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http://www.math.uni-magdeburg.de/~werner/mct-answers.pdf

It is recommended to complete the test within no more than $\mathbf{1 0 0}$ minutes.

## MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS

Question 1: Given are the intervals $I_{1}=[2,5], I_{2}=[1,3], I_{3}=(4,7)$. Which is the interval $I=\left(I_{1} \backslash I_{2}\right) \cup I_{3}$ ?

Answer 1: $I=[3,7]$.
Answer 2: $I=[2,7]$.
Answer 3: $I=(3,7)$.
Answer 4: $I=[2,3] \cup(4,7)$.
Answer 5: $I=[1,2] \cup(4,7)$.

Question 2: What is the result of simplifying the term

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

Answer 1: $T=(a+b)^{4}$.
Answer 2: $T=4 a^{4}+2 a^{2} b^{2}+b^{4}$.
Answer 3: $T=a^{2}\left(a^{2}+1\right)+b^{2}\left(b^{2}+1\right)$.
Answer 4: $T=2\left(2 a^{2}+a^{2} b^{2}+b^{4}\right)$.
Answer 5: $T=a^{4}+b^{4}$.

Question 3: Which of the simplifications of the term $T=\frac{a}{a^{2}-2 a b+b^{2}}-\frac{a}{a^{2}-b^{2}}+\frac{1}{a+b}$ is correct?

Answer 1: $T=\frac{a+b}{(a-b)^{2}}$.
Answer 2: $T=\frac{1}{a+b}$.
Answer 3: $T=\frac{(a+b)^{2}}{(a-b)^{2}}$.
Answer 4: $T=\frac{a^{2}+b^{2}}{(a-b)^{2}(a+b)}$.
Answer 5: $T=\frac{a+b}{a^{2}-b^{2}}$.

Question 4: Which real numbers are solutions of the equation $2 \lg (x-1)=\lg (x+5)$ ?

Answer 1: There is no real solution of the equation.
Answer 2: The only real solution is $x=4$.
Answer 3: The equation has exactly the two solutions $x_{1}=4$ and $x_{2}=-1$.
Answer 4: The only real solution is $x=-1$.
Answer 5: The equation has more than two real solutions.

Question 5: Which real numbers are solutions of the equation $\left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^{x-7}=\left(\frac{25}{16}\right)^{x+3}$ ?

Answer 1: There exists only one real solution $x=\frac{1}{3}$.
Answer 2: There exists only one real solution $x=-10$.
Answer 3: There exist exactly two real solutions.
Answer 4: There exist more than two real solutions.
Answer 5: There exists no real solution.

Question 6: Which of the following equalities is not correct?

Answer 1: $\left(a^{2}-b^{2}\right)=(a-b)(a+b)$.
Answer 2: $e^{x+y}=e^{x} \cdot e^{y}$.
Answer 3: $\log _{2} x^{y}=y \log _{2} x$.
Answer 4: $\ln (u+v)=\ln u+\ln v$.
Answer 5: $(\sqrt{x}-\sqrt{y})^{2}=x+y-2 \sqrt{x y}$.

Question 7: Which real numbers satisfy the equation $3+2 e^{-2 x}-5 e^{-x}=0$ ?
Answer 1: The only solutions of the equation are $x_{1}=0$ and $x_{2}=-\ln \frac{3}{2}=\ln \frac{2}{3}$.
Answer 2: The only solution of the equation is $x=0$.
Answer 3: There exists a real double solution $x_{1}=x_{2}=0$.
Answer 4: The equation has no real solution.
Answer 5: The equation has the two solutions $x_{1}=0$ and $x_{2}=1$.

Question 8: It is known that a car consumes 6.2 l gas per 100 km . Which of the following equalities is not correct if $x$ denotes how many km the car can go if the tank holds 40 l ?

Answer 1: 6.2: $40=100: x$.
Answer 2: 6.2: $x=100: 40$.
Answer 3: $6.2 \cdot x=100 \cdot 40$.
Answer 4: $6.2: 100=40: x$.
Answer 5: $x=\frac{4,000}{6.2}$.

