2

12. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of the  $x^3 - px - q = 0$ , then the value of  $(2\alpha + \beta + \gamma)(\alpha + 2\beta + \gamma)(\alpha + \beta + 2\gamma)$  is -

(a) q

(b) -p

(c) p

(d) -p

13. The roots of the equation  $4x^3 + 16x^2 - 9x - 36 = 0$ , given that the sum of two of its roots is zero is -

(a) 3, -3, -1

(b) -4, -3/2, 3/2

(c) 4, 3/2, -3/2

(d) 1, -1, -9

13. The number of quadratic equations having the squared values of its roots also, as roots, is -

(a) Two (b) Four (c) Six (d) None

14. The expression  $-a^2x^2 + bx - c$  is negative for all x if

(a)  $b^2 > 4a^2c$

(b)  $b^2 < 4a^2c$

(b)  $b^2 = 4a^2c$

(d)  $4b^2 < a^2c$

15. The greatest positive integral value of x for which  $200 - x(10 + x)$  is positive, is -

(a) 11

(b) 9

(c) 10

(d) 19

16. The number of real solutions of  $x - \frac{1}{x^2-4} = 2 - \frac{1}{x^2-4}$  is

(a) 0

(b) 1

(c) 2

(d) Infinite

17. If  $4x^2 + kx + 3 \geq 0$ , for all x, then  $k \in$

(a)  $(-4\sqrt{3}, 4\sqrt{3})$

(b)  $[-4\sqrt{3}, 4\sqrt{3}]$

(c)  $(-3/4, 3/4)$

(d)  $[-3/4, 3/4]$

18. Solve the quadratic equation  $(6-x)^4 + (8-x)^4 = 16$ .

(a) 6, 8

(b) -6, -8

(c) -6, 8

(d) 6, -8

19. If  $x^2 - 4x + \log_{0.5} a = 0$ , does not have two distinct real roots, then the maximum value of a is

(a)  $\frac{1}{4}$

(b)  $1/16$

(c)  $-1/4$

(d) None

20. The values of p for which  $(p^2-1)x^2 + 2(p-1)x + 2 = 0$  is positive for any x, are

(a)  $p \geq 1$

(b)  $p > -3$  only

(c)  $p < -3$  or  $p \geq 1$

(d)  $p \leq 1$  only

21. If  $\frac{x-1}{4x+5} < \frac{x-3}{4x-3}$ , then  $x =$

(a)  $[-5/4, 3/4]$

(b)  $(-5/4, 3/4)$

(c)  $(-5/4, 5/4)$

(d)  $(-3/4, 3/4)$

22. The number of real roots of the equation  $(x-3)^{1/2}(x^2 - 5x + 4) = 0$  is

(a) One

(b) Two

(c) Three

(d) Four

23. The equation  $(1+m)x^2 - 2(1+3m)x + (1+8m) = 0$  has equal roots if  $m =$

(a) 0

(b) 3

(c) 1

(d) -3

24. The number of solutions of  $x - \frac{\sin \beta}{x-1} = 1 - \frac{\sin \beta}{x-1}$  is -

(a) 1

(b) 2

(c) 0

(d) None

25. If  $(\log_a x) / (\log_{ab} x)$  is equal to

(a)  $1 + \log_a b$

(b)  $1 + \log_b a$

(c)  $1 - \log_a b$

(d)  $1 - \log_b a$

26.  $\log_4 \log_3 \log_2 x = 0$ , then the value of x is

(a) 6

(b) 8

(c) 12

(d) None

27. If  $\log_{0.09}(x-2) > \log_{0.3}(x-2)$ , then x lies in the interval

(a)  $(3, \infty)$

(b)  $(2, 3)$

(c)  $(-1, 0)$

(d)  $-1/2$

28. The number of solution(s) for the equation  $2\log_x a + \log_a x + 3\log_{a.a.x} a = 0$  is



