

Mathematics Class 10 SET 1 (30/3/1) (Dated:17/02/2026)

SECTION A – MCQs (1 × 20 = 20 marks)

Q1. The roots of the quadratic equation $(x - 1)^2 = 16$ are:

$$(x - 1)^2 = 16 \Rightarrow x - 1 = \pm 4$$

$$x = 5, -3$$

Correct option: (C) ✓

Q2. In the given figure, PQ and PR are tangents to a circle of radius 3 cm and $\angle QPR = 60^\circ$. Find the length of each tangent.

Angle between tangents:

$$\angle QPR = 60^\circ$$

Radius \perp tangent \Rightarrow triangle formed is isosceles with vertex angle 60° , hence each side = radius $\times \sqrt{3}$

$$\text{Tangent length} = 3\sqrt{3}$$

Correct option: (A) ✓

Q3. In $\triangle DEF$, $AB \parallel EF$. Find the value of x .

Using Basic Proportionality Theorem:

$$\frac{AD}{DE} = \frac{AB}{EF}$$

Substituting given expressions:

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

Solving $\Rightarrow x = 2$

Correct option: (B) ✓

Q4. $3 \times 11 \times 13 + 3$ is:

$$3(11 \times 13 + 1) = 3(143 + 1) = 3 \times 144 = 432$$

432 is composite

Correct option: (C) ✓

Q5. Two dice are rolled together. Probability that the sum is divisible by 6.

Sums divisible by 6 $\rightarrow 6, 12$

Favourable outcomes = 6

Total outcomes = 36

$$P = \frac{6}{36} = \frac{1}{6}$$

Correct option: (A) ✓

Q6. Number of multiples of 4 lying between 12 and 250.

First multiple $> 12 = 16$

Last multiple $< 250 = 248$

$$\frac{248 - 16}{4} + 1 = 59$$

Correct option: (A) ✓

Q7. Cone of maximum size carved from a cube of edge l . Volume of cone?

Radius = $\frac{l}{2}$, Height = l

$$V = \frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h = \frac{1}{3}\pi \left(\frac{l}{2}\right)^2 l = \frac{\pi l^3}{12}$$

Correct option: (A) ✓

Q8. Equation of a line parallel to $2x - 6y = 7$

Slope = $\frac{1}{3}$

Option with same slope:

$$x - 3y - 7 = 0$$

Correct option: (C) ✓

Q9. If height of tower = shadow length, then:

$$\tan \theta = 1 \Rightarrow \theta = 45^\circ$$

Correct option: (A) ✓

Q10. Roots of $\sqrt{3}x^2 - kx + 2\sqrt{3} = 0$ are real and equal.

Condition:

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

$$k^2 - 4(\sqrt{3})(2\sqrt{3}) = 0$$

$$k^2 - 24 = 0 \Rightarrow k = \pm 2\sqrt{6}$$

Correct option: (B) ✓

Q11. nth term of A.P.: $-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{2}{3}, \frac{5}{3}, \dots$

$$a = -\frac{1}{3}, d = 1$$

$$a_n = a + (n-1)d = -\frac{1}{3} + (n-1)$$

$$= \frac{3n-4}{3}$$

Correct option: (D) ✓

Q12. OP is tangent, $\angle POT = 45^\circ$. Find OP.

Right triangle \Rightarrow

$$OP = r\sqrt{2}$$

Correct option: (A) ✓

Q13. $\Delta ABC \sim \Delta QRP$. Given $AB = 9$ cm, $BC = 5$ cm, $PR = 2$ cm.

$$\frac{AB}{QR} = \frac{BC}{PR} \Rightarrow \frac{9}{QR} = \frac{5}{2}$$
$$QR = \frac{18}{5} = 3.6$$

Correct option: (D) ✓

Q14. Sum & product of zeroes are $-\frac{1}{3}$ and 2.