Question 9: What can be said about the set $L$ of real numbers satisfying the inequality $-4>2 x-2 x^{2}$ ?

Answer 1: $L=(-\infty,-1) \cup(2, \infty)$.
Answer 2: $L=(-1,2)$.
Answer 3: $L=\mathbb{R}$.
Answer 4: $L=(-\infty,-1] \cup[2, \infty)$.
Answer 5: $L=\emptyset$.

Question 10: What can be said about the (minimal) number of cases to be considered and the set $L$ of real numbers satisfying the inequality $\frac{6}{2 x+4} \leq|x|$ ?

Answer 1: We have to consider only one case and $L=[1, \infty)$.
Answer 2: We have to consider two cases and $L=(1, \infty)$.
Answer 3: We have to consider three cases and $L=(-\infty,-2) \cup[1, \infty)$.
Answer 4: We have to consider four cases and $L=\emptyset$.
Answer 5: We have to consider four cases and $L=(-\infty,-2)$.

Question 11: Which of the following equalities is not correct?
Answer 1: $\cos \alpha=\cos ^{2} \frac{\alpha}{2}-\sin ^{2} \frac{\alpha}{2}$.
Answer 2: $\tan 2 \alpha=\frac{1}{\tan \alpha-\cot \alpha}$.
Answer 3: $\sin 2 \alpha=\frac{2 \tan \alpha}{1+\tan ^{2} \alpha}$.
Answer 4: $\cos ^{2} \alpha=\frac{\cot ^{2} \alpha}{1+\cot ^{2} \alpha}$.
Answer 5: $\sin (\alpha+t)=\sin \alpha \cos t+\cos \alpha \sin t$.

Question 12: Which angles in the interval $\left[0,360^{\circ}\right]$ are a solution of the equation $2 \sin x+\cos x=2$ (angles rounded to two decimal places)?

Answer 1: There are exactly the three solutions $x_{1}=36.87^{\circ}, x_{2}=90^{\circ}, x_{3}=143.13^{\circ}$.
Answer 2: There is exactly one solution $x=90^{\circ}$.
Answer 3: There are exactly two solutions $x_{1}=90^{\circ}$ and $x_{2}=143.13^{\circ}$.
Answer 4: There are exactly two solutions $x_{1}=36.87^{\circ}$ and $x_{2}=90^{\circ}$.
Answer 5: There are the three solutions $x_{1}=36.87^{\circ}, x_{2}=90^{\circ}, x_{3}=143.13^{\circ}$, but there exist further solutions.

Question 13: What can be said about the curve of second order $4 x^{2}+y^{2}-8 x+4 y=8$ ?

Answer 1: It is a circle with the radius $r=4$.
Answer 2: It is an ellipse with the half axes $a=2$ and $b=4$.
Answer 3: It is an ellipse with the half axes $a=4$ and $b=16$.
Answer 4: It is a hyperbola with the half axes $a=2$ and $b=4$.
Answer 5: It is a hyperbola with the half axes $a=4$ and $b=16$.

Question 14: Given is a sequence with the terms $a_{1}=1, a_{2}=1, a_{3}=2, a_{4}=3, a_{5}=5, a_{6}=8$. What are the terms $a_{7}$ and $a_{8}$ ?

Answer 1: $a_{7}=11, a_{8}=15$.
Answer 2: $a_{7}=12, a_{8}=17$.
Answer 3: $a_{7}=12, a_{8}=18$.
Answer 4: $a_{7}=13, a_{8}=19$.
Answer 5: $a_{7}=13, a_{8}=21$.

Question 15: A company starts with the production of 10,000 trucks in 2011. If the production increases every year by $10 \%$, what is the production in 2020 and what will be the first year so that in total at least 80,000 trucks are produced?

Answer 1: The production in 2020 is 20,000 trucks and in 2017 , the total production exceeds 80,000 for the first time.

Answer 2: The production in 2020 is 21,435 trucks and in 2017 , the total production exceeds 80,000 for the first time.

Answer 3: The production in 2020 is 23,579 trucks and in 2017 , the total production exceeds 80,000 for the first time.

