

FUNCTIONS

PREVIOUS EAMCET BITS

1. If $f: [2, 3] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = x^3 + 3x - 2$, then the range $f(x)$ is contained in the interval : **[EAMCET 2009]**

- 1) $[1, 12]$ 2) $[12, 34]$ 3) $[35, 50]$ 4) $[-12, 12]$

Ans: 2

Sol. $f(2) = 12$ and $f(3) = 34$

\therefore Range = $[12, 34]$

2. $\left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : \frac{2x-1}{x^3+4x^2+3x} \in \mathbb{R} \right\} =$ **[EAMCET 2009]**
- 1) $\mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ 2) $\mathbb{R} - \{0, 1, 3\}$ 3) $\mathbb{R} - \{0, -1, -3\}$ 4) $\mathbb{R} - \left\{ 0, -1, -3, +\frac{1}{2} \right\}$

Ans: 3

Sol. $\frac{2x-1}{x(x^2+4x+3)} = \frac{2x-1}{x(x+1)(x+3)}$

is not defined if $x(x+1)(x+3) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -3, -1, 0$

3. Using mathematical induction, the numbers a_n 's are defined by $a_0 = 1, a_{n+1} = 3n^2 + n + a_n$ ($n \geq 0$) , then $a_n =$ **[EAMCET 2009]**
- 1) $n^3 + n^2 + 1$ 2) $n^3 - n^2 + 1$ 3) $n^3 - n^2$ 4) $n^3 + n^2$

Ans: 2

Sol. $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 1, a_2 = 3 + 1 + a_1 = 5$ and so on. Verify (2) is correct

4. The number of subsets of $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$ containing at least one odd number is **[EAMCET 2009]**
- 1) 324 2) 396 3) 496 4) 512

Ans: 3

Sol. Number of subsets = $2^9 - 2^4 = 512 - 16 = 46$

4. If $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ is defined by $f(x) = e^{2ix}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then f is (where \mathbb{C} denotes the set of all complex numbers) **[EAMCET 2008]**
- 1) one-one 2) onto 3) one-one and onto 4) neither one-one nor onto

Ans: 4

Sol. $f(x) = e^{2ix} = \cos 2x + i \sin 2x$

$f(0) = f(\pi) = 1 \Rightarrow f$ is not one one

There exists not $x \in \mathbb{R} \ni f(x) = 2 \Rightarrow f$ is not onto.

5. If $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are defined by $f(x) = |x|$ and $g(x) = [x - 3]$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then

$\left\{ g(f(x)) : -\frac{8}{5} < x < \frac{8}{5} \right\} =$ **[EAMCET 2008]**

- 1) $[0, 1]$ 2) $[1, 2]$ 3) $\{-3, -2\}$ 4) $\{2, 3\}$

Ans: 3

Sol. $-\frac{8}{5} < x < \frac{8}{5} \Rightarrow 0 \leq |x| < \frac{8}{5} \Rightarrow -3 \leq |x| - 3 < \frac{8}{5} - 3$
 $\Rightarrow -3 \leq |x| - 3 < -\frac{7}{5} \Rightarrow [|x| - 3] = -3 \text{ or } -2$
 $\Rightarrow \left\{ g(f(x)) : -\frac{8}{5} < x < \frac{8}{5} \right\} = \{-3, -2\}$

6. If $f : [-6, 6] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = x^2 - 3$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ then

$$(f \circ f \circ f)(-1) + (f \circ f \circ f)(0) + (f \circ f \circ f)(1) =$$

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

Ans: 1

Sol. $(f \circ f \circ f)(-1) + (f \circ f \circ f)(0) + (f \circ f \circ f)(1) = -2 + 33 - 2 = 29$

$$f(4\sqrt{2}) = 32 - 3 = 29$$

[EAMCET 2008]

7. If Q denotes the set of all rational numbers and $f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \sqrt{p^2 - q^2}$ for any $\frac{p}{q} \in Q$, then observe the following statements

[EAMCET 2007]

I) $f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$ is real for each $\frac{p}{q} \in Q$

II) $f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right)$ is complex number for each $\frac{p}{q} \in Q$

Which of the following is correct ?

