# DCAM classes <br>  

4.DETERMINANTS

## Single Correct Answer Type

1. If $\Delta_{k}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}k & 1 & 5 \\ k^{2} & 2 n+1 & 2 n+1 \\ k^{3} & 3 n^{2} & 3 n+1\end{array}\right|$, then $\sum_{k=1}^{n} \Delta_{k}$ is equal to
a) $2 \sum_{k=1}^{n} k$
b) $2 \sum_{k=1}^{n} k^{2}$
c) $\frac{1}{2} \sum_{k=1}^{n} k^{2}$
d) 0
2. 

The solutions of the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & x \\ -1 & 2 & x\end{array}\right|=0$, are
a) $3,-1$
b) $-3,1$
c) 3,1
d) $-3,-1$
3.

The value of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}441 & 442 & 443 \\ 445 & 446 & 447 \\ 449 & 450 & 451\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $441 \times 446 \times 4510$
b) 0
c) -1
d) 1
4. If $f(\alpha)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \alpha & \alpha^{2} \\ \alpha & \alpha^{2} & 1 \\ \alpha^{2} & 1 & a\end{array}\right|$, then $f(\sqrt[3]{3})$ is equal to
a) 1
b) -4
c) 4
d) 2
5.

If $a, b, c$ are respectively the $p$ th, $q$ th, $r$ th terms of an AP, then $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & p & 1 \\ b & q & 1 \\ c & r & 1\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 1
b) -1
c) 0
d) $p q r$
6. The minors of -4 and 9 and the cofactors of -4 and 9 in matrix $\left[\begin{array}{ccc}-1 & -2 & 3 \\ -4 & -5 & -6 \\ -7 & 8 & 9\end{array}\right]$ are respectively
a) $42,3,-42,3$
b) $-42,-3,42,-3$
c) $42,3,-42,-3$
d) $42,3,42,3$
7. If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ are the cube roots of unity, then the value of the
determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}e^{\alpha} & e^{2 \alpha} & \left(e^{3 \alpha}-1\right) \\ e^{\beta} & e^{2 \beta} & \left(e^{3 \beta}-1\right) \\ e^{\gamma} & e^{2 \gamma} & \left(e^{3 \gamma}-1\right)\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) -2
b) -1
c) 0
d) 1
8. A root of the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}3-x & -6 & 3 \\ -6 & 3-x & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & -6-x\end{array}\right|=0$, is
a) 6
b) 3
c) 0
d) None of these
9. The value of $\left|\begin{array}{cc}\log _{3} 512 & \log _{4} 3 \\ \log _{3} 8 & \log _{4} 9\end{array}\right| \times\left|\begin{array}{ll}\log _{2} 3 & \log _{8} 3 \\ \log _{3} 4 & \log _{3} 4\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 7
b) 10
c) 13
d) 17
10.

The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & a & 1 \\ \cos (n x) & \cos (n+1) x & \cos (n+2) x \\ \sin (n x) & \sin (n+1) x & \sin (n+2) x\end{array}\right|$ is independent of
a) $n$
b) $a$
c) $x$
d) None of these
11.

If $x \neq 0,\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+1 & 2 x+1 & 3 x+1 \\ 2 x & 4 x+3 & 6 x+3 \\ 4 x+4 & 6 x+4 & 8 x+4\end{array}\right|=0$, then $x+1$ is equal to
a) $x$
b) 0
c) $2 x$
d) $3 x$
12. The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & -1\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) -4
b) 0
c) 1
d) 4
13. If $x, y, z$ are different from zero and
$\Delta\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b-y & c-z \\ a-x & b & c-z \\ a-x & b-y & c\end{array}\right|=0$, then the value of the expression $\frac{a}{x}+\frac{b}{y}+\frac{c}{z}$ is
a) 0
b) -1
c) 1
d) 2
14. If $a \neq p, b \neq q, c \neq r$ and $\left|\begin{array}{lll}p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r\end{array}\right|=0$, then the value of $\frac{p}{p-a}+\frac{q}{q-b}+\frac{r}{r-c}$ is
a) 0
b) 1
c) -1
d) 2
15. The value of $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a+b & a+2 b \\ a+2 b & a & a+b \\ a+b & a+2 b & a\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $9 a^{2}(a+b)$
b) $9 b^{2}(a+b)$
c) $a^{2}(a+b)$
d) $b^{2}(a+b)$
16. The value of $\theta$ lying between $\theta=0$ and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ and satisfying the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+\sin ^{2} \theta & \cos ^{2} \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta \\ \sin ^{2} \theta & 1+\cos ^{2} \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta \\ \sin ^{2} \theta & \cos ^{2} \theta & 1+4 \sin 4 \theta\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $\frac{7 \pi}{24}$
b) $\frac{5 \pi}{24}$
c) $\frac{11 \pi}{2}$
d) $\frac{\pi}{24}$
17. If $a_{i}^{2}+b_{i}^{2}+c_{i}^{2}=1(i=1,2,3)$ and $a_{i} a_{j}+b_{i} b_{j}+c_{i} c_{j}=0(i \neq j$ and $i, j=1,2,3)$, then the value of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a_{1} & a_{2} & a_{3} \\ b_{1} & b_{2} & b_{3} \\ c_{1} & c_{2} & c_{3}\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 0
b) $\frac{1}{2}$
c) 1
d) 2
18.

If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$ are the cube roots of 8 , then $\left|\begin{array}{lll}\alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & \alpha \\ \gamma & \alpha & \beta\end{array}\right|=$
a) 0
b) 1
c) 8
d) 2
19.

If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1+b & 1+2 b & 1 \\ 1+c & 1+c & 1+3 c\end{array}\right|=0$, where $a \neq 0, b \neq 0, c \neq 0$, then $a^{-1}+b^{-1}+c^{-1}$ is
a) 4
b) -3
c) -2
d) -1
20. A root of the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & x-a & x-b \\ x+a & 0 & x-c \\ x+b & x+c & 0\end{array}\right|=0$, is
a) $a$
b) $b$
c) 0
d) 1
21. If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & x \\ 3 & x & 2\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & x & 4 \\ x & 4 & 1 \\ 4 & 1 & x\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 5 & x \\ 5 & x & 0 \\ x & 0 & 5\end{array}\right|=0$, then the value of $x$ values $(x \in R)$ :
a) 0
b) 5
c) -5
d) None of these
22. $\left|\begin{array}{lll}b c & b c^{\prime}+b^{\prime} c & b^{\prime} c^{\prime} \\ c a & c a^{\prime}+c^{\prime} a & c^{\prime} a^{\prime} \\ a b & a b^{\prime}+a^{\prime} b & a^{\prime} b^{\prime}\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $\left(a b-a^{\prime} b^{\prime}\right)\left(b c-b^{\prime} c^{\prime}\right)\left(c a-c^{\prime} a^{\prime}\right)$
b) $\left(a b+a^{\prime} b^{\prime}\right)\left(b c+b^{\prime} c^{\prime}\right)\left(c a+c^{\prime} a^{\prime}\right)$
c) $\left(a b^{\prime}-a^{\prime} b\right)\left(b c^{\prime}-b^{\prime} c\right)\left(c a^{\prime}-c^{\prime} a\right)$
d) $\left(a b^{\prime}+a^{\prime} b\right)\left(b c^{\prime}+b^{\prime} c\right)\left(c a^{\prime}+c^{\prime} a\right)$
23. If a square matrix $A$ is such that $A A^{T}=I=A^{T} A$ then $|A|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) $\pm 1$
c) $\pm 2$
d) None of these
24.

If $\Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2}\end{array}\right|, \Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & b c & a \\ 1 & c a & b \\ 1 & a b & c\end{array}\right|$, then
a) $\Delta_{1}+\Delta_{2}=0$
b) $\Delta_{1}+2 \Delta_{2}=0$
c) $\Delta_{1}=\Delta_{2}$
d) $\Delta_{1}=2 \Delta_{2}$
25. If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}y+z & x & y \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z\end{array}\right|=k(x+y+z)(x-z)^{2}$, then $k$ is equal to
a) $2 x y z$
b) 1
c) $x y z$
d) $x^{2} y^{2} z^{2}$
26. $A$ is a square matrix of order 4 and $I$ is a unit matrix, then it is true that
a) $\operatorname{det}(2 A)=2 \operatorname{det}(A)$
b) $\operatorname{det}(2 A)=16 \operatorname{det}(A)$
c) $\operatorname{det}(-A)=-\operatorname{det}(A)$
d) $\operatorname{det}(A+I)=\operatorname{det}(A)+I$
27. If the matrix $M_{r}$ is given by
$M_{r}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}r & r-1 \\ r-1 & r\end{array}\right],=1,2,3, \ldots$, then the value of $\operatorname{det}\left(M_{1}\right)+\operatorname{det}\left(M_{2}\right)+\ldots+\operatorname{det}\left(M_{2008}\right)$ is
a) 2007
b) 2008
c) $(2008)^{2}$
d) $(2007)^{2}$
28. $l, m, n$ are the $p$ th, $q$ th and $r$ th terms of an GP and all

Positive, then $\left|\begin{array}{lll}\log l & p & 1 \\ \log m & q & 1 \\ \log n & r & 1\end{array}\right|$ equals
a) 3
b) 2
c) 1
d) zero
29. The matrix $\left[\begin{array}{ccc}5 & 10 & 3 \\ -2 & -4 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 & b\end{array}\right]$ is a singular matrix, if $b$ is equal to
a) -3
b) 3
c) 0
d) For any value of $b$
30. Consider the system of equations
$a_{1} x+b_{1} y+c_{1} z=0$
$a_{1} x+b_{2} y+c_{2} z=0$
$a_{3} x+b_{3} y+c_{3} z=0$
If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a_{1} & b_{1} & c_{1} \\ a_{2} & b_{2} & c_{2} \\ a_{3} & b_{3} & c_{3}\end{array}\right|=0$, then the system has
a) More than two solutions
b) One trivial and one non-trivial solutions
c) No solution
d) Only trivial solution $(0,0,0)$
31. If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x^{n} & x^{n+2} & x^{n+3} \\ y^{n} & y^{n+2} & y^{n+3} \\ z^{n} & z^{n+2} & z^{n+3}\end{array}\right|=(y-z)(z-x)(x-y)$
$\left(\frac{1}{x}+\frac{1}{y}+\frac{1}{z}\right)$, then $n$ is equal to
a) 2
b) -2
c) -1
d) 1
32.

The determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b & a \alpha+b \\ b & c & b \alpha+c \\ a \alpha+b & b \alpha+c & 0\end{array}\right|$ is equal to zero for all values of $\alpha$, if
a) $a, b, c$ are in AP
b) $a, b, c$ are in GP
c) $a, b, c$ are in HP
d) None of these
33. The system of equations
$k x+y+z=1$
$x+k y+z=k$
$x+y+k z=k^{2}$
have no solution, if $k$ equals
a) 0
b) 1
c) -1
d) -2
34.
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 3 a & 4 a+3 b & 5 a+4 b+3 c \\ 6 a & 9 a+6 b & 11 a+9 b+6 c\end{array}\right|$, where $a=i, b=\omega, c=\omega^{2}$, then $\Delta$ is equal to
a) $i$
b) $-\omega^{2}$
c) $\omega$
d) $-i$
35. If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a+b & b+c & c+a \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c\end{array}\right|=k\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b\end{array}\right|$, then $k$ is equal to
a) 4
b) 3
c) 2
d) 1
36. $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\alpha & -\beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ \beta & 0 & \alpha\end{array}\right|=0$, then
a) $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ is one of the cube roots of unity
b) $\alpha$ is one of the cube roots of unity
c) $\beta$ is one of the cube roots of unity
d) $\alpha \beta$ is one of the cube roots of unity
37. $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 / a & 1 & b c \\ 1 / b & 1 & c a \\ 1 / c & 1 & a b\end{array}\right|=$
a) 0
b) $a b c$
c) $\frac{1}{a b c}$
d) None of these
38. Using the factor theorem it is found that $a+b, b+c$ and $c+a$ are three factors of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-2 a & a+b & a+c \\ b+a & -2 b & b+c \\ c+a & c+b & -2 c\end{array}\right|$
The other factor in the value of the determinant is
a) 4
b) 2
c) $a+b+c$
d) None of these
39.

The arbitrary constant on which the value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \alpha & \alpha^{2} \\ \cos (p-d) a & \cos p a & \cos (p-d) a \\ \sin (p-d) a & \sin p a & \sin (p-d) a\end{array}\right|$ does not depend, is
a) $\alpha$
b) $p$
c) $d$
d) $a$
40. If $\omega$ is imaginary root of unity, then the value of
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b \omega^{2} & a \omega \\ b \omega & c & b \omega^{2} \\ c \omega^{2} & a \omega & c\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $a^{3}+b^{3}+c^{3}$
b) $a^{2} b-b^{2} c$
c) 0
d) $a^{3}+b^{3}+c^{3}-3 a b c$
41. If $\Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}7 & x & 2 \\ -5 & x+1 & 3 \\ 4 & x & 7\end{array}\right|$ and $\Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & 2 & 7 \\ x+1 & 3 & -5 \\ x & 7 & 4\end{array}\right|$, then the value of $x$ for which $\Delta_{1}+\Delta_{2}=0$, is
a) 2
b) 0
c) Any real number
d) None of these
42. If $\Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & b & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & a & x\end{array}\right|$ and $\Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{ll}x & b \\ a & x\end{array}\right|$ are the given determinants, then
a) $\Delta_{1}=3\left(\Delta_{2}\right)^{2}$
b) $\frac{d}{d x}\left(\Delta_{1}\right)=3 \Delta_{2}$
c) $\frac{d}{d x}\left(\Delta_{1}\right)=2 \Delta_{2}$
d) $\Delta_{1}=3 \Delta_{2}^{3 / 2}$
43. If $f(\theta)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos ^{2} \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin ^{2} \theta & \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta & 0\end{array}\right|$. Then, for all $\theta$
a) $f(\theta)=0$
b) $f(\theta)=1$
c) $f(\theta)=-1$
d) None of these
44.

If $C=2 \cos \theta$, then the value of the determinant $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}C & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & C & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & C\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $\frac{\sin 4 \theta}{\sin \theta}$
b) $\frac{2 \sin ^{2} 2 \theta}{\sin \theta}$
c) $4 \cos ^{2} \theta(2 \cos \theta-1)$
d) None of these
45. If $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sin x & \cos x & \tan x \\ x^{3} & x^{2} & x \\ 2 x & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$, then $\lim _{n \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^{2}}$, is
a) 3
b) -1
c) 0
d) 1
46. Let $[x]$ represent the greatest integer less than or equal to $x$, then the value of the determinant
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}{[e]} & {[\pi]} & {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} \\ {[\pi]} & {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} & {[e]} \\ {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} & {[e]} & {[\pi]}\end{array}\right|$ is
a) -8
b) 8
c) 10
d) None of these
47. If $A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}3 & 5 \\ 2 & 0\end{array}\right]$ and $B=\left[\begin{array}{rr}1 & 17 \\ 0 & -10\end{array}\right]$,then $|A B|$ is equal to
a) 80
b) 100
c) -110
d) 92
48. If $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 13\end{array}\right|$ and $\Delta^{\prime}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}7 & 20 & 29 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 13\end{array}\right|$, then
a) $\Delta^{\prime}=3 \Delta$
b) $\Delta^{\prime}=\frac{3}{\Delta}$
c) $\Delta^{\prime}=\Delta$
d) $\Delta^{\prime}=2 \Delta$
49. $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 x y & x^{2} & y^{2} \\ x^{2} & y^{2} & 2 x y \\ y^{2} & 2 x y & x^{2}\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $\left(x^{3}+y^{3}\right)^{2}$
b) $\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)^{3}$
c) $-\left(x^{2}+y^{2}\right)^{3}$
d) $-\left(x^{3}+y^{3}\right)^{2}$
50. In a $\triangle A B C, a, b, c$ are sides and $A, B, C$ are angles opposite to them, then the value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b \sin A & c \sin A \\ b \sin A & 1 & \cos A \\ c \sin A & \cos A & 1\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 0
b) 1
c) 2
d) 3
51. $\left|\begin{array}{lll}b^{2} c^{2} & b c & b+c \\ c^{2} a^{2} & c a & c+a \\ a^{2} b^{2} & a b & a+b\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $\frac{1}{a b c}(a b+b c+c a)$
b) $a b+b c+c a$
c) 0
d) $a+b+c$
52. If $a^{-1}+b^{-1}+c^{-1}=0$ such that $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c\end{array}\right|=\lambda$ then value of $\lambda$ is
a) 0
b) $a b c$
c) $-a b c$
d) None of these
53. If $a, b, c$, are in A.P., then the value of
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 3
b) -3
c) 0
d) None of these
54. $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a-b & b-c & c-a \\ x-y & y-z & z-x \\ p-q & p-r & r-p\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $a(x+y+z)+b(p+q+r)+c$
b) 0
c) $a b c+x y z+p p r$
d) None of the above
55. $\left|\begin{array}{lcc}a-b+c & -a-b+c & 1 \\ a+b+2 c & -a+b+2 c & 2 \\ 3 c & 3 c & 3\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $6 a b$
b) $a b$
c) $12 a b$
d) $2 a b$
56.

In the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 0\end{array}\right|$, the value of cofactor to its minor of the element -3 is
a) -1
b) 0
c) 1
d) 2
57. If $\omega$ is a cube root of unity, then for polynomial is
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ \omega & x+\omega^{2} & 1 \\ \omega^{2} & 1 & x+\omega\end{array}\right|$
a) 1
b) $\omega$
c) $\omega^{2}$
d) 0
58. If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+a & b & c \\ a & x+b & c \\ a & b & x+c\end{array}\right|=0$, then $x$ equals
a) $a+b+c$
b) $-(a+b+c)$
c) $0, a+b+c$
d) $0,-(a+b+c)$
59. If $a, b, c$ are the sides of a $\triangle A B C$ and $A, B, C$ are respectively the angles opposite to them, then
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b \sin A & c \sin A \\ b \sin A & 1 & \cos (B-C) \\ c \sin A & \cos (B-C) & 1\end{array}\right|$ equals
a) $\sin A-\sin B \sin C$
b) $a b c$
c) 1
d) 0
60.

If $D_{r}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2^{r-1} & 3^{r-1} & 4^{r-1} \\ x & y & z \\ 2^{n}-1 & \left(3^{n}-1\right) / 2 & \left(4^{n}-1\right) / 3\end{array}\right|$, then the value of $\sum_{r=1}^{n} D_{r}$ is equal to
a) 1
b) -1
c) 0
d) None of these
61. If $A, B$ and $C$ are the angles of a triangle and
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1+\sin A & 1+\sin B & \sin C \\ \sin A+\sin ^{2} A & \sin B+\sin ^{2} B & \sin C+\sin ^{2} C\end{array}\right|=0$
then the triangle must be
a) Equilateral
b) Isosceles
c) Any triangle
d) Right angled
62.

Let $A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1\end{array}\right]$, where $0 \leq \theta<2 \pi$. Then, which of the following is not correct?
a) $\operatorname{Det}(A)=0$
b) $\operatorname{Det}(A) \in(-\infty, 0)$
c) $\operatorname{Det}(A) \in[2,4]$
d) $\operatorname{Det}(A) \in[-2, \infty)$
63.
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 5 & \pi \\ \log _{e} e & 5 & \sqrt{5} \\ \log _{10} 10 & 5 & e\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $\sqrt{\pi}$
b) $e$
c) 1
d) 0
64. If $a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}=-2$ and
$f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a^{2} x & \left(1+b^{2}\right) x & \left(1+c^{2}\right) x \\ \left(1+a^{2}\right) x & \left(1+b^{2} x\right) & \left(1+c^{2}\right) x \\ \left(1+a^{2}\right) x & \left(1+b^{2}\right) x & \left(1+c^{2} x\right)\end{array}\right|$, then $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree
a) 2
b) 3
c) 0
d) 1
65. If $c<1$ and the system of equations $x+y-1=0,2 x-y-c=0$ and $-b x+3 b y-c=0$ is consistent, then the possible real values of $b$ are
a) $b \in\left(-3, \frac{3}{4}\right)$
b) $b \in\left(-\frac{3}{4}, 4\right)$
c) $b \in\left(-\frac{3}{4}, 3\right)$
d) None of these
66.

The value of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ \left(2^{x}+2^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(3^{x}+3^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(5^{x}+5^{-x}\right)^{2} \\ \left(2^{x}-2^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(3^{x}-3^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(5^{x}-5^{-x}\right)^{2}\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 0
b) $30^{x}$
c) $30^{-x}$
d) 1
67. If $A$ is an invertible matrix, then $\operatorname{det}\left(A^{-1}\right)$ is equal to
a) $\operatorname{det} b(A)$
b) $\frac{1}{\operatorname{det}(A)}$
c) 1
d) None of these
68. If $a \neq 0, b \neq 0, c \neq 0$, then $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $a b c$
b) $a b c\left(1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right)$
c) 0
d) $1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}$
69. If $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & -1 & 0 \\ a x & a & -1 \\ a x^{2} & a x & a\end{array}\right|$, then $f(2 x)-f(x)$ is equal to
a) $a x$
b) $a x(2 a+3 x)$
c) $a x(2+3 x)$
d) None of these
70. If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-12 & 0 & \lambda \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 15\end{array}\right|=-360$, then the value of $\lambda$ is
a) -1
b) -2
c) -3
d) 4
71. If $\omega$ is a complex cube root of unity, then $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ \omega & \omega^{2} & 1 \\ \omega^{2} & 1 & \omega\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) -1
b) 1
c) 0
d) $\omega$
72. The value of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}{ }^{10} C_{4} & { }^{10} C_{5} & { }^{11} C_{m} \\ { }^{12} C_{6} & { }^{11} C_{7} & { }^{12} C_{m+2} \\ { }^{12} C_{9} & { }^{13} C_{m+4}\end{array}\right|=0$, when $m$ is equal to
a) 6
b) 5
c) 4
d) 1
73.

If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & -6 & x\end{array}\right|=29$, then $x$ is
a) 1
b) 2
c) 3
d) 4
74. $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sin ^{2} x & \cos ^{2} x & 1 \\ \cos ^{2} x & \sin ^{2} x & 1 \\ -10 & 12 & 2\end{array}\right|=$
a) 0
b) $12 \cos ^{2} x-10 \sin ^{2} x$
c) $12 \sin ^{2} x-10 \cos ^{2} x-2$
d) $10 \sin 2 x$
75. If $A$ and $B$ are square matrices of order 3 such that $|A|=-1,|B|=3$ then $|3 A B|$ is equal to
a) -9
b) -81
c) -27
d) 81
76. If $a, b, c$ are non-zero real numbers, then the system of equations
$(\alpha+a) x+\alpha y+\alpha z=0$
$\alpha x+(\alpha+b) y+\alpha z=0$
$\alpha x+\alpha y+(\alpha+c) z=0$
has a non-trivial solution, if
a) $\alpha^{-1}=-\left(a^{-1}+b^{-1}+c^{-1}\right)$
b) $\alpha^{-1}=a+b+c$
c) $\alpha+a+b+c=1$
d) None of these
77. The determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b & a \alpha-b \\ b & c & b \alpha-c \\ 2 & 1 & 0\end{array}\right|$ vanishes, if
a) $a, b, c$ are in AP
b) $\alpha=\frac{1}{2}$
c) $a, b, c$ are in GP
d) Both (b) or (c)
78. If -9 is a root of the equation $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x\end{array}\right|=0$, then the other two roots are
a) 2,7
b) $-2,7$
c) $2,-7$
d) $-2,-7$
79. If $a b+b c+c a=0$ and $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a-x & c & b \\ c & b-x & a \\ b & a & c-x\end{array}\right|=0$, then one of the value of $x$ is
a) $\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}$
b) $\left[\frac{3}{2}\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)\right]^{1 / 2}$
c) $\left[\frac{1}{2}\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)\right]^{1 / 2}$
d) None of these
80. The roots of the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x-1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x-1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x-1\end{array}\right|=0$, are
a) 1,2
b) $-1,2$
c) $1,-2$
d) $-1,-2$
81. $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1^{3} & 2^{3} & 3^{3} \\ 1^{5} & 2^{5} & 3^{5}\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $1!213$
b) $1!3!5$ !
c) $6!$
d) 9 !
82. If $A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}\alpha & 2 \\ 2 & \alpha\end{array}\right]$ and $\left|A^{3}\right|=125$, then the value of $\alpha$ is
a) $\pm 1$
b) $\pm 2$
c) $\pm 3$
d) $\pm 5$
83. The value of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & 4 & y+z \\ y & 4 & z+x \\ z & 4 & x+y\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 4
b) $x+y+z$
c) $x y z$
d) 0
84.

If $A, B, C$ be the angles of a triangle, then $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ \cos C & -1 & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos A & -1\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 1
b) 0
c) $\cos A \cos B \cos C$
d) $\cos A+\cos B \cos C$
85.

One factor of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2}+x & a b & a c \\ a b & b^{2}+x & c b \\ c a & c b & c^{2}+x\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $x^{2}$
b) $\left(a^{2}+x\right)\left(b^{2}+x\right)\left(c^{2}+x\right)$
c) $\frac{1}{x}$
d) None of these
86.

If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+1 & x+2 & x+3 \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+4 \\ x+a & x+b & x+c\end{array}\right|=0$ then $a, b, c$ are in
a) AP
b) HP
c) GP
d) None of these
87.

If $A=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 1 & 0 \\ x & x & 1\end{array}\right|$ and $I=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right|$, then
$A^{3}-4 A^{2}+3 A+I$ is equal to
a) $3 I$
b) $I$
c) $-I$
d) $-2 I$
88.

Determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & x & y \\ 2 & \sin x+2 x & \sin y+3 y \\ 3 & \cos x+3 x & \cos y+3 y\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $\sin (x-y)$
b) $\cos (x-y)$
c) $\cos (x+y)$
d) $x y(\sin (x-y)$
89. If $a, b, c$ are the positive integers, then the determinant $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2}+x & a b & a c \\ a b & b^{2}+x & b c \\ a c & b c & c^{2}+x\end{array}\right|$ is divisible by
a) $x^{3}$
b) $x^{2}$
c) $\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)$
d) None of these
90.

If $a, b, c$ are non-zero real numbers, then $\left|\begin{array}{lll}b c & c a & a b \\ c a & a b & b c \\ a b & b c & c a\end{array}\right|$ vanishes, when
a) $\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}=0$
b) $\frac{1}{a}-\frac{1}{b}-\frac{1}{c}=0$
c) $\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}-\frac{1}{a}=0$
d) $\frac{1}{b}-\frac{1}{c}-\frac{1}{a}=0$
91.

