

Trigonometric Function

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MATHEMATICS

QUESTIONS

1. $\frac{\sec^2 \theta - 1}{\tan^2 \theta} = ?$
(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 5
2. $\frac{3 - 4 \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + \tan^2 \theta$ is
(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) None of these
3. Find the value of, $\sqrt{\frac{1 + \cos \theta}{1 - \cos \theta}} + \sqrt{\frac{1 - \cos \theta}{1 + \cos \theta}}$
(a) $2 \sec \theta$ (b) $\sec \theta$ (c) $2 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$ (d) None of these
4. If $\tan \theta = \frac{a}{b}$, find the value of $\frac{a \sin \theta - b \cos \theta}{a \sin \theta + b \cos \theta}$
(a) $\frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^2 + b^2}$ (b) $\frac{b^2 - a^2}{b^2 + a^2}$ (c) $\frac{a^2 + b^2}{a^2 - b^2}$ (d) None of these
5. If $\cos \theta + \sin \theta = \sqrt{2} \cos \theta$, then $\cos \theta - \sin \theta =$
(a) $\sqrt{2} \cos \theta$ (b) $\sqrt{2} \sin \theta$ (c) $\cos \theta$ (d) None of these
6. Which of the following is possible?
(a) $\cos \theta = x + \frac{1}{x}$ (b) $\sec \theta = \frac{x^2}{1 + x^2}$ (c) $\operatorname{cosec} \theta = \frac{x^2}{1 + x^2}$ (d) $\tan \theta = \frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x^2 - 3x + 5}$
7. If $\tan \theta = \frac{x}{y}$, where x and y are whole numbers, find $\sin \theta$.
(a) $\frac{y}{\sqrt{y^2 - x^2}}$ (b) $\frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 - y^2}}$ (c) $\frac{y}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$ (d) $\frac{x}{\sqrt{y^2 - x^2}}$
8. If $\sin A + \sin^2 A = 1$, find the value of the expression $(\cos^2 A + \cos^4 A)$.
(a) 1 (b) $\frac{1}{2}$ (c) 2 (d) 3
9. If $\frac{\sin \theta + \cos \theta}{\sin \theta - \cos \theta} = \frac{\sqrt{3} + 1}{\sqrt{3} - 1}$, find the acute angle θ .
(a) 90° (b) 45° (c) 30° (d) 60°

10. $\frac{1}{1+\sin\theta} + \frac{1}{1-\sin\theta}$ is equal to

- (a) $2\sec^2\theta$ (b) $2\cos^2\theta$ (c) 0 (d) 1

11. $\frac{\sin\theta + \cos\theta}{\sin\theta - \cos\theta} + \frac{\sin\theta - \cos\theta}{\sin\theta + \cos\theta} =$

- (a) $\frac{2}{1-2\cos^2\theta}$ (b) $\frac{2}{2\sin^2\theta-1}$ (c) both (A) & (B) (d) None of these

12. If $\frac{1+\sin\alpha}{1-\sin\alpha} = \frac{m^2}{n^2}$, then $\sin\alpha$ is:

- (a) $\frac{m^2+n^2}{m^2-n^2}$ (b) $\frac{m^2-n^2}{m^2+n^2}$ (c) $\frac{m^2+n^2}{n^2+m^2}$ (d) $\frac{n^2-m^2}{m^2+n^2}$

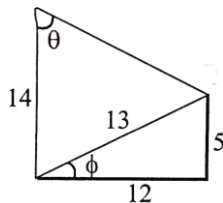
13. If $\sec\theta + \tan\theta = 2$, then find the value of $\sin\theta$.

