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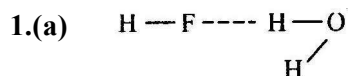
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**(SOLUTION) | CHEMISTRY |**



(due to hydrogen bonding)

2. (b)

3. (c)

4. (a)

5. (c)  $\text{O}_2^{2-}$  peroxide ion is diamagnetic ion.

6. (abd)

7. (abc)

8. (ac)

9.(a) Total no. of atoms in one mole vitamin A = 51

Total no. of atoms in one mole vitamin  $\text{A}_2$  = 49

$\therefore$  49 atoms are present in one mole  $\text{A}_2$

$\therefore$  1 atom is present in  $\frac{1}{49}$  moles  $\text{A}_2$

$\therefore$  51 atoms are present in  $\frac{51}{49}$  moles  $\text{A}_2$

10.(c) Total mass = mass of vitamin A + mass of vitamin  $\text{A}_2$   
= 286 + 284 = 570 gm

11. (c)

12. (b)

13. (a) A-(qrt) ; B - (st) ; C - (q,r,s) ; D -(prs)

(P) I.E.<sub>2</sub> of O,  $\Delta H = +ve$

(Q) E.A. of O,  $\Delta H = -ve$

(R) I.E.<sub>1</sub> + I.E.<sub>2</sub> of O,  $\Delta H = +ve$

(S) EGE<sub>2</sub> of O,  $\Delta H = +ve$

(T) EGE<sub>1</sub> + EGE<sub>2</sub> of O,  $\Delta H = +ve$

14. (b) A - (q) ; B - (prst) ; C - (p) ; D - (q)

All the cations have higher I.E. than corresponding atom.

15. (8)

16. (4)

17.(4)

18. (8)

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19. (b)  $3\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + 3\hat{k} = \frac{(10+20+30) \times 0 + 40 \times \vec{r}_2}{(10+20+30+40)}$

$\therefore \vec{r}_2 = 7.5\hat{i} + 7.5\hat{j} + 7.5\hat{k}$

20. (c) 
$$\frac{F_0(T + \frac{T}{2})}{2} = m(0 - u)$$

$\therefore F_0 = \frac{4mu}{3T}$



21. (d) Given,  $F = cs^{-1/3}$   
 Acceleration,  $a = \frac{F}{m} = \frac{c}{m} s^{-1/3}$

or  $v \frac{dv}{ds} = \frac{c}{m} s^{-1/3}$

or  $\int_0^v v dv = \frac{c}{m} \int_0^s s^{-1/3} ds$

$\frac{v^2}{2} = \frac{c}{m} \frac{s^{2/3}}{2/3}$

or  $v^2 = \frac{3c}{\alpha m} s^{2/3}$

or  $v = ks^{1/3}$

Now power =  $Fv$   
 $= cs^{-1/3} \times ks^{1/3} = s^0$

22. (b)  $W_{net} = W_{gravity} + W_{spring}$   
 $= mg(h+d) - \frac{1}{2} kx^2$

23. (b,d) The total momentum and total energy of (earth + ball) system remain conserved.

24. (b, c, d)  $\frac{1}{2} kx^2 = mgx, \therefore x = \frac{2mg}{k}$

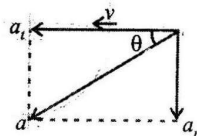
At  $\frac{x}{2}$ , force in the spring,  $F = k \frac{x}{2} = k \frac{mg}{k} = mg$ ,

so, net force on the block is zero. Also at extreme position the block has net upward force and so net upward acceleration.

25. (a, b)

$a_t = \frac{dv}{dt} = 2 = \text{constant}$

$a_r = \frac{v^2}{R}$



As  $v$  increasing, therefore  $a_r$  is increasing.