Answer 4: The production in 2020 is 25,937 trucks and in 2016 , the total production exceeds 80,000 for the first time.
Answer 5: The production in 2020 is 28,531 trucks and in 2015 , the total production exceeds 80,000 for the first time.

Question 16: What can be said about function $f: D_{f} \rightarrow R_{f}$ with $f(x)=\sin x-\frac{1}{2} \sin 2 x$ ?
Answer 1: Function $f$ has only the zeroes $x_{k}=2 k \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, is odd and periodic with a period of $\pi$.
Answer 2: Function $f$ has only the zeroes $x_{k}=k \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, is odd and periodic with a period of $2 \pi$.
Answer 3: Function $f$ has only the zeroes $x_{k}=2 k \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, is even and periodic with a period of $2 \pi$.

Answer 4: Function $f$ has only the zeroes $x_{k}=k \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, is even and periodic with a period of $\pi$.
Answer 5: Function $f$ has only the zeroes $x_{k}=2 k \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, is neither even nor odd and also not periodic.

Question 17: Given are the functions $f:[0,1] \rightarrow R_{f}$ with $f(x)=5 x-1$ and $g:[-1,1] \rightarrow R_{g}$ with $g(x)=\sqrt{1-x^{2}}$. What can be said about the compositions $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ ?

Answer 1: Both compositions $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ do not exist.
Answer 2: The composition $(f \circ g)(x)=5 \sqrt{1-x^{2}}-1$ exists, while the composition $g \circ f$ does not exist.
Answer 3: The composition $f \circ g$ does not exist, but the composition $(g \circ f)(x)=\sqrt{1-(5 x-1)^{2}}$ exists.

Answer 4: The composition $f \circ g$ does not exist, but the composition $(g \circ f)(x)=2-4 x$ exists.
Answer 5: Both compositions $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ exist.

Question 18: Given is the function $f: D_{f} \rightarrow R_{f}$ with $f(x)=\sqrt{x+1}-2$. What is the domain $D_{f}$, the inverse function $f^{-1}$ of function $f$ and the domain $D_{f^{-1}}$ of the inverse function?

Answer 1: $D_{f}=[-1, \infty), \quad f^{-1}(x)=(x+2)^{2}-1, \quad D_{f^{-1}}=[-2, \infty)$.
Answer 2: $D_{f}=[0, \infty), \quad f^{-1}(x)=(x+2)^{2}-1, \quad D_{f^{-1}}=\mathbb{R}$.
Answer 3: $D_{f}=[-1, \infty), \quad f^{-1}(x)=(x+1)^{2}-2, \quad D_{f^{-1}}=\mathbb{R}$.
Answer 4: $D_{f}=[-1, \infty), \quad f^{-1}(x)=\sqrt{x+2}-1, \quad D_{f^{-1}}=\mathbb{R}$.
Answer 5: $D_{f}=[0, \infty), \quad f^{-1}(x)=(x+1)^{2}-2, \quad D_{f^{-1}}=\mathbb{R}$.

Question 19: What can be said about function $f: D_{f} \rightarrow R_{f}$ with $f(x)=\frac{\cos \frac{x}{3}}{\left(e^{x}-\sqrt{e}\right)(x+2)}$ ?
Answer 1: Function $f$ has the zeroes $x=\frac{\pi}{2} \pm k \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, and the only pole at $x=-2$.
Answer 2: Function $f$ has the zeroes $x=\frac{3}{2} \pi \pm k \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, and the only two poles at $x_{1}=\frac{1}{2}$ and $x_{2}=-2$.
Answer 3: Function $f$ has the zeroes $x=\frac{3}{2} \pi \pm 3 k \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, and the only two poles at $x_{1}=\frac{1}{2}$ and $x_{2}=-2$.
Answer 4: Function $f$ has the zeroes $x=\frac{\pi}{2} \pm 3 k \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, and the only two poles at $x_{1}=1$ and $x_{2}=-2$.
Answer 5: Function $f$ has the zeroes $x=\frac{3}{2} \pi \pm 3 k \pi, k \in \mathbb{Z}$, and the only two poles at $x_{1}=1$ and $x_{2}=-2$.