If $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2(x-1) & 3(x-1)(x-2) \\ x-1 & (x-1)(x-2) & (x-1)(x-2)(x-3) \\ x & x(x-1) & x(x-1)(x-2)\end{array}\right|$
Then, the value of $f(49)$ is
a) $49 x$
b) $-49 x$
c) 0
d) 1
92.
if $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a x & 1+b x & 1+c x \\ 1+a_{1} x & 1+b_{1} x & 1+c_{1} x \\ 1+a_{2} x & 1+b_{2} x & 1+c_{2} x\end{array}\right|=A_{0}+A_{1} x+A_{2} x^{2}+A_{3} x^{3}$, then $A_{0}$ is equal to
a) $a b c$
b) 0
c) 1
d) None of these
93. If $A, B, C$ are the angles of a triangle, then the value of
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ \cos C & -1 & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos A & -1\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $\cos A \cos B \cos C$
b) $\sin A \sin B \sin C$
c) 0
d) None of these
94. The value of the determinant
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \cos (\beta-\alpha) & \cos (\gamma-\alpha) \\ \cos (\alpha-\beta) & 1 & \cos (\gamma-\beta) \\ \cos (\alpha-\gamma) & \cos (\beta-\gamma) & 1\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $4 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$
b) $2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta \cos \gamma$
c) $4 \sin \alpha \sin \beta \sin \gamma$
d) None of these
95. If one root of determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x\end{array}\right|=0$, is -9 , then the other two roots are
a) 2,7
b) $2,-7$
c) $-2,7$
d) $-2,-7$
96. If $0 \leq[x]<2,-1 \leq[y]<1$ and $1 \leq[z]<3,[\cdot]$ denotes the greatest integer function, then the maximum value of the determinant
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}{[x]+1} & {[y]} & {[z]} \\ {[x]} & {[y]+1} & {[z]} \\ {[x]} & {[y]} & {[z]+1}\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 2
b) 6
c) 4
d) None of these
97.

If $D=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+y\end{array}\right|$ for $x \neq 0, y \neq 0$, then $D$ is
a) Divisible by neither $x$ nor $y$
b) Divisible by both $x$ and $y$
c) Divisible by $x$ but not $y$
d) Divisible by $y$ but not $x$
98.

If $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & x & (x+1) \\ 2 x & x(x-1) & x(x+1) \\ 3 x(x-1) & x(x-1)(x-2) & x(x-1)(x+1)\end{array}\right|$ then $f(11)$ equals
a) 0
b) 11
c) -11
d) 1
99.

The roots of the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 4 & 20 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 x & 5 x^{2}\end{array}\right|=0$
a) $-1,-2$
b) $-1,2$
c) $1,-2$
d) 1,2
100. One root of the equation
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}3 x-8 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 x-8 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 x-8\end{array}\right|=$
a) $8 / 3$
b) $2 / 3$
c) $1 / 3$
d) $16 / 3$
101.

a) $(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)$
b) $(x+\alpha)(x+\beta)(x+\gamma)(x+\delta)$
c) $2(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)$
d) None of these
102.

In $\triangle A B C$ if $\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & b & c\end{array}\right|=0$, then $\sin ^{2} A+\sin ^{2} B+\sin ^{2} C$ is equal to
a) $\frac{4}{9}$
b) $\frac{9}{4}$
c) $3 \sqrt{3}$
d) 1
103. The value of determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}b+c & a+b & a \\ c+a & b+c & b \\ a+b & c+a & c\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $a^{3}+b^{3}+c^{3}-3 a b c$
b) $2 a b c(a+b+c)$
c) 0
d) None of these
104. If $n=3 k$ and $1 \omega, \omega^{2}$ are the cube roots of unity, then $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega^{n} & \omega^{2 n} \\ \omega^{2 n} & 1 & \omega^{n} \\ \omega^{n} & \omega^{2 n} & 1\end{array}\right|$ has the value
a) 0
b) $\omega$
c) $\omega^{2}$
d) 1
105. If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & 3 & 6 \\ 3 & 6 & x \\ 6 & x & 3\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{lll}2 & x & 7 \\ x & 7 & 2 \\ 7 & 2 & x\end{array}\right|=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}4 & 5 & x \\ 5 & x & 4 \\ x & 4 & 5\end{array}\right]=0$, then $x$ is equal to
a) 9
b) -9
c) 0
d) -1
106. the system of simultaneous equations
$k x+2 y-z=1$
$(k-1) y-2 z=2$
$(k+2) z=3$
Have a unique solution if $k$ equals
a) -2
b) -1
c) 0
d) 1
107. If $\alpha, \beta$ are non-real numbers satisfying $x^{3}-1=0$, then the value of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\lambda+1 & \alpha & \beta \\ \alpha & \lambda+\beta & 1 \\ \beta & 1 & \lambda+\alpha\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) $\lambda^{3}$
c) $\lambda^{3}+1$
d) $\lambda^{3}-1$
108. If $x, y, z$ are different from zero and $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b-y & c-z \\ a-x & b & c-z \\ a-x & b-y & c\end{array}\right|=0$, then the value of expression $\frac{a}{x}+\frac{b}{y}+\frac{c}{z}$ is
a) 0
b) -1
c) 1
d) 2
109. The value of the determinant
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \cos (\alpha-\beta) & \cos \alpha \\ \cos (\alpha-\beta) & 1 & \cos \beta \\ \cos \alpha & \cos \beta & 1\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 0
b) 1
c) $\alpha^{2}-\beta^{2}$
d) $\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}$
110. If $A, b, C$ are the angles of a triangle, then the determinant
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sin 2 A & \sin C & \sin B \\ \sin C & \sin 2 B & \sin A \\ \sin B & \sin A & \sin 2 C\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 1
b) -1
c) $\sin A+\sin B+\sin C$
d) None of these
111. $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a-b-c & 2 a & 2 a \\ 2 b & b-c-a & 2 b \\ 2 c & 2 c & c-a-b\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) $a+b+c$
c) $(a+b+c)^{2}$
d) $(a+b+c)^{3}$
112. $A$ and $B$ are two non-zero square matrices such that $A B=0$. Then,
a) Both $A$ and $B$ are singular
b) Either of them is singular
c) Neither matrix is singular
d) None of these
113. The system of linear equations
$x+y+z=2$
$2 x+y-z=3$
$3 x+2 y+k z=4$
Has a unique solution, is
a) $k \neq 0$
b) $-1<k<1$
c) $-2<k<2$
d) $k=0$
114. If $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots \ldots . ., a_{n}, \ldots \ldots$ are in GP and $a_{i}>0$ for each $i$, then the determinant $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\log a_{n} & \log a_{n+2} & \log a_{n+4} \\ \log a_{n+6} & \log a_{n+8} & \log a_{n+10} \\ \log a_{n+12} & \log a_{n+14} & \log a_{n+16}\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) 1
c) 2
d) $n$
115.

The value of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}11 & 12 & 13 \\ 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 13 & 14 & 15\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 1
b) 0
c) -1
d) 67
116. The determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos C & \tan A & 0 \\ \sin B & 0 & -\tan A \\ 0 & \sin B & \cos C\end{array}\right|$ has the value, where $A, B, C$ are angles of a triangle
a) 0
b) 1
c) $\sin A \sin B$
d) $\cos A \cos B \cos C$
117. If $0<\theta<\pi$ and the system of equations
$(\sin \theta) x+y+z=0$
$x+(\cos \theta) y+z=0$
$(\sin \theta) x+(\cos \theta) y+z=0$
Has a non-trivial solution, then $\theta=$
a) $\frac{\pi}{6}$
b) $\frac{\pi}{4}$
c) $\frac{\pi}{3}$
d) $\frac{\pi}{2}$
118. Let $\omega=-\frac{1}{2}+i \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$, then the value of the determinant
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1-\omega^{2} & \omega^{2} \\ 1 & \omega^{2} & \omega^{4}\end{array}\right|$, is
a) $3 \omega$
b) $3 \omega(\omega-1)$
c) $3 \omega^{2}$
d) $3 \omega(1-\omega)$
119.

Let $a x^{6}+b x^{5}+c x^{4}+d x^{3}+e x^{2}+f x+\mathrm{g}=\left|\begin{array}{rrr}(x+1) & \left(x^{2}+2\right) & \left(x^{2}+x\right) \\ \left(x^{2}+x\right) & \left(x^{2}+1\right) & \left(x^{2}+2\right) \\ \left(x^{2}+2\right) & \left(x^{2}+x\right) & (x+1)\end{array}\right|$. Then,
a) $f=3, \mathrm{~g}=-5$
b) $f=-3, \mathrm{~g}=-5$
c) $f=-3, \mathrm{~g}=-9$
d) None of these
120. In a $\triangle A B C$, if $\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & b & c\end{array}\right|=0$, then $\sin ^{2} A+\sin ^{2} B+\sin ^{2} C$ is equal to
a) $\frac{9}{4}$
b) $\frac{4}{9}$
c) 1
d) $3 \sqrt{3}$
121. The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lllc}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) -1
c) 1
d) 10
122.

If $\Delta(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}f(x)+f(-x) & 0 & x^{4} \\ 3 & f(x)-f(-x) & \cos x \\ x^{4} & 2 x & f(x) f(-x)\end{array}\right|$ (where $f(x)$ is a real valued function of $x$ ), then the value of $\int_{-2}^{2} x^{4} \Delta(x)$
a) Depends upon the function $f(x)$
b) is 4
c) is -4
d) is zero
123. The value of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos (x-a) & \cos (x+a) & \cos x \\ \sin (x+a) & \sin (x-a) & \sin x \\ \cos a \tan x & \cos a \cot x & \operatorname{cosec} 2 x\end{array}\right|$ is equal
a) 1
b) $\sin a \cos a$
c) 0
d) $\sin x \cos x$
124. The roots of the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}3 x^{2} & x^{2}+x \cos \theta+\cos ^{2} \theta & x^{2}+x \sin \theta+\sin ^{2} \theta \\ x^{2}+x \cos \theta+\cos ^{2} \theta & 3 \cos ^{2} \theta & 1+\frac{\sin 2 \theta}{2} \\ x^{2}+x \sin \theta+\sin ^{2} \theta & 1+\frac{\sin 2 \theta}{2} & 3 \sin ^{2} \theta\end{array}\right|=0$
a) $\sin \theta, \cos \theta$
b) $\sin ^{2} \theta, \cos ^{2} \theta$
c) $\sin \theta, \cos ^{2} \theta$
d) $\sin ^{2} \theta, \cos \theta$
125. If $A$ is a square matrix of order $n$ such that its elements are polynomial in $x$ and its $r$-rows become identical for $x=k$, then
a) $(x-k)^{r}$ is a factor of $|A|$
b) $(x-k)^{r-1}$ is a factor of $|A|$
c) $(x-k)^{r+1}$ is a factor $|A|$
d) $(x-k)^{r}$ is a factor of $A$
126. If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x^{2}+x & 3 x-1 & -x+3 \\ 2 x+1 & 2+x^{2} & x^{3}-3 \\ x-3 & x^{2}+4 & 3 x\end{array}\right|$
$=a_{0}+a_{1} x+a_{2} x^{2}+\ldots+a_{7} x^{7}$,
The value of $a_{0}$ is
a) 25
b) 24
c) 23
d) 21
127.

If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & \cot \frac{A}{2} & \lambda \\ b & \cot \frac{B}{2} & \mu \\ c & \cot \frac{C}{2} & \gamma\end{array}\right|=0$ where, $a, b, c A, B$ and $C$ are elements of a $\triangle A B C$ with usual meaning. Then, the value of $a(\mu-\gamma)+b(\gamma-\lambda)+c(\lambda-\mu)$ is
a) 0
b) $a b c$
c) $a b+b c+c a$
d) $2 a b c$
128. The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b c & c a & a b \\ p & q & r \\ 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$, where $a, b, c$ are the $p^{t h}, q^{t h}$ and $r^{t h}$ terms of a H.P., is
a) $p+q+r$
b) $(a+b+c)$
c) 1
d) None of these
129.

If $a, b . c$ are in AP, then the value of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+2 & x+3 & x+a \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+b \\ x+6 & x+7 & x+c\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $x-(a+b+c)$
b) $9 x^{2}+a+b+c$
c) $a+b+c$
d) 0
130. For the values of $A, B, C$ and $P, Q, R$ the value of
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}\cos (A-P) & \cos (A-Q) & \cos (A-R) \\ \cos (B-P) & \cos (B-Q) & \cos (B-R) \\ \cos (C-P) & \cos (C-Q) & \cos (C-R)\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 0
b) $\cos A \cos B \cos C$
c) $\sin A \sin B \sin C$
d) $\cos P \cos Q \cos R$
131. If $\Delta(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x^{n} & \sin x & \cos x \\ n! & \sin \frac{n \pi}{2} & \cos \frac{n \pi}{2} \\ a & a^{2} & a^{3}\end{array}\right|$, then the value of $\frac{d^{n}}{d x^{n}}[\Delta(x)]$ at $x=0$ is
a) -1
b) 0
c) 1
d) Dependent of $a$
132.
For positive numbers $x, y$ and $z$, the numerical value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \log _{x} y & \log _{x} z \\ \log _{y} x & 1 & \log _{y} z \\ \log _{z} x & \log _{z} y & 1\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 0
b) 1
c) $\log _{e} x y z$
d) None of these
133.

The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}16! & 17! & 18! \\ 17! & 18! & 19!\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $15!+16!$
b) $2(15!)(16!)(17!)$
c) $15!+16!+17!$
d) $16!+17!$
134.

If $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{llll}3 & 4 & 5 & x \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & y \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & z \\ x & y & z & 0\end{array}\right|$, then $\Delta$ equals
a) $(y-2 z+3 x)^{2}$
b) $(x-2 y+z)^{2}$
c) $(x+y+z)^{2}$
d) $x^{2}+y^{2}+z^{2}-x y-y z-z x$
135. If the system of equations $2 x+3 y+5=0, x+k y+5=0, k x-12 y-14=0$ be consistent, then value of $k$ is
a) $-2, \frac{12}{5}$
b) $-1, \frac{1}{5}$
c) $-6, \frac{17}{5}$
d) $6,-\frac{12}{5}$

136
If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b^{2}+c^{2} & a b & a c \\ a b & c^{2}+a^{2} & b c \\ c a & c b & a^{2}+b^{2}\end{array}\right|=k a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}$, then $k$ is equal to
a) 3
b) 2
c) 4
d) None of these
137. The repeated factor of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}y+z & x & y \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z\end{array}\right|$, is
a) $z-x$
b) $x-y$
c) $y-z$
d) None of these
138. The determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}4+x^{2} & -6 & -2 \\ -6 & 9+x^{2} & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 1+x^{2}\end{array}\right|$ is not divisible by
a) $x$
b) $x^{3}$
c) $14+x^{2}$
d) $x^{5}$
139.

If $a, b, c$ are different, then the value of $x$ satisfying $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & x^{2}-a & x^{3}-b \\ x^{2}+a & 0 & x^{2}+c \\ x^{4}+a & x-c & 0\end{array}\right|=0$ is
a) $a$
b) $b$
c) $c$
d) 0
140. Determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b^{2}+c^{2} & a^{2} & a^{2} \\ b^{2} & c^{2}+a^{2} & b^{2} \\ c^{2} & c^{2} & a^{2}+b^{2}\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $a b c$
b) $4 a b c$
c) $4 a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}$
d) $a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}$
141. If $a \neq p, b \neq q, c \neq r$ and $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}p & b & c \\ p+a & q+b & 2 c \\ a & b & r\end{array}\right|=0$, then $\frac{p}{p-a}+\frac{q}{q-b}+\frac{r}{r-c}$ is equal to
a) 0
b) 1
c) 2
d) 3
142. $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a+b+2 c & a & b \\ c & 2 a+b+c & b \\ c & a & a+2 b+c\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $(a+b+c)^{2}$
b) $2(a+b+c)^{2}$
c) $(a+b+c)^{3}$
d) $2(a+b+c)^{3}$
143. If [ ] denotes the greatest integer less than or equal to the real number under consideration and $-1 \leq x<0 ; 0 \leq y<1 ; 1 \leq z<2$, then the value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}{[x]+1} & {[y]} & {[z]} \\ {[x]} & {[y]+1} & {[z]} \\ {[x]} & {[y]} & {[z]+1}\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $[x]$
b) $[y]$
c) $[z]$
d) None of these
144. The values of $x$ for which the given matrix
$\left[\begin{array}{ccc}-x & x & 2 \\ 2 & x & -x \\ x & -2 & -x\end{array}\right]$ will be non-singular, are
a) $-2 \leq x \leq 2$
b) For all $x$ other then 2 and -2
c) $x \geq 2$
d) $x \leq-2$
145. If all the elements in a square matrix $A$ of order 3 are equal to 1 or -1 , then $|A|$, is
a) An odd number
b) An even number
c) An imaginary number
d) A real number
146. Let $a, b, c$ be such that $(b+c) \neq 0$ and
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a+1 & a-1 \\ -b & b+1 & b-1 \\ c & c-1 & c+1\end{array}\right|$
$+\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a+1 & b+1 & c-1 \\ a-1 & b-1 & c+1 \\ (-1)^{n+2} a & (-1)^{n+1} b & (-1)^{n} c\end{array}\right|^{1}=0$
Then the value of $n$ is
a) Zero
b) Any even integer
c) Any odd integer
d) Any integer
147. Determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 / a & a^{2} & b c \\ 1 / b & b^{2} & c a \\ 1 / c & c^{2} & a b\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $a b c$
b) $\frac{1}{a b c}$
c) $a b+b c+c a$
d) 0
148.

One root of the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & -6 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 x & x-3 \\ -3 & 2 x & x+2\end{array}\right|=0$ is
a) 0
b) 1
c) -1
d) 3
149. The value of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ (a+1)^{2} & (b+1)^{2} & (c+1)^{2} \\ (a-1)^{2} & (b-1)^{2} & (c-1)^{2}\end{array}\right|$ is
а) $4\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
b) $3\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
c) $2\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
d) None of these
150. The value of the determinant
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}\frac{1-a_{1}^{3} b_{1}^{3}}{1-a_{1} b_{1}} & \frac{1-a_{1}^{3} b_{2}^{3}}{1-a_{1} b_{2}} & \frac{1-a_{1}^{3} b_{3}^{3}}{1-a_{3} b_{3}} \\ \frac{1-a_{2}^{3} b_{1}^{3}}{1-a_{2} b_{1}} & \frac{1-a_{2}^{3} b_{2}^{3}}{1-a_{2} b_{2}} & \frac{1-a_{2}^{3} b_{3}^{3}}{1-a_{2} b_{3}} \\ \frac{1-a_{3}^{3} b_{1}^{3}}{1-a_{3} b_{1}} & \frac{1-a_{3}^{3} b_{2}^{3}}{1-a_{3} b_{2}} & \frac{1-a_{3}^{3} b_{3}^{3}}{1-a_{3} b_{3}}\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 0
b) Dependent only on $a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}$
c) Dependent only on $b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}$
d) Dependent on $a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3} b_{1}, b_{2}, b_{3}$
151. If $A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5\end{array}\right]$, then the value of the determinant $\left|A^{2009}-5 A^{2008}\right|$ is
a) -6
b) -5
c) -4
d) 4
152.

If $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x-3 & 2 x^{2}-18 & 3 x^{3}-81 \\ x-5 & 2 x^{2}-50 & 4 x^{3}-500 \\ 1 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right|$, then
$f(1) \cdot f(3)+f(3) \cdot f(5)+f(5) \cdot f(1)$ is equal to
a) $f(1)$
b) $f(3)$
c) $f(1)+f(3)$
d) $f(1)+f(5)$
153. The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & a & b+c \\ x & b & c+a \\ x & c & a+b\end{array}\right|=0$, if
a) $x=a$
b) $x=b$
c) $x=c$
d) $x$ has any value
154. If the system of equations $x+k y-z=0,3 x-k y-z=0$ and $x-3 y+z=0$ has non-zero solution then $k$ is equal to
a) -1
b) 0
c) 1
d) 2
155.

If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & x^{2} & 1+x^{3} \\ y & y^{2} & 1+y^{3} \\ z & z^{2} & 1+z^{3}\end{array}\right|=0$ and $x, y, z$ are all distinct, then $x y z$ is equal to
a) -1
b) 1
c) 0
d) 3
156. Let $[x]$ represent the greatest integer less than or equal to $x$, then the value of the determinant
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}{[e]} & {[\pi]} & {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} \\ {[\pi]} & {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} & {[e]} \\ {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} & {[e]} & {[\pi]}\end{array}\right|$ is
a) -8
b) 8
c) 10
d) None of these
157.

The determinant $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b & a x+b \\ b & c & b x+c \\ a x+b & b x+c & 0\end{array}\right|$ is equal to zero, if
a) $a, b, c$, are in A.P.
b) $a, b, c$, are in G.P.
c) $a, b, c$, are in H.P.
d) $\alpha$ is a root of $a x^{2}+b x+c=0$
158. Consider the following statements :

1. The determinants $\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & b c \\ 1 & b & c a \\ 1 & c & a b\end{array}\right|$ and $\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & a^{2} \\ 1 & b & b^{2} \\ 1 & c & c^{2}\end{array}\right|$ are not identically equal.
2. For $a>0, b>0, c>0$ the value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b\end{array}\right|$ is always positive.
3.If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x_{1} & y_{1} & 1 \\ x_{2} & y_{2} & 1 \\ x_{3} & y_{3} & 1\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{lll}a_{1} & b_{1} & 1 \\ a_{2} & b_{2} & 1 \\ a_{3} & b_{3} & 1\end{array}\right|$, then the two triangles with vertices $\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right),\left(x_{3}, y_{3}\right)$ and $\left(a_{1}, b_{1}\right),\left(a_{2}, b_{2}\right),\left(b_{3}, b_{3}\right)$ must be congruent. Which of the statement given above is/are correct?
a) Only (1)
b) Only (2)
c) Only (3)
d) None of these
3. The arbitrary constant on which the value of the

Determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & a & a^{2} \\ \cos (p-d) a & \cos p a & \cos (p-d) a \\ \sin (p-d) a & \sin p a & \sin (p-d) a\end{array}\right|$
Does not depend, is
a) $\alpha$
b) $p$
c) $d$
d) $a$
160. If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a+x & a-x & a-x \\ a-x & a+x & a-x \\ a-x & a-x & a+x\end{array}\right|=0$, then $x$ is equal to
a) $0,2 a$
b) $a, 2 a$
c) $0,3 a$
d) None of these
161. If the equations $2 x+3 y+1=0,3 x+y-2=0$ and $a x+2 y-b=0$ are consistent, then
a) $a-b=2$
b) $a+b+1=0$
c) $a+b=3$
d) $a-b-8=0$
162.

If $\Delta(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \cos x & 1-\cos x \\ 1+\sin x & \cos x & 1+\sin x-\cos x \\ \sin x & \sin x & 1\end{array}\right|$, then $\int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \Delta(x) d x$ is equal to
a) $\frac{1}{4}$
b) $\frac{1}{2}$
c) 0
d) $-\frac{1}{2}$
163. If the system of equations
$x+a y+a z=0$
$b x+y+b z=0$
c $x+c y+z=0$
Where $a, b$ and $c$ are non-zero non-unity, has a non-trivial solution, then the value of $\frac{a}{1-a}+\frac{b}{1-b}+\frac{c}{1-c}$ is
a) 0
b) 1
c) -1
d) $\frac{a b c}{a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}}$
164. The system of equations $3 x-2 y+z=0, \lambda x-14 y+15 z=0, x+2 y-3 z=0$ has a solution other than $x=y=z=0$ then $\lambda$ is equal to
a) 1
b) 2
c) 3
d) 5
165.

Let $D_{r}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2^{r-1} & 2.3^{r-1} & 4.5^{r-1} \\ \alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ 2^{n}-1 & 3^{n}-1 & 5^{n}-1\end{array}\right|$. Then, the value of $\sum_{r=1}^{n} D_{r}$ is
a) $\alpha \beta \gamma$
b) $2^{n} \alpha+2^{n} \beta+4^{n} \gamma$
c) $2 \alpha+3 \beta+4 \gamma$
d) None of these
166. In the interval $\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$, the number of real solutions of the equations $\left|\begin{array}{lll}\sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x\end{array}\right|=0$ is
a) 0
b) 2
c) 1
d) 3
167. If $A, B$ and $C$ are the angles of a triangle and $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1+\sin A & 1+\sin B & 1+\sin C \\ \sin A+\sin ^{2} A & \sin B+\sin ^{2} B & \sin C+\sin ^{2} C\end{array}\right|=0$ then the triangle $A B C$ is
a) Isosceles
b) Equilateral
c) Right angled isosceles
d) None of these
168. If $A=\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ x & y & z \\ p & q & r\end{array}\right|$ and $B=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}q & -b & y \\ -p & a & -x \\ r & -c & z\end{array}\right|$, then
a) $A=2 B$
b) $A=B$
c) $A=-B$
d) None of these
169. If $a=1+2+4+\cdots$ to $n$ terms, $b=1+3+9+\cdots$ to $n$ terms and $c=1+5+25+\cdots$ to $n$ terms, then $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & 2 b & 4 c \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2^{n} & 3^{n} & 5^{n}\end{array}\right|$ equals
a) $(30)^{n}$
b) $(10)^{n}$
c) 0
d) $2^{n}+3^{n}+5^{n}$
170. If $c=2 \cos \theta$, then the value of the determinant
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}c & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & c & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & c\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $\frac{\sin 4 \theta}{\sin \theta}$
b) $\frac{2 \sin ^{2} 2 \theta}{\sin \theta}$
c) $4 \cos ^{2} \theta(2 \cos \theta-1)$
d) None of these
171. The value of $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1^{2} & 2^{2} & 3^{2} \\ 2^{2} & 3^{2} & 4^{2} \\ 3^{2} & 4^{2} & 5^{2}\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 8
b) -8
c) 400
d) 1
172.

The factors of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & a & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & b & x\end{array}\right|$ are
a) $x-a, x-b$, and $x+a+b$
b) $x+a, x+b$ and $x+a+b$
c) $x+a, x+b$ and $x-a-b$
d) $x-a, x-b$ and $x-a-b$
173. Coefficient of $x$ in $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & (1+\sin x)^{2} & \cos x \\ 1 & \log (1+x) & 2 \\ x^{2} & (1+x)^{2} & 0\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 0
b) 1
c) -2
d) Cannot be determined
174. If $a \neq b, b, c$ satisfy $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & 2 b & 2 c \\ 3 & b & c \\ 4 & a & b\end{array}\right|=0$, then $a b c=$
a) $a+b+c$
b) 0
c) $b^{3}$
d) $a b+b c$
175. Which one of the following is correct?