- 1) Both I and II are true
 2) I is true, II is false
 3) I is false, II is true
 4) Both I and II are false

Ans: 3

Sol. $f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \sqrt{1-4} = \sqrt{-3}$ is an imaginary \Rightarrow I is false

$$f\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \sqrt{p^2 - q^2}$$
 it is a complex number \Rightarrow II is true

8. If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = \frac{1}{2 - \cos 3x}$ for each $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then the range of f is

[EAMCET 2007]

1) $\left(\frac{1}{3}, 1\right)$

2) $\left[\frac{1}{3}, 1\right]$

3) $(1, 2)$

4) $[1, 2]$

Ans: 2

- Sol. Max. and Min. values of $2 - \cos 3x$ are 3 and 1

$$\therefore \text{Range} = \left[\frac{1}{3}, 1 \right]$$

9. If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are defined by $f(x) = x - [x]$ and $g(x) = [x]$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where $[x]$ is The greatest integer not exceeding x , then for every $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $f(g(x)) =$

[EAMCET 2007]

- 1) x 2) 0

- 3) $f(x)$

- 4) $g(x)$

Ans: 2

Sol. $f(g(x))$

$$= g(x) - [g(x)]$$

$$=[x] - [x] = 0$$

10. If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = x - [x] - \frac{1}{2}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where $[x]$ is the greatest integer not exceeding x , then $\left\{ x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) = \frac{1}{2} \right\} = \dots \dots$

[EAMCET 2006]

- 1) Z , the set of all integers

- 2) IN , the set of all natural number

- 3) \emptyset , the empty set

- 4) \mathbb{R}

Ans: 3

Sol. $f(x) = x - [x] - \frac{1}{2}, x \in \mathbb{R}$

$$f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x - [x] - \frac{1}{2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow x - [x] = 1$$

$\Rightarrow \{x\} = 1$ which is not possible, where $\{x\}$ denotes the fractional part

11. If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = [2x] - 2[x]$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. where $[x]$ is the greatest integer not exceeding x , then the range of f is

[EAMCET 2006]

- 1) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : 0 \leq x \leq 1\}$

- 2) $\{0, 1\}$

- 3) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0\}$

- 4) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \leq 0\}$

Ans: 2

Sol. $f(x) = [2x] - 2[x], x \in \mathbb{R} = 0$

$= \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$ where $x = a + f$

$\exists 0 < f < 0.5$

$= 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

$x = a + f$ where $0.5 \leq a < 1$

\therefore Range = $\{0, 1\}$

12. If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+4 & \text{for } x < -4 \\ 3x+2 & \text{for } -4 \leq x < 4 \\ x-4 & \text{for } x \geq 4 \end{cases}$ then the correct matching of List I

[EAMCET 2006]

from List II is

List – I

A) $f(-5) + f(-4)$

List – II

i) 14

B) $f(|f(-8)|)$

ii) 4

C) $f(f(-7) + f(3))$

iii) -11

D) $f(f(f(f(0)))) + 1$

iv) -1

v) 1

vi) 0

	A	B	C	D
1)	iii	vi	ii	v
3)	iv	iii	ii	i

Ans: 1

	A	B	C	D
2)	iii	iv	ii	v
4)	iii	vi	v	ii

Sol. (A) $f(-5) + f(-4) = (-5+4) + 3(-4) + 2 = -11$

(B) $f(-8+4) = f(-4) = 3 \Rightarrow f(4) = 0$

(C) $f[(-3)+11] = f(8) = 4$

(D) $f(f(f(2))) = f(f(8)) + 1 = f(4) + 1 = 0 + 1 = 1$

13. $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : [x - |x|] = 5\} =$

[EAMCET 2005]

1) \mathbb{R} , the set of all real numbers

2) \emptyset , the empty set

3) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x < 0\}$

4) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : x > 0\}$

Ans: 2

Sol. $x - |x| = 2x, \forall x < 0$
 $= 0, \forall x \geq 0$

$\therefore x - |x| \neq 5$

14. The function $f : c \rightarrow c$ defined by $f(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$ for $x \in c$ where $bd \neq 0$ reduces to a constant function if

1) $a = c$

2) $b = d$

3) $ad = bc$

[EAMCET 2005]

Ans: 3

4) $ab = cd$

Sol. $f(x) = \frac{ax+b}{cx+d}$
 $= \frac{(cx+d)(a/c)}{cx+d} = \frac{ax+bx+c/a+d/a}{cx+d}$

$\frac{ax+ad/c}{bc-ad}$

c

$$f(x) = \frac{a}{c} + \frac{bc-ad}{c(cx+d)} = \text{constant } bc = ad$$

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15. For any integer $n \geq 1$, the number of positive divisors of n is denoted by $d(n)$. Then for a prime P ,

[EAMCET 2004]