- (a) $\frac{3}{5}$ (b) $\frac{2}{5}$ (c) $-\frac{3}{5}$ (d) $-\frac{2}{5}$

14. $\sqrt{\frac{1+\sin\theta}{1-\sin\theta}} =$ _____

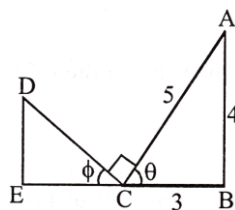
- (a) $\sec\theta + \tan\theta$ (b) $\sec\theta - \cot\theta$ (c) $\operatorname{cosec}\theta + \tan\theta$ (d) $\operatorname{cosec}\theta - \tan\theta$

15. What is the value of $\tan\theta$ in the adjoining figure?



- (a) $\frac{2}{3}$ (b) $\frac{4}{3}$ (c) $\frac{1}{3}$ (d) $\frac{5}{12}$

16. In the given fig. What is the value of $\cos\phi$?



- (a) $\frac{4}{5}$ (b) $\frac{3}{5}$ (c) $\frac{2}{5}$ (d) $\frac{2}{3}$

17. If $x = m \sin \theta$ and $y = n \cos \theta$, What is the value of $n^2 x^2 + m^2 y^2$?
- (a) mn (b) mn^2 (c) 1 (d) $m^2 n^2$
18. If $\frac{\cos 20^\circ}{\sin 70^\circ} + \frac{2 \cos \theta}{\sin(90^\circ - \theta)} = \frac{k}{2}$, what is the value of k ?
- (a) 4 (b) 5 (c) 6 (d) 1
19. Which of the following is equal to $2 \tan^2 A - 2 \sec^2 A - 5 \cot^2 A + 5 \operatorname{cosec}^2 A$?
- (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) 5
20. Which of the following is equal to $a(1 + \tan^2 \theta)(1 - \sin \theta)(1 + \sin \theta)(1 + \cos \theta)(1 - \cos \theta)(1 + \cot^2 \theta)$?
- (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
21. If $1 + 2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta = \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + 4k \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta$ what is the value of k ?
- (a) 1 (b) -1 (c) $\frac{1}{2}$ (d) $-\frac{1}{2}$
22. Which of the following is equal to $\sin \theta \cos \theta - \frac{\sin \theta \cos(90^\circ - \theta) \cos \theta}{\sec(90^\circ - \theta)} - \frac{\cos \theta \sin(90^\circ - \theta) \sin \theta}{\operatorname{cosec}(90^\circ - \theta)}$?
- (a) 1 (b) 0 (c) -1 (d) -2
23. If $\cos \theta + \sec \theta = 2$. Which of the following is equal to $\cos^3 \theta + \sec^3 \theta$?
- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3
24. If $\sin A + \operatorname{cosec} A = 2$, then what is the value of the value of $\frac{\sin^4 A + 1}{\sin^2 A}$?
- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) $6/\sqrt{2}$
25. A vertical tower is surmounted by a flagstaff of height h metres. At a point on the ground, the angels of elevation of the bottom and top of the flagstaff are α and β respectively. What is the height of the tower in meters?
- (a) $\frac{h \tan \alpha}{\tan \beta + \tan \alpha}$ (b) $\frac{h \tan \alpha}{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}$ (c) $\frac{h \tan \alpha}{\tan \beta}$ (d) $\frac{h \tan \beta}{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}$
26. A round balloon of radius r subtends an angle α at the eye of the observer while the angle of elevation of its center is β . What is the height of the center of the balloon?
- (a) $r \sin \beta \sec \frac{\alpha}{2}$ (b) $r \sin \beta \cos \frac{\alpha}{2}$ (c) $r \sin \beta \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\alpha}{2}$ (d) $r \cos \beta \operatorname{cosec} \frac{\alpha}{2}$

- 27.** If the angle of elevation of a cloud from a point h metres above a lake is α and the angle of depression of its reflection in the lake is β , What is the distance of the cloud from the point of observation? (in 'm')
- (a) 1 (b) $\frac{h(\tan \beta - \tan \alpha)}{\tan \beta + \tan \alpha}$ (c) $\frac{h(\tan \beta + \tan \alpha)}{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}$ (d) None of these
- 28.** A 1.5 m tall boy is standing at some distance from a $63/2$ m tall building. The angle of elevation from his eyes to the top of the building increases from 30° to 60° as he walks towards the building. What is the distance he walked towards the building?
- (a) $\frac{20}{\sqrt{3}}m$ (b) $30\sqrt{3}m$ (c) $20\sqrt{3}m$ (d) $\frac{30}{\sqrt{3}}m$
- 29.** If $\sec \theta + \tan \theta = m$ and $\sec \theta - \tan \theta = n$ then what is the value of mn ?
- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) 3
- 30.** If $7 \sin^2 \theta + 3 \cos^2 \theta = 4$, then which of the following is equal to $\tan \theta$?
- (a) 1 (b) $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$ (c) $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$ (d) $\frac{1}{2}$