Question 20: Given is the function $f: D_{f} \rightarrow R_{f}$ with $f(x)=\frac{2 x-50}{\sqrt{x}-5}$ and let $L=\lim _{x \rightarrow 25} f(x)$.
What can be said about continuity / discontinuity of the function at the point $x=25$ and the limit $L$ ?

Answer 1: Function $f$ is continuous at $x=25$ and $L=0$.
Answer 2: Function $f$ is discontinuous at $x=25$, and the limit $L$ does not exist since the rightand left-side limits as $x$ tends to 25 do not coincide.

Answer 3: Function $f$ has a pole at $x=25$ and $L=\infty$.
Answer 4: Function $f$ has a gap at $x=25$ and $L=20$.
Answer 5: Function $f$ has a jump at $x=25$ and $L$ does not exist.

Question 21: What can be said about function $f: D_{f} \rightarrow R_{f}$ with $f(x)=1-\frac{2 e^{x}}{e^{x}+1}$ ?
Answer 1: Function $f$ has no zero and no extreme point, but an inflection point at $x=0$.
Answer 2: Function $f$ has no zero and no inflection point, but a local extreme point at $x=0$.
Answer 3: Function $f$ has a zero and a local extreme point at $x=0$, but no inflection point at $x=0$.
Answer 4: Function $f$ has a zero and an inflection point at $x=0$, but it has no local extreme point at all.

Answer 5: Function $f$ has a zero, an extreme point and an inflection point at $x=0$.

Question 22: What can be said about monotonicity as well as convexity / concavity of function $f: D_{f} \rightarrow R_{f}$ with $f(x)=\frac{3 x-3}{2 x^{3}}$ ?

Answer 1: Function $f$ is strictly increasing and strictly convex on the domain $D_{f}$.
Answer 2: Function $f$ is strictly decreasing and strictly concave on the domain $D_{f}$.
Answer 3: Function $f$ is strictly increasing on $\left(-\infty, \frac{3}{2}\right]$ as well as strictly decreasing on $\left[\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right)$ and strictly convex on $(-\infty, 2]$ as well as strictly concave on $[2, \infty)$.
Answer 4: Function $f$ is strictly increasing on $(-\infty, 0)$ and strictly decreasing on $(0, \infty)$ as well as strictly convex on $(-\infty, 0)$ and strictly concave on $(0, \infty)$
Answer 5: Function $f$ is strictly increasing on $(-\infty, 0)$ as well as on $\left(0, \frac{3}{2}\right]$ and strictly decreasing on $\left[\frac{3}{2}, \infty\right)$ as well as strictly convex on $(-\infty, 0)$, strictly concave on $(0,2]$ as well as strictly convex on $[2, \infty)$.

Question 23: What can be said about the limits

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L_{1}=\lim _{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3 x}+e^{-3 x}-2}{5 x^{2}} \quad \text { and } \quad L_{2}=\lim _{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{e^{3 x}+e^{-3 x}-2}{5 x^{2}-2 x} ?
$$

Answer 1: $L_{1}=1.8$ and $L_{2}=0$.
Answer 2: $L_{1}=L_{2}=0$.
Answer 3: $L_{1}=0$ and $L_{2}=-\infty$.
Answer 4: $L_{1}=\infty$ and $L_{2}=-\infty$.
Answer 5: $L_{1}=L_{2}=\infty$.

Question 24: How can the integral $\int\left(x^{2}+x\right) \cdot e^{\frac{x}{2}} d x$ be found?

Answer 1: Apply integration by substitution with $t=x^{2}+x$.
Answer 2: Apply integration by substitution with $t=e^{\frac{x}{2}}$.
Answer 3: Apply once integration by parts, differentiating the term $e^{\frac{x}{2}}$ and integrating the term $x^{2}+x$.
Answer 4: Apply twice integration by parts, differentiating each time the term $e^{\frac{x}{2}}$.
Answer 5: Apply twice integration by parts, integrating each time the term $e^{\frac{x}{2}}$.

Question 25: Which of the following computations of the area $A$ enclosed by the function $f$ : $D_{f} \rightarrow R_{f}$ with $f(x)=\sin 2 x$ and the $x$-axis between $x_{1}=0$ and $x_{2}=2 \pi$ is correct?