1) 1

2) 2

3) 3

4) P

Ans: 3

Sol. $d(d(d(p^7))) = d(d(8)) = d(d(2^3)) = d(4)$
 $= d(2^2) = 2+1=3$

16. If $f : N \rightarrow Z$ is defined by $f(n) = \begin{cases} 2 & \text{if } n = 3k, k \in Z \\ 10 & \text{if } n = 3k+1, k \in Z \\ 0 & \text{if } n = 3k+2, k \in Z \end{cases}$ then $\{n \in N : f(n) > 2\} =$ [EAMCET 2004]

- 1) $\{3, 6, 4\}$ 2) $\{1, 4, 7\}$ 3) $\{4, 7\}$ 4) $\{7\}$

Ans: 2

Sol. $f(n) > 2 \Rightarrow n = 3k + 1$
 $\Rightarrow n = 1; n = 4; n = 7$

17. The function $f : R \rightarrow R$ is defined by $f(x) = 3^{-x}$. Observe the following statements of it :

- I. f is one-one II. f is onto III. f is a decreasing function [EAMCET 2004]

Out of these, true statements are

- 1) only I, II 2) only II, III 3) only I, III 4) I, II, III

Ans:

- Sol. $f : R \rightarrow R; f(x) = 3^{-x}$
 $\therefore f(x)$ is one-one and it is decreasing function
18. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} [x] & \text{if } -3 < x \leq -1 \\ |x| & \text{if } 1 < x < 1 \\ [[x]] & \text{if } 1 \leq x < 3 \end{cases}$, then $\{x : f(x) \geq 0\} =$ [EAMCET 2004]

- 1) $(-1, 3)$ 2) $[-1, 3)$ 3) $(-1, 3]$

Ans: 1

Sol. Verification

19. If $f : R \rightarrow R$ and $g : R \rightarrow R$ are definite by $f(x) = 2x + 3$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 7$ then the values of x such that $g(f(x)) = 8$ are [EAMCET 2003]

- 1) $1, 2$ 2) $-1, 2$ 3) $-1, -2$

Ans: 3

Sol. $g(f(x)) = 4x^2 + 12x + 16$
 $\Rightarrow 4x^2 + 12x + 16 = 8$
 $\Rightarrow (x+1)(x+2) = 0 \Rightarrow x = -1, -2$

20. Suppose $f : [-2, 2] \rightarrow R$ is defined $f(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & \text{for } -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ x-1 & \text{for } 0 \leq x \leq 2 \end{cases}$,

then $\{x \in [-2, 2] : x \leq 0 \text{ and } f(|x|) = x\} = \dots$ [EAMCET 2003]

- 1) $\{-1\}$ 2) $\{0\}$ 3) $\left\{-\frac{1}{2}\right\}$ 4) \emptyset

Ans: 3

Sol. Now take $x = -\frac{1}{2}$

$\therefore f\left(\left|-\frac{1}{2}\right|\right) = f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{2} - 1 = -\frac{1}{2}$

Hence $f(|x|) = x$

- $\therefore \text{Domain of } f(x) = \left\{-\frac{1}{2}\right\}$
21. If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are given $f(x) = |x|$ and $g(x) = [x]$ for each $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : g(f(x)) \leq f(g(x))\}$ [EAMCET 2003]
- 1) $\mathbb{Z} \cup (-\infty, 0)$ 2) $(-\infty, 0)$ 3) \mathbb{Z} 4) \mathbb{R}
- Ans: 4
- Sol. $f(x) = |x|; g(x) = [x]$
 $g(f(x)) \leq f(g(x))$
 $g(f(x)) = g(|x|) = [|x|] = [x]$
 $f(g(x)) = f([x]) = [|x|]$
 $[x] \leq [|x|]$
 $\therefore x \in \mathbb{R}$
22. If $f(x) = \sqrt{ax} + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{ax}}$, then $f(a) =$ [EAMCET 2002]
- 1) a 2) 0 3) 1 4) -1
- Ans: 2
- Sol. $f(x) = \sqrt{ax} + \frac{a^2}{\sqrt{ax}}$
 $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2\sqrt{ax}} \cdot a + a^2 \left[-\frac{1}{2} (ax)^{-3/2} a \right]$
 $f'(a) = \frac{a}{2a} - \frac{a^3 \cdot a^{-3}}{2} = 0$
23. If $f(x) = \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^4 x}{\sin^2 x + \cos^4 x}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$, then $f(2002) =$ [EAMCET 2002]
- 1) 1 2) 2 3) 3 4) 4
- Ans: 1
- Sol. $f(x) = \frac{\cos^2 x + \sin^4 x}{\sin^2 x + \cos^4 x}$
 $= \frac{1 - \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2x}{1 - \frac{1}{4} \sin^{2x}} = 1$
 $\Rightarrow f(2002) = 1$
24. The function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = \cos^2 x + \sin^4 x$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $f(\mathbb{R}) =$ [EAMCET 2002]
- 1) $\left(\frac{3}{4}, 1\right]$ 2) $\left[\frac{3}{4}, 1\right)$ 3) $\left[\frac{3}{4}, 1\right]$ 4) $\left(\frac{3}{4}, 1\right)$
- Ans: 3