$\tan \theta = \frac{a_r}{a_t}$

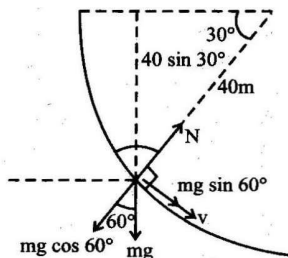
26. (b, d) By constraint

$a_B + 4a_A = 2a_C + 3a_D$

$\Rightarrow a_D = \frac{7}{3} \text{ m/s}^2$

$2T - 10 = 1 \Rightarrow T = 11/2 \text{ N}$

27. (a)

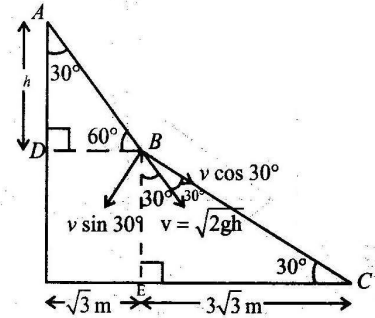


28. (b) From (2),  $mv^2 = 100 \therefore v = 10 \text{ ms}^{-1}$

29. (b) As the inclined plane is frictionless,

The K. E. at B = P.E. at A

$\frac{1}{2} mv^2 = mgh \quad v = \sqrt{2gh}$



In  $\Delta ADB$ ,  $\tan 60^\circ = \frac{h}{\sqrt{3}}$

$\therefore h = 3 \text{ m} \quad \therefore v = \sqrt{6g} = \sqrt{60} \text{ m/s}$

This is the velocity of the block just before collision. This velocity makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the vertical. Also in right angled triangle  $BEC$ ,  $\angle EBC = 60^\circ$ . Therefore  $v$  makes an angle of  $30^\circ$  with the second inclined plane  $BC$ . The component of  $v$  along  $BC$  is  $v \cos 30^\circ$ .

It is given that the collision at  $B$  is perfectly inelastic therefore the impact forces act normal to the plane such that the vertical component of velocity becomes zero. The component of velocity along the incline  $BC$  remains unchanged and is equal to  $v \cos 30^\circ$

$= \sqrt{60} \times \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2} = \sqrt{\frac{180}{4}} = \sqrt{45} \text{ m/s}$

30. (b) In  $\Delta BCE$ ,  $\tan 30^\circ = \frac{BE}{CE} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{BE}{3\sqrt{3}} \Rightarrow BE = 3 \text{ m}$

Applying mechanical energy conservation.

Mechanical energy at  $B$  = Mechanical energy at  $C$

$\frac{1}{2} M (\sqrt{45})^2 + M \times 10 \times 3 = \frac{1}{2} M v_c^2$

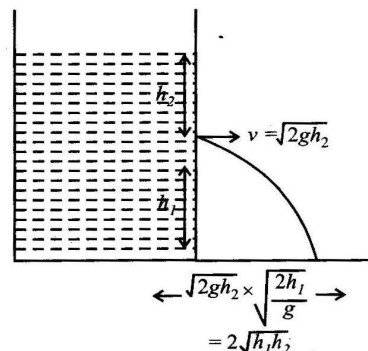
$45 + 60 = v_c^2 \quad \therefore v_c = \sqrt{105} \text{ m/s}$

31. (c) A-(q,r) ; B-(p,t); C-(s)

Capacitance coulomb-volt<sup>-1</sup>, coulomb<sup>2</sup>-joule<sup>-1</sup>  
 Inductance ohm-sec, volt-second (ampere)<sup>-1</sup>  
 Magnetic Induction newton (ampere-metre)<sup>-1</sup>

Mean diameter =  $\frac{0.61 + 0.57 + 0.59}{3} = 0.59 \text{ cm}$

32.(a) A  $\rightarrow$  p; B  $\rightarrow$  p; C  $\rightarrow$  p; D  $\rightarrow$  s



If  $g_{eff} > g$   
 $g_{eff} = g$   
 $g_{eff} < g$

In all the three cases  $d = 2\sqrt{h_1 h_2} = 1.2 \text{ m}$

If  $g_{eff} = 0$ , then no water leaks out

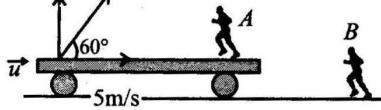
33. 5

From the perspective of observer A, considering vertical motion of the ball from the point of throw till it reaches back at the initial height.

$$U_y = +5\sqrt{3} \text{ m/s}, S_y = 0$$

$$a_y = -10 \text{ m/s}^2, t = ?$$

$$5\sqrt{3} \text{ m/s} \quad 10 \text{ m/s}$$



Applying  $S = ut + \frac{1}{2} at^2$

$$0 = 5\sqrt{3}t - 5t^2$$

$$\therefore t = \sqrt{3} \text{ sec}$$

Considering horizontal motion from the perspective of observer B. Let  $u$  be the speed of train at the time of throw.