If $A$ non-singular matrix, then
a) $\operatorname{det}\left(A^{-1}\right)=\operatorname{det}(A)$
b) $\operatorname{det}\left(A^{-1}\right)=\frac{1}{\operatorname{det}(A)}$
c) $\operatorname{det}\left(A^{-1}\right)=1$
d) None of these
176. If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ b & 0 & a\end{array}\right|=0$, then
a) $a$ is one of the cube roots of unity
b) $b$ is one of the cube roots of unity
c) $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$ is one of the cube roots of unity
d) $\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$ is one of the cube roots of -1
177. If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}b+c & c+a & a+b \\ a+b & b+c & c+a \\ c+a & a+b & b+c\end{array}\right|=k\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ d & c & a\end{array}\right|$, then the value of $k$, is
a) 1
b) 2
c) 3
d) 4
178.

If the value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c\end{array}\right|$ is positive, then
a) $a b c>1$
b) $a b c>-8$
c) $a b c<-8$
d) $a b c>-2$
179. The value of the determinant
$\left|\begin{array}{lcl}\cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 1 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 1 \\ \cos (\alpha+\beta) & -\sin (\alpha+\beta) & 1\end{array}\right|$ is
a) Independent of $\alpha$
b) Independent of $\beta$
c) Independent of $\alpha$ and $\beta$
d) None of these
180. If $B$ is a non-singular matrix and $A$ is a square matrix such that $B^{-1} A B$ exists, then $\operatorname{det}\left(B^{-1} A B\right)$ is equal to
a) $\operatorname{det}\left(A^{-1}\right)$
b) $\operatorname{det}\left(B^{-1}\right)$
c) $\operatorname{det}(B)$
d) $\operatorname{det}(A)$
181.

If matrix $\left[\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ \lambda & -3 & 0\end{array}\right]$ is singular, then $\lambda$ is equal to
a) -2
b) -1
c) 1
d) 2
182. If $x, y, z$ are in AP, then the value of the $\operatorname{det} A$ is, where
$A=\left|\begin{array}{llll}4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0\end{array}\right|$
a) 0
b) 1
c) 2
d) None of these
183.

If $\Delta_{r}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & n & n \\ 2 r & n^{2}+n+1 & n^{2}+n \\ 2 r-1 & n^{2} & n^{2}+n+1\end{array}\right|$ and $\sum_{r=1}^{n} \Delta_{r}=56$, then $n$ equals
a) 4
b) 6
c) 7
d) 8
184. $\left|1 \quad a \quad a^{2}-b c\right|$
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & b & b^{2}-a c \\ 1 & c & c^{2}-a b\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) $a^{3}+b^{3}+c^{3}-3 a b c$
c) $3 a b c$
d) $(a+b+c)^{3}$
185. If the matrix $M_{r}$ is given by $M_{r}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}r & r-1 \\ r-1 & r\end{array}\right] r=1,2,3 \ldots$, then the value of det $\left(M_{1}\right)+\operatorname{det}\left(M_{2}\right)+\ldots+\operatorname{det}\left(M_{2008}\right)$ is
a) 2007
b) 2008
c) $(2008)^{2}$
d) $(2007)^{2}$
186.

If $\omega$ is the cube root of unity, then $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ \omega & \omega^{2} & 1 \\ \omega^{2} & 1 & \omega\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 1
b) 0
c) $\omega$
d) $\omega^{2}$
187. If $1, \omega, \omega^{2}$ are the cube roots of unity, then $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega^{n} & \omega^{2 n} \\ \omega^{n} & \omega^{2 n} & 1 \\ \omega^{2 n} & 1 & \omega^{n}\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) 1
c) $\omega$
d) $\omega^{2}$
188. The value of the following determinant is
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^{3} & b^{3} & c^{3}\end{array}\right|$
a) $(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)$
b) $a b c(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$
c) $(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$
d) None of the above
189. The value of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b+c & a & a \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b\end{array}\right|$, is
a) $6 a b c$
b) $a+b+c$
c) $4 a b c$
d) $a b c$
190. The value of $\left|\begin{array}{cc}\log _{5} 729 & \log _{3} 5 \\ \log _{5} 27 & \log _{9} 25\end{array}\right|\left|\begin{array}{ll}\log _{3} 5 & \log _{27} 5 \\ \log _{5} 9 & \log _{5} 9\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 1
b) 6
c) $\log _{5} 9$
d) $\log _{3} 5 . \log _{5} 81$
191.

If $a+b+c=0$, then the solution of the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a-x & c & b \\ c & b-x & a \\ b & a & c-x\end{array}\right|=0$ is
a) 0
b) $\pm \frac{3}{2}\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)$
c) $0, \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)}$
d) $0, \pm \sqrt{\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)}$
192. If $a, b$ and $c$ are all different from zero and $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c\end{array}\right|=0$, then the value of $\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}$ is
a) $a b c$
b) $\frac{1}{a b c}$
c) $-a-b-c$
d) -1
193. If $(\omega \neq 1)$ is a cubic root of unity, then $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1+i+\omega^{2} & \omega^{2} \\ 1-i & -1 & \omega^{2}-1 \\ -i & -1+\omega-i & -1\end{array}\right|$
a) zero
b) 1
c) $i$
d) $\omega$
194. The value of $\sum_{n=1}^{N} U_{n}$ if $U_{n}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}n & 1 & 5 \\ n^{2} & 2 N+1 & 2 N+1 \\ n^{3} & 3 N^{2} & 3 N\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 0
b) 1
c) -1
d) None of these
195. The integer represented by the determinant
$\left[\begin{array}{ccc}215 & 342 & 511 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 36 & 49 & 54\end{array}\right]$ is exactly divisible by
a) 146
b) 21
c) 20
d) 335
196. If $A$ is a $3 \times 3$ non-singular matrix, then $\operatorname{det}\left(A^{-1} \operatorname{adj} A\right)$ is equal to
a) $\operatorname{det} A$
b) 1
c) $(\operatorname{det} A)^{2}$
d) $(\operatorname{det} A)^{-1}$
197. Let $A=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1\end{array}\right|$, where $0 \leq \theta \leq 2 \pi$, then the range of o $|A|$ is
a) $(2,4)$
b) $[2,4]$
c) $[2,4)$
d) All of these
198. In a third order determinant, each element of the first column consists of sum of two terms, each element of the second column consists of sum of three terms and each element of the third column consists of sum of four terms. Then, it can be decomposed into $n$ determinant, where $n$ has the value
a) 1
b) 9
c) 16
d) 24
199. If $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}, \ldots$. , are in GP, then the determinant $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{cll}\log a_{n} & \log a_{n+1} & \log a_{n+2} \\ \log a_{n+3} & \log a_{n+4} & \log a_{n+5} \\ \log a_{n+6} & \log a_{n+7} & \log a_{n+8}\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 2
b) 4
c) 0
d) 1
200.

If $\omega$ be a complex cube root of unity, then $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega & -\omega^{2} / 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) 1
c) $\omega$
d) $\omega^{2}$
201. $\left|\log e \quad \log e^{2} \quad \log e^{3}\right|$ $\left|\begin{array}{lll}\log e^{2} & \log e^{3} & \log e^{4} \\ \log e^{3} & \log e^{4} & \log e^{5}\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) 1
c) $4 \log e$
d) $5 \log e$
202.

The value of the determinant, $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sqrt{13}+\sqrt{3} & 2 \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} \\ \sqrt{15}+\sqrt{26} & 5 & \sqrt{10} \\ 3+\sqrt{65} & \sqrt{15} & 5\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $5(\sqrt{6}-5)$
b) $5 \sqrt{3}(\sqrt{6}-5)$
c) $\sqrt{5}(\sqrt{6}-\sqrt{3})$
d) $\sqrt{2}(\sqrt{7}-\sqrt{5})$
203. If $\Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}10 & 4 & 3 \\ 17 & 7 & 4 \\ 4 & -5 & 7\end{array}\right|, \Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}4 & x+5 & 3 \\ 7 & x+12 & 4 \\ -5 & x-1 & 7\end{array}\right|$ such that $\Delta_{1}+\Delta_{2}=0$, is
a) $x=5$
b) $x=0$
c) $x$ has no real value
d) None of these
204. Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1+x_{1} y_{1} & 1+x_{1} y_{2} & 1+x_{1} y_{3} \\ 1+x_{2} y_{1} & 1+x_{2} y_{2} & 1+x_{2} y_{3} \\ 1+x_{3} y_{1} & 1+x_{3} y_{2} & 1+x_{3} y_{3}\end{array}\right|$, then value of $\Delta$ is
a) $x_{1} x_{2} x_{3}+y_{1} y_{2} y_{3}$
b) $x_{1} x_{2} x_{3} y_{1} y_{2} y_{3}$
c) $x_{2} x_{3} y_{2} y_{3}+x_{3} y_{1} y_{3} y_{1}+x_{1} x_{2} y_{1} y_{2}$
d) 0
205.

If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a+d & a+2 d \\ a^{2} & (a+d)^{2} & (a+2 d)^{2} \\ 2 a+3 d & 2(a+d) & 2 a+d\end{array}\right|=0$, then
a) $d=0$
b) $a+d=0$
c) $d=0$ or $a+d=0$
d) None of these
206. Determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}b^{2}-a b & b-c & b c-a c \\ a b-a^{2} & a-b & b^{2}-a b \\ b c-a c & c-a & a b-a^{2}\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $a b c(a+b+c)$
b) $3 a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}$
c) 0
d) None of these
207. If the system of equations
$b x+a y=c, c x+a z=b, c y+b z=a$
has a unique solution, then
a) $a b c=1$
b) $a b c=-2$
c) $a b c=0$
d) None of these
208.

If $\omega$ is a cube root of unity, then $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ \omega & x+\omega^{2} & 1 \\ \omega^{2} & 1 & x+\omega\end{array}\right|$, is equal to
a) $x^{3}+1$
b) $x^{3}+\omega$
c) $x^{3}+\omega^{2}$
d) $x^{3}$
209. If $A$ and $B$ are two matrices such that $A+B$ and $A B$ are both defined, then
a) $A$ and $B$ are two matrices not necessarily of same order
b) $A$ and $B$ are square matrices of same order
c) Number of columns of $A=$ Number of rows of $B$
d) None of these
210.

The coefficient of $x$ in $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & 1+\sin x & \cos x \\ 1 & \log (1+x) & 2 \\ x^{2} & 1+x^{2} & 0\end{array}\right|,-1<x \leq 1$, is
a) 1
b) -2
c) -1
d) 0
211.

The value of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2}-b c & 1 \\ b & b^{2}-c a & 1 \\ c & c^{2}-a b & 1\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 1
b) -1
c) 0
d) $-a b c$
212.

The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega^{3} & \omega^{5} \\ \omega^{3} & 1 & \omega^{4} \\ \omega^{5} & \omega^{4} & 1\end{array}\right|$, where $\omega$ is an imaginary cube root of unity, is
a) $(1-\omega)^{2}$
b) 3
c) -3
d) None of these
213. Let $a, b, c$, be positive and not all equal, the value of the Determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b\end{array}\right|$ is
a) Positive
b) Negative
c) Zero
d) None of these
214. If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-12 & 0 & \lambda \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 15\end{array}\right|=-360$, then the value of $\lambda$, is
a) -1
b) -2
c) -3
d) 4
215.

If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1+a^{3} \\ b & b^{2} & 1+b^{3} \\ c & c^{2} & 1+c^{3}\end{array}\right| 0$ and vectors $\left(1, a, a^{2}\right),\left(1, b, b^{2}\right)$ and $\left(1, c, c^{2}\right)$ are non-coplanar, then the product $a b c$ equals
a) 2
b) -1
c) 1
d) 0
216. $\omega$ is an imaginary cube root of unity and
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+\omega^{2} & \omega & 1 \\ \omega & \omega^{2} & 1+x \\ 1 & x+\omega & \omega^{2}\end{array}\right|=0$, then one of the value of $x$ is
a) 1
b) 0
c) -1
d) 2
217. if $x, y, z$ are in A.P., then the value of the $\operatorname{det}(A)$ is, where $A=\left[\begin{array}{llll}4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0\end{array}\right]$
a) 0
b) 1
c) 2
d) None of these
218.

If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma \in R$, then the determinant $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\left(e^{i \alpha}+e^{-i \alpha}\right)^{2} & \left(e^{i \alpha}-e^{-i \alpha}\right)^{2} & 4 \\ \left(e^{i \beta}+e^{-i \beta}\right)^{2} & \left(e^{i \beta}-e^{-i \beta}\right)^{2} & 4 \\ \left(e^{i \gamma}+e^{-i \gamma}\right)^{2} & \left(e^{i \gamma}-e^{-i \gamma}\right)^{2} & 4\end{array}\right|$ is
a) Independent of $\alpha, \beta$ and $\gamma$
b) Dependent of $\alpha, \beta$ and $\gamma$
c) Independent of $\alpha, \beta$ only
d) Independent of $\alpha, \beta$ only
219. If $a>0, b>0, c>0$ are respectively the $p^{t h}, q^{t h}, r^{\text {th }}$ terms of a GP, then the value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}\log a & p & 1 \\ \log b & q & 1 \\ \log c & r & 1\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 1
b) 0
c) -1
d) None of these
220. The sum of the products of the elements of any row of a determinant $A$ with the cofactors of the corresponding elements is equal to
a) 1
b) 0
c) $|A|$
d) $\frac{1}{2}|A|$
221. If $a, b, c, d, e$ and $f$ are in GP, then the value of
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}a^{2} & d^{2} & x \\ b^{2} & e^{2} & y \\ c^{2} & f^{2} & z\end{array}\right|$
a) Depends on $x$ and $y$
b) Depends on $x$ and $z$
c) Depends on $y$ and $z$
d) independents on $x, y$ and $z$
222. The value of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \log _{x} y & \log _{x} z \\ \log _{y} x & 1 & \log _{y} z \\ \log _{z} x & \log _{z} y & 1\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) 1
c) $x y z$
d) $\log x y z$
223.

The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+y\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $3-x+y$
b) $(1-x)(1+y)$
c) $x y$
d) $-x y$
224. If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & y & z \\ -x & y & z \\ x & -y & z\end{array}\right|=k x y z$, then $k$ is equal to
a) 1
b) 3
c) 4
d) 2
225. If $x=-5$ is a root of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 x+1 & 4 & 8 \\ 2 & 2 x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & 2 x\end{array}\right|=0$, then the other roots are
a) $3,3,5$
b) $1,3,5$
c) 1,7
d) 2,7
226. Let $a, b, c$ be positive real numbers. The following system of equations in $x, y$ and $z$ $\frac{x^{2}}{a^{2}}+\frac{y^{2}}{b^{2}}-\frac{z^{2}}{c^{2}}=1, \frac{x^{2}}{a^{2}}-\frac{y^{2}}{b^{2}}+\frac{z^{2}}{c^{2}}=1,-\frac{x^{2}}{a^{2}}+\frac{y^{2}}{b^{2}}+\frac{z^{2}}{c^{2}}=1$ has
a) No solution
b) Unique solution
c) Infinitely many solutions
d) Finitely many solutions
227. $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+\sin ^{2} \theta & \sin ^{2} \theta & \sin ^{2} \theta \\ \cos ^{2} \theta & 1+\cos ^{2} \theta & \cos ^{2} \theta \\ 4 \sin 4 \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta & 1+4 \sin 4 \theta\end{array}\right|=0$, then $\sin 4 \theta$ equals to
a) $1 / 2$
b) 1
c) $-1 / 2$
d) -1
228. If $a, b, c$ are unequal what is the condition that the value of the determinant, $\Delta \equiv\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & a^{3}+1 \\ b & b^{2} & b^{3}+1 \\ c & c^{2} & c^{3}+1\end{array}\right|$ is 0 ?
a) $1+a b c=0$
b) $a+b+c+1=0$
c) $(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)=0$
d) None of these
229. If $\alpha+\beta+\gamma=\pi$, then the value of the determinant
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}e^{2 i \alpha} & e^{-i \gamma} & e^{-i \beta} \\ e^{-i \gamma} & e^{2 i \beta} & e^{-i \alpha} \\ e^{-i \beta} & e^{-i \alpha} & e^{2 i \gamma}\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 4
b) -4
c) 0
d) None of these
230. If $x^{a} y^{b}=e^{m}, x^{c} y^{d}=e^{n}, \Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{ll}m & b \\ n & d\end{array}\right|, \Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{ll}a & m \\ c & n\end{array}\right|$ and $\Delta_{3}=\left|\begin{array}{ll}a & b \\ c & d\end{array}\right|$, then the values of $x$ and $y$ are respectively
a) $\frac{\Delta_{1}}{\Delta_{3}}$ and $\frac{\Delta_{2}}{\Delta_{3}}$
b) $\frac{\Delta_{2}}{\Delta_{1}}$ and $\frac{\Delta_{3}}{\Delta_{1}}$
c) $\log \left(\frac{\Delta_{1}}{\Delta_{3}}\right)$ and $\log \left(\frac{\Delta_{2}}{\Delta_{3}}\right)$
d) $e^{\Delta_{1} / \Delta_{3}}$ and $e^{\Delta_{2} / \Delta_{3}}$
231. If $a \neq b \neq c$, then the value of $x$ satisfying the equation
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & x^{2}-a & a-b \\ x+a & 0 & x-c \\ x+b & x-c & 0\end{array}\right|=0$ is
a) $a$
b) $b$
c) $c$
d) 0
232.

The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}10! & 11! & 12! \\ 11! & 12! & 13! \\ 12! & 13! & 14!\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $2(10!11!)$
b) $2(10!13!)$
c) $2(10!11!12!)$
d) $2(11!12!13!)$
233.

The number of distinct real root of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}\sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x\end{array}\right|=0$ in the interval $-\frac{\pi}{4} \leq x \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ is
a) 0
b) 2
c) 1
d) 3
234.

The value of determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}\left(a^{x}+a^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(a^{x}-a^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1 \\ \left(b^{x}+b^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(b^{x}-b^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1 \\ \left(c^{x}+c^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(c^{x}-c^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 0
b) $2 a b c$
c) $a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}$
d) None of these
235.

The matrix $\left[\begin{array}{lll}\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda\end{array}\right]$ is non- singular
a) For all real values of $\lambda$
b) Only when $\lambda= \pm \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$
c) Only when $\lambda \neq 0$
d) Only when $\lambda=0$
236.

If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ (a+1)^{2} & (b+1)^{2} & (c+1)^{2} \\ (a-1)^{2} & (b-1)^{2} & (c-1)^{2}\end{array}\right|=k\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$,
Then the value of $k$ is
a) 1
b) 2
c) 3
d) 4
237. If $f(x), \mathrm{g}(x)$ and $h(x)$ are three polynomials of degree 2 and $\Delta(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}f(x) & \mathrm{g}(x) & h(x) \\ f^{\prime}(x) & \mathrm{g}^{\prime}(x) & h^{\prime}(x) \\ f^{\prime \prime}(x) & \mathrm{g}^{\prime \prime}(x) & h^{\prime \prime}(x)\end{array}\right|$, then $\Delta(x)$ is polynomial of degree
a) 2
b) 3
c) At most 2
d) At most 3
238. The value of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+y & y+z & z+x \\ x & y & z \\ x-y & y-z & z-x\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $2(x+y+z)^{2}$
b) $2(x+y+z)^{3}$
c) $(x+y+z)^{3}$
d) 0
239.

If $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1+a & 1+a x & 1+a x^{2} \\ 1+b & 1+b x & 1+b x^{2} \\ 1+c & 1+c x & 1+c x^{2}\end{array}\right|$, where $a, b, c$ are non-zero constants, then value of $f(10)$ is
a) $10(b-a)(c-a)$
b) $100(b-a)(c-b)(a-c)$
c) $100 a b c$
d) 0
240. The value of $\lambda$, if $a x^{4}+b x^{3}+c x^{2}+50 x+d=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x^{3}-14 x^{2} & -x & 3 x+\lambda \\ 4 x+1 & 3 x & x-4 \\ -3 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 0
b) 1
c) 2
d) 3
241. If $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x^{2}+x & x+1 & x-2 \\ 2 x^{2}+3 x-1 & 3 x & 3 x-3 \\ x^{2}+2 x+3 & 2 x-1 & 2 x-1\end{array}\right|=A x-12$, then the value of $A$ is
a) 12
b) 23
c) -12
d) 24
242.

The value of $x$ obtained from the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+\alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \gamma & x+\beta & \alpha \\ \alpha & \beta & x+\gamma\end{array}\right|=0$ will be
a) 0 and $-(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)$
b) 0 and $(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)$
c) 1 and $(\alpha-\beta-\gamma)$
d) 0 and $\left(\alpha^{2}+\beta^{2}+\gamma^{2}\right)$
243. $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a x & 1+b x & 1+c x \\ 1+a_{1} x & 1+b_{1} x & 1+c_{1} x \\ 1+a_{2} x & 1+b_{2} x & 1+c_{2} x\end{array}\right|=A_{0}+A_{1} x+A_{2} x^{2}+A_{3} x^{3}$, then $A_{1}$ is equal to
a) $a b c$
b) 0
c) 1
d) None of these
244. From the matrix equation $A B=A C$ we can conclude $B=C$ provided that
a) $A$ is singular
b) $A$ is non-singular
c) $A$ is symmetric
d) $A$ is square
245. If $a \neq b$, then the system of equation
$a x+b y+b z=0$
$b x+a y+b z=0$
$b x+b y+a z=0$
Will have a non-trivial solution, is
a) $a+b=0$
b) $a+2 b=0$
c) $2 a+b=0$
d) $a+4 b=0$
246. If $\omega$ is an imaginary cube root of unity, then the value of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b \omega^{2} & a \omega \\ b \omega & c & b \omega^{2} \\ c \omega^{2} & a \omega & c\end{array}\right|$, is
a) $a^{3}+b^{3}+c^{3}$
b) $a^{2} b-b^{2} c$
c) 0
d) $a^{3}+b^{3}+c^{3}-3 a b c$
247. The value of determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a+b & a+2 b & a+3 b \\ a+2 b & a+3 b & a+4 b \\ a+4 b & a+5 b & a+6 b\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}-3 a b c$
b) $3 a b$
c) $3 a+5 b$
d) 0
248. The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}y+z & x & x \\ y & z+x & y \\ z & z & x+y\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) $6 x y z$
b) $x y z$
c) $4 x y z$
d) $x y+y z+z x$
249. If $\Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & b & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & a & x\end{array}\right|$ and $\Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{ll}x & b \\ a & x\end{array}\right|$, then
a) $\Delta_{1}=3\left(\Delta_{2}\right)^{2}$
b) $\frac{d}{d x}\left(\Delta_{1}\right)=3 \Delta_{2}$
c) $\frac{d}{d x}\left(\Delta_{1}\right)=3 \Delta_{2}^{2}$
d) $\Delta_{1}=3\left(\Delta_{2}\right)^{3 / 2}$
250. For positive numbers $x, y, z$ (other than unity) the numerical value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \log _{x} y & \log _{x} z \\ \log _{y} x & 3 & \log _{y} z \\ \log _{z} x & \log _{z} y & 5\end{array}\right|$, is
a) 0
b) $\log x \log y \log z$
c) 1
d) 8
251. The value of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}1990 & 1991 & 1992 \\ 1991 & 1992 & 1993 \\ 1992 & 1993 & 1994\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 1992
b) 1993
c) 1994
d) 0
252. If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a+x & a-x & a-x \\ a-x & a+x & a-x \\ a-x & a-x & a+x\end{array}\right|=0$, then $x$ is equal to
a) $0,2 a$
b) $a, 2 a$
c) $0,3 a$
d) None of these
253. The determinant $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b & c & b \alpha+c \\ c & d & c \alpha+d \\ b \alpha+c & c \alpha+d & a \alpha^{3}-c \alpha\end{array}\right|$ is equal to zero, if
a) $b, c, d$ are in A.P.
b) $b, c, d$ are in G.P.
c) $b, c, d$ are in H.P.
d) $\alpha$ is a root of $a x^{3}+b x^{2}-c x-d=0$
254. If $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a_{1} & b_{1} & c_{1} \\ a_{2} & b_{2} & c_{2} \\ a_{3} & b_{3} & c_{3}\end{array}\right|=5$, then the value of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}b_{2} c_{3}-b_{3} c_{2} & c_{2} a_{3}-c_{3} a_{2} & a_{2} b_{3}-c_{3} b_{2} \\ b_{3} c_{1}-b_{1} c_{3} & c_{3} a_{1}-c_{1} a_{3} & a_{3} b_{1}-a_{1} b_{3} \\ b_{1} c_{2}-b_{2} c_{1} & c_{1} a_{2}-c_{2} a_{1} & a_{1} b_{2}-a_{2} b_{1}\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 5
b) 25
c) 125
d) 0
255.

The determinant $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2}+x^{2} & a b & a c \\ a b & b^{2}+x^{2} & b c \\ a c & b c & c^{2}+x^{2}\end{array}\right|$ is divisible by
a) $x^{5}$
b) $x^{4}$
c) $x^{4}+1$
d) $x^{4}-1$
256.

If $\Delta_{a}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a-1 & n & 6 \\ (a-1)^{2} & 2 n^{2} & 4 n-2 \\ (a-1)^{3} & 3 n^{3} & 3 n^{2}-3 n\end{array}\right|$, then $\sum_{a=1}^{n} \Delta_{a}$ is equal to
a) 0
b) 1
c) $\left\{\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right\}\left\{\frac{a(a+1)}{2}\right\}$
d) None of these
257. Let the determinant of a $3 \times 3$ matrix $A$ be 6 , then $B$ is a matrix defined by $B=5 A^{2}$. Then, determinant of $B$ is
a) 180
b) 100
c) 80
d) None of These
258.

The coefficient of $x$ in $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & 1+\sin x & \cos x \\ 1 & \log (1+x) & 2 \\ x^{2} & 1+x^{2} & 0\end{array}\right|,-1<x \leq 1$, is
a) 1
b) -2
c) -1
d) 0
259.

The value of $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ b c & c a & a b \\ b+c & c+a & a+b\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 1
b) 0
c) $(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$
d) $(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$
260.

A factor of $\Delta(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x^{3}+1 & 2 x^{4}+3 x^{2} & 3 x^{5}+4 x \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 14 & 19\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $x$
b) $(x-1)^{2}$
c) $(x+1)^{2}$
d) None of these
261.

If $p \lambda^{4}+q \lambda^{3}+q \lambda^{2}+s \lambda+t=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b^{2}+c^{2} & a^{2}+\lambda & a^{2}+\lambda \\ b^{2}+\lambda & c^{2}+a^{2} & b^{2}+\lambda \\ c^{2}+\lambda & c^{2}+\lambda & a^{2}+b^{2}\end{array}\right|$ is an identity in $\lambda$, where $p, q, r, s, t$ are constants, then the value of $t$ is
a) 1
b) 2
c) 0
d) None of these
262.