Answer 1: $A=4 \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \sin 2 x d x$.
Answer 2: $A=\int_{0}^{2 \pi} \sin 2 x d x$.
Answer 3: $A=\left|\int_{0}^{2 \pi} \sin 2 x d x\right|$.
Answer 4: $A=\int_{0}^{\pi} \sin 2 x d x+\int_{\pi}^{2 \pi} \sin 2 x d x$.
Answer 5: $A=\left|\int_{0}^{\pi} \sin 2 x d x\right|+\left|\int_{\pi}^{2 \pi} \sin 2 x d x\right|$.

Question 26: Which of the following answers is correct for the vectors

$$
\mathbf{a}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
1 \\
-1 \\
2
\end{array}\right), \quad \mathbf{b}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
-1 \\
2 \\
0
\end{array}\right), \quad \mathbf{c}=\left(\begin{array}{c}
-1 \\
4 \\
-2
\end{array}\right) ?
$$

Answer 1: The vectors a and care orthogonal.
Answer 2: We have $\mathbf{b}^{T} \cdot \mathbf{c}=7$.
Answer 3: We have $|\mathbf{a}|=4$.
Answer 4: We have $2 \mathbf{a}+3 \mathbf{b}=\mathbf{c}$.
Answer 5: Vector $\mathbf{a}+\mathbf{b}$ is orthogonal to vector $\mathbf{c}$.

Question 27: How often does one need to throw a dice so that with probability $\mathrm{P}=0.9$, at least once the number 1 appears?

Answer 1: One has to throw the dice no more than 6 times.
Answer 2: One has to throw the dice 9 times.
Answer 3: One has to throw the dice less than 12 times.
Answer 4: One has to throw the dice 13 times.
Answer 5: One has to throw the dice at least 18 times.

Question 28: In an urn, there are 16 balls, each of them containing one of the numbers 1,2 , $\ldots, 16$. If one notices 5 different numbers and then draws 5 balls from the urn, how large is the probability $P_{1}$ that exactly 3 of the noticed numbers are drawn and how large is the probability $P_{2}$ that at most two of the noticed numbers are drawn (probabilities rounded to two decimal places)?

Answer 1: $P_{1}=0.13$ and $P_{2}=0.86$.
Answer 2: $P_{1}=0.38$ and $P_{2}=0.98$.
Answer 3: $P_{1}=0.01$ and $P_{2}=0.48$.
Answer 4: $P_{1}=0.48$ and $P_{2}=0.99$.
Answer 5: $P_{1}=0.11$ and $P_{2}=0.38$.

Question 29: Let $X$ be a discrete random variable with the probabilities

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P(X=1)=0.12, P(X=2)=0.25, P(X=3)=0.45, P(X=4)=0.15, P(X=5)=0.03
$$

How large are the probabilities $P_{1}=P(X<4), P_{2}=P(X \geq 3), P_{3}=P(2<X \leq 4)$ ?
Answer 1: $P_{1}=0.98, P_{2}=0.63, P_{3}=0.6$.
Answer 2: $P_{1}=0.82, P_{2}=0.18, P_{3}=0.85$.
Answer 3: $P_{1}=0.82, P_{2}=0.18, P_{3}=0.45$.
Answer 4: $P_{1}=0.82, P_{2}=0.63, P_{3}=0.6$.
Answer 5: $P_{1}=0.98, P_{2}=0.63, P_{3}=0.7$.

Question 30: How can the probability that an $N\left(\mu, \sigma^{2}\right)=N(50,4)$-distributed random variable is in the interval $[42,62]$ be calculated using the distribution function $\Phi$ of the standard normal distribution?

Answer 1: One has to calculate $\Phi(62)-\Phi(42)$.
Answer 2: One has to calculate $\Phi(62)+\Phi(42)-1$.
Answer 3: One has to calculate $\Phi(6)+\Phi(4)-1$.
Answer 4: One has to calculate $\Phi(3)+\Phi(2)-1$.
Answer 5: One has to calculate $\Phi(6)+1-\Phi(4)$.