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Sol. } f(x) &= \cos^2 x + \sin^4 x \\
 &= \cos^2 x + \sin^2 x (1 - \cos^2 x) \\
 &= 1 - \frac{1}{4} \sin^2 2x \\
 \sin^2 2x &\in [0,1]
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Maximum of } f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{4}(0) = 1$$

$$\text{Minimum of } f(x) = 1 - \frac{1}{4}(1) = \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\therefore \text{Range of } f(x) = \left[\frac{3}{4}, 1 \right]$$

25. If the functions f and g are defined by $f(x) = 3x - 4$, $g(x) = 2 + 3x$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ respectively, then

$$g^{-1}(f^{-1}(5)) =$$

- 1) 1 2) 1/2 3) 1/3

Ans: 3

$$\text{Sol. } f^{-1}(x) = \frac{x+4}{3}, g^{-1}(x) = \frac{x-2}{3}$$

$$f^{-1}(5) = 3 \quad g^{-1}(f^{-1}(5)) = g^{-1}(3) = \frac{1}{3}$$

26. If $f(x) = (25 - x^4)^{1/4}$ for $0 < x < \sqrt{5}$ then $f\left[f\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)\right] =$

- $$1) \ 2^{-4} \qquad \qquad 2) \ 2^{-3}$$

Ans: 4

$$\text{Sol. } f(x) = (25 - x^4)^{1/4}$$

$$\Rightarrow f(f(x)) = \left[25 - (25 - x^4) \right]^{1/4} = x$$

$$\therefore f(f(1/2)) = \frac{1}{2} = 2^{-1}$$

27. Let \mathbb{Z} denote the set of all integers. Define $f : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ by $f(x) = \begin{cases} x/2 & (x \text{ is even}) \\ 0 & (x \text{ is odd}) \end{cases}$. Then f is =

- 1) On to but not one-one
3) One-one and onto
Ans: 1

Sol. ---

- 2) One –one but not onto
 - 4) Neither one-one nor onto

28. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} x+2 & (x \leq -1) \\ x^2 & (-1 \leq x \leq 1) \\ 2-x & (x \geq 1) \end{cases}$. Then the value of $f(-1.75) + f(0.5) +$

$f(1.5)$ is

- 1) 0 2) 2
Ans: 3

[EAMCET 2001]

Sol. $f(-1.75) + f(0.5) + f(1.5)$

$$= (-1.75 + 2) + (0.5)^2 + 2 - 1.5 = 1$$

29. The functions $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are defined as follows:

[EAMCET 2001]

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & (x \text{ rational}) \\ 1 & (x \text{ irrational}) \end{cases}; g(x) = \begin{cases} -1 & (x \text{ rational}) \\ 0 & (x \text{ irrational}) \end{cases}. \text{ Then } (f \circ g)(\pi) + (g \circ f)(e) =$$

- 1) -1 2) 0 3) 1 4) 2

Ans: 1

Sol. O

$$= f(0) + g(1) (\because \pi \text{ and } e \text{ are irrationals})$$

$$= 0 - 1 = -1$$

30. If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = 2x + |x|$, then $f(2x) + f(-x) - f(x) =$

- 1) $2x$ 2) $2|x|$ 3) $-2x$ 4) $-2|x|$

Ans: 2

Sol. $f(x) = 2x + |x|$

$$\therefore f(2x) + f(-x) - f(x)$$

$$= 2(2x) + |2x| + 2(-x) + |-x| - (2x + |x|) = 2|x|$$

31. If $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ are defined by $f(x) = 2x + 3$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 7$, then the value of x for which $f(g(x)) = 25$ are

- 1) ± 1 2) ± 2

- 3) ± 3

- 4) ± 4

Ans: 2

Sol. $f(g(x)) = 25 \Rightarrow f(x^2 + 7) = 25$

$$\Rightarrow 2(x^2 + 7) + 3 = 25$$

$$\therefore x = \pm 2$$

32. $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : |x - 2| = x^2\} =$

- 1) $\{-1, 2\}$ 2) $\{1, 2\}$ 3) $\{-1, -2\}$

Ans: 4

Sol. $\{1, -2\}$ satisfies