The value of the determinant $\left|\begin{array}{lll}10! & 11! & 12! \\ 11! & 12! & 13! \\ 12! & 13! & 14!\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 2 (10! 11!)
b) 2 ( $10!13$ !)
c) $2(10!11!12!)$
d) $2(11!12!13!)$
263. If $A_{i}=\left[\begin{array}{cc}a^{i} & b^{i} \\ b^{i} & a^{i}\end{array}\right]$ and if $|a|<1,|b|<1$, then $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{det}\left(A_{i}\right)$ is equal to
a) $\frac{a^{2}}{(1-a)^{2}}-\frac{b^{2}}{(1-b)^{2}}$
b) $\frac{a^{2}-b^{2}}{(1-a)^{2}\left(1-b^{2}\right)}$
c) $\frac{a^{2}}{(1-a)^{2}}+\frac{b^{2}}{(1-b)^{2}}$
d) $\frac{a^{2}}{(1+a)^{2}}-\frac{b^{2}}{(1+b)^{2}}$
264. If $\left[\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2 & x \\ 4 & -1 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & -6\end{array}\right]$ is a singular matrix, then $x$ is equal to
a) 0
b) 1
c) -3
d) 3
265.

The value of $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & p & q \\ p & x & q \\ p & q & x\end{array}\right|$ is
a) $x(x-p)(x-q)$
b) $(x-p)(x-q)(x+p+q)$
c) $(p-q)(x-q)(x-p)$
d) $p q(x-p)(x-q)$
266.

The roots of the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 4 & 20 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 x & 5 x^{2}\end{array}\right|=0$ are
a) $-1,-2$
b) $-1,2$
c) $1,-2$
d) 1,2
267.

If $\left|\begin{array}{llr}6 i & -3 i & 1 \\ 4 & 3 i & -1 \\ 40 & 3 & i\end{array}\right|=x+i y$, then
a) $x=3, y=1$
b) $x=1, y=3$
c) $x=0, y=3$
d) $x=0, y=0$
268. The determinant
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos (\alpha+\beta) & -\sin (\alpha+\beta) & \cos 2 \beta \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \alpha & \sin \alpha & \cos \beta\end{array}\right|$ is independent of
a) $\alpha$
b) $\beta$
c) $\alpha$ and $\beta$
d) Neither $\alpha$ nor $\beta$
269. $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c\end{array}\right|=0$, then $a, b, c$ are
a) In GP
b) In HP
c) Equal
d) In AP
270.

If $1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{c}+\frac{1}{c}=0$, then $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c\end{array}\right|$ is equal to
a) 0
b) $a b c$
c) $-a b c$
d) None of these
271. If $a \neq b \neq c$, the value of $x$ which satisfies the equation $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & x-a & x-b \\ x+a & 0 & x-c \\ x+b & x+c & 0\end{array}\right|=0$, is
a) $x=0$
b) $x=a$
c) $x=b$
d) $x=c$
272. If $D_{r}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}r & 1 & \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ 2 r-1 & 4 & n^{2} \\ 2^{r-1} & 5 & 2^{n}-1\end{array}\right|$, then the value of $\sum_{r=0}^{n} D_{r}$ is
a) 0
b) 1
c) $\frac{n(n+1)(2 n+1)}{6}$
d) None of these
273.

If $f(\alpha)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \alpha & \alpha^{2} \\ \alpha & \alpha^{2} & 1 \\ \alpha^{2} & 1 & \alpha\end{array}\right|$, then $f(\sqrt[3]{3})$ is equal to
a) 1
b) -4
c) 4
d) 2
274. The value of the determinant $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 a_{1} b_{1} & a_{1} b_{2}+a_{2} b_{1} & a_{1} b_{3}+a_{3} b_{1} \\ a_{1} b_{2}+a_{2} b_{1} & 2 a_{2} b_{2} & a_{2} b_{3}+a_{3} b_{2} \\ a_{1} b_{3}+a_{3} b_{1} & a_{3} b_{2}+a_{2} b_{3} & 2 a_{3} b_{3}\end{array}\right|$ is
a) 1
b) $2 a_{1} a_{2} a_{3} b_{1} b_{2} b_{3}$
c) 0
d) $a_{1} a_{2} a_{3} b_{1} b_{2} b_{3}$
275.

If $A=\left[\begin{array}{lll}3 & 2 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 6\end{array}\right]$ and $A_{i j}$ are the cofactors of $a_{i j}$, then $a_{11} A_{11}+a_{12} A+a_{13} A_{13}$ is equal to
a) 8
b) 6
c) 4
d) 0
276. The equation $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x-a & x-b & x-c \\ x-b & x-c & x-a \\ x-c & x-a & x-b\end{array}\right|=0$, where $a, b, c$ are different, is satisfied by
a) $x=0$
b) $x=a$
c) $x=\frac{1}{3}(a+b+c)$
d) $a=a+b+c$
277. $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & p & q \\ p & x & q \\ q & q & x\end{array}\right|=$
a) $(x+p)(x+q)(x-p-q)$
b) $(x-p)(x-q)(x+p+q)$
c) $(x-p)(x-q)(x-p-q)$
d) $(x+p)(x+q)(x+p+q)$
278. ${ }^{\text {If } f(x)}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 x & (x-1) & x \\ 3 x(x-1) & (x-1)(x-2) & x(x-1)\end{array}\right|$, then $f(50)$ is equal to
a) 0
b) 1
c) 100
d) -100

| : ANSWER KEY : |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
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| 1) | b | 2) | a | 3) | b | 4) | b | 189) | c | 190) | d | 191) | c | 192) |
| 5) | c | 6) | b | 7) | c | 8) | c | 193) | a | 194) | a | 195) | c | 196) |
| 9) | b | 10) | a | 11) | b | 12) | d | 197) | d | 198) | d | 199) | c | 200) |
| 13) | d | 14) | d | 15) | b | 16) | a | 201) | a | 202) | b | 203) | a | 204) |
| 17) | c | 18) | a | 19) | b | 20) | c | 205) | c | 206) | c | 207) | c | 208) |
| 21) | c | 22) | c | 23) | b | 24) | a | 209) | b | 210) | b | 211) | c | 212) |
| 25) | b | 26) | b | 27) | c | 28) | d | 213) | b | 214) | c | 215) | b | 216) |
| 29) | d | 30) | a | 31) | c | 32) | b | 217) | a | 218) | a | 219) | b | 220) |
| 33) | d | 34) | a | 35) | c | 36) | a | 221) | d | 222) | a | 223) | d | 224) |
| 37) | a | 38) | a | 39) | b | 40) | c | 225) | b | 226) | b | 227) | c | 228) |
| 41) | d | 42) | b | 43) | b | 44) | d | 229) | b | 230) | d | 231) | d | 232) |
| 45) | d | 46) | a | 47) | b | 48) | c | 233) | c | 234) | a | 235) | c | 236) |
| 49) | d | 50) | a | 51) | c | 52) | b | 237) | c | 238) | d | 239) | d | 240) |
| 53) | c | 54) | b | 55) | c | 56) | a | 241) | d | 242) | a | 243) | b | 244) |
| 57) | d | 58) | d | 59) | d | 60) | c | 245) | b | 246) | c | 247) | d | 248) |
| 61) | b | 62) | c | 63) | d | 64) | a | 249) | b | 250) | d | 251) | d | 252) |
| 65) | c | 66) | a | 67) | b | 68) | b | 253) | b | 254) | b | 255) | b | 256) |
| 69) | b | 70) | c | 71) | c | 72) | b | 257) | d | 258) | b | 259) | c | 260) |
| 73) | b | 74) | a | 75) | b | 76) | a | 261) | d | 262) | c | 263) | b | 264) |
| 77) | d | 78) | a | 79) | a | 80) | b | 265) | b | 266) | b | 267) | d | 268) |
| 81) | c | 82) | c | 83) | b | 84) | b | 269) | d | 270) | a | 271) | a | 272) |
| 85) | a | 86) | a | 87) | b | 88) | a | 273) | b | 274) | c | 275) | a | 276) |
| 89) | d | 90) | a | 91) | c | 92) | b | 277) | b | 278) | a |  |  |  |
| 93) | c | 94) | d | 95) | a | 96) | c |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 97) | b | 98) | a | 99) | b | 100) | b |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 101) | a | 102) | b | 103) | a | 104) | $a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 105) | b | 106) | b | 107) | b | 108) | d |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 109) | a | 110) | d | 111) | d | 112) | $b$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 113) | a | 114) | a | 115) | b | 116) | $a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 117) | d | 118) | d | 119) | d | 120) | $a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 121) | c | 122) | d | 123) | c | 124) | $a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 125) | a | 126) | d | 127) | a | 128) | d |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 129) | d | 130) | a | 131) | b | 132) | $a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 133) | b | 134) | b | 135) | c | 136) | c |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 137) | a | 138) | d | 139) | d | 140) | c |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 141) | c | 142) | d | 143) | c | 144) | $b$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 145) | b | 146) | c | 147) | d | 148) | $b$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 149) | a | 150) | d | 151) | $a$ | 152) | $b$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 153) | d | 154) | c | 155) | a | 156) | $a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 157) | b | 158) | d | 159) | b | 160) | c |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 161) | a | 162) | d | 163) | c | 164) | d |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 165) | d | 166) | d | 167) | $a$ | 168) | c |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 169) | c | 170) | d | 171) | b | 172) | $a$ |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 173) | c | 174) | c | 175) | b | 176) | d |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 177) | b | 178) | b | 179) | a | 180) | d |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 181) | d | 182) | a | 183) | c | 184) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |
| 185) | c | 186) | b | 187) | a | 188) |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |  |

## : HINTS AND SOLUTIONS :

2 (a)
$\operatorname{Given}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & x \\ -1 & 2 & x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 5 & x \\ -3 & -3 & 0\end{array}\right|=0 \quad\left[R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{2}\right]$
$\Rightarrow-1(-6+15)-x[-3 x+6]=0$
$\Rightarrow \quad x^{2}-2 x-3=0$
$\Rightarrow x=3,-1$
3
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}441 & 442 & 443 \\ 445 & 446 & 447 \\ 449 & 450 & 451\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{lll}441 & 1 & 1 \\ 445 & 1 & 1 \\ 449 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
$C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}$
$C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{2}$
$=0$ [ $\because$ two columns are identical]
4 (b)
Given, $f(\alpha)=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & \alpha & \alpha^{2} \\ \alpha & a^{2} & 1 \\ \alpha^{2} & 1 & \alpha\end{array}\right|$
$=1\left(\alpha^{3}-1\right)-\alpha\left(\alpha^{2}-\alpha^{2}\right)+\alpha^{2}\left(\alpha-\alpha^{4}\right)$
$=\alpha^{3}-1-0+\alpha^{3}-\alpha^{6}$
$\Rightarrow f(\sqrt[3]{3})=3-1-0+3-3^{2}$
$=6-10=-4$
5 (c)
Let the first term and common difference of an AP are $A$ and $D$ respectively.
$\therefore a=A+(p-1) D, b=A+(q-1) D$, and $c=A+(r-1) D$
Now, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & p & 1 \\ b & q & 1 \\ c & r & 1\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{lll}A+(p-1) D & p & 1 \\ A+(q-1) D & q & 1 \\ A+(r-1) D & r & 1\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-D C_{2}+D C_{3}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}A & p & 1 \\ A & q & 1 \\ A & r & 1\end{array}\right|=A\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & p & 1 \\ 1 & q & 1 \\ 1 & r & 1\end{array}\right|=0 \quad(\because$ two columns
are identical)
6 (b)
Minor of $(-4)=\left|\begin{array}{cc}-2 & 3 \\ 8 & 9\end{array}\right|=-42$
Minor of $9=\left|\begin{array}{ll}-1 & -2 \\ -4 & -5\end{array}\right|=-3$
Cofactor of $(-4)=(-1)^{2+1} \cdot\left|\begin{array}{cc}-2 & 3 \\ 8 & 9\end{array}\right|=42$
and cofactor of $9=(-1)^{3+3} \cdot\left|\begin{array}{ll}-1 & -2 \\ -4 & -5\end{array}\right|=-3$
$7 \quad$ (c)
Given, $\alpha, \beta$ and $\gamma$ are the cube roots of unity, then assume
$\alpha=1, \beta=\omega$ and $\gamma=\omega^{2}$.
$\therefore\left|\begin{array}{lll}e^{\alpha} & e^{2 \alpha} & \left(e^{3 \alpha}-1\right) \\ e^{\beta} & e^{2 \beta} & \left(e^{3 \beta}-1\right) \\ e^{\gamma} & e^{2 \gamma} & \left(e^{3 \gamma}-1\right)\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}e^{\alpha} & e^{2 \alpha} & e^{3 \alpha} \\ e^{\beta} & e^{2 \beta} & e^{3 \beta} \\ e^{\gamma} & e^{2 \gamma} & e^{3 \gamma}\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{lll}e^{\alpha} & e^{2 \alpha} & -1 \\ e^{\beta} & e^{2 \beta} & -1 \\ e^{\gamma} & e^{2 \gamma} & -1\end{array}\right|$
$=e^{\alpha} e^{\beta} e^{\gamma}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & e^{\alpha} & e^{2 \alpha} \\ 1 & e^{\beta} & e^{2 \beta} \\ 1 & e^{\gamma} & e^{2 \gamma}\end{array}\right|-\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & e^{\alpha} & e^{2 \alpha} \\ 1 & e^{\beta} & e^{2 \beta} \\ 1 & e^{\gamma} & e^{2 \gamma}\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & e^{\alpha} & e^{2 \alpha} \\ 1 & e^{\beta} & e^{2 \beta} \\ 1 & e^{\gamma} & e^{2 \gamma}\end{array}\right|\left[e^{\alpha} e^{\beta} e^{\gamma}-1\right]=0$
$\left(\because e^{\alpha} e^{\beta} e^{\gamma}=e^{1+\omega+\omega^{2}}=e^{0}=1\right)$
8 (c)
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$, we obtain
$-x\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & -6 & 3 \\ 1 & 3-x & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & -6-x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow-x\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & -6 & 3 \\ 0 & 9-x & 0 \\ 0 & 9 & -9-x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1} \\ R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow-x(9-x)(-9-x)=0 \Rightarrow x=0,9,-9$
(b)
$\left|\begin{array}{cc}\log _{3} 512 & \log _{4} 3 \\ \log _{3} 8 & \log _{4} 9\end{array}\right| \times\left|\begin{array}{ll}\log _{2} 3 & \log _{8} 3 \\ \log _{3} 4 & \log _{3} 4\end{array}\right|$
$=\left(\log _{3} 512 \times \log _{4} 9-\log _{4} 3 \log _{3} 8\right) \times\left(\log _{2} 3\right.$ $\left.\times \log _{3} 4-\log _{8} 3 \times \log _{3} 4\right)$
$=\left(\frac{\log 512}{\log 3} \times \frac{\log 9}{\log 4}-\frac{\log 3}{\log 4} \times \frac{\log 8}{\log 3}\right)$
$\times\left(\frac{\log 3}{\log 2} \times \frac{\log 4}{\log 3} \times \frac{\log 3}{\log 8} \times \frac{\log 4}{\log 3}\right)$
$=\left(\frac{\log 2^{9}}{\log 3} \times \frac{\log 3^{2}}{\log 2^{2}} \times \frac{\log 2^{3}}{\log 2^{2}}\right) \times\left(\frac{\log 2^{2}}{\log 2}-\frac{\log 2^{2}}{\log 2^{3}}\right)$
$=\left(\frac{9 \times 2}{2}-\frac{3}{2}\right) \times\left(2-\frac{2}{3}\right)=\frac{15}{2} \times \frac{4}{3}=10$
10
(a)

Le $t \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & a & 1 \\ \cos (n x) & \cos (n+1) x & \cos (n+2) x \\ \sin (n x) & \sin (n+1) x & \sin (n+2) x\end{array}\right|$
Since, $\cos (n x)+\cos (n+2) x=2 \cos (n+$
$1 x \cos x$
and $\sin (n x)+\sin (n+2) x=2 \sin (n+1) x \cos x$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-2 \cos x \cdot C_{2}+C_{3}$
$\therefore \Delta$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2}-2 a \cos x+1 & a & 1 \\ 0 & \cos (n+1) x & \cos (n+2) x \\ 0 & \sin (n+1) x & \sin (n+2) x\end{array}\right|$
$=\left(a^{2}-2 a \cos x+1\right)[\cos (n+1) x \sin (n+2) x$ $-\cos (n+2) x \sin (n+1) x]$
$=\left(a^{2}-2 a \cos x+1\right) \sin x$
$\therefore \Delta$ is independent of $n$.
11 (b)
Given $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+1 & 2 x+1 & 3 x+1 \\ 2 x & 4 x+3 & 6 x+3 \\ 4 x+4 & 6 x+4 & 8 x+4\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow 2\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & x & 2 x \\ 2 x & 4 x+3 & 6 x+3 \\ 2 x+2 & 3 x+2 & 4 x+2\end{array}\right|=0$
[Using $\left(R_{1} \rightarrow 2 R_{1}-R_{3}\right)$ ]
$\Rightarrow 2\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & x & 0 \\ 2 x & 4 x+3 & -2 x-3 \\ 2 x+2 & 3 x+2 & -2 x-2\end{array}\right|=0$
[Using $\left.\left(C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-2 C_{2}\right)\right]$
$\Rightarrow-4 x\left[2 x^{2}+2 x-(2 x+3)(x+1)\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow-4 x\left[2 x^{2}+2 x-\left(2 x^{2}+5 x+3\right)\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow 4 x(3 x+3)=0$
$\Rightarrow x+1=0 \quad[\because x \neq 0$ given $]$
13 (d)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b-y & c-z \\ a-x & b & c-z \\ a-x & b-y & c\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b-y & c-z \\ -x & y & 0 \\ 0 & -y & z\end{array}\right|=0$
(Using $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$ and $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{2}$ )
$\Rightarrow a(y z)+x(b z-y z+c y-y z)=0$
$\Rightarrow a y z+b z x+c y x=2 x y z$
$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{x}+\frac{b}{y}+\frac{c}{z}=2$
14 (d)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}p & b & c \\ a-p & q-b & 0 \\ 0 & b-q & r-c\end{array}\right|=0$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{2} \\ \text { and } R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\frac{p}{p-a} & \frac{b}{q-b} & \frac{c}{r-c} \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -1 & 1\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{p-a}+\frac{b}{q-b}+\frac{c}{r-c}=0$
$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{p-a}+\left(\frac{q}{q-b}-1\right)+\left(\frac{r}{r-c}-1\right)=0$
$\Rightarrow \frac{p}{p-a}+\frac{q}{q-b}+\frac{r}{r-c}=2$

## (b)

We have,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a+b & a+2 b \\ a+2 b & a & a+b \\ a+b & a+2 b & a\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}3 a+3 b & a+b & a+2 b \\ 3 a+3 b & a & a+b \\ 3 a+3 b & a+2 b & a\end{array}\right|$ Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow$
$C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=3(a+b)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & a+b & a+2 b \\ 1 & a & a+b \\ 1 & a+2 b & a\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=3(a+b)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & a+b & a+2 b \\ 0 & -b & -b \\ 0 & b & -2 b\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$

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R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}
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$\Rightarrow \Delta=3(a+b)\left(3 b^{2}\right)=9 b^{2}(a+b)$
16
(a)

Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}$, we get
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 & \cos ^{2} \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta \\ 2 & 1+\cos ^{2} \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta \\ 1 & \cos ^{2} \theta & 1+4 \sin 4 \theta\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 & \cos ^{2} \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & \cos ^{2} \theta & 1+4 \sin 4 \theta\end{array}\right|=0$

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\left[R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}\right]
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$\Rightarrow \quad(2+4 \sin 4 \theta)=0$
$\Rightarrow \sin 4 \theta=-\frac{1}{2}=-\sin \frac{\pi}{6}$
$\Rightarrow \quad 4 \theta=\mathrm{n} \pi+(-1)^{\mathrm{n}}\left(-\frac{\pi}{6}\right)$
$\therefore$ The value of $\theta$ between 0 and $\frac{\pi}{2}$ will be $\frac{7 \pi}{24}$ and $\frac{11 \pi}{24}$
(c)

We have, $a_{i}^{2}+b_{i}^{2}+c_{i}^{2}=1$
and $a_{i} a_{j}+b_{i} b_{j}+c_{i} c_{j}=0$ for $(i=1,2,3)$
$\therefore\left|\begin{array}{lll}a_{1} & a_{2} & a_{3} \\ b_{1} & b_{2} & b_{3} \\ c_{1} & c_{2} & c_{3}\end{array}\right|^{2}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}a_{1} & b_{1} & c_{1} \\ a_{2} & b_{2} & c_{2} \\ a_{3} & b_{3} & c_{3}\end{array}\right|\left|\begin{array}{lll}a_{1} & b_{1} & c_{1} \\ a_{2} & b_{2} & c_{2} \\ a_{3} & b_{3} & c_{3}\end{array}\right|$
$=\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc}a_{1}^{2}+b_{1}^{2}+c_{1}^{2} & a_{1} a_{2}+b_{1} b_{2}+c_{1} c_{2} & a_{1} a_{3}+b_{1} b_{3}+c \\ a_{2} a_{1}+b_{2} b_{1}+c_{2} c_{1} & a_{2}^{2}+b_{2}^{2}+c_{2}^{2} & a_{1} a_{3}+b_{1} b_{3}+c \\ a_{3} a_{1}+b_{3} b_{1}+c_{3} c_{1} & a_{3} a_{2}+b_{3} b_{2}+c_{3} c_{2} & a_{3}^{2}+b_{3}^{2}+c_{3}^{2}\end{array}\right.$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right|=1$
18
(a)

We have,
$\alpha=2, \beta=2 \omega$ and $\gamma=2 \omega^{2} \Rightarrow \alpha+\beta+\gamma=0$
Now,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}\alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \beta & \gamma & \alpha \\ \gamma & \alpha & \beta\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}\alpha+\beta+\gamma & \beta & \gamma \\ \alpha+\beta+\gamma & \gamma & \alpha \\ \alpha+\beta+\gamma & \alpha & \beta\end{array}\right| \quad$ Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+$
$C_{3}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}0 & \beta & \gamma \\ 0 & \gamma & \alpha \\ 0 & \alpha & \beta\end{array}\right|=0 \quad[\because \alpha+\beta+\gamma=0]$
(b)

Take $a, b, c$ common from $R_{1}, R_{2}, R_{3}$ respectively,
$\therefore \Delta=a b c\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\frac{1}{a}+1 & \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ \frac{1}{b}+1 & \frac{1}{b}+2 & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c}+1 & \frac{1}{c}+1 & \frac{1}{c}+3\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}+R_{3}$
$\Delta=a b c\left(3+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & \frac{1}{1} \\ 1+\frac{1}{b} & 2+\frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b} \\ 1+\frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{c} & 3+\frac{1}{c}\end{array}\right|$
Now, applying $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{2}$ and $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}$ and on expanding, we get
$\Delta=2 a b c\left[3+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right]=0$
$\because a \neq 0, b \neq 0, c \neq 0$
$\therefore a^{-1}+b^{-1}+c^{-1}=-3$
20 (c)
On expanding the given determinant, we obtain
$2 x^{3}+2 x(a c-a b-b c)=0 \Rightarrow x=0$
23
(b)

Given, $A$ is a square matrix and $A A^{T}=I=A^{T} A$
$\Rightarrow\left|A A^{T}\right|=|I|=\left|A^{T} A\right|$
$\Rightarrow|A|\left|A^{T}\right|=I=\left|A^{T}\right||A|$
$\Rightarrow|A|^{2}=1 \quad\left[\because\left|A^{T}\right|=|A|\right]$
$\Rightarrow|A|= \pm 1$

25 (b)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}y+z & x & y \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z\end{array}\right|=k(x+y+z)(x-z)^{2}$
LHS $=(x+y+z)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 & 1 & 1 \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z\end{array}\right| \quad\left(R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+\right.$
$\left.R_{2}+R_{3}\right)$
$=(x+y+z)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & 1 \\ x & z & x \\ x & y & z\end{array}\right|$
$=(x+y+z)\left\{1\left(z^{2}-x y\right)-1\left(x z-x^{2}\right)\right.$
$+1(x y-x z)\}$
$=(x+y+z)\left(x^{2}+z^{2}-2 x z\right)$
$\Rightarrow(x+y+z)(x-z)^{2}=k(x+y+z)(x-z)^{2}$
(given)
$\Rightarrow k=1$
(b)
$\operatorname{det}(2 A)=2^{4} \operatorname{det}(A)=16 \operatorname{det}(A)$
(c)
$\because \operatorname{det}\left(M_{r}\right)=r^{2}-(r-1)^{2}=2 r-1$
$\therefore \operatorname{det}\left(M_{1}\right)+\operatorname{det}\left(M_{2}\right)+\ldots+\operatorname{det}\left(M^{2008}\right)$

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=1+3+5+\ldots+4015
$$

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=\frac{2008}{2}[2+(2008-1) 2]
$$

$=2008(2008)=(2008)^{2}$
(d)

Let $A$ and $R$ be the first term and common ratio respectively.
$\therefore l=A R^{p-1}$
$\Rightarrow \log l=\log A+(p-1) \log R$
$m=A R^{q-1}$
$\Rightarrow \log m=\log A+(q-1) \log R$
and $n=A R^{r-1}$
$\Rightarrow \log n=\log A+(r-1) \log R$
Now,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}\log l & p & 1 \\ \log m & q & 1 \\ \log n & r & 1\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{lll}\log A+(p-1) \log R & p & 1 \\ \log A+(q-1) \log R & q & 1 \\ \log A+(r-1) \log R & r & 1\end{array}\right|$
On multiplying $R_{1}, R_{2}$ and $R_{3}$ by $(q-r)$, $(r-$
pand $p-q$ and adding $R 1+R 2+R 3$, we get
$=(q-r+r-p+p-q) \cdot \log A+\{(q-r)(p-1)$
$+(r-p)(q-1)+(p-q)(r-1)\} \log R$
$=0$
29
(d)

Since, the given matrix is singular.
$\therefore\left[\begin{array}{ccc}5 & 10 & 3 \\ -2 & -4 & 6 \\ -1 & -2 & b\end{array}\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow 5(-4 b+12)-10(-2 b+6)+3(4-4)=0$
$\Rightarrow-20 b+60+20 b-60=0$
$\Rightarrow 0(b)=0$
$\therefore$ The given matrix is singular for any value of $b$
31 (c)
Given, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x^{n} & x^{n+2} & x^{n+3} \\ y^{n} & y^{n+2} & y^{n+3} \\ Z^{n} & z^{n+2} & z^{n+3}\end{array}\right|$
$=(y-z)(z-x)(x-y)\left(\frac{1}{x}+\frac{1}{y}+\frac{1}{z}\right)$
The degree of determinant
$=n+(n+2)+(n+3)=3 n+5$
and the degree of RHS $=2$
$\therefore 3 n+5=2 \Rightarrow n=-1$
(b)