The horizontal distance travelled by the ball  $= (u + 5)\sqrt{3}$ .

The horizontal distance travelled by the boy

$$= \left[ u\sqrt{3} + \frac{1}{2} a(\sqrt{3})^2 \right] + 1.15$$

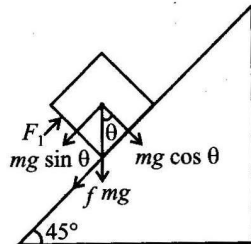
As the boy catches the ball therefore

$$(u + 5)\sqrt{3} = u\sqrt{3} + \frac{3}{2}a + 1.15$$

$$\therefore 5\sqrt{3} = 1.5a + 1.15 \quad \therefore 7.51 = 1.5a$$

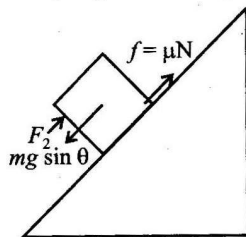
$$\therefore a \approx 5 \text{ m/s}^2$$

34. 5



The pushing force  $F_1 = mg \sin \theta + f$

$$\therefore F_1 = mg \sin \theta + \mu mg \cos \theta = mg (\sin \theta + \mu \cos \theta)$$



The force required to just prevent it from sliding down

$$F_2 = mg \sin \theta - \mu N = mg (\sin \theta - \mu \cos \theta)$$

Given,  $F_1 = 3F_2$

$$\therefore \sin \theta + \mu \cos \theta = 3(\sin \theta - \mu \cos \theta)$$

$$\therefore 1 + \mu = 3(1 - \mu) [\because \sin \theta = \cos \theta]$$

$$\therefore 4\mu = 2$$

$$\therefore \mu = 0.5$$

$$\therefore N = 10 \mu = 5$$

35. (4)  $E = A^2 e^{-0.2t}$

$$\therefore \log_e E = 2 \log_e A - 0.2t$$

On differentiating we get

$$\frac{dE}{E} = 2 \frac{dA}{A} - 0.2 \frac{dt}{t} \times t$$

As errors always add up therefore

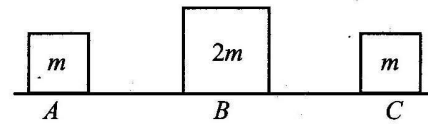
$$\frac{dE}{E} \times 100 = 2 \left( \frac{dA}{A} \times 100 \right) + 0.2t \left( \frac{dt}{t} \times 100 \right)$$

$$\therefore \frac{dE}{E} \times 100 = 2 \times 1.25\% + 0.2 \times 5 \times 1.5\%$$

$$\therefore \frac{dE}{E} \times 100 = 4\%$$

36. 4 The velocity of B just after collision with A is

$$v_B = \frac{(m_B - m_A)u_B + 2m_A u_A}{m_B + m_A}$$



$$= \frac{0 + 2m \times 9}{m + 2m} = 6 \text{ m/s}$$

The collision between B and C is completely inelastic.

$$\therefore m_B v_B = (m_B + m_C) v$$

$$\therefore v = \frac{6 \times 2m}{2m + m} = 4 \text{ m/s.}$$

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37. (B)  $\log_3 x \times \log_x 2x \times \log_{2x} y = \log_3 y$   
 and  $\log_x x^2 = 2$   
 $\therefore \log_3 y = 2 \Rightarrow y = 9$

38. (B) We have  $2011x^3 + 2x^2 + 1 = 0 \begin{matrix} \alpha \\ \beta \\ \gamma \end{matrix}$  ... (1)

Put  $x = \frac{1}{t}$  in equation (1), we get  $\frac{2011}{t^3} + \frac{2}{t^2} + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow t^3 + 2t + 2011 = 0 \begin{matrix} 1/\alpha \\ 1/\beta \\ 1/\gamma \end{matrix}$  ... (2)

So,  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma} = 0$  and  $\frac{1}{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta\gamma} + \frac{1}{\gamma\alpha} = 2$  **Ans.**

39. (C) Let  $\frac{1}{H_{i+1}} - \frac{1}{H_i} = k \Rightarrow \frac{H_i - H_{i+1}}{H_i H_{i+1}} = k$