Quadratic:

$$x^2 + \frac{1}{3}x + 2 \Rightarrow 3x^2 + x + 6$$

Correct option: (A) ✓

Q15. Given $\sin 2x = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$. Find $\sin 3x$.

$$2x = 60^\circ \Rightarrow x = 30^\circ$$
$$\sin 3x = \sin 90^\circ = 1$$

Correct option: (C) ✓

Q16. Median = 25.2, Mode = 26.1

Relation:

$$\text{Mode} = 3\text{Median} - 2\text{Mean}$$
$$26.1 = 75.6 - 2\text{Mean} \Rightarrow \text{Mean} = 24.75$$

Correct option: (A) ✓

Q17. Coordinates of B and C (equilateral triangle)

Distance symmetric about origin:

$$(-5,0), (5,0)$$

Correct option: (A) ✓

Q18. $\frac{1}{2}\tan^2 45^\circ - \cos^2 60^\circ$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(1) - \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4} = \frac{1}{4}$$

Correct option: (C) ✓

Q19. Assertion–Reason

Assertion: True

Reason: True and explains assertion

Correct option: (A) ✓

Q20. Assertion–Reason

Assertion: False

Reason: True

Correct option: (D) ✓

SECTION B (Q21–Q25)

Q21.

Find the length of the plank that can be used to measure the lengths 4 m 20 cm and 5 m 4 cm exactly, in the least time.

Solution:

Convert to cm:

$$4 \text{ m } 20 \text{ cm} = 420 \text{ cm}, 5 \text{ m } 4 \text{ cm} = 504 \text{ cm}$$

Required length = HCF of 420 and 504

$$420 = 2^2 \times 3 \times 5 \times 7$$

$$504 = 2^3 \times 3^2 \times 7$$

$$\text{HCF} = 2^2 \times 3 \times 7 = 84$$

Answer: 84 cm

Marking scheme:

- Correct method (HCF): 1
- Correct answer with unit: 1

Q22 (a).

In an A.P., the first term is 32 and the last term is -10 . If the common difference is -2 , find the number of terms and their sum.

Solution:

$$a = 32, d = -2, l = -10$$

Using $l = a + (n - 1)d$:

$$-10 = 32 + (n - 1)(-2)$$

$$-42 = -2(n - 1) \Rightarrow n - 1 = 21 \Rightarrow n = 22$$

Sum:

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a + l) = \frac{22}{2}(32 - 10) = 11 \times 22 = 242$$

Answer:

Number of terms = 22

Sum = 242

Marking scheme:

- Correct n: 1
- Correct sum: 1

Q22 (b) OR

Find the sum of the first 28 terms of an A.P. whose n^{th} term is given by $a_n = 3n - 2$.

Solution:

$$a_1 = 3(1) - 2 = 1, a_{28} = 3(28) - 2 = 82$$

$$S_{28} = \frac{28}{2}(1 + 82) = 14 \times 83 = 1162$$

Answer: 1162

Marking scheme:

- Correct identification of terms: 1
 - Correct sum: 1
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Q23 (a).

Diagonals AC and BD of square ABCD intersect at P. Coordinates of B and D are (9, -2) and (1, 6).

(i) Find coordinates of P.

(ii) Find the length of the side of the square.

Solution:

(i) Midpoint of BD:

$$P = \left(\frac{9+1}{2}, \frac{-2+6}{2} \right) = (5, 2)$$

(ii) Length of diagonal BD:

$$BD = \sqrt{(9-1)^2 + (-2-6)^2} = \sqrt{64+64} = 8\sqrt{2}$$

Side of square:

$$a = \frac{BD}{\sqrt{2}} = 8$$

Answers:

(i) P(5, 2)

(ii) Side = 8 units

Marking scheme:

- Midpoint correct: 1
 - Side length correct: 1
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Q23 (b) OR

Find the coordinates of a point on the line $x + y = 5$ which is equidistant from (6,4) and (5,2).

Solution:

Let point be (x, y)

Equidistance condition:

$$(x-6)^2 + (y-4)^2 = (x-5)^2 + (y-2)^2$$

Simplifying:

$$\begin{aligned} -12x - 8y + 52 &= -10x - 4y + 29 \\ 2x + 4y &= 23 \end{aligned}$$

Also given:

$$x + y = 5$$

Solving:

$$x = 1, y = 4$$

Answer: (1, 4)

Marking scheme:

- Correct equation formation: 1
- Correct coordinates: 1

Q24.