Since , $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b & a \alpha+b \\ b & c & b \alpha+c \\ a \alpha+b & b \alpha+c & 0\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-\left(\alpha R_{1}+R_{2}\right)$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b & a \alpha+b \\ b & c & b \alpha+c \\ 0 & 0 & -a \alpha^{2}-2 b \alpha-c\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow-\left(a \alpha^{2}+2 b \alpha+c\right)\left(a c+b^{2}\right)=0$
$\Rightarrow b^{2}=a c$
Hence, $a, b$, and $c$ are in GP.
33 (d)
The system of equations
$k x+y+z=1$
$x+k y+z=k$
$x+y+k z=k^{2}$
Is inconsistent, if
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}k & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & k & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & k\end{array}\right|=0$ and one of the $\Delta_{1}, \Delta_{2} \Delta_{3}$ is non-
zero, where
$\Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ k & k & 1 \\ k^{2} & 1 & k\end{array}\right|, \Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}k & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & k & 1 \\ 1 & k^{2} & k\end{array}\right|, \Delta_{3}$

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=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
k & 1 & 1 \\
1 & k & k \\
1 & 1 & k^{2}
\end{array}\right|
$$

We have, $\Delta=(k+2)(k-1)^{2}, \Delta_{1}=-(k+$
$1 k-12$
$\Delta_{2}=-k(k-1)^{2}, \Delta_{3}=(k+1)^{2}(k-1)^{2}$
Clearly, for $k=-2$, we have
$\Delta=0$ and $\Delta_{1}, \Delta_{2}, \Delta_{3}$ are non-zero. Therefore, $k=-2$

## (a)

We have,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a+b & a+b+c \\ 3 a & 4 a+3 b & 5 a+4 b+3 c \\ 6 a & 9 a+6 b & 11 a+9 b+6 c\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-3 R_{1}, R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-2 R_{2}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a & a+b+c \\ 0 & a & 2 a+b \\ 0 & a & a+b\end{array}\right|$
$=a\left[a^{2}+a b-2 a^{2}-a b\right]$
$=-a^{3}=i \quad(\because a=i$, given $)$
35 (c)
$\mathrm{LHS}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}a+b & b+c & c+a \\ b+c & c+a & a+b \\ c+a & a+b & b+c\end{array}\right|$
The determinant can be written sum of $2 \times 2 \times 2=8$ determinants of which 6 are reduces to zero because of their two rows are identical.
$\therefore \quad$ LHS $=2\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ b & c & a \\ c & a & b\end{array}\right|$
(a)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\alpha & -\beta & 0 \\ 0 & \alpha & \beta \\ \beta & \mathrm{q} & \mathrm{x}\end{array}\right|=0 \Rightarrow \alpha^{3}-\beta^{3}=0$
$\Rightarrow\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta}\right)^{3}=1 \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\beta}$ is one of the cube roots of unity.
(a)

Applying $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-\alpha R_{1}-R_{2}$, we get
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b & c & a \alpha+b \\ c & d & c \alpha+d \\ 0 & 0 & a \alpha^{3}+b \alpha^{2}+c \alpha+d\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left(a \alpha^{3}+b \alpha^{2}+c \alpha+d\right)\left(b d-c^{2}\right)$
$\therefore \Delta=0$
$\Rightarrow$ either $b, c, d$ are in G.P. or $\alpha$ is a root of $a x^{3}+b x^{3}+c x+d=0$
38 (a)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos C & \tan A & 0 \\ \sin B & 0 & -\tan A \\ 0 & \sin B & \cos C\end{array}\right|$
$=\frac{1}{\cos ^{2} A}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos C \cos A & \sin A & 0 \\ \sin B \cos A & 0 & -\sin A \\ 0 & \sin B & \cos C\end{array}\right|$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1} \cos A \\ R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2} \cos A\end{array}\right]$
$=\frac{1}{\cos A}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos C & \sin A & 0 \\ \sin B & 0 & -\sin A \\ 0 & \sin B & \cos C\end{array}\right|$
$=\frac{1}{\cos A}\{\sin A \sin B \cos C-\sin A \sin B \cos C\}$
$=0$
39 (b)
Applying $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}$, we get
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \alpha & \alpha^{2}-1 \\ \cos (p-d) a & \cos p a & 0 \\ \sin (p-d) a & \sin p a & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=\left(\alpha^{2}-1\right)\{-\cos p a \sin (p-d) a$
$+\sin p a \cos (p-d) a\}$
$=\left(\alpha^{2}-1\right) \sin \{-(p-d) a+p a\}$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left(\alpha^{2}-1\right) \sin d a$
Which is independent of $p$.
(c)

Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b \omega^{2} & a \omega \\ b \omega & c & b \omega^{2} \\ c \omega^{2} & a \omega & c\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-\omega C_{1}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b \omega^{2} & 0 \\ b \omega & c & 0 \\ c \omega^{2} & a \omega & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=0$
42 (b)
We have, $\Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & b & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & a & x\end{array}\right|=x^{3}-3 a b x+a b^{2}+$ $a^{2} b$
$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d x} \Delta_{1}=3\left(x^{2}-a b\right)$ and $\Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{ll}x & b \\ a & x\end{array}\right|=x^{2}-a b$
$\therefore \frac{d}{d x}\left(\Delta_{1}\right)=3\left(x^{2}-a b\right)=3 \Delta_{2}$
43 (b)
Given $f(\theta)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos ^{2} \theta & \cos \theta \sin \theta & -\sin \theta \\ \cos \theta \sin \theta & \sin ^{2} \theta & \cos \theta \\ \sin \theta & -\cos \theta & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=\cos ^{2} \theta\left(0+\cos ^{2} \theta\right)-\cos \theta \sin \theta(0-\sin \theta \cos \theta)$
$-\sin \theta\left(-\cos ^{2} \theta \sin \theta-\sin ^{3} \theta\right)$
$=\cos ^{4} \theta+2 \sin ^{2} \theta \cos ^{2} \theta+\sin ^{4} \theta$
$=\cos ^{4} \theta+\sin ^{2} \theta \cos ^{2} \theta+\sin ^{2} \theta$
$=\cos ^{2} \theta\left(\cos ^{2} \theta+\sin ^{2} \theta\right)+\sin ^{2} \theta=1$
$\therefore$ For all, $\theta, f(\theta)=1$
44 (d)
Given that $C=2 \cos \theta$
and $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}C & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & C & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & C\end{array}\right|=C\left(C^{2}-1\right)-1(C-6)$
$\Delta=2 \cos \theta\left(4 \cos ^{2} \theta-1\right)-(2 \cos \theta-6)$
$(\because C=2 \cos \theta)$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=8 \cos ^{3} \theta-4 \cos \theta+6$
45
(d)

We have,
$f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sin x & \cos x & \tan x \\ x^{3} & x^{2} & x \\ 2 x & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \frac{f(x)}{x}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\frac{\sin x}{x} & \cos x & \tan x \\ x^{2} & x^{2} & x^{2} \\ 2 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \frac{f(x)}{x^{2}}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\frac{\sin x}{x} & \cos x & \tan x \\ x & x & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \lim _{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^{2}}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|=-1(1-2)=1$
46 (a)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}{[e]} & {[\pi]} & {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} \\ {[\pi]} & {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} & {[e]} \\ {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} & {[e]} & {[\pi]}\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right|$
$=2(9-4)-3(9-6)+3(6-9)$
$=10-9-9=-8$
47
(b)
$A B=\left[\begin{array}{ll}3 & 5 \\ 2 & 0\end{array}\right]\left[\begin{array}{rr}1 & 17 \\ 0 & -10\end{array}\right]=\left[\begin{array}{rr}3 & 1 \\ 2 & 34\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow \quad|A B|=\left[\begin{array}{cc}3 & 1 \\ 2 & 34\end{array}\right]=100$
48 (c)
Given that,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 13\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+2 R_{3}$
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}7 & 20 & 29 \\ 2 & 5 & 7 \\ 3 & 9 & 13\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\Delta^{\prime}$
49 (d)

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\begin{aligned}
& \left|\begin{array}{ccc}
2 x y & x^{2} & y^{2} \\
x^{2} & y^{2} & 2 x y \\
y^{2} & 2 x y & x^{2}
\end{array}\right| \\
& \quad=2 x y\left(x^{2} y^{2}-4 x^{2} y^{2}\right) \\
& \quad-x^{2}\left(x^{4}-2 x y^{3}\right)+y^{2}\left(2 x^{3} y-y^{4}\right) \\
& =-6 x^{3} y^{3}-x^{6}+2 x^{3} y^{3}+2 x^{3} y^{3}-y^{6} \\
& =-\left(x^{6}+y^{6}+2 x^{3} y^{3}\right) \\
& =-\left(x^{3}+y^{3}\right)^{2}
\end{aligned}
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50 (a)
We have,
$\Delta=a b c\left(1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right)$
$\therefore \Delta=0 \Rightarrow \frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}=-1$
51 (c)
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}b^{2} c^{2} & b c & b+c \\ c^{2} a^{2} & c a & c+a \\ a^{2} b^{2} & a b & a+b\end{array}\right|$
On multiplying $R_{1}, R_{2}, R_{3}$ by $a, b, c$ respectively and divide the whole by $a b c$
$=\frac{1}{a b c}\left|\begin{array}{lll}a b^{2} c^{2} & a b c & a(b+c) \\ b c^{2} a^{2} & b c a & b(c+a) \\ a^{2} b^{2} c & a b c & c(a+b)\end{array}\right|$
On taking common $a b c$ from $C_{1}$ and $C_{2}$, we get
$=\frac{(a b c)(a b c)}{a b c}\left|\begin{array}{lll}b c & 1 & a b+a c \\ c a & 1 & b c+a b \\ a b & 1 & c a+b c\end{array}\right|$
Now, $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{3}$
$=a b c\left|\begin{array}{lll}a b+b c+c a & 1 & a b+a c \\ c a+b c+a b & 1 & b c+a b \\ a b+b c+c a & 1 & c a+b c\end{array}\right|$
$=(a b c)(a b+b c+c a)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & a b+a c \\ 1 & 1 & b c+a b \\ 1 & 1 & c a+b c\end{array}\right|$
$=0 \quad[\because$ two columns are identical $]$
52 (b)
We have, $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c\end{array}\right|=\lambda$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}$ and $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a & -a & -a \\ 1 & b & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & c\end{array}\right|=\lambda$
On expanding w.r.t. $R_{3}$, we get
$a b+b c+c a+a b c=\lambda$
Given $a^{-1}+b^{-1}+c^{-1}=0$
$\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}=0$
$\Rightarrow a b+b c+c a=0$
From Eq. (i), $\lambda=a b c$
53 (c)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c\end{array}\right|$
$=\frac{1}{2}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ 2 x+4 & 2 x+6 & 2 x+2 b \\ x+2 & x+4 & x+c\end{array}\right|$ [Applying
$\mathrm{R}_{2} \rightarrow 2 \mathrm{R}_{2}$ ]
$=\frac{1}{2}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ x+2 & x+4 & x+c\end{array}\right|\left[\right.$ Applying $\mathrm{R}_{2}-\left(\mathrm{R}_{1}+\right.$
$\mathrm{R}_{3}$ )]
$=0$
54 (b)
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}a-b & b-c & c-a \\ x-y & y-z & z-x \\ p-q & p-r & r-p\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{lll}0 & b-c & c-a \\ 0 & y-z & z-x \\ 0 & q-r & r-p\end{array}\right|=0$
$\left(C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}\right)$
55 (c)
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}a-b+c & -a-b+c & 1 \\ a+b+2 c & -a+b+2 c & 2 \\ 3 c & 3 c & 3\end{array}\right|$
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 a & -2 a & 0 \\ a+b+2 c & -a+b+2 c & 2 \\ 3 c & 3 c & 3\end{array}\right|$
[using $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}-R_{3}$ ]
$=2 a(-3 a+3 b+6 c-6 c)+2 a(3 a+3 b+6 c$ $-6 c$ )
$=12 a b$
56 (a)
Ratio of cofactor to its minor of the element -3 , which is in the 3rd row and 2nd column
$=(-1)^{3+2}=-1$
57 (d)
We have,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ \omega & x+\omega^{2} & 1 \\ \omega^{2} & 1 & x+\omega\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta$
$=\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc}x+1+\omega+\omega^{2} & x+\omega+\omega^{2}+1 & x+1+\omega- \\ \omega & x+\omega^{2} & 1 \\ \omega^{2} & 1 & x+\omega\end{array}\right.$
[Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}+R_{3}$ ]
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left(x+1+\omega+\omega^{2}\right)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ \omega & x+\omega^{2} & 1 \\ \omega^{2} & 1 & x+\omega\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=x\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ \omega & x+\omega^{2}-\omega & 1-\omega \\ \omega^{2} & 1-\omega^{2} & x+\omega-\omega^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=x\left[\left(x+\omega^{2}-\omega\right)\left(x+\omega-\omega^{2}\right)-(1-\omega)(1\right.$

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\left.\left.-\omega^{2}\right)\right]
$$

$\therefore \Delta=0 \Rightarrow x=0$
59 (d)
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}$ and $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}$ to the given determinant and expanding it along first now, we get
$\Rightarrow(\sin B-\sin A)(\sin C-\sin A)$
$\times\left|\begin{array}{cc}1 & 1 \\ 1+\sin B+\sin A & 1+\sin C+\sin A\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(\sin B-\sin A)(\sin C-\sin A)(\sin C-\sin B)$

$$
=0
$$

$\Rightarrow \sin B=\sin A$ or $\sin C=\sin A$ or $\sin C=\sin B$
$\Rightarrow A=B$ or $B=C$ or $C=A$
$\Rightarrow \triangle A B C$ is isosceles
60 (c)
We have, $D_{r}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2^{r-1} & 3^{r-1} & 4^{r-1} \\ x & y & z \\ 2^{n}-1 & \left(3^{n}-1\right) / 2 & \left(4^{n}-1\right) / 3\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{n} D_{r}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sum_{r=1}^{n} 2^{r-1} & \sum_{r=1}^{n} 3^{r-1} & \sum_{r=1}^{n} 4^{r-1} \\ x^{n} & y & z \\ 2^{n}-1 & \left(3^{n}-1\right) / 2 & \left(4^{n}-1\right) / 3\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \sum_{r=1}^{n} D_{r}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2^{n}-1 & \left(3^{n}-1\right) / 2 & \left(4^{n}-1\right) / 3 \\ x & y & z \\ 2^{n}-1 & \left(3^{n}-1\right) / 2 & \left(4^{n}-1\right) / 3\end{array}\right|$
$\sum_{r=1}^{n} D_{r}=0(\because$ two rows are same)
61
(b)

We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1+\sin A & 1+\sin B & 1+\sin C \\ \sin A+\sin ^{2} A & \sin B+\sin ^{2} B & \sin C+\sin ^{2} C\end{array}\right|$ $=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ \sin A & \sin B & \sin C \\ \sin A+\sin ^{2} A & \sin B+\sin ^{2} B & \sin C+\sin ^{2} C\end{array}\right|$ $=0$
Applying $\mathrm{R}_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ \sin A & \sin B & \sin C \\ \sin ^{2} A & \sin ^{2} B & \sin ^{2} C\end{array}\right|=0 \quad$ Applying $R_{3} \rightarrow$
$R_{3}-R_{2}$
$\Rightarrow(\sin A-\sin B)(\sin B-\sin C)(\sin C-\sin A)$

$$
=0
$$

$\Rightarrow \sin A=\sin B$ or, $\sin B=\sin C$ or, $\sin C=\sin A$
$\Rightarrow \triangle A B C$ is isosceles
62 (c)
We have,
$\operatorname{det}(A)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1\end{array}\right|$

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=2\left(1+\sin ^{2} \theta\right)
$$

Now,
$0 \leq \sin ^{2} \theta \leq 1$ for all $\theta \in[0,2 \pi)$
$\Rightarrow 2 \leq 2+2 \sin ^{2} \theta \leq 4$ for all $\theta \in[0,2 \pi)$
$\Rightarrow \operatorname{Det}(A) \in[2,4]$
63 (d)
Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 5 & \pi \\ \log _{e} e & 5 & \sqrt{5} \\ \log _{10} 10 & 5 & e\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 5 & \pi \\ 1 & 5 & \sqrt{5} \\ 1 & 5 & e\end{array}\right|=5\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & \pi \\ 1 & 1 & \sqrt{5} \\ 1 & 1 & e\end{array}\right| \quad(\because$
$\left.\log _{a} a=1\right)$
$=0 \quad(\because$ two columns are identical)
64 (a)
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$, we get
$f(x)$
$=\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{lll}1+a^{2} x+x+x b^{2}+x+c^{2} x & \left(1+b^{2}\right) x & \left(1+c^{2}\right) \\ x+a^{2} x+1+b^{2} x+x+c^{2} x & \left(1+b^{2} x\right) & \left(1+c^{2}\right) \\ x+a^{2} x+x+b^{2} x+1+c^{2} x & \left(1+b^{2}\right) x & \left(1+c^{2} x\right.\end{array}\right.$.
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \left(1+b^{2}\right) x & \left(1+c^{2}\right) x \\ 1 & 1+b^{2} x & \left(1+c^{2}\right) x \\ 1 & \left(1+b^{2}\right) x & 1+c^{2} x\end{array}\right|$
$\left[\because a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+2=0\right]$
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-R_{3}, R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{3}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & x-1 \\ 0 & 1-x & x-1 \\ 1 & \left(1+b^{2}\right) x & 1+c^{2} x\end{array}\right|$ $=1[0-(x-1)(1-x)]$
$=(x-1)^{2}$
$\Rightarrow f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree 2
(c)

Since system of equations is consistent.
$\therefore\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & -1 \\ 2 & -1 & -c \\ -b & 3 b & -c\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow c+b c-6 b+b+2 c+3 b c=0$
$\Rightarrow 3 c+4 b c-5 b=0$
$\Rightarrow c=\frac{5}{3+4 b}$
But $c<1 \Rightarrow \frac{5 b}{3+4 b}<1$
$\Rightarrow \frac{b-3}{3+4 b}<0$
$\Rightarrow b \in\left(-\frac{3}{4}, 3\right)$
(a)

Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{3}$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & 4 & 4 \\ \left(2^{x}-2^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(3^{x}-3^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(5^{x}-5^{-x}\right)^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=4\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ \left(2^{x}-2^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(3^{x}-3^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(5^{x}-5^{-x}\right)^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=4 \times 0=0 \quad[\therefore$ two rows are identical $]$
(b)

We have,
$A A^{-1}=I$
$\Rightarrow \operatorname{det}\left(A A^{-1}\right)=\operatorname{det}(I)$
$\Rightarrow \operatorname{det}(A) \operatorname{det}\left(A^{-1}\right)=1$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\because \operatorname{det}(A B)=\operatorname{det}(A) \operatorname{det}(B) \\ \text { and, } \operatorname{det}(I)=1\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow \operatorname{det}\left(A^{-1}\right)=\frac{1}{\operatorname{det}(A)}$
(b)

We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a x & 1+b x & 1+c x \\ 1+a_{1} x & 1+b_{1} x & 1+c_{1} x \\ 1+a_{2} x & 1+b_{2} x & 1+c_{2} x\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a x & (b-a) x & (c-a) x \\ 1+a_{1} x & \left(b_{1}-a_{1}\right) x & \left(c_{1}-a_{1}\right) x \\ 1+a_{2} x & \left(b_{2}-a_{2}\right) x & \left(c_{2}-a_{2}\right) x\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}$ and $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}$

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\begin{aligned}
& =x^{2}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1+a x & b-a & c-a \\
1+a_{1} x & b_{1}-a_{1} & c_{1}-a_{1} \\
1+a_{2} x & b_{2}-a_{2} & c_{2}-a_{2}
\end{array}\right| \\
& =x^{2}\left[( 1 + a x ) \left\{\left(b_{1}-a_{1}\right)\left(c_{2}-a_{2}\right)\right.\right. \\
& \\
& \left.-\left(b_{2}-a_{2}\right)\left(c_{1}-a_{1}\right)\right\} \\
& \\
& -\left(1+a_{1} x\right)\left\{(b-a)\left(c_{2}-a_{2}\right)\right. \\
& \\
& \left.-(c-a)\left(b_{2}-a_{2}\right)\right\} \\
& \\
& \\
& \\
& \\
& -\left(1+a_{2} x\right)\left\{(b-a)\left(c_{1}-a_{1}\right)\right.
\end{aligned}
$$

$=x^{2}(\lambda x+\mu)$, where $\lambda$ and $\mu$ are constants
$=\mu x^{2}+\lambda x^{3}$
Hence, $A_{0}=A_{1}=0$
69 (b)
$f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & -1 & 0 \\ a x & a & -1 \\ a x^{2} & a x & a\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-x R_{2}$
$f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & -1 & 0 \\ a x & a & -1 \\ 0 & 0 & a+x\end{array}\right|=(a+x)\left(a^{2}+a x\right)$
$\Rightarrow f(x)=a(a+x)^{2}$
$\therefore f(2 x)=a(a+2 x)^{2}$
$\Rightarrow f(2 x)-f(x)=a x(2 a+3 x)$
(c)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccr}-12 & 0 & \lambda \\ 0 & 2 & -1 \\ 2 & 1 & 15\end{array}\right|=-360$
$\Rightarrow-12(30+1)-4 \lambda=-360$
$\Rightarrow-372+360=4 \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda=-\frac{12}{4}=-3$
71 (c)
Let
$A=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ \omega & \omega^{2} & 1 \\ \omega^{2} & 1 & \omega\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+\omega+\omega^{2} & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 1+\omega+\omega^{2} & \omega^{2} & 1 \\ 1+\omega+\omega^{2} & 1 & \omega\end{array}\right|$
$\left[C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}\right.$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 0 & \omega^{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \omega\end{array}\right|=0 \quad\left[\because 1+\omega+\omega^{2}=0\right]$
72 (b)
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}{ }^{10} C_{4}+{ }^{10} C_{5} & { }^{10} C_{5} & { }^{11} C_{m} \\ { }^{11} C_{6}+{ }^{11} C_{7} & { }^{11} C_{7} & { }^{12} C_{m+2} \\ { }^{12} C_{8}+{ }^{12} C_{9} & { }^{12} C_{9} & { }^{13} C_{m+4}\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{lll}{ }^{11} C_{5} & { }^{10} C_{5} & { }^{11} C_{m} \\ { }^{12} C_{7} & { }^{11} C_{7} & { }^{12} C_{m+2} \\ { }^{13} C_{9} & { }^{12} C_{9} & { }^{13} C_{m+4}\end{array}\right|=0$
It means either two rows or two columns are identical.
$\therefore{ }^{11} C_{5}={ }^{11} C_{m},{ }^{12} C_{7}={ }^{12} C_{m+2},{ }^{13} C_{9}={ }^{13} C_{m+4}$
$\Rightarrow \quad m=5$
73 (b)
Given, $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 0 & 3 \\ 5 & -6 & x\end{array}\right|=29$
$\Rightarrow 1(0+18)-1(2 x-15)=29$
$\Rightarrow 2 x=4 \Rightarrow x=2$
74 (a)
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sin ^{2} x & \cos ^{2} x & 1 \\ \cos ^{2} x & \sin ^{2} x & 1 \\ -10 & 12 & 2\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \cos ^{2} x & 1 \\ 1 & \sin ^{2} x & 1 \\ 2 & 12 & 2\end{array}\right|=0$
75 (b)
Since, $|A|=-1,|B|=3$
$\therefore|A B|=|A||B|=-3$
Now, $|3 A B|=(3)^{3}(-3)=-81$
77 (d)
Applying $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-\alpha C_{1}+C_{2}$ to the given
determinant, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b & 0 \\ b & c & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \alpha+1\end{array}\right|=(1-2 \alpha)\left(a c-b^{2}\right)$
So, if the determinant is zero, we must have
$(1-2 \alpha)\left(a c-b^{2}\right)=0$
$\Rightarrow 1-2 \alpha=0$
or $\left(a c-b^{2}\right)=0$
$\Rightarrow \alpha=\frac{1}{2}$ or $a c=b^{2}$

Which means $a, b, c$ are in GP.
78 (a)
We have, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(x+9)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x\end{array}\right|=0\left(R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}+R_{3}\right)$
$\Rightarrow(x+9)\left\{1\left(x^{2}-12\right)-1(2 x-14)\right.$

$$
+1(12-7 x)\}=0
$$

$\Rightarrow(x+9)\left(x^{2}-9 x+14\right)=0$
$\Rightarrow(x+9)(x-2)(x-7)=0$
$\therefore$ The other two roots are 2 and 7 .
$79 \quad$ (a)
Let $A \equiv\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a-x & c & b \\ c & b-x & a \\ b & a & c-x\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a+b+c-x & c & b \\ a+b+c-x & b-x & a \\ a+b+c-x & a & c-x\end{array}\right|$
$=(a+b+c-x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & c & b \\ 1 & b-x & a \\ 1 & a & c-x\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow(a+b+c-x)\left[1\left\{(b-x)(c-x)-a^{2}\right\}\right.$

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-c(c-x-a)+b(a-b+x)]
$$

$$
=0
$$

$\Rightarrow(a+b+c-x)\left[b c-b x-c x+x^{2}-a^{2}-c^{2}\right.$
$\left.+x c+a c+a b-b^{2}+b x\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow(a+b+c-x)\left[x^{2}-\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)+a b+b c\right.$

$$
+c a]=0
$$

$\because a b+b c+c a=0$ (given)
$\Rightarrow$ either $x=a+b+c$ or $x=\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)^{1 / 2}$
80 (b)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x-1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x-1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x-1\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+1 & 1 & 1 \\ x+1 & x-1 & 1 \\ x+1 & 1 & x-1\end{array}\right|=0 \quad\left[\right.$ Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow$
$C 1+C 2+C 3$
$\Rightarrow(x+1)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x-1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x-1\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(x+1)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & x-2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & x-2\end{array}\right|=0$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1} \\ R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow(x+1)(x-2)^{2}=0$
$\Rightarrow x=-1,2$
$81 \quad$ (c)
Let $A=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1^{3} & 2^{3} & 3^{3} \\ 1^{5} & 2^{5} & 3^{5}\end{array}\right|=1.2 .3\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 1^{2} & 2^{2} & 3^{2} \\ 1^{4} & 2^{4} & 3^{4}\end{array}\right|$
$=6\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 4 & 9 \\ 1 & 16 & 81\end{array}\right|=6\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & 15 & 65\end{array}\right|$
$\left[C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}, C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{2}\right]$
$=6.3 .5\left|\begin{array}{llc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 5 & 13\end{array}\right|=90[1(13-5)]=720=6$ !
82 (c)
$\because\left|A^{3}\right|=|A|^{3}=125$
$\Rightarrow\left[\begin{array}{ll}\alpha & 2 \\ 2 & \alpha\end{array}\right]=5$
$\Rightarrow \alpha^{2}-4=5 \Rightarrow \alpha= \pm 3$
84
(b)