$\Rightarrow (H_i - H_{i+1}) = k H_i H_{i+1}$

where  $k$  is the common difference of corresponding A.P

$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^{100} (-1)^i \left( \frac{H_i + H_{i+1}}{H_i - H_{i+1}} \right) = \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{(-1)^i (H_i + H_{i+1})}{k H_i H_{i+1}} = \sum_{i=1}^{100} \frac{(-1)^i}{k} \left( \frac{1}{H_{i+1}} + \frac{1}{H_i} \right)$   
 $= \frac{1}{k} \left[ \left( \frac{-1}{H_2} - \frac{1}{H_1} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{H_3} + \frac{1}{H_2} \right) + \left( \frac{-1}{H_4} - \frac{1}{H_3} \right) + \left( \frac{1}{H_5} + \frac{1}{H_4} \right) + \dots + \left( \frac{1}{H_{101}} + \frac{1}{H_{100}} \right) \right]$   
 $= \frac{1}{k} \left( \frac{1}{H_{101}} - \frac{1}{H_1} \right) = \frac{100k}{k} = 100$  **Ans.**

**Note :**  $\frac{1}{H_2} - \frac{1}{H_1} = k$   
 $\frac{1}{H_3} - \frac{1}{H_2}$   
 $\vdots$   
 $\frac{1}{H_{100}} - \frac{1}{H_{99}}$   
 $\frac{1}{H_{101}} - \frac{1}{H_{100}}$   


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 $\frac{1}{H_{101}} - \frac{1}{H_1} = 100k$

40. (D)  $T_{r+1} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!} (x)^r$

For first negative term,  $n - r + 1 < 0 \Rightarrow r > n + 1$

$\Rightarrow r > \frac{32}{5} \therefore r = 7. \left( \because n = \frac{27}{5} \right)$

Therefore, first negative term is  $T_8$

41.(ACD) I → 2 L → 2 T → 2 U → 1 S → 1 R → 1 A → 1 O → 1 N → 1

(A) Total number of arrangement =  $\frac{(12)!}{2!2!2!}$

(B) For vowels to be separated they must be in gap.

Hence, consonants must be arranged at first.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Total number of ways} &= \frac{7!}{2!2!} \times {}^8C_5 \times \frac{5!}{2!} \\ &= \frac{5040}{4} \times \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6}{6} \times 60 \\ &= 7! \times 2 \times 7 \times 3 \times 5 \times 4 = 8! \times 105 \end{aligned}$$

(C) For the order of the vowel to be unchanged the arrangement of the vowel can be done in a single way i.e., IUAIO. Hence, we can treat it alike.

$$\therefore \text{Total ways} = \frac{(12)!}{5! \times 2! \times 2!}$$

(D) After selecting one I and one L, we can divide it into 4 cases :

**Case 1.** None of 3 remaining letters chosen are the second I or L.

$$\therefore \text{Total ways} = {}^6C_3 + {}^6C_2 + {}^6C_1 = 20 + 15 + 6 = 41$$

**Case 2.** We select one I and no L extra.

$$\therefore \text{Total ways} = ({}^6C_2 + {}^6C_1 + 1) = 22$$

**Case 3.** We select one L and no I extra.

$$\therefore \text{Total ways} = 22$$

**Case 4.** 2L + 2I and one extra letter = 7

$$\therefore \text{Total ways} = 92$$

42.(AD)

$$\alpha x^2 - x + \alpha = 0$$

$$D = 1 - 4\alpha^2$$

distinct real roots  $D > 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \in \left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}\right) \quad \dots (i)$$

given

$$\Rightarrow \frac{|x_1 - x_2|}{|\alpha|} < 1 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 1 - 4\alpha^2 < \alpha^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha \in \left(-\infty, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) \cup \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \infty\right) \quad \dots (ii)$$

$$\text{From (i) and (ii), } \alpha \in \left(-\frac{1}{2}, -\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}\right) \cup \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}}, \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

43. (AC)  $2^{1+\log_5 x} \cdot 4^{\log_5 x} + 5 \cdot 4^{\log_5 x} - 2^3 \cdot 2^{\log_5 x} - 3 \cdot 2^{\log_5 x} + 4 = 0$  (Using  $a^{\log_b x} = x^{\log_b a}$ )

Let

$$2^{\log_5 x} = t$$

$$2t^3 + 5t^2 - 11t + 4 = 0$$

$$\therefore t = 1, \frac{1}{2} \text{ and } -4$$

$$\therefore 2^{\log_5 x} = 1 \Rightarrow x = 1$$

$$\text{and } 2^{\log_5 x} = \frac{1}{2} = 2^{-1} \Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{5}$$

$$\text{but } 2^{\log_5 x} \neq -4 \therefore x_1 = 1 \text{ and } x_2 = \frac{1}{5}$$