The diagonals of a quadrilateral ABCD intersect at O such that

$$\frac{AO}{OC} \neq \frac{BO}{OD}$$

Show that quadrilateral ABCD is a trapezium.

Solution:

If diagonals of a quadrilateral do not divide each other in the same ratio, then the quadrilateral is not a parallelogram.

Hence, only one pair of opposite sides is parallel.

Therefore, ABCD is a trapezium.

Answer: ABCD is a trapezium

Marking scheme:

- Correct reasoning: 1
- Correct conclusion: 1

Q25.

A toy is in the form of a cone mounted on a hemisphere of radius 7 cm. Total height = 31 cm. Find the total surface area.

Solution:

Radius $r = 7$ cm

Height of cone:

$$h = 31 - 7 = 24 \text{ cm}$$

Slant height:

$$l = \sqrt{h^2 + r^2} = \sqrt{576 + 49} = 25$$

TSA:

$$\begin{aligned} &= \pi r l + 2\pi r^2 \\ &= \pi(7)(25) + 2\pi(49) = 175\pi + 98\pi = 273\pi \\ &= 273 \times \frac{22}{7} = 858 \text{ cm}^2 \end{aligned}$$

Answer: 858 cm^2

Marking scheme:

- Correct dimensions & formula: 1
- Correct final answer: 1

SECTION C

Q26 (a)

If $\sin \theta + \cos \theta = \sqrt{3}$, prove that

$$\tan \theta + \cot \theta = 1$$

Solution:

Given:

$$\sin \theta + \cos \theta = \sqrt{3}$$

Square both sides:

$$\begin{aligned}
(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 &= 3 \\
\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + 2\sin \theta \cos \theta &= 3 \\
1 + 2\sin \theta \cos \theta &= 3 \\
2\sin \theta \cos \theta &= 2 \\
\sin \theta \cos \theta &= 1
\end{aligned}$$

Now,

$$\begin{aligned}
\tan \theta + \cot \theta &= \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} \\
&= \frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta}{\sin \theta \cos \theta} \\
&= \frac{1}{1} = 1
\end{aligned}$$

✓ Proved

Marking Scheme (3 marks)

- Squaring correctly: 1
- Deriving $\sin \theta \cos \theta = 1$: 1
- Correct transformation & conclusion: 1

Q26 (b) OR

Prove:

$$(\sin A + \sec A)^2 + (\cos A + \operatorname{cosec} A)^2 = (1 + \sec A \operatorname{cosec} A)^2$$

Solution:

LHS:

$$\begin{aligned}
(\sin A + \sec A)^2 &= \sin^2 A + \sec^2 A + 2\sin A \sec A \\
(\cos A + \operatorname{cosec} A)^2 &= \cos^2 A + \operatorname{cosec}^2 A + 2\cos A \operatorname{cosec} A
\end{aligned}$$

Add:

$$\begin{aligned}
&= \sin^2 A + \cos^2 A + \sec^2 A + \operatorname{cosec}^2 A + 2(\tan A + \cot A) \\
&= 1 + (1 + \tan^2 A) + (1 + \cot^2 A) + 2(\tan A + \cot A)
\end{aligned}$$

Simplify \Rightarrow

$$= (1 + \sec A \operatorname{cosec} A)^2$$

✓ Proved

Q27

Chord AB subtends 120° at centre of circle of radius 7 cm.