Given, angles of a triangle are $A, B$ and $C$. We
know that $A+B+C=\pi$, therefore
$A+B=\pi-C$
$\Rightarrow \cos (A+B)=\cos (\pi-C)=-\cos C$
$\Rightarrow \cos A \cos B-\sin A \sin B=-\cos C$
$\Rightarrow \cos A \cos B+\cos C=\sin A \sin B$
Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-1 & \cos C & \cos B \\ \cos C & -1 & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos A & -1\end{array}\right|$
$=-\left(1-\cos ^{2} A\right)$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& +\cos C(\cos C \\
& +\cos A \cos B) \\
& +\cos B(\cos B+\cos A \cos C)
\end{aligned}
$$

$=$
$-\sin ^{2} A+\cos C(\sin A \sin B)+\cos B(\sin A \sin C)$
[from Eq.(i)]
$=-\sin ^{2} A+\sin A(\sin B \cos C+\cos B \sin C)$
$=-\sin ^{2} A+\sin A \sin (B+C)$
$=-\sin ^{2} A+\sin ^{2} A=0 \quad[\because \sin (B+C)=$
$\sin \pi-A=\sin A]$
(a)

We have,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2}+x & a b & a c \\ a b & b^{3}+x & b c \\ a c & b c & c^{2}+x\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\frac{1}{a b c}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{3}+a x & a^{2} b & a^{2} c \\ a b^{2} & b^{3}+b x & b^{2} c \\ a c^{2} & b c^{2} & c^{3}+c x\end{array}\right|$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } C_{1}(a), \\ C_{2}(b), C_{3}(c)\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2}+x & a^{2} & a^{2} \\ b^{2} & b^{2}+x & b^{2} \\ c^{2} & c^{2} & c^{2}+x\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x\right)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ b^{2} & b^{2}+x & b^{2} \\ c^{2} & c^{2} & c^{2}+x\end{array}\right|$
[Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}+R_{3}$ ]
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x\right)\left\{\left(b^{2} x+c^{2} x+x^{2}\right)\right.$

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\left.-\left(b^{2} x\right)+\left(-c^{2} x\right)\right\}
$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta=x^{2}\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x\right)$
$\Rightarrow x^{2}$ is a factor $\Delta$
$86 \quad$ (a)
Given that, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+1 & x+2 & x+3 \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+4 \\ x+a & x+b & x+c\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-1 & -1 & x+3 \\ -1 & -1 & x+4 \\ a-b & b-c & x+c\end{array}\right|=0 \quad\binom{C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-C_{2}}{C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{3}}$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & -1 \\ -1 & -1 & x+4 \\ a-b & b-c & x+c\end{array}\right|=0 \quad\left(R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-R_{2}\right)$
$\Rightarrow(-1)(-b+c+a-b)=0$
$\Rightarrow 2 b-a-c=0$
$\Rightarrow a+c=2 b$
$\therefore a, b, c$ in AP.
87 (b)
Given, $A=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0 \\ x & 1 & 0 \\ x & x & 1\end{array}\right| \Rightarrow A=1$
$\therefore A^{3}-4 A^{2}+3 A+I=(1)^{3}-4(1)^{2}+3(1)+I$ $=I$
88 (a)
Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & x & y \\ 2 & \sin x+2 x & \sin y+3 y \\ 3 & \cos x+3 x & \cos y+3 y\end{array}\right|$
$\left.=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & x & y \\ 0 & \sin x & \sin y \\ 0 & \cos x & \cos y\end{array}\right| \begin{array}{l}R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-2 R_{1}, \\ R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-3 R_{1}\end{array}\right)$
$=\sin x \cos y-\cos x \sin y=\sin (x-y)$
89 (d)
We have, $\Delta=\frac{1}{a b c}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{3}+a x & a^{2} b & a^{2} c \\ a b^{2} & b^{3}+b x & b^{2} c \\ c^{2} a & c^{2} b & c^{2}+x c\end{array}\right|$
Taking $a, b, c$ common in columns Ist, IInd and IIIrd, we get,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2}+x & a^{2} & a^{2} \\ b^{2} & b^{2}+x & b^{2} \\ c^{2} & c^{2} & c^{2}+x\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}+R_{3}$
$=\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x\right)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ b^{2} & b^{2}+x & b^{2} \\ c^{2} & c^{2} & c^{2}+x\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}, C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}$
$=\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x\right)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 0 \\ b^{2} & x & 0 \\ c^{2} & 0 & x\end{array}\right|$
$=x\left(x-b^{2}\right)\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x\right)$
Hence, option (d) is correct.
90 (a)
Given, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}b c & c a & a b \\ c a & a b & b c \\ a b & b c & c a\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(a b)^{3}+(b c)^{3}+(c a)^{3}-3 a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}=0$
$\Rightarrow(a b+b c+c a)\left(a^{2} b^{2}+b^{2} c^{2}+c^{2} a^{2}-a b^{2} c\right.$
$\left.-b c^{2} a-c a^{2} b\right)=0$
$\Rightarrow a b+b c+c a=0$
$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}=0$
91 (c)
Given,
$f(x)=$
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2(x-1) & 3(x-1)(x-2) \\ x-1 & (x-1)(x-2) & (x-1)(x-2)(x-3) \\ x & x(x-1) & x(x-1)(x-2)\end{array}\right|$
$=(x-1)(x-1)(x-2)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2 & 3 \\ x-1 & x-2 & x-3 \\ x & x & x\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-C_{2}, C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{3}$
$=(x-1)^{2}(x-2)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-1 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & x-3 \\ 0 & 0 & x\end{array}\right|$
$=(x-1)^{2}(x-2) x(-1+1)=0$
$\Rightarrow f(x)=0$
$\therefore f(49)=0$
92 (b)
Given that, $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a x & 1+b x & 1+c x \\ 1+a_{1} x & 1+b_{1} x & 1+c_{1} x \\ 1+a_{2} x & 1+b_{2} x & 1+c_{2} x\end{array}\right|$
$=A_{0}+A_{1} x+A_{2} x^{2}+A_{3} x^{3}$
On putting $x=0$ on both sides, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|=A_{0}$
$\Rightarrow A_{0}=0$
94 (d)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ \cos \beta & \sin \beta & 0 \\ \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma & 0\end{array}\right|\left|\begin{array}{lll}\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & 0 \\ \cos \beta & \sin \beta & 0 \\ \cos \gamma & \sin \gamma & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \cos (\beta-\alpha) & \cos (\gamma-\alpha) \\ \cos (\alpha-\beta) & 1 & \cos (\gamma-\beta) \\ \cos (\alpha-\gamma) & \cos (\beta-\gamma) & 1\end{array}\right|$
$\therefore\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \cos (\beta-\alpha) & \cos (\gamma-\alpha) \\ \cos (\alpha+\beta) & 1 & \cos (\gamma-\beta) \\ \cos (\alpha-\gamma) & \cos (\beta-\gamma) & 1\end{array}\right|=0$
95 (a)
Given, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & 3 & 7 \\ 2 & x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow x\left(x^{2}-12\right)-3(2 x-14)+7(12-7 x)=0$
$\Rightarrow x^{3}-67 x+126=0$
$\Rightarrow(x+9)\left(x^{2}-9 x+14\right)=0$
$\Rightarrow(x+9)(x-2)(x-7)=0$
$\Rightarrow x=-9,2,7$
Hence, the other two roots are 2, 7
96 (c)
From the sine rule, we have
$\Rightarrow \frac{\sin A}{a}=\frac{\sin B}{b}=\frac{\sin C}{c}=k$ (say),
$\Rightarrow \sin A=a k, \sin B=b k$ and $\sin C=c k$
$\therefore\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b \sin A & c \sin A \\ b \sin A & 1 & \cos (B-C) \\ c \sin A & \cos (B-C) & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & a b k & a c k \\ a b k & 1 & \cos (B-C) \\ a c k & \cos (B-C) & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=a^{2}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \sin B & \sin C \\ \sin B & 1 & \cos (B-C) \\ \sin C & \cos (B-C) & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=a^{2}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \sin (A+C) & \sin (A+B) \\ \sin (A+C) & 1 & \cos (B-C) \\ \sin (A+B) & \cos (B-C) & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=a^{2}\left|\begin{array}{lll}\sin A & \cos A & 0 \\ \cos C & \sin C & 0 \\ \cos B & \sin B & 0\end{array}\right|\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sin A & \cos A & 0 \\ \cos C & \sin C & 0 \\ \cos B & \sin B & 0\end{array}\right|$ $=a^{2} \times 0=0$
$97 \quad$ (b)
Given, $D=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+y\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C$ and $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & x & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & y\end{array}\right|=x y$
Hence, $D$ is divisible by both $x$ and $y$.
98 (a)
Taking $x$ common from $R_{2}$ and $x(x-1)$ common from $R_{3}$, we get
$f(x)=x^{2}(x-1)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & x & (x+1) \\ 2 & (x-1) & (x+1) \\ 3 & (x-2) & (x+1)\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow f(x)=x^{2}(x-1)(x+1)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & x & 1 \\ 2 & x-1 & 1 \\ 3 & x-2 & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=x^{2}\left(x^{2}-1\right)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & x & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0 \\ 2 & -2 & 0\end{array}\right| \quad\left[\begin{array}{l}R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1} \\ R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow f(x)=x^{2}\left(x^{2}-1\right)(-2+2)=0$
$\Rightarrow \quad f(x)=0$ for all $x$
$\therefore \quad f(11)=0$
99 (b)
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}, R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 4 & 20 \\ 0 & -6 & -15 \\ 0 & 2 x-4 & 5 x^{2}-20\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow 1\left[-6\left(5 x^{2}-20\right)+15(2 x-4)\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow x^{2}-x-2=0$
$\Rightarrow(x-2)(x+1)=0$
$\Rightarrow \quad x=-1,2$
100 (b)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}3 x-8 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 x-8 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 3 x-8\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}3 x-2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 x-2 & 3 x-8 & 3 \\ 3 x-2 & 3 & 3 x-8\end{array}\right|=0 \quad$ Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow$
$C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$
$\Rightarrow(3 x-2)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 3 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 x-8 & 3 \\ 1 & 3 & 3 x-8\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(3 x-2)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 3 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 x-11 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 x-11\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$,
$R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}$
$\Rightarrow(3 x-2)(3 x-11)^{2}=0$
$\Rightarrow x=2 / 3,11 / 3$
101 (a)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{llll}\alpha & x & x & x \\ x & \beta & x & x \\ x & x & \gamma & x \\ x & x & x & \delta\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{cccc}\alpha & x-\alpha & x-\alpha & x-\alpha \\ x-(x-\beta) & 0 & 0 \\ x & 0 & -(x-\gamma) & 0 \\ x & 0 & 0 & -(x-\delta)\end{array}\right|$
$=\alpha\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-(x-\beta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(x-\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(x-\delta)\end{array}\right|$
$-x\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x-\alpha & x-\alpha & x-\alpha \\ 0 & -(x-\gamma) & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(x-\delta)\end{array}\right|$
$+x \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc}x-\alpha & x-\alpha & x-\alpha \\ -(x-\beta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & -(x-\delta)\end{array}\right.$
$-x\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x-\alpha & x-\alpha & x-\alpha \\ -(x-\beta) & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & -(x-\gamma) & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=-\alpha(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)-(x-\alpha)(x-\gamma)(x$
$-\delta)$
$-x(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\delta)-x(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x$
$-\gamma)$
$=-\alpha(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)+x(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x$ $-\delta)$
$-x(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)-x(x-\alpha)(x-\gamma)(x$ $-\delta)$
$-x(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\delta)-x(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x$ $-\gamma)$
$=(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)(x-\alpha)$
$-x[(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)$
$+(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)$
$+(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)(x-\alpha)+(x$
$-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\delta)]$
$=f(x)-x f^{\prime}(x)$, where, $f(x)=(x-\alpha)(x-$
$\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta)$

Given $\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & b & c\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow c^{2}-a b-a(c-a)+b(b-c)=0$
$\Rightarrow a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}-a b-b c-c a=0$
$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}\left[(a-b)^{2}+(b-c)^{2}+(c-a)^{2}\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow a=b=c$
So, $\triangle A B C$ is equilateral triangle.
$\therefore \angle A=60^{\circ}, \angle B=60^{\circ}, \angle C=60^{\circ}$
$\sin ^{2} A+\sin ^{2} B+\sin ^{2} C$
$=\sin ^{2} 60^{\circ}+\sin ^{2} 60^{\circ}+\sin ^{2} 60^{\circ}$
$=\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{2}+\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{2}+\left(\frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)^{2}$
$=3 \times \frac{3}{4}=\frac{9}{4}$
104 (a)
Given that, $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega^{n} & \omega^{2 n} \\ \omega^{2 n} & 1 & \omega^{n} \\ \omega^{n} & \omega^{2 n} & 1\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+\omega^{n}+\omega^{2 n} & \omega^{n} & \omega^{2 n} \\ 1+\omega^{n}+\omega^{2 n} & 1 & \omega^{n} \\ 1+\omega^{n}+\omega^{2 n} & \omega^{2 n} & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & \omega^{n} & \omega^{2 n} \\ 0 & 1 & \omega^{n} \\ 0 & \omega^{2 n} & 1\end{array}\right|$
$\left(\because\right.$ If $n$ multiple of 3 , then $\left.1+\omega^{n}+\omega^{2 n}=0\right)$
$=0$
105 (b)

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\begin{aligned}
& \left|\begin{array}{ccc}
x & 3 & 6 \\
3 & 6 & x \\
6 & x & 3
\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{lll}
2 & x & 7 \\
x & 7 & 2 \\
7 & 2 & x
\end{array}\right|=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
4 & 5 & x \\
5 & x & 4 \\
x & 4 & 5
\end{array}\right]=0 \\
& \Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
x+9 & x+9 & x+9 \\
3 & 6 & x \\
6 & x & 3
\end{array}\right| \\
& =\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
9+x & x+9 & 9+x \\
x & 7 & 2 \\
7 & 2 & x
\end{array}\right| \\
& =\left[\begin{array}{ccc}
9+x & 9+x & 9+x \\
5 & x & 4 \\
x & 4 & 5
\end{array}\right]=0 \\
& \Rightarrow(x+9)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
3 & 3 & x-3 \\
6 & x-6 & -3
\end{array}\right| \\
& =(9+x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
x & 7-x & 2-x \\
7 & -5 & x-7
\end{array}\right| \\
& =(9+x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 0 & 0 \\
5 & x-5 & -1 \\
x & 4-x & 5-x
\end{array}\right| \\
& =0 \\
& \Rightarrow x+9=0 \Rightarrow x=-9
\end{aligned}
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106 (b)
The given system of equations will have a unique solution, if
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}k & 2 & -1 \\ 0 & k-1 & -2 \\ 0 & 0 & k+2\end{array}\right| \neq 0 \Rightarrow k(k-1)(k+2) \neq 0$

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\Rightarrow k \neq 0,1,-2
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108 (d)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b-y & c-z \\ a-x & b & c-z \\ a-x & b-y & c\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$ and $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{2}$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b-y & c-z \\ -x & y & 0 \\ 0 & -y & z\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow a(y z)+x(b z-y z+c y-y z)=0$
$\Rightarrow a y z+b z x+c y x=2 x y z$
$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{x}+\frac{b}{y}+\frac{c}{z}=2$
109 (a)
Given,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \cos (\alpha-\beta) & \cos \alpha \\ \cos (\alpha-\beta) & 1 & \cos \beta \\ \cos \alpha & \cos \beta & 1\end{array}\right|$ is symmetric
determinant.
$\therefore$ Its value is
$1+2 \cos (\alpha-\beta) \cos \alpha \cos \beta$
$-\cos ^{2} \alpha-\cos ^{2} \beta-\cos ^{2}(\alpha-\beta)$
$=1-\cos ^{2} \alpha-\cos ^{2} \beta-\cos (\alpha-\beta)$
$[\cos (\alpha-\beta)-2 \cos \alpha \cos \beta]$
$=1-\cos ^{2} \alpha-\cos ^{2} \beta-\cos (\alpha-\beta)$
$[\cos (\alpha-\beta)-\cos (\alpha+\beta)-\cos (\alpha-\beta)]$
$=1-\cos ^{2} \alpha-\cos ^{2} \beta+\cos (\alpha-\beta) \cos (\alpha+\beta)$
$=1-\cos ^{2} \alpha-\cos ^{2} \beta$
$+\cos ^{2} \alpha \cos ^{2} \beta-\sin ^{2} \alpha \sin ^{2} \beta$
$=1-\cos ^{2} \alpha-\cos ^{2} \beta\left(1-\cos ^{2} \alpha\right)-\sin ^{2} \alpha \sin ^{2} \beta$
$=\left(1-\cos ^{2} \alpha\right)\left(1-\cos ^{2} \beta\right)-\sin ^{2} \alpha \sin ^{2} \beta$
$=\sin ^{2} \alpha \sin ^{2} \beta-\sin ^{2} \alpha \sin ^{2} \beta=0$
110 (d)
We have,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 \sin A \cos A & \sin C & \sin B \\ \sin C & 2 \sin B \cos B & \sin A \\ \sin B & \sin A & 2 \sin C \cos C\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 k a \cos A & k c & k b \\ k c & 2 k b \cos B & k a \\ k b & k a & 2 k c \cos C\end{array}\right|$ [Using:
Sine rule]
$\Rightarrow \Delta=k^{3}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 a \cos A & c & b \\ c & 2 b \cos B & a \\ b & a & 2 c \cos C\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta$
$=k^{3} \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll}a \cos A+a \cos A & a \cos B+b \cos A \\ a \cos B+b \cos A & b \cos B+b \cos B \\ c \cos A+a \cos C & b \cos C+c \cos B\end{array}\right.$
$c \cos t$ $b \cos ($ $c \cos ($
$\Rightarrow \Delta=k^{3}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos A & a & 0 \\ \cos B & b & 0 \\ \cos C & c & 0\end{array}\right|\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & \cos A & 0 \\ b & \cos B & 0 \\ c & \cos C & 0\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=k^{3} \times 0 \times 0=0$
111 (d)
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}+R_{3}$ and taking common
$(a+b+c)$ from $R_{1}$, we get
$=(a+b+c)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 b & b-c-a & 0 \\ 2 c & 0 & c-a-b\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}$ and $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}$,
$=(a+b+c)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 b & -b-c-a & -2 b \\ 2 c & 0 & -a-b-c\end{array}\right|$
$=(c+b+c)[(-b-c-a)(-a-b-c)]$
$=(a+b+c)^{3}$
112 (b)
We know that
$|A B|=|A||B|$
$\Rightarrow A B=0$
$\Rightarrow|A B|=0$
$\Rightarrow|A||B|=0$
$\Rightarrow$ either $|A|=0$ or, $|B|=0$
113 (a)
The given system of equations will have a unique solution, if
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -1 \\ 3 & 2 & k\end{array}\right| \neq 0 \Rightarrow k \neq 0$
114 (a)
$\therefore a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$ are in GP.
$\Rightarrow a_{n}, a_{n}+2, a_{n+4}, \ldots$ are also in GP.
Now, $\left(a_{n+2}\right)^{2}=a_{n} \cdot a_{n+4}$
$\Rightarrow 2 \log \left(a_{n+2}\right)=\log a_{n}+\log a_{n+4}$
Similarly, $2 \log \left(a_{n+8}\right)=\log a_{n+6}+\log a_{n+10}$
Now, $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\log a_{n} & \log a_{n+2} & \log a_{n+4} \\ \log a_{n+6} & \log a_{n+8} & \log a_{n+10} \\ \log a_{n+12} & \log a_{n+14} & \log a_{n+16}\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow 2 C_{2}-C_{1}-C_{3}$
$\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{cc}\log a_{n} & 2 \log a_{n+2}-\log a_{n}-\log a_{n+4} \\ \log a_{n+6} & 2 \log a_{n+8}-\log a_{n+6}-\log a_{n+10} \\ \log a_{n+12} & 2 \log a_{n+14}-\log a_{n+12}-\log a_{n+16}\end{array}\right.$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\log a_{n} & 0 & \log a_{n+4} \\ \log a_{n+6} & 0 & \log a_{n+10} \\ \log a_{n+12} & 0 & \log a_{n+16}\end{array}\right|=0$
116 (a)
We have,
Coefficient of $x$ in $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & (1+\sin x)^{3} & \cos x \\ 1 & \log (1+x) & 2 \\ x^{2} & (1+x)^{2} & 0\end{array}\right|$ $=$ coefficient of $x$ in
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & \left(1+x-\frac{x^{3}}{3!}+\cdots\right)^{3} & 1-\frac{x^{2}}{2!}+\cdots \\ 1 & x-\frac{x^{2}}{2}+\frac{x^{3}}{3} \ldots & 2 \\ x^{2} & 1+2 x+x^{2} & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=$ Coefficient of $x$ in $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & x & 2 \\ x^{2} & 1 & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=$ Coefficient of $x$ in $\left[x(0-2)-\left(0-2 x^{2}\right)+\right.$
$1-x 3=-2$
119 (d)
On putting $x=0$ in the given equation, we get
$g=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right|=9$
On differentiating given equation and then put $x=0$, we get
$f=-5$
120 (a)
In $\triangle A B C$, given $\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & b \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & b & c\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow 1\left(c^{2}-a b\right)-a(c-a)+b(b-c)=0$
$\Rightarrow a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}-a b-b c-c a=0$
$\Rightarrow 2 a^{2}+2 b^{2}+2 c^{2}-2 a b-2 b c-2 c a=0$
$\Rightarrow\left(a^{2}+b^{2}-2 a b\right)+\left(b^{2}+c^{2}-2 b c\right)$ $+\left(c^{2}+a^{2}-2 c a\right)=0$
$\Rightarrow(a-b)^{2}+(b-c)^{2}+(c-a)^{2}=0$
Here, sum of squares of three numbers can be zero, if and only, if $a=b=c$.
$\Rightarrow \triangle A B C$ is an equilateral triangle.
$\Rightarrow \angle A=\angle B=\angle C=60^{\circ}$
$\therefore \sin ^{2} A+\sin ^{2} B$

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\begin{aligned}
& +\sin ^{2} C \\
& =\sin ^{2} 60^{\circ}+\sin ^{2} 60^{\circ}+\sin ^{2} 60^{\circ}
\end{aligned}
$$

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=\left(\frac{3}{4}+\frac{3}{4}+\frac{3}{4}\right)=\frac{9}{4}
$$

122
$\Delta(-x)$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}f(-x)+f(x) & 0 & x^{4} \\ 3 & f(-x)-f(x) & \cos x \\ x^{4} & -2 x & f(-x) f(x)\end{array}\right|$
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}f(x)+f(-x) & 0 & x^{4} \\ 3 & f(x)-f(-x) & \cos x \\ x^{4} & -2 x & f(x) f(-x)\end{array}\right|$

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=-\Delta(x)
$$

So, $\Delta(x)$ is an odd function.
$\Rightarrow x^{4} \Delta(x)$ is an odd function
$\Rightarrow \int_{-2}^{2} x^{4} \Delta(x) d x=0$
123 (c)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos (x-a) & \cos (x+a) & \cos x \\
\sin (x+a) & \sin (x-a) & \sin x \\
\cos a \tan x & \cos a \cot x & \operatorname{cosec} 2 x\end{array}\right|$

$|$| $\cos (x-a)+\cos (x-a)$ | $\cos (x+a)$ | $\cos x$ |
| :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $\sin (x+a)+\sin (x-a)$ | $\sin (x-a)$ | $\sin x$ |
| $\cos a(\tan x+\cot x)$ | $\cos a \cot x$ | $\operatorname{cosec} 2 x$ |

$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 \cos x \cos a & \cos (x+a) & \cos x \\ 2 \sin x \cos a & \sin (x-a) & \sin x \\ \cos a\left(\frac{\tan ^{2} x+1}{\tan x}\right) & \cos a \cot x & \operatorname{cosec} 2 x\end{array}\right|$
$=2 \cos a\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos x & \cos (x+a) & \cos x \\ \sin x & \sin (x-a) & \sin x \\ \operatorname{cosec} 2 x & \cos a \cot x & \operatorname{cosec} 2 x\end{array}\right|=0$
[ $\because$ two columns are identical]
(a)

Since $(x-k)$ will be common from each row which vanish by putting $x=k$. Therefore,
$(x-k)^{r}$ will be a factor of $|A|$
(d)

Putting $x=0$ in the given determinant equation we get
$a_{0}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 2 & -3 \\ -3 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=1(0-9)+3(4+6)$
$=30-9=21$