44.(CD) H.M. < G.M. ( $b$  is the HM between  $a$  and  $c$ )

$$\therefore b < \sqrt{ac}; \therefore b^2 < ac$$

Ans.

and  $a, b, c$  are in H.P

$$\therefore \frac{1}{b} - \frac{1}{a} = \frac{1}{c} - \frac{1}{b} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{c} = \frac{a-b}{b-c}$$

Ans.

45.(A) OR 46. (B)

$$(1 + 2x + 3x^2)^{30} = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{60}x^{60}$$

Put  $x = 1$  and  $-1$ , we get

$$a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + \dots + a_{60} = 6^{30}$$

$$a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - a_3 + \dots + a_{60} = 2^{30}$$

Adding we get

$$a_0 + a_2 + a_4 + \dots + a_{60} = \frac{6^{30} + 2^{30}}{2} = 2^{29}(3^{30} + 1)$$

To compute  $x^{59}$ , we need  $x^2$  from 29 brackets and  $x$  from 1 bracket.

$$\therefore {}^{30}C_{29} \cdot 3^{29} \cdot 2 = 30 \cdot 2 \cdot 3^{29} = 20 \cdot 3^{30}$$

To compute  $x^3$ , we need  $x$  from 3 brackets or  $x^2$  from 1 bracket and  $x$  from 1 bracket.

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^3 &= {}^{30}C_3 \cdot 2^3 + {}^{30}C_1 \cdot 3 \cdot {}^{29}C_1 \cdot 2 \\ &= {}^{30}C_3 \cdot 8 + {}^{30}C_1 \cdot 29 \cdot 2 \\ &= \frac{30 \cdot 29 \cdot 28}{6} \cdot 8 + 30 \cdot 29 \cdot 2 \\ &= 290 \cdot 2(56 + 18) \\ &= 290 \times 148 = 42,920 \end{aligned}$$

Ans.

47.(C) OR 48. (C)

(1) We have  $\alpha^2 - p\alpha + 2q = 0$

and  $\alpha^2 - q\alpha + 2p = 0$

(Subtracting)  $\underline{\hspace{10em}}$   
 $\Rightarrow (q-p)\alpha + 2(q-p) = 0$

$\therefore \alpha = -2$ , as  $p \neq q \Rightarrow \alpha$  lies in  $(-3, -1)$

Ans.

(2) As  $x = -2$  is a root of  $x^2 - px + 2q = 0$ , so  $4 + 2p + 2q = 0$

$\Rightarrow p + q = -2$

Also,  $p$  and  $q$  are roots of  $4x^2 + mx + n = 0$  (Given)

$\therefore$  Sum of roots  $= p + q = \frac{-m}{4} = -2 \Rightarrow m = 8$

Now, discriminant  $= m^2 - 16n > 0$  (As roots are distinct and real)

$\Rightarrow 64 - 16n > 0 \Rightarrow 0 < n < 4$

$\Rightarrow n = 1, 2, 3$  (As  $n \in N$ )

$\therefore$  Possible ordered pairs of  $(m, n)$  are  $(8, 1), (8, 2), (8, 3)$

$\Rightarrow$  3 ordered pairs.

Ans.

49. a (A) - S ; (B) - Q ; (C) - S ; (D) - P

$$12600 = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 5^2 \times 7^1$$

(A) Hence, divisible by  $70 = 3 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 = 18$

(B) If  $KN$  is perfect square then  $K = 14$

(C) Total number of divisors  $= 4 \times 3 \times 3 \times 2 = 72$

$\therefore$  Required ways  $= \frac{72}{2} = 36 = 2l \Rightarrow l = 18$

(D) Total number of ways  $= 2^{n-1}$  (where  $n$  is number of primes involved in prime factorization of  $N$ .)