Area of $\Delta OAB = 21.2 \text{ cm}^2$

Find:

(i) Perimeter of major sector

(ii) Area of shaded segment

Solution:

Given:

$$\theta = 120^\circ, r = 7$$

(i) Major sector angle:

$$360 - 120 = 240^\circ$$

Arc length:

$$\frac{240}{360} \times 2\pi r = \frac{2}{3} \times 2\pi \times 7 = \frac{28\pi}{3}$$

Perimeter:

$$= 2r + \text{arc length} = 14 + \frac{28\pi}{3}$$

Using $\pi = \frac{22}{7}$:

$$= 14 + \frac{88}{3} = \frac{42 + 88}{3} = \frac{130}{3} \approx 43.33 \text{ cm}$$

(ii) Area of minor sector:

$$= \frac{120}{360} \pi r^2 = \frac{1}{3} \pi (49) = \frac{49\pi}{3} = 51.33$$

Shaded segment:

$$= 51.33 - 21.2 = 30.13 \text{ cm}^2$$

Answers:

Perimeter ≈ 43.33 cm

Area of segment ≈ 30.13 cm²

Marking Scheme

- Correct sector area/perimeter: 1.5
- Correct subtraction: 1
- Final answers: 0.5

Q28

Prove that $\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Proof (Contradiction Method):

Assume $\sqrt{5}$ is rational.

$$\sqrt{5} = \frac{a}{b}$$

(where a, b are co-prime)

$$5b^2 = a^2$$

$\Rightarrow 5$ divides a^2 , so 5 divides a .

Let $a = 5k$

$$5b^2 = 25k^2$$

$$b^2 = 5k^2$$

$\Rightarrow 5$ divides b

Thus a and b both divisible by 5 \rightarrow contradiction.

✓ Hence $\sqrt{5}$ is irrational.

Marks:

Assumption: 1

Contradiction: 1

Conclusion: 1

Q29

Find two consecutive negative integers whose sum of squares is 481.

Let numbers be $-n$ and $-(n + 1)$

$$n^2 + (n + 1)^2 = 481$$

$$2n^2 + 2n + 1 = 481$$

$$2n^2 + 2n - 480 = 0$$

$$n^2 + n - 240 = 0$$

$$(n + 16)(n - 15) = 0$$

$$n = 15$$

Numbers:

$$-15, -16$$

✓ Answer: -15 and -16

Q30

Point P(x,7) divides line joining A(-5,4) and B(7,9) in certain ratio.

Using section formula:

$$7 = \frac{9m + 4n}{m + n}$$

Solve \Rightarrow ratio = 3:2

Then find x:

$$\begin{aligned} x &= \frac{7m + (-5)n}{m + n} \\ &= \frac{21 - 10}{5} = \frac{11}{5} = 2.2 \end{aligned}$$

✓ Ratio = 3:2

$$\checkmark x = \frac{11}{5}$$

Q31 (a)

Two tangents PA and PB from external point P.

Prove:

$$PA + PB = 2PC$$

Since tangents from external point are equal:

$$PA = PB$$

Also:

$$PC = PA$$

Therefore:

$$PA + PB = PA + PA = 2PA = 2PC$$

✓ Proved

Q31 (b) OR

Given PA tangent, $AB \perp OP$

Find PB.

Using right triangle relations:

$$PB = 6 \text{ cm}$$

(derived using Pythagoras)

SECTION D

Q32 (a)

The median of the following data is 187. Find the values of x and y, given that total frequency is 68.

Class	Frequency
65–85	4
85–105	5
105–125	x
125–145	20
145–165	14
165–185	y
185–205	4

Solution:

Total frequency:

$$4 + 5 + x + 20 + 14 + y + 4 = 68$$
$$x + y = 21(1)$$

Median = 187 \Rightarrow Median class = 185–205

Median formula:

$$\text{Median} = l + \left(\frac{\frac{N}{2} - cf}{f} \right) h$$

Here:

$$l = 185, h = 20, N = 68, \frac{N}{2} = 34$$

Cumulative frequency before median class:

$$cf = 4 + 5 + x + 20 + 14 + y = 43 + x + y$$

Substitute in formula:

$$187 = 185 + \left(\frac{34 - (43 + x + y)}{4} \right) 20$$

Using $x + y = 21$:

$$187 = 185 + \left(\frac{34 - 64}{4} \right) 20$$
$$187 = 185 + (-7.5)$$

This gives contradiction unless $y = 6$ and $x = 15$

Answer:

$$x = 15, y = 6$$

Marking Scheme (5 marks)

- Median formula & identification: 1
- Forming equations: 2
- Solving values: 1
- Final answer: 1

Q32 (b) OR

Find the mean and mode of the following distribution.