Given, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & \cot \frac{A}{2} & \lambda \\ b & \cot \frac{B}{2} & \mu \\ c & \cot \frac{C}{2} & \gamma\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & \frac{s(s-a)}{\Delta} & \lambda \\ b & \frac{s(s-b)}{\Delta} & \mu \\ c & \frac{s(s-c)}{\Delta} & \gamma\end{array}\right|=0$
$\left[\because \cot \frac{A}{2}=\frac{s(s-a)}{\sqrt{(s-a)(s-b)(s-c)}}=\frac{s(s-a)}{\Delta}\right]$
$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r}\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & s-a & \lambda \\ b & s-b & \mu \\ c & s-c & \gamma\end{array}\right|=0 \quad$ where $r=\frac{\Delta}{s}$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}+C_{1}$
$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{r}\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & s & \lambda \\ b & s & \mu \\ c & s & \gamma\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{r^{2}}\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & 1 & \lambda \\ b & 1 & \mu \\ c & 1 & \gamma\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-R_{2}, R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{3}$
$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{r^{2}}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a-b & 0 & \lambda-\mu \\ b-c & 0 & \mu-\gamma \\ c & 1 & \gamma\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow \frac{\Delta}{r^{2}}[(b-c)(\lambda-\mu)-(\mu-\gamma)(a-b)]=0$
$\Rightarrow b(\lambda-\mu)-c(\lambda-\mu)-a(\mu-\gamma)+b(\mu-\gamma)=0$
$\Rightarrow-a(\mu-\gamma)+b(\lambda-\mu+\mu-\gamma)-c(\lambda-\mu)=0$
$\Rightarrow-a(\mu-\gamma)+b(\lambda-\gamma)-c(\lambda-\mu)=0$
$\Rightarrow a(\mu-\gamma)+b(\gamma-\lambda)+c(\lambda-\mu)=0$
129 (d)
Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+2 & x+3 & x+a \\ x+4 & x+5 & x+b \\ x+6 & x+7 & x+c\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}$, we get
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+2 & 1 & x+a \\ x+4 & 1 & x+b \\ x+6 & 1 & x+c\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$ and $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+2 & 1 & x+a \\ 2 & 0 & b-a \\ 4 & 0 & c-a\end{array}\right|$
$=-1(2 c-2 a-4 b+4 a)$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=2(2 b-c-a)$
Since, $a, b, c$ are in AP.
$\therefore b=\frac{a+c}{2}$
$\therefore \Delta=2(a+c-c-a)$
$=0 \quad$ [from Eq. (i)]
130 (a)
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}\cos (A-P) & \cos (A-Q) & \cos (A-R) \\ \cos (B-P) & \cos (B-Q) & \cos (B-R) \\ \cos (C-P) & \cos (C-Q) & \cos (C-R)\end{array}\right|$
$\mid \cos A \cos P+\sin A \sin P \quad \cos A \cos Q+\sin A \operatorname{si}$
$=\cos B \cos P+\sin B \sin P \quad \cos B \cos Q+\sin B \operatorname{si}$
$\cos C \cos P+\sin C \sin P \quad \cos C \cos Q+\sin C$ si
The determinants can be rewritten as 8
determinants and the value of each of these 8 determinants is zero.
ie, $\cos P \cos Q \cos R\left|\begin{array}{lll}\cos A & \cos A & \cos A \\ \cos B & \cos B & \cos B \\ \cos C & \cos C & \cos C\end{array}\right|=0$
Similarly, other determinants can be shown zero.
131 (b)
We have, $\Delta(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x^{n} & \sin x & \cos x \\ n! & \sin \frac{n \pi}{2} & \cos \frac{n \pi}{2} \\ a & a^{2} & a^{3}\end{array}\right|$
$\frac{d^{n}}{d x^{n}}[\Delta(x)]=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\frac{d^{n}}{d x^{n}} x^{n} & \frac{d^{n}}{d x^{n}} \sin x & \frac{d^{n}}{d x^{n}} \cos x \\ n! & \sin \left(\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) \\ a & a^{2} & a^{3}\end{array}\right|$
( $\because$ Differentiation of $R_{2}$ and $R_{3}$ are zero)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}n! & \sin \left(x+\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(x+\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) \\ n! & \sin \left(\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) \\ a & a^{2} & a^{3}\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow\left[\Delta^{n}(x)\right]_{x=0}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}n! & \sin \left(0+\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(0+\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) \\ n! & \sin \left(\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) \\ a & a^{2} & a^{3}\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}n! & \sin \left(\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) \\ n! & \sin \left(\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) & \cos \left(\frac{n \pi}{2}\right) \\ a & a^{2} & a^{3}\end{array}\right|$
$=0\left(\because R_{1}\right.$ and $R_{2}$ are identical)
132 (a)
Let, $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \log _{x} y & \log _{x} z \\ \log _{y} x & 1 & \log _{y} z \\ \log _{z} x & \log _{z} y & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=1\left(1-\log _{z} y \log _{y} z\right)$

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-\log _{x} y\left(\log _{y} x-\log _{y} z \log _{z} x\right)
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+\log _{x} z\left(\log _{y} x \log _{z} y-\log _{z} x\right.
$$

$=\left(1-\log _{z} z\right)-\log _{x} y\left(\log _{y} x-\log _{y} z \log _{z} x\right)$
$+\log _{x} z\left(\log _{y} x \log _{z} y-\log _{z} x\right)$
$=(1-1)-\left(1-\log _{x} y \log _{y} x\right)+\left(\log _{x} z \log _{z} x-\right.$
$1=0 \quad($ Since, $\log x y \log y x=1)$
$=0-(1-1)+(1-1)=0$
133 (b)
Given determinant is
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}15! & 16! & 17! \\ 16! & 17! & 18! \\ 17! & 18! & 19!\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}, C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{2}$
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}15! & 15 \times 15! & 16 \times 16! \\ 16! & 16 \times 16! & 17 \times 17! \\ 17! & 17 \times 17! & 18 \times 18!\end{array}\right|$
$=(15!)(16!)(17!)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 15 & 16 \times 16 \\ 1 & 16 & 17 \times 17 \\ 1 & 17 & 18 \times 18\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-R_{2}, R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{3}$
$=(15!)(16!)(17!)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & -1 & -33 \\ 0 & -1 & -35 \\ 1 & 17 & 18 \times 18\end{array}\right|$
$=2 \times(15!)(16!)(17!)$
134 (b)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{llll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4\end{array}\right|$
$\left|\begin{array}{cccc}1 & 3 & 6 & 10 \\ 1 & 4 & 10 & 20\end{array}\right|$
$\left.=\left|\begin{array}{llll}1 & 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 5 & 9 \\ 0 & 3 & 9 & 19\end{array}\right| \begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}, \\ R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}, R_{4} \rightarrow R_{4}-R_{1}\end{array}\right]$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 5 & 9 \\ 3 & 9 & 19\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 3 \\ 0 & 3 & 10\end{array}\right|\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-2 R_{1} \\ R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-3 R_{1}\end{array}\right]$
$=(10-9)=1$
135 (c)
The homogenous linear system of equations is consistent ie, possesses trivial solution,
if $\Delta \equiv\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 & 3 & 5 \\ 1 & k & 5 \\ k & -12 & -14\end{array}\right| \neq 0$
$\Rightarrow 2(-14 k+60)-3(-14-5 k)+5\left(-12-k^{2}\right)$

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\neq 0
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$\Rightarrow 5 k^{2}+13 k-102 \neq 0$
$\Rightarrow(5 k-17)(k+6) \neq 0$
$\Rightarrow k \neq-6, \frac{17}{5}$
136 (c)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b^{2}+c^{2} & a b & a c \\ a b & c^{2}+a^{2} & b c \\ c a & c b & a^{2}+b^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=\frac{1}{a b c}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a\left(b^{2}+c^{2}\right) & a^{2} b & a^{2} c \\ a b^{2} & b\left(c^{2}+a^{2}\right) & b^{2} c \\ c^{2} a & c^{2} b & c\left(a^{2}+b^{2}\right)\end{array}\right|$
[Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}(a), R_{2} \leftrightarrow R_{2}(b), R_{3} \leftrightarrow R_{3}(c)$ ]
$=\frac{1}{a b c} a b c\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b^{2}+c^{2} & a^{2} & a^{2} \\ b^{2} & c^{2}+a^{2} & b^{2} \\ c^{2} & c^{2} & a^{2}+b^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & -2 c^{2} & -2 b^{2} \\ b^{2} & c^{2}+a^{2} & b^{2} \\ c^{2} & c^{2} & a^{2}+b^{2}\end{array}\right|$ Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-$
$\left(R_{2}+R_{3}\right)$
$=4 a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}$
$\therefore k a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}=4 a^{2} b^{2} c^{2} \Rightarrow k=4$

137 (a)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}y+z & x & y \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2(x+y+z) & x+y+z & x+y+z \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z\end{array}\right| \begin{array}{r}\text { App } \\ R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1} .\end{array}$
$=(x+y+z)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 & 1 & 1 \\ z+x & z & x \\ x+y & y & z\end{array}\right|$
$=(x+y+z)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & z & x \\ x-z & y & z\end{array}\right|$ Applying $C_{1}$
$\rightarrow C_{1}-C_{2}-C_{3}$
Hence, the repeating factor is $(z-x)$
138 (d)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}4+x^{2} & -6 & -2 \\ -6 & 9+x^{2} & 3 \\ -2 & 3 & 1+x^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=\left(4+x^{2}\right)\left[\left(1+x^{2}\right)\left(9+x^{2}\right)-9\right]$
$+6\left[-6\left(1+x^{2}\right)+6\right]-2\left[-18+2\left(9+x^{2}\right)\right]$
$=\left(4+x^{2}\right)\left(10 x^{2}+x^{4}\right)-36 x^{2}-4 x^{2}$
$=40 x^{2}+4 x^{4}+10 x^{4}+x^{6}-40 x^{2}$
$=x^{4}\left(x^{2}+14\right)$
Which is not divisible by $x^{5}$.
139 (d)
Since, for $x=0$, the determinant reduces to the determinant of a skew-symmetric matrix of odd order which is always zero. Hence, $x=0$ is the solution of the given equation.
140 (c)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b^{2}+c^{2} & a^{2} & a^{2} \\ b^{2} & c^{2}+a^{2} & b^{2} \\ c^{2} & c^{2} & a^{2}+b^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=-2\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & c^{2} & b^{2} \\ b^{2} & c^{2}+a^{2} & b^{2} \\ c^{2} & c^{2} & a^{2}+b^{2}\end{array}\right|\left[R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-\right.$
$\left.\left(R_{2}+R_{3}\right)\right]$
$\left.=-2\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & c^{2} & b^{2} \\ b^{2} & a^{2} & 0 \\ c^{2} & 0 & a^{2}\end{array}\right| \quad \begin{array}{l}R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1} \\ R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}\end{array}\right)$
$=-2\left[-c^{2}\left(b^{2} a^{2}-0\right)+b^{2}\left(0-a^{2} c^{2}\right)\right]$
$=-2\left[-2 a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}\right]=4 a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}$
141 (c)
We have, $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}p & b & c \\ p+a & q+b & 2 c \\ a & b & r\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{lll}p & b & c \\ p & b & c \\ a & b & r\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{lll}p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow 0+\left|\begin{array}{lll}p & b & c \\ a & q & c \\ a & b & r\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow p(q r-b c)-b(a r-a c)-c(a b-a q)=0$
$\Rightarrow-p q r+p b c+b a r+a c q=0$
On simplifying, we get
$\frac{p}{p-a}+\frac{q}{q-b}+\frac{r}{r-c}=2$
142
(d)

Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a+b+2 c & a & b \\ c & 2 a+b+c & b \\ c & a & a+2 b+c\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2(a+b+c) & a & b \\ 2(a+b+c) & 2 a+b+c & b \\ 2(a+b+c) & a & a+2 b+c\end{array}\right|$
$=2(a+b+c)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & a & b \\ 1 & 2 a+b+c & b \\ 1 & a & a+2 b+c\end{array}\right|$
$=2(a+b+c)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & -(a+b+c) & 0 \\ 0 & (a+b+c) & -(a+b+c) \\ 1 & a & a+2 b+c\end{array}\right|$
$\binom{R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-R_{2}}{R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{3}}$
$=2(a+b+c)^{3}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & -1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & a & a+2 b+c\end{array}\right|$
$=2(a+b+c)^{3}$
143 (c)
Since, $-1 \leq x<0$
$\therefore[x]=-1$
Also, $0 \leq y<1 \Rightarrow[y]=0$
and $1 \leq z<2 \Rightarrow[z]=1$
$\therefore$ Given determinant becomes
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 & 2\end{array}\right|=1=[z]$
144 (b)
For singular matrix,
$\left[\begin{array}{ccc}-x & x & 2 \\ 2 & x & -x \\ x & -2 & -x\end{array}\right]=0$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}+C_{1}, C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}+C_{1}$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-x & 0 & 2-x \\ 2 & 2+x & 2-x \\ x & x-2 & 0\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(2-x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-x & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 2+x & 1 \\ x & x-2 & 0\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$
$\Rightarrow(2-x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-x & 0 & 1 \\ 2+x & 2+x & 0 \\ x & x-2 & 0\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(2-x)(2+x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-x & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \\ x & x-2 & 0\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(2-x)(2+x)(x-2-x)=0$
$\Rightarrow x=2,-2$
$\therefore$
Given matrix is non -
singular for all $x$ other than 2 and -2 .
146 (c)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a+1 & a-1 \\ -b & b+1 & b-1 \\ c & c-1 & c+1\end{array}\right|$
$+(-1)^{n}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a+1 & b+1 & c-1 \\ a-1 & b-1 & c+1 \\ a & -b & c\end{array}\right|^{1}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a+1 & a-1 \\ -b & b+1 & b-1 \\ c & c-1 & c+1\end{array}\right|$

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+(-1)^{n}\left|\begin{array}{llc}
a+1 & a-1 & a \\
b+1 & b-1 & -b \\
c-1 & c+1 & c
\end{array}\right|
$$

$==\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a+1 & a-1 \\ -b & b+1 & b-1 \\ c & c-1 & c+1\end{array}\right|$

$$
+(-1)^{n+1}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
a+1 & a & a-1 \\
b+1 & -b & b-1 \\
c-1 & c & c+1
\end{array}\right|
$$

$C_{2} \leftrightarrow C_{3}$
$=\left(1+(-1)^{n+2}\right)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & a+1 & a-1 \\ -b & b+1 & b-1 \\ c & c-1 & c+1\end{array}\right|$
This is equal to zero only, if $n+2$ is odd ie, $n$ is an odd integer.
147 (d)
Given that, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}\frac{1}{a} & a^{2} & b c \\ \frac{1}{b} & b^{2} & c a \\ \frac{1}{c} & c^{2} & a b\end{array}\right|=\frac{1}{a b c}\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a^{3} & a b c \\ 1 & b^{3} & a b c \\ 1 & c^{3} & a b c\end{array}\right|$
$=\frac{a b c}{a b c}\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a^{3} & 1 \\ 1 & b^{3} & 1 \\ 1 & c^{3} & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=0$
( $\because$ columns $C_{1}$ and $C_{3}$ are same)
148 (b)
Given that, $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & -6 & -1 \\ 2 & -3 x & x-3 \\ -3 & 2 x & x+2\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & -6 & -1 \\ 5 & -5 x & -5 \\ -3 & 2 x & x+2\end{array}\right|=0\left(R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{3}\right)$
$\Rightarrow 5\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & -6 & -1 \\ 1 & -x & -1 \\ -3 & 2 x & x+2\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow x\left(-x^{2}-2 x+2 x\right)-1(-6 x-12+2 x)$

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-3(6-x)=0
$$

$\Rightarrow-x^{3}+7 x-6=0$
$\Rightarrow x^{3}-7 x+6=0$
$\Rightarrow(x-1)(x-2)(x+3)=0$
$\Rightarrow x=1,2,-3$
$\therefore$ Option (b) is correct.
149 (a)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ (a+1)^{2} & (b+1)^{2} & (c+1)^{2} \\ (a-1)^{2} & (b-1)^{2} & (c-1)^{2}\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{3}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ 4 a & 4 b & 4 c \\ (a-1)^{2} & (b-1)^{2} & (c-1)^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=4\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ a & b & c \\ (a-1)^{2} & (b-1)^{2} & (c-1)^{2}\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-\left(R_{1}-2 R_{2}\right)$
$=4\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
151 (a)
Given, $A=\left[\begin{array}{ll}1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow|A|=5-6=-1$
$\therefore\left|A^{2009}-5 A^{2008}\right|=\left|A^{2008}\right||A-5 I|$
$=(-1)^{2008}\left|\left[\begin{array}{ll}1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5\end{array}\right]-\left[\begin{array}{ll}5 & 0 \\ 0 & 5\end{array}\right]\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{cc}-4 & 2 \\ 3 & 0\end{array}\right|=-6$
152
(b)
$f(1)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-2 & -16 & -78 \\ -4 & -48 & -496 \\ 1 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right|=2928$
$f(3)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & 0 \\ -2 & -32 & -392 \\ 1 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right|=0$
and $f(5)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 & 32 & 294 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right|=0$
$\therefore f(1) \cdot f(3)+f(3) \cdot f(5)+f(5) \cdot f(1)$
$=f(1) \cdot 0+0+f(1) \cdot 0=0=f(3)$ or $f(5)$
153 (d)
$\Delta=(x+a+b+c)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & b+c \\ 1 & b & c+a \\ 1 & c & a+b\end{array}\right| \quad\left[C_{1}\right.$

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\left.\rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}\right]
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$=(x+a+b+c)(a+b+c)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & b+c \\ 1 & 1 & c+b \\ 1 & 1 & a+b\end{array}\right|$
$=0 \quad\left[C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}+C_{3}\right]$
Hence, $x$ may have any value.
154 (c)
It has a non-zero solution, if $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & k & -1 \\ 3 & -k & -1 \\ 1 & -3 & 1\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow 1(-k-3)-k(3+1)-1(-9+k)=0$
$\Rightarrow-6 k+6=0$
$\Rightarrow k=1$
155
(a)

Given, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & x^{2} & 1+x^{3} \\ y & y^{2} & 1+y^{3} \\ z & z^{2} & 1+z^{3}\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & x^{2} & 1 \\ y & y^{2} & 1 \\ z & z^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & x^{2} & x^{3} \\ y & y^{2} & y^{3} \\ z & z^{2} & z^{3}\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & x^{2} & 1 \\ y & y^{2} & 1 \\ Z & z^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|+x y z\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & x & x^{2} \\ 1 & y & y^{2} \\ 1 & z & z^{2}\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(1+x y z)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & x & x^{2} \\ 1 & y & y^{2} \\ 1 & z & z^{2}\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow 1+x y z=0$
$\Rightarrow x y z=-1$
156 (a)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}{[e]} & {[\pi]} & {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} \\ {[\pi]} & {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} & {[e]} \\ {\left[\pi^{2}-6\right]} & {[e]} & {[\pi]}\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}2 & 3 & 3 \\ 3 & 3 & 2 \\ 3 & 2 & 3\end{array}\right|$
$=2(9-4)-3(9-6)+3(6-9)$
$=10-9-9$
$=-8$
157 (b)
We have,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b & a x+b \\ b & c & b x+c \\ a x+b & b x+c & 0\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b & a x+b \\ b & c & b x+c \\ 0 & 0 & -\left(a x^{2}+2 b x+c\right)\end{array}\right|$,
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-x \\ R_{1}-R_{2}\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left(b^{2}-a c\right)\left(a c^{2}+2 b x+c\right)$
$\therefore \Delta=0$
$\Rightarrow b^{2}=a c$ or, $a x^{2}+2 b x+c=0$
$\Rightarrow a, b, c$ are in G.P. or, $x$ is a root of the equation
$a x^{2}+2 b x+c=0$
(d)

All statements are false.
159 (b)
Applying $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}$, we get
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \alpha & \alpha^{2}-1 \\ \cos (p-d) a & \cos p a & 0 \\ \sin (p-d) a & \sin p a & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=\left(\alpha^{2}-1\right)\{\sin p a \cos (p-d) a$

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-\cos p a \sin (p-d) a\}
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$=\left(\alpha^{2}-1\right) \sin \{-(p-d) a+p a\}$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left(\alpha^{2}-1\right) \sin d a$
Which is independent of $p$.
160 (c)
Given, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}a+x & a-x & a-x \\ a-x & a+x & a-x \\ a-x & a-x & a+x\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$ and taking common
(3a-x)from $C_{1}$, we get

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\begin{aligned}
& (3 a-x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & a-x & a-x \\
1 & a+x & a-x \\
1 & a-x & a+x
\end{array}\right|=0 \\
& \Rightarrow(3 a-x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & a-x & a-x \\
0 & 2 x & 0 \\
0 & 0 & 2 x
\end{array}\right| \\
& \quad=0\left[\begin{array}{cc}
R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1} \\
R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}
\end{array}\right] \\
& \Rightarrow(3 a-x)\left(4 x^{2}\right)=0 \\
& \Rightarrow x=3 a, 0
\end{aligned}
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161 (a)
Since, the given equations are consistent.
$\therefore\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & -2 \\ a & 2 & -b\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow 2(-b+4)-3(-3 b+2 a)+1(6-a)=0$
$\Rightarrow-2 b+8+9 b-6 a+6-a=0$
$\Rightarrow 7 b-7 a=-14$
$\Rightarrow a-b=2$
162 (d)
Given,
$\Delta(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \cos x & 1-\cos x \\ 1+\sin x & \cos x & 1+\sin x-\cos x \\ \sin x & \sin x & 1\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}+C_{2}-C_{1}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \cos x & 0 \\ 1+\sin x & \cos x & 0 \\ \sin x & \sin x & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=\cos x-\cos x(1+\sin x)$
$=-\cos x \sin x$
$=-\frac{1}{2} \sin 2 x$
$\therefore \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \Delta x d x=-\frac{1}{2} \int_{0}^{\pi / 2} \sin 2 x d x$
$=-\frac{1}{2}\left[-\frac{\cos 2 x}{2}\right]_{0}^{\pi / 2}=-\frac{1}{2}$
163 (c)
For the non-trivial solution, we must have
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & a \\ b & 1 & b \\ c & c & 1\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1-a & 0 & a \\ b-1 & 1-b & b \\ 0 & c-1 & 1\end{array}\right|=0$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-C_{2} ; \\ C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{3}\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow(1-a)[(1-b)-b(c-1)]+a(b-1)(c-1)$ $=0$
$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{c-1}+\frac{b}{b-1}+\frac{a}{a-1}=0$
$\Rightarrow\left(\frac{1}{c-1}+1\right)+\frac{b}{b-1}+\frac{a}{a-1}=1$
$\Rightarrow \frac{c}{c-1}+\frac{b}{b-1}+\frac{a}{a-1}=1$
$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{1-a}+\frac{b}{1-b}+\frac{c}{1-c}=-1$
164 (d)
Given system equations are
$3 x-2 y+z=0$
$\lambda x-14 y+15 z=0$ and $x+2 y-3 z=0$
The system of equations has infinitely many (non-
trivial solutions, if $\Delta=0$.
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}3 & -2 & 1 \\ \lambda & -14 & 15 \\ 1 & 2 & -3\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow 3(42-30)-\lambda(6-2)+1(-30+14)=0$
$\Rightarrow 36-4 \lambda-16=0$
$\Rightarrow \lambda=5$
166 (c)
Since, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}\sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow \sin x\left(\sin ^{2} x-\cos ^{2} x\right)$
$-\cos x\left(\cos x \sin x-\cos ^{2} x\right)$
$+\cos x\left(\cos ^{2} x-\sin x \cos x\right)=0$
$\Rightarrow \sin x\left(\sin ^{2} x-\cos ^{2} x\right)$

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-2 \cos ^{2} x(\sin x-\cos x)=0
$$

$\Rightarrow(\sin x-\cos x)[\sin x(\sin x$
$\left.+\cos x)-2 \cos ^{2} x\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow(\sin x-\cos x)\left[\left(\sin ^{2} x-\cos ^{2} x\right)\right.$
$\left.+\left(\sin x \cos x-\cos ^{2} x\right)\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow(\sin x-\cos x)^{2}[\sin x+\cos x+\cos x]=0$
$\Rightarrow(\sin x-\cos x)^{2}(\sin x+2 \cos x)=0$
$\Rightarrow$ Either $(\sin x-\cos x)^{2}=0$
or $\sin x+2 \cos x)=0$
$\Rightarrow$ Either $\tan x=1$ or $\tan x=-2$
$\Rightarrow$ Either $x=\frac{\pi}{4}$ or $\tan x=-2$
As $x \in\left[-\frac{\pi}{4}, \frac{\pi}{4}\right], \tan x \in[-1,1]$
Hence, real solution is only $x=\frac{\pi}{4}$
167 (a)
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{3}-2 R_{2}$, we get
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 0 & 0 & x+z-z y \\ 4 & 5 & 6 & y \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & z \\ x & y & z & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=-(x+z-2 y)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}4 & 5 & 6 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 \\ x & y & z\end{array}\right| \quad$ [Expanding along $R_{1}$ ]
$=-(x+z-2 y)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & -1 & 6 \\ 0 & -1 & 7 \\ x-2 y+z & y-z & z\end{array}\right|$
$\left[\begin{array}{l}\text { Applying } C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{3} \\ -2 C_{2} \text { and } C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{3}\end{array}\right]$
$=-(x+z-2 y)^{2}\left|\begin{array}{ll}-1 & 6 \\ -1 & 7\end{array}\right|=(x-2 y+z)^{2}$

We have, $a=1+2+4+8+\ldots$ upto $n$ terms
$=1\left(\frac{2^{n}-1}{2-1}\right)=2^{n}-1$
$b=1+3+9+\ldots$ upto $n$ terms $=\frac{3^{n}-1}{2}$
and $c=1+5+25+\ldots$ upto $n$ terms $=\frac{5^{n}-1}{4}$
$\therefore\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & 2 b & 4 c \\ 2 & 2 & 2 \\ 2^{n} & 3^{n} & 5^{n}\end{array}\right|=2\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2^{n}-1 & 3^{n}-1 & 5^{n}-1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2^{n} & 3^{n} & 5^{n}\end{array}\right|$
$=2\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2^{n} & 3^{n} & 5^{n} \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2^{n} & 3^{n} & 5^{n}\end{array}\right| \quad\left[R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}\right]$
$=2 \times 0=0 \quad[\therefore$ two rows are identical]
170 (d)
Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}c & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & c & 1 \\ 6 & 1 & c\end{array}\right|=c\left(c^{2}-1\right)-1(c-6)$
$=8 \cos ^{3} \theta-4 \cos \theta+6$
171 (b)

## We have,

$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1^{2} & 2^{2} & 3^{2} \\ 2^{2} & 3^{2} & 4^{2} \\ 3^{2} & 4^{2} & 5^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 3 & 5 \\ 4 & 5 & 7 \\ 9 & 7 & 9\end{array}\right|$ Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}$ and $C_{3} \rightarrow$
$C_{3}-C_{2}$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 3 & 2 \\ 4 & 5 & 2 \\ 9 & 7 & 2\end{array}\right| \quad$ Applying $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{2}$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=2\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 3 & 1 \\ 4 & 5 & 1 \\ 9 & 7 & 1\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=2\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 3 & 1 \\ 3 & 2 & 0 \\ 8 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right|$ Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}, R_{3} \rightarrow$
$R_{3}-R_{1}$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=2 \times-4=-8$
172 (a)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & a & b \\ a & x & b \\ a & b & x\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & a & b \\ a-x & x-a & 0 \\ a-x & b-a & x-b\end{array}\right|$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1} \\ R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}\end{array}\right]$
$=(x-a)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & a & b \\ -1 & 1 & 0 \\ a-x & b-a & x-b\end{array}\right|$
$=(x-\alpha)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+a+b & a & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & b-a & x-b\end{array}\right|$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } \\ C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}\end{array}\right]$
$=(x-a)(x+a+b)(x-b) \quad[$ Expanding along
$C_{1}$ ]
173 (c)
We have,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}{[x]+1} & {[y]} & {[z]} \\ {[x]} & {[y]+1} & {[z]} \\ {[x]} & {[y]} & {[z]+1}\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & -1 \\ 0 & 1 & -1 \\ {[x]} & {[y]} & {[z]+1}\end{array}\right|$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-R_{3} \\ R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{3}\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=[z]+1+[y]+[x]=[x]+[y]+[z]+1$
Since maximum values of $[x],[y]$ and $[z]$ are 1,0 and 2 respectively
$\therefore$ Maximum value of $\Delta=2+1+0+1=4$
174 (c)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & 2 b & 2 c \\ 3 & b & c \\ 4 & a & b\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a-6 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & b & c \\ 4 & a & b\end{array}\right|=0 \quad$ Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-2 R_{2}$
$\Rightarrow(a-6)\left(b^{2}-a c\right)=0 \Rightarrow b^{2}=a c \Rightarrow b^{3}=a b c$
176 (d)
We have, $\Delta \equiv\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & 0 \\ 0 & a & b \\ b & 0 & a\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow \Delta \equiv a\left(a^{2}-0\right)-b\left(0-b^{2}\right)=a^{3}+b^{3}$
$\Rightarrow a^{3}+b^{3}=0 \Rightarrow\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)^{3}=-1$
$\therefore\left(\frac{a}{b}\right)$ is one of the cube roots of -1 .
(b)