ANSWER - KEY

1. A	2. C	3. C	4. A	5. B
6. D	7. B	8. A	9. D	10. A
11. C	12. B	13. A	14. A	15. B
16. A	17. D	18. C	19. B	20. A
21. C	22. B	23. C	24. C	25. B
26. C	27. C	28. C	29. B	30. C

SOLUTIONS

1. (A): $\frac{\sec \theta - 1}{\tan^2 \theta} = \frac{\tan^2 \theta}{\tan^2 \theta} = 1$

2. (C): $\frac{3}{\cos^2 \theta} - \frac{4 \sin^2 \theta}{\cos^2 \theta} + \tan^2 \theta$

3. (C): $\sqrt{\frac{(1+\cos \theta)(1+\cos \theta)}{(1-\cos \theta)(1+\cos \theta)}} + \sqrt{\frac{(1-\cos \theta)(1-\cos \theta)}{(1+\cos \theta)(1-\cos \theta)}}$
 $= \sqrt{\frac{(1+\cos \theta)^2}{1-\cos^2 \theta}} + \sqrt{\frac{(1-\cos \theta)^2}{1-\cos^2 \theta}}$
 $= \frac{1+\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} + \frac{1-\cos \theta}{\sin \theta} = \frac{1+\cos \theta + 1-\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$
 $= \frac{2}{\sin \theta} = 2 \operatorname{cosec} \theta$

4. (A): $\frac{a \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} - b \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta}}{a \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} + b \frac{\cos \theta}{\cos \theta}} = \frac{a \times \frac{a}{b} - b}{a \times \frac{a}{b} + b}$
 $= \frac{a^2 - b^2}{a^2 + b^2}$

5. (B):
 $(\cos \theta + \sin \theta)^2 + (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)^2 = \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta + 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta + \cos^2 \theta + \sin^2 \theta - 2 \cos \theta \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow (\sqrt{2} \cos \theta)^2 + (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)^2 = 1 + 1$
 $\Rightarrow 2 \cos^2 \theta + (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)^2 = 2$
 $\Rightarrow (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)^2 = 2 - 2 \cos^2 \theta$
 $\Rightarrow (\cos \theta - \sin \theta)^2 = 2 \sin^2 \theta$
 $\Rightarrow \cos \theta - \sin \theta = \sqrt{2} \sin \theta$

6. (D): Put $x = 1$ and verify in all the options. Since $\cos \theta \leq 1$, but $x + \frac{1}{x} \not\leq 1$ always.

$\therefore$ Option (A) is not true.

Further, $\sec \theta \geq 1$ but $\frac{x^2}{1+x^2} < 1$ always.

$\therefore$ Option (B) is not possible.

Similarly, since $\operatorname{cosec} \theta \geq 1$ always.

$\therefore$ Options (C) is not possible.

Hence, by elimination method, option (D) is true.

Aliter: You can also verify for option (D) separately as $-\infty < \tan \theta < +\infty$

$$7. \quad (B): \tan \theta = \frac{x}{y} \Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{y}{x} \Rightarrow \operatorname{cosec} \theta$$

$$= \sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^2} = \frac{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}{x}$$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{x}{\sqrt{x^2 + y^2}}$$

$$8. \quad (A): \quad \sin A = 1 - \sin^2 A = \cos^2 A \\ \Rightarrow \cos^2 A + \cos^4 A = \cos^2 A + \sin^2 A = 1$$

$$9. \quad (D): \quad \frac{1 + \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}}{1 - \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}} = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1 + \cot \theta}{1 - \cot \theta} = \frac{1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}}{1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}} \\ \Rightarrow \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} = \cot 60^\circ \Rightarrow \theta = 60^\circ$$