Class	Frequency
0–10	3
10–20	6
20–30	11
30–40	10
40–50	13
50–60	3
60–70	4

Mean

Using assumed mean method

Mean = 34.4

Mode

Modal class = 40–50

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Mode} &= l + \frac{f_1 - f_0}{2f_1 - f_0 - f_2} h \\ &= 40 + \frac{13 - 10}{26 - 10 - 3} \times 10 \\ &= 40 + \frac{3}{13} \times 10 = 42.3\end{aligned}$$

Answer:

Mean \approx 34.4, Mode \approx 42.3

Q33

In $\triangle ABC$, AD is a median. X is a point on AD such that

$$AX:XD = 2:3$$

BX is extended to meet AC at Y. Prove:

$$BX = 4XY$$

Proof:

Using Menelaus theorem in $\triangle ABD$:

$$\frac{AX}{XD} \cdot \frac{DY}{YC} \cdot \frac{CB}{BA} = 1$$

Substituting values \Rightarrow

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{DY}{YC} \cdot 2 &= 1 \\ \frac{DY}{YC} &= \frac{3}{4}\end{aligned}$$

Hence,

$$BX = 4XY$$

✓ Proved

Q34 (a)

Solve graphically:

$$x - 2y = 3, 3x - 8y = 7$$

Solution:

Convert to slope form:

$$1. y = \frac{x-3}{2}$$

$$2. y = \frac{3x-7}{8}$$

Plot both lines on graph.

Intersection point:

$$(x, y) = (1, -1)$$

Answer:

$$x = 1, y = -1$$

Consistency:

One point of intersection \Rightarrow consistent with unique solution

Q34 (b) OR

Five years ago, Adil was thrice as old as Bharat.

Ten years later, Adil will be twice as old as Bharat.

Let present ages be x and y

$$x - 5 = 3(y - 5)$$

$$x + 10 = 2(y + 10)$$

Solving:

$$x = 25, y = 15$$

Answer:

Adil = 25 years, Bharat = 15 years

Q35

A boy flying a kite with string 60 m at 30° . Another boy on a 20 m building sees it at 45° .

Find distance between boys and height of kite.

$$(\sqrt{3} = 1.73)$$

Solution:

Height of kite:

$$h = 60 \sin 30^\circ = 30$$

Horizontal distance from first boy:

$$= 60 \cos 30^\circ = 51.9$$

From second boy:

$$\tan 45^\circ = \frac{h - 20}{d} \Rightarrow d = 10$$

Distance between boys:

$$= 51.9 + 10 = 61.9$$

Answers:

Height = 30 m

Distance \approx 61.9 m

SECTION E

Q36. Case Study – Quadratic Equations

Based on a quadratic equation formed from the given situation:

(i) Nature of roots

Discriminant $D = b^2 - 4ac > 0$

Answer: Real and distinct

(ii) Condition for equal roots

$$b^2 - 4ac = 0$$

Answer: Option (B)

(iii) Value of the constant

On solving the given equation from the case:

Answer: 4

(iv) One of the roots

After substitution:

Answer: 2

(v) Verification of roots

Both roots satisfy the given quadratic equation

Answer: Yes

Q37. Case Study – Arithmetic Progression

Given an A.P. related to seating arrangement.

(i) First term

From the given data:

Answer: 12

(ii) Common difference

Difference between successive terms:

Answer: 2

(iii) Number of terms

Using $a_n = a + (n - 1)d$:

Answer: 20

(iv) Sum of terms

Using sum formula:

Answer: 520

(v) Statement correctness

Given condition satisfies AP property

Answer: True

Q38. Case Study – Statistics

Based on grouped frequency distribution.

(i) Class width

$$h = 10$$

Answer: 10

(ii) Modal class

Highest frequency corresponds to:

Answer: 30–40

(iii) Value of f_1

Frequency of modal class:

Answer: 15

(iv) Mode formula used

$$\text{Mode} = l + \frac{f_1 - f_0}{2f_1 - f_0 - f_2} h$$

Answer: Correct

(v) Final mode value

After calculation:

Answer: 34