**50. b (A) -P ; (B) - PRS ; (C) - PR ; (D) PQR**

- (A) Let  $\sqrt{6 + \sqrt{6 + \sqrt{6 + \dots \infty}}} = y$   
 $\Rightarrow \sqrt{6 + y} = y \Rightarrow 6 + y = y^2 \Rightarrow y^2 - y - 6 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow y = 3$  or  $y = -2$  (rejected)  
 $\therefore \log_2 \log_9 3 = -1 \Rightarrow x = -1$
- (B)  $(\log_2 3)(\log_3 4) \dots (\log_{99} 100)$   
 $= \frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \cdot \frac{\log 4}{\log 3} \cdot \frac{\log 5}{\log 4} \dots \frac{\log 99}{\log 98} \cdot \frac{\log 100}{\log 99} = \log_2 100$   
 $\therefore 2^{(\log_2 3 \cdot \log_3 4 \cdot \log_4 5 \dots \log_{99} 100)} = 2^{\log_2 100} = 100 \Rightarrow P, R, S$
- (C)  $\log_3 5 + \log_3 6 - \log_3 10 = \log_3 \left(\frac{30}{10}\right) = \log_3 3 = 1$
- (D)  $\sqrt{2 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{6 - 3\sqrt{5} + \sqrt{14 - 6\sqrt{5}}}}$   
 $= \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{5} - \sqrt{6 - 3\sqrt{5} + 3 - \sqrt{5}}} \quad (\text{as } 14 - 6\sqrt{5} = (3 - \sqrt{5})^2)$

51. (3) (A)  $7^{\frac{2x^2 - 5x - 9}{2}} = (2)^{\frac{3}{2} \log_2 7}$   
 $\frac{2x^2 - 5x - 9}{2} = \frac{3}{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow 2x^2 - 5x - 12 = 0$   
 Hence,  $x = 4, x = -\frac{3}{2}$
- (B)  $2^{\sqrt{x^2 - 2 + x}} = 5 \cdot 2^{x-1 + \sqrt{x^2 - 2}} + 6$   
 Let  $2^{\sqrt{x^2 - 2 + x}} = \lambda$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda^2 - \frac{5\lambda}{2} = 6$   
 $\Rightarrow 2\lambda^2 - 5\lambda - 12 = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow \lambda = 4, -\frac{3}{2}$   
 Hence,  $2^{\sqrt{x^2 - 2 + x}} = 2^2 \Rightarrow x = \frac{3}{2}$
- (C)  $\sqrt{|x-3|^{x-1}} = \sqrt[4]{|x-3|^{x+1}} \Rightarrow |x-3|^{\frac{x-1}{2}} = |x-3|^{\frac{x+1}{4}}$   
 $\therefore x-3 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 3$   
 $x-3 = 1 \Rightarrow x = 4$  or  $x-3 = -1 \Rightarrow x = 2$   
 Also  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{x+1}{4} \Rightarrow 2(x-1) = x+1 \Rightarrow x = 3$

52. (1) Given  $\frac{a+b}{1-ab}, b, \frac{b+c}{1-bc}$  are in A.P  
 $\Rightarrow b - \frac{a+b}{1-ab} = \frac{b+c}{1-bc} - b$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{-a(b^2+1)}{1-ab} = \frac{c(b^2+1)}{1-bc} \Rightarrow a+c = 2abc$

Now, given quadratic equation is

$$2acx^2 + 2abcx + 2abc = 0$$

(Substituting  $a+c = 2abc$  and then cancelling  $2ac$ )

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + bx + b = 0 \begin{cases} \alpha \\ \beta \end{cases}$$

As  $\alpha + \beta = -b, \alpha\beta = b$

$\therefore (1+\alpha)(1+\beta) = (\alpha+\beta) + (\alpha\beta) + 1 = -b + b + 1 = 1.$

**Ans.**



53. (5) Let the number of sides is  $n$ , then

$$n = {}^n C_2 - n \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad 2n = {}^n C_2$$

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad 2n = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} \quad \text{i.e.,} \quad 4n = n(n-1)$$

$$\text{i.e.,} \quad n = 5$$

**Ans.**

54. (2) For constant term  $T_{r+1} = {}^9 C_r a^{9-r} x^{9-r} (x)^{-r/2}$

$\therefore$  For constant term

$$9-r-\frac{r}{2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad 9-\frac{3r}{2} = 0 \quad \Rightarrow \quad r = 6$$

$$\therefore \quad {}^9 C_6 \times a^3 = -\frac{21}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{6} \times a^3 = -\frac{21}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a = -\frac{1}{2} \quad \Rightarrow \quad 2a + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a + 3 = 2$$