$$10. \quad (A) \quad \frac{1 - \sin \theta + 1 + \sin \theta}{1 - \sin^2 \theta} \\ = \frac{2}{\cos^2 \theta} = 2 \sec^2 \theta$$

$$11. \quad (C): \quad \frac{(\sin \theta + \cos \theta)^2 + (\sin \theta - \cos \theta)^2}{\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta} \\ = \frac{\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta + 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta + \sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta - 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta} \\ = \frac{2}{\sin^2 \theta - \cos^2 \theta} = \frac{2}{1 - 2 \cos^2 \theta} = \frac{2}{2 \sin^2 \theta - 1}$$

$$12. \quad (B): \quad n^2(1 + \sin \alpha) = m^2(1 - \sin \alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow n^2 + n^2 \sin \alpha = m^2 - m^2 \sin \alpha$$

$$\Rightarrow (m^2 + n^2) \sin \alpha = m^2 - n^2$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \alpha = \frac{m^2 - n^2}{m^2 + n^2}$$

13. (A): $\sec \theta + \tan \theta = 2$

$$\therefore \sec \theta - \tan \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\{\text{since } (\sec \theta + \tan \theta)(\sec \theta - \tan \theta) = 1\}$$

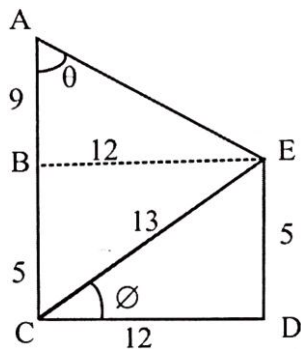
Solving, we get, $\sec \theta = \frac{5}{4}$ and $\tan \theta = \frac{3}{4}$

$$\therefore \sin \theta = \frac{\tan \theta}{\sec \theta} = \frac{3}{5}$$

14. (A): $\sqrt{\frac{(1 + \sin \theta)(1 + \sin \theta)}{(1 - \sin \theta)(1 + \sin \theta)}} = \sqrt{\frac{(1 + \sin \theta)^2}{1 - \sin^2 \theta}}$

$$= \frac{1 + \sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} + \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} = \sec \theta + \tan \theta$$

15. (B):



$$\therefore \tan \theta = \frac{12}{9} = \frac{4}{3}$$

16. (A): $\phi + \theta + 90^\circ = 180^\circ$

$$\Rightarrow \phi + \theta = 90^\circ$$

$$\Rightarrow \phi = 90^\circ - \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \phi = \cos(90^\circ - \theta)$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \phi = \sin \theta$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \phi = \frac{4}{5}$$

17. (D): $x = m \sin \theta$
 $\Rightarrow x^2 = m^2 \sin^2 \theta$
 $y = n \cos \theta$
 $\Rightarrow y^2 = n^2 \cos^2 \theta$
 $n^2 x^2 = m^2 n^2 \sin^2 \theta$ _____ (1)
 $m^2 y^2 = m^2 n^2 \cos^2 \theta$ _____ (2)
 $\therefore n^2 x^2 + m^2 y^2 = m^2 n^2$

18. (C): $\frac{\sin 70^\circ}{\sin 70^\circ} + \frac{2 \cos \theta}{\cos \theta} = \frac{k}{2}$
 $\Rightarrow 1 + 2 = \frac{k}{2}$
 $\Rightarrow 6 = k$

19. (B): $2(\tan^2 A - \sec^2 A) - 5(\cot^2 A - \operatorname{cosec}^2 A)$
 $\Rightarrow -2 - 5(-1) = -2 + 5 = 3$

20. (A): $(\sec^2 \theta) \times (1 - \sin^2 \theta) (1 - \cos^2 \theta) (\operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta)$
 $= \sec^2 \theta \times \cos^2 \theta \times \sin^2 \theta \times \operatorname{cosec}^2 \theta = 1$

21. (C): $1 + 2 \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta = 1 + 4k \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = \sin^2 \theta \cos^2 \theta (4k - 2)$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = 4K - 2$
 $\Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{2}$

22. (B): $\sin \theta \cos \theta - \frac{\sin \theta \cdot \sin \theta \cos \theta}{\operatorname{cosec} \theta} - \frac{\cos \theta \cdot \cos \theta \sin \theta}{\sec \theta}$
 $= \sin \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta [\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta]$
 $= \sin \theta \cos \theta - \sin \theta \cos \theta = 0$

23. (C): $\cos \theta + \frac{1}{\cos \theta} = 2$
 $\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta + 1 = 2 \cos \theta$
 $\Rightarrow \cos^2 \theta - 2 \cos \theta + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (\cos \theta - 1)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = 1$$

$$\therefore \sec \theta = 1$$

$$\therefore \cos^3 \theta + \sec^3 \theta = 1 + 1 = 2$$

Mind of a mathematician

A thoughtful student will straightaway see $\left(\cos \theta + \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \right)$ as equivalent to $x + \frac{1}{x}$ whose minimum value is attained

when $x = 1$ and hence, $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$ (min value)

24. (C): $\sin A + \frac{1}{\sin A} = 2$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 A + 1 = 2 \sin A$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin^2 A - 2 \sin A + 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin A - 1)^2 = 0$$

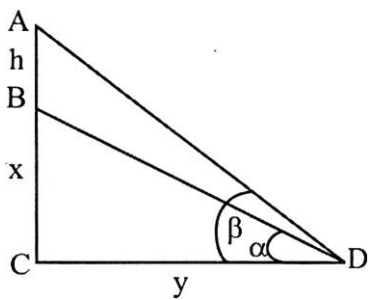
$$\Rightarrow \sin A = 1$$

$$\therefore \frac{\sin^4 A + 1}{\sin^2 A} = \frac{1 + 1}{1} = 2$$

Again here, you can straightaway conclude that $\sin A = 1$

$$\therefore \frac{\sin^4 A + 1}{\sin^2 A} = \frac{1 + 1}{1} = 2$$

25. (B):



$$\text{In } \triangle ACD, \tan \beta = \frac{x+h}{y}$$

$$y = \frac{x+h}{\tan \beta} \quad \dots\dots(1)$$

$$\text{In } \triangle BCD, \tan \alpha = \frac{x}{y}$$

$$\therefore y = \frac{x}{\tan \alpha} \quad \dots\dots(2)$$

From (1) and (2), $\frac{x+h}{\tan \beta} = \frac{x}{\tan \alpha}$

$$\Rightarrow x \tan \alpha + h \tan \alpha = x \tan \beta$$

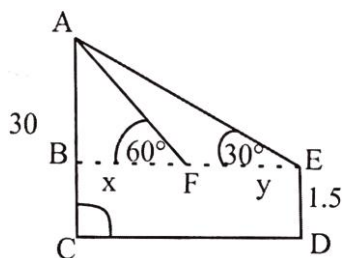
$$\Rightarrow h \tan \alpha = x(\tan \beta - \tan \alpha)$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{h \tan \alpha}{\tan \beta - \tan \alpha}$$

26. (C) Not Available

27. (C) Not Available

28. (C)



$$\text{In } \triangle ABF, \tan 60^\circ = \frac{30}{x}$$

$$\therefore x = \frac{30}{\tan 60^\circ} = \frac{30}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\text{In } \triangle ABE, \tan 30^\circ = \frac{30}{x+y}$$

$$\therefore x+y = \frac{30}{\tan 30^\circ}$$

$$\Rightarrow x+y = 30\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{30}{\sqrt{3}} + y = 30\sqrt{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 30\sqrt{3} - \frac{30}{\sqrt{3}} = \frac{60}{\sqrt{3}} = 20\sqrt{3}$$

29. (B): $mn = (\sec \theta + \tan \theta)(\sec \theta - \tan \theta) = \sec^2 \theta - \tan^2 \theta = 1$

30. (C): $7 \sin^2 \theta + 3 \cos^2 \theta = 4$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \sin^2 \theta + 3 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 \sin^2 \theta = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin \theta = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos \theta = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$