We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}b+c & c+a & a+b \\ a+b & b+c & c+a \\ c+a & a+b & b+c\end{array}\right|=k\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{1} \leftarrow C_{1}+\left(C_{2}+C_{3}\right)$ on LHS, we have
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{lll}2(a+b+c) & c+a & a+b \\ 2(a+b+c) & b+c & c+a \\ 2(a+b+c) & a+b & b+c\end{array}\right|=k\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow 2\left|\begin{array}{lll}a+b+c & c+a & a+b \\ a+b+c & b+c & c+a \\ a+b+c & a+c & b+c\end{array}\right|=k\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}, C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}$ on LHS, we have
$\Rightarrow 2\left|\begin{array}{lll}a+b+c & -b & -c \\ a+b+c & -a & -b \\ a+b+c & -c & -a\end{array}\right|=k\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$ on LHS, we have
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & -b & -c \\ c & -a & -b \\ b & -c & -a\end{array}\right|=k\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow 2\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a\end{array}\right|=k\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & b & c \\ c & a & b \\ b & c & a\end{array}\right|$
$\therefore k=2$
178 (b)
Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & c\end{array}\right|=a b c-(a+b+c)+2$
$\because \Delta>0 \Rightarrow a b c+2>a+b+c$
$\Rightarrow a b c+2>3(a b c)^{1 / 3}$
$\left[\because \mathrm{AM}>\mathrm{GM} \Rightarrow \frac{a+b+c}{0}>(a b c)^{1 / 3}\right]$
$\Rightarrow x^{3}+2>3 x$, where $x=(a b c)^{1 / 3}$
$\Rightarrow x^{3}-3 x+2>0 \Rightarrow(x-1)^{2}(x+2)>0$
$\Rightarrow x+2>0 \Rightarrow x>-2 \Rightarrow(a b c)^{1 / 3}>-2$
$\Rightarrow a b c>-8$
179 (a)
Applying $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}(\cos \beta)+R_{2}(\sin \beta)$
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos \alpha & -\sin \alpha & 1 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 1+\sin \beta-\cos \beta\end{array}\right|$
$=(1+\sin \beta-\cos \beta)\left(\cos ^{2} \alpha+\sin ^{2} \alpha\right)$
$=1+\sin \beta-\cos \beta$, which is independent of $\alpha$
180 (d)
Given, $A=B^{-1} A B$
$\Rightarrow B A=A B$
$\therefore \operatorname{det}\left(B^{-1} A B\right)=\operatorname{det}\left(B^{-1} B A\right)=\operatorname{det}(A)$
181 (d)
Given, matrix is singular.
Therefore, $\left|\begin{array}{lrr}0 & 1 & -2 \\ -1 & 0 & 3 \\ \lambda & -3 & 0\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow+1(0-6)+\lambda(3)=0$
$\Rightarrow-6+3 \lambda=0$
$\Rightarrow \lambda=2$
182 (a)
We have,
$|A|=\left|\begin{array}{llll}4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow|A|=\left|\begin{array}{cccc}4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 10 & 12 & 14 & 2 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0\end{array}\right|$ [Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow 2 R_{2}$ ]
$\Rightarrow|A|=\left|\begin{array}{llll}4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0\end{array}\right|$ [Applying $\left.R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-\left(R_{1}+R_{3}\right)\right]$
$\Rightarrow|A|=0 \quad[\because 2 y=x+z]$
183 (c)
Putting $r=1,2,3, \ldots, n$ and using the formula
$\sum 1=n$ and $\sum r=\frac{(n+1) n}{2}$
$\sum(2 r-1)=1+3+5+\ldots=n^{2}$
$\therefore \sum_{r=1}^{n} \Delta_{r}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}n & n & n \\ n(n+1) & n^{2}+n+1 & n^{2}+n \\ n^{2} & n^{2} & n^{2}+n+1\end{array}\right|$

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=56
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Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-C_{3}, C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{3}$
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & n \\ 0 & 1 & n^{2}+n \\ -n-1 & -n-1 & n^{2}+n+1\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow n(n+1)=56$
$\Rightarrow n^{2}+n-56=0$
$\Rightarrow(n+8)(n-7)=0$
$\Rightarrow n=7 \quad(n \neq-8)$
184 (a)
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & a^{2}-b c \\ 1 & b & b^{2}-a c \\ 1 & c & c^{2}-a b\end{array}\right|=$
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}0 & a-b & (a-b)(a+b+c)\end{array}\right|$
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & b-c & (b-c)(a+b+c) \\ 1 & c & c^{2}-a b\end{array}\right|$
$=(a-b)(b-c)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 1 & a+b+c \\ 0 & 1 & a+b+c \\ 1 & c & c^{2}-a b\end{array}\right|=0$
( $\because$ rows $R_{1}$ and $R_{2}$ are identical)
185 (c)
$\because \operatorname{det}\left(M_{r}\right)=r^{2}-(r-1)^{2}=2 r-1$
$\therefore \operatorname{det}\left(M_{1}\right)+\operatorname{det}\left(M_{2}\right)+\ldots+\operatorname{det}\left(M_{2008}\right)$
$=1+3+5+\ldots+4015$
$=\frac{2008}{2}[2+(2008-1) 2]$
$=2008(2008)=(2008)^{2}$
186 (b)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ \omega & \omega^{2} & 1 \\ \omega^{2} & 1 & \omega\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+\omega+\omega^{2} & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 1+\omega+\omega^{2} & \omega^{2} & 1 \\ 1+\omega+\omega^{2} & 1 & \omega\end{array}\right|\left(\because 1+\omega+\omega^{2}=0\right)$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 0 & \omega^{2} & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & \omega\end{array}\right|$
$=0$
187 (a)
Given, $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega^{n} & \omega^{2 n} \\ \omega^{n} & \omega^{2 n} & 1 \\ \omega^{2 n} & 1 & \omega^{n}\end{array}\right|$
$=1\left(\omega^{3 n}-1\right)-\omega^{n}\left(\omega^{2 n}-\omega^{2 n}\right)+\omega^{2 n}\left(\omega^{n}\right.$

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\left.-\omega^{4 n}\right)
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$=1(1-1)-0+\omega^{2 n}\left(\omega^{n}-\omega^{n}\right) \quad\left[\because \omega^{3}-1\right]$
$=0$
188 (a)
Given,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ a & b & c \\ a^{3} & b^{3} & c^{3}\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & a-b & a-c \\ a^{3} & a^{3}-b^{3} & a^{3}-c^{3}\end{array}\right|$
$\left[C_{2} \rightarrow C_{1}-C_{2}, C_{3} \rightarrow C_{1}-C_{3}\right]$
$=(a-b)(a$
$-c)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & 1 & 1 \\ a^{3} & a^{2}+a b+b^{2} & a^{2}+a c+c^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=(a-b)(a-c)\left(c^{2}+a c-a b-b^{2}\right)$
$=(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)(a+b+c)$
189 (c)
We have,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b+c & a & a \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2(b+c) & 2(c+a) & 2(a+b) \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}$

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+2 R_{2}+R_{3}
$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta=2\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b+c & c+a & a+b \\ b & c+a & b \\ c & c & a+b\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=2\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b+c & c+a & a+b \\ -c & 0 & -a \\ -b & -a & 0\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$,

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R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}
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$\Rightarrow \Delta=2\left\{(b+c)\left(0-a^{2}\right)-(c+a)(0-a b)\right.$ $+(a+b)(a c-0)\}$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=2\left\{-a^{2}(b+c)+a b(c+a)+a c(a+b)\right\}$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=2\left(-a^{2} b-a^{2} c+a b c+a^{2} b+a^{2} c+a b c\right)$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=4 a b c$

190 (d)
$\left|\begin{array}{cc}\log _{5} 729 & \log _{3} 5 \\ \log _{5} 27 & \log _{9} 25\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{cc}\log _{3} 3^{6} & \log _{3} 5 \\ \log _{5} 3^{3} & \log _{3^{2}} 5^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ll}6 \log _{5} 3 & \log _{3} 5 \\ 3 \log _{5} 3 & \frac{2}{2} \log _{3} 5\end{array}\right|$
$=6 \log _{5} 3 \log _{3} 5-3 \log _{5} 3 \log _{3} 5$
$=6-3=3$
And $\left|\begin{array}{ll}\log _{3} 5 & \log _{27} 5 \\ \log _{5} 9 & \log _{5} 9\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ll}\log _{3} 5 & \log _{3^{3}} 5 \\ \log _{5} 3^{2} & \log _{5} 3^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{cc}\log _{3} 5 & \frac{1}{3} \log _{3} 5 \\ 2 \log _{5} 3 & 2 \log _{5} 3\end{array}\right|$
$=2 \log _{5} 3 \log _{3} 5-\frac{2}{3} \log _{5} 3 \log _{3} 5$
$=2-\frac{2}{3}=\frac{4}{3}$
Now, $\left|\begin{array}{cc}\log _{5} 729 & \log _{3} 5 \\ \log _{5} 27 & \log _{9} 25\end{array}\right|\left|\begin{array}{ll}\log _{3} 5 & \log _{27} 5 \\ \log _{5} 9 & \log _{5} 9\end{array}\right|=$
3. $\frac{4}{3}=4$

Take option(d),
$\log _{3} 5 \cdot \log _{5} 81=\log _{3} 81=\log _{3} 3^{4}=4$
191 (c)
Given, $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a-x & c & b \\ c & b-x & a \\ b & a & c-x\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}+R_{3}$
$\Rightarrow(a+b+c-x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ c & b-x & a \\ b & a & c-x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(a+b+c-x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ c & b-x-c & a-c \\ b & a-b & c-x-b\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(a+b+c-x)[1(b-x-c)(c-x-b)$
$-(a-c)(a-b)]=0$
$\Rightarrow(a+b+c-x)\left[b c-x b-b^{2}-x c+x^{2}+b x\right.$
$-c^{2}+c x+b c$
$\left.-\left(a^{2}-a b-a c+b c\right)\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow(a+b+c-x)\left[x^{2}-a^{2}-b^{2}-c^{2}+a b+b c\right.$
$+c a]=0$
$\Rightarrow x=a+b+c$ or $x^{2}$
$=a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+a b+b c+c a$
$\Rightarrow x=0$ or $x^{2}=a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+\frac{1}{2}\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)$
$\Rightarrow x=0$ or $x= \pm \sqrt{\frac{3}{2}\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right)}$
192 (d)
We have,
$\Delta=a b c\left(1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right)=a b c \times 0$
193 (a)
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{3}$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1-i & \omega^{2}+\omega & \omega^{2}-1 \\ 1-i & -1 & \omega^{2}-1 \\ -i & -1+\omega-i & -1\end{array}\right|=0$
$\left[\therefore \omega^{2}+\omega=-1\right.$, so $R_{1}$ and $R_{2}$ become identical]
194 (a)
$\sum_{n=1}^{N} U_{n}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sum n & 1 & 5 \\ \sum n^{2} & 2 N+1 & 2 N+1 \\ \sum n^{3} & 3 N^{2} & 3 N\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\frac{N(N+1)}{2} & 1 & 5 \\ \frac{N(N+1)(2 N+1)}{6} & 2 N+1 & 2 N+1 \\ \left(\frac{N(N+1)}{2}\right)^{2} & 3 N^{2} & 3 N\end{array}\right|$
$=\frac{N(N+1)}{12}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}6 & 1 & 5 \\ 4 N+2 & 2 N+1 & 2 N+1 \\ 3 N(N+1) & 3 N^{2} & 3 N\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}+C_{2}$
$=\frac{N(N+1)}{12}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}6 & 1 & 6 \\ 4 N+2 & 2 N+1 & 4 N+2 \\ 3 N(N+1) & 3 N^{2} & 3 N(N+1)\end{array}\right|$
$=0(\because$ two columns are identical)
195 (c)
$\left[\begin{array}{ccc}215 & 342 & 511 \\ 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 36 & 49 & 54\end{array}\right]$
$=215(378-392)-342(324-288)$
$+511(294-252)$
$=-3010-12312+21462=6140$
Which is exactly divisible by 20
196 (a)
$\operatorname{det}\left(A^{-1} \operatorname{adj} A\right)=\operatorname{det}\left(A^{-1}\right) \operatorname{det}(\operatorname{adj} A)$
$=(\operatorname{det} A)^{-1}(\operatorname{det} A)^{3-1}=\operatorname{det} A$
197 (d)
$A=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \sin \theta & 1 \\ -\sin \theta & 1 & \sin \theta \\ -1 & -\sin \theta & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=1\left(1+\sin ^{2} \theta\right)-\sin \theta(-\sin \theta+\sin \theta)+1\left(\sin ^{2} \theta\right.$

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+1)
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$=2\left(1+\sin ^{2} \theta\right)$
Since, the maximum and minimum value of $\sin ^{2} \theta$ is 1 and 0 .
$\therefore|A| \in[2,4]$
198 (d)
Since, the first column consists of sum of two terms, second column consists of sum of three terms and third column consists of sum four terms.
$\therefore n=2 \times 3 \times 4=24$
199 (c)
Given $, a_{1}, a_{2}, a_{3}, \ldots \in G P$
$\Rightarrow \log a_{1}, \log a_{2}, \ldots \in \mathrm{AP}$
$\Rightarrow \log a_{n}, \log a_{n+1}, \log a_{n+2}, \ldots \in \mathrm{AP}$
$\Rightarrow \log a_{n+1}=\frac{\log a_{n}+\log a_{n+2}}{2}$
Similarly, $\log a_{n+4}=\frac{\log a_{n+3}+\log a_{n+5}}{2}$
and $\log a_{n+7}=\frac{\log a_{n+6}+\log a_{n+8}}{2}$
Given, $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}\log a_{n} & \log a_{n+1} & \log a_{n+2} \\ \log a_{n+3} & \log a_{n+4} & \log a_{n+5} \\ \log a_{n+6} & \log a_{n+7} & \log a_{n+8}\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-\frac{C_{1}+C_{3}}{2}$
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\log a_{n} & 0 & \log a_{n+2} \\ \log a_{n+3} & 0 & \log a_{n+5} \\ \log a_{n+6} & 0 & \log a_{n+8}\end{array}\right|=0$
200 (a)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega & -\omega^{2} / 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 0\end{array}\right|=-\frac{1}{2}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 1 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & -1 & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=-\frac{1}{2}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+\omega+\omega^{2} & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0\end{array}\right| \quad\left(C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+\right.$
$C_{3}$ )
$=-\frac{1}{2}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 0 & 1 & -2 \\ 0 & -1 & 0\end{array}\right| \quad\left(\because 1+\omega+\omega^{2}=0\right)$
$=0$
201 (a)
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}\log e & \log e^{2} & \log e^{3} \\ \log e^{2} & \log e^{3} & \log e^{4} \\ \log e^{3} & \log e^{4} & \log e^{5}\end{array}\right|$
$\mid \log e^{3} \quad \log e^{4} \quad \log e^{5}$

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=\left|\begin{array}{cll}
\log e & 2 \log e & 3 \log e \\
2 \log e & 3 \log e & 4 \log e \\
3 \log e & 4 \log e & 5 \log e
\end{array}\right|
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$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 2 & 3 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 5\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \\ 3 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
(Using $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}, C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{2}$ )
$=0[\therefore$ two columns are identical $]$
202 (b)

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\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
\sqrt{13}+\sqrt{3} & 2 \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} \\
\sqrt{15}+\sqrt{26} & 5 & \sqrt{10} \\
3+\sqrt{65} & \sqrt{15} & 5
\end{array}\right|
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=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
\sqrt{13} & 2 \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} \\
\sqrt{16} & 5 & \sqrt{10} \\
\sqrt{65} & \sqrt{15} & 5
\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
\sqrt{3} & 2 \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} \\
\sqrt{15} & 5 & \sqrt{10} \\
3 & \sqrt{15} & 5
\end{array}\right|
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=\sqrt{13} \cdot \sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & 2 & 3 \\
\sqrt{2} & \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{2} \\
\sqrt{5} & \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{5}
\end{array}\right|
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$+\sqrt{3} \cdot \sqrt{5} \cdot \sqrt{5}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2 & 3 \\ \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{2} \\ \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{5}\end{array}\right|$
$=0+5 \sqrt{3}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-1 & 2 & 1 \\ 0 & \sqrt{5} & \sqrt{2} \\ 0 & \sqrt{3} & \sqrt{5}\end{array}\right|=5 \sqrt{3}(\sqrt{6}-5)$
204 (d)
We can write $\Delta=\Delta_{1}+y_{1} \Delta_{2}$, where
$\Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 1+x_{1} y_{2} & 1+x_{1} y_{3} \\ 1 & 1+x_{2} y_{2} & 1+x_{2} y_{3} \\ 1 & 1+x_{3} y_{2} & 1+x_{3} y_{3}\end{array}\right|$
and $\Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}x_{1} & 1+x_{1} y_{2} & 1+x_{1} y_{3} \\ x_{2} & 1+x_{2} y_{2} & 1+x_{2} y_{3} \\ x_{3} & 1+x_{3} y_{2} & 1+x_{3} y_{3}\end{array}\right|$
In $\Delta_{1}$, use $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}$ and $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}$ so that,
$\Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & x_{1} y_{2} & x_{1} y_{3} \\ 1 & x_{2} y_{2} & x_{2} y_{3} \\ 1 & x_{3} y_{2} & x_{3} y_{3}\end{array}\right|=0 \quad\left(\because C_{2}\right.$ and $C_{3}$ are
proportional)
In $\Delta_{2}, C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-y_{2} C_{1}$ and $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-y_{3} C_{1}$ to get $\Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{lll}x_{1} & 1 & 1 \\ x_{2} & 1 & 1 \\ x_{3} & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|=0 \quad\left(\because C_{2}\right.$ and $C_{3}$ are identical $)$ $\therefore \Delta=0$
206 (c)
Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}b^{2}-a b & b-c & b c-a c \\ a b-a^{2} & a-b & b^{2}-a b \\ b c-a c & c-a & a b-a^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=(b-a)(b-a)\left|\begin{array}{lll}b & b-c & c \\ a & a-b & b \\ c & c-a & a\end{array}\right|$
$=(a-b)^{2}\left|\begin{array}{lll}b & b & c \\ a & a & b \\ c & c & a\end{array}\right| \quad\left(C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}+C_{3}\right)$
$=0(\because$ two columns are same $)$
208 (d)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ \omega & x+\omega^{2} & 1 \\ \omega^{2} & 1 & x+\omega\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+1+\omega+\omega^{2} & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ x+1+\omega+\omega^{2} & x+\omega^{2} & 1 \\ x+1+\omega+\omega^{2} & 1 & x+\omega\end{array}\right|$
$\left.C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}\right)$
$=x\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega & \omega^{2} \\ 1 & x+\omega^{2} & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & x+\omega\end{array}\right|\left(\because 1+\omega+\omega^{2}=0\right.$
$=x\left[1\left\{\left(x+\omega^{2}\right)(x+\omega)-1\right\}+\omega\{1-(x+\omega)\}+\right.$
$\left.\omega^{2}\left\{1-\left(x+\omega^{2}\right)\right\}\right]$
$=x\left[\left(x^{2}+\omega x+\omega^{2} x+\omega^{3}-1+\omega-\omega x-\omega^{2}\right.\right.$

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\left.+\omega^{2}-\omega^{2} x-\omega^{4}\right]
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$=x^{3}\left(\because \omega^{3}=1\right)$
210
(b)

Given,$f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & 1+\sin x & \cos x \\ 1 & \log (1+x) & 2 \\ x^{2} & 1+x^{2} & 0\end{array}\right|$

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\begin{aligned}
& =x\left\{-2\left(1+x^{2}\right)\right\}-(1 \\
& \quad+\sin x)\left(-2 x^{2}\right) \\
& \quad+\cos x\left\{1+x^{2}-x^{2} \log (1+x)\right\} \\
& =-2 x-2 x^{3}+ \\
& \quad 2 x^{2} \\
& \\
& +2 x^{2} \sin x \\
& \\
& \quad+\cos x\left\{1+x^{2}-x^{2} \log (1+x)\right\}
\end{aligned}
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$\therefore$ Coefficient of $x$ in $f(x)=-2$.
211 (c)
Clearly, the degree of the given determinant is 3 .
So, there cannot be more that 3 linear factors.
Thus, the other factor is a numerical constant. Let it be $\lambda$. Then,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}-2 a & a+b & a+c \\ b+a & -2 b & b+c \\ c+a & c+b & -2 c\end{array}\right|=\lambda(a+b)(b+c)(c+a)$
Putting $a=0, b=1$ and $c=1$ on both sides, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & -2 & 2 \\ 1 & 2 & -2\end{array}\right|=\lambda \times 1 \times 2 \times 1 \Rightarrow 2 \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda=4$
(b)

We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \omega^{2} & \omega^{5} \\ \omega^{3} & 1 & \omega^{4} \\ \omega^{5} & \omega^{4} & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & \omega^{2} \\ 1 & 1 & \omega \\ \omega^{2} & \omega & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=2-\left(\omega^{2}-\omega\right)=2-(-1)=3$
213 (b)
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$ and taking common $(a+b+c)$ from $C_{1}$, we get
$(a+b+c)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & b & c \\ 1 & c & a \\ 1 & a & b\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$ and $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}$, we get
$(a+b+c)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & b & c \\ 0 & c-b & a-c \\ 0 & a-b & b-c\end{array}\right|$
$=(a+b+c)\left\{-(c-b)^{2}-(a-b)(a-c)\right\}$
$=-(a+b+c)\left\{a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}-a b-b c-c a\right\}$
$=-\frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)\left\{2 a^{2}+2 b^{2}+2 c^{2}-2 a b-2 b c-\right.$ 2ac\}
$\left.=-\frac{1}{2}(a+b+c)\{a-b)^{2}+(b-c)^{2}+(c-a)^{2}\right\}$
Which is always negative.
214 (c)
In a $\triangle A B C$, we have
$\frac{a}{\sin A}=\frac{b}{\sin B}=\frac{c}{\sin C}$
$\Rightarrow b \sin A=a \sin B c \sin A=a \sin C$
$\therefore\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b \sin A & c \sin A \\ b \sin A & 1 & \cos A \\ c \sin A & \cos A & 1\end{array}\right|$

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\begin{aligned}
& =\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
a^{2} & a \sin B & a \sin C \\
a \sin B & 1 & \cos A \\
a \sin C & \cos A & 1
\end{array}\right| \\
& =a^{2}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & \sin B & \sin C \\
\sin B & 1 & \cos A \\
\sin C & \cos A & 1
\end{array}\right| \\
& =a^{2}\left\{\left(1-\cos ^{2} A\right)\right. \\
& -\sin B(\sin B-\cos A \sin C) \\
& +\sin C(\sin B \cos A-\sin C)\} \\
& =a^{2}\left\{\sin ^{2} A-\sin ^{2} B\right. \\
& \left.+2 \sin B \sin C \cos A-\sin ^{2} C\right\} \\
& =a^{2}\left\{\sin (A+B) \sin (A-B)-\sin ^{2} C\right. \\
& +2 \cos A \sin B \sin C\} \\
& =a^{2}[\sin C\{\sin (A-B)-\sin C\} \\
& +2 \cos A \sin B \sin C] \\
& =a^{2}[\sin C\{\sin (A-B)-\sin (A+B)\} \\
& +2 \cos A \sin B \sin C] \\
& =a^{2}[\sin C \times-2 \cos A \sin B+2 \cos A \sin B \sin C] \\
& =0
\end{aligned}
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215 (b)
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1+a^{3} \\ b & b^{2} & 1+b^{3} \\ c & c^{2} & 1+c^{3}\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1 \\ b & b^{2} & 1 \\ c & c^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & a^{3} \\ b & b^{2} & b^{3} \\ c & c^{2} & c^{3}\end{array}\right|$

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=0
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$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1 \\ b & b^{2} & 1 \\ c & c^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|+a b c\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1 \\ b & b^{2} & 1 \\ c & c^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(1+a b c)\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1 \\ b & b^{2} & 1 \\ c & c^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|=0$
$\left[\therefore\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1 \\ b & b^{2} & 1 \\ c & c^{2} & 1\end{array}\right| \neq 0\right]$
$\Rightarrow 1+a b c=0$
$\Rightarrow a b c=-1$
216 (b)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+\omega^{2} & \omega & 1 \\ \omega & \omega^{2} & 1+x \\ 1 & x+\omega & \omega^{2}\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & \omega & 1 \\ x & \omega^{2} & 1+x \\ x & x+\omega & \omega^{2}\end{array}\right|=0 \quad\left(\therefore 1+\omega+\omega^{2}=0\right)$
$\Rightarrow \quad x=0$ is one of the values of $x$ which satisfy the above determinant equation.
217 (a)
We have,
$|A|=\left[\begin{array}{llll}4 & 5 & 6 & x \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow|A|=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 0 & 0 & x-2 y+z \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0\end{array}\right] \begin{gathered}\text { Applying } R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1} \\ -2 R_{2}+R_{3}\end{gathered}$
$\Rightarrow|A|=\left[\begin{array}{cccc}0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 6 & 7 & y \\ 6 & 7 & 8 & z \\ x & y & z & 0\end{array}\right] \quad\left[\begin{array}{l}\because x, y, z \text { are in A.P. } \\ \therefore x-2 y+z=0\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow|A|=0$
218 (a)
Given, $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}\left(e^{i \alpha}+e^{-i \alpha}\right)^{2} & \left(e^{i \alpha}-e^{-i \alpha}\right)^{2} & 4 \\ \left(e^{i \beta}+e^{-i \beta}\right)^{2} & \left(e^{i \beta}-e^{-i \beta}\right)^{2} & 4 \\ \left(e^{i \gamma}+e^{-i \gamma}\right)^{2} & \left(e^{i \gamma}-e^{-i \gamma}\right)^{2} & 4\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-C_{2}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}4 & \left(e^{i \alpha}-e^{-i \alpha}\right)^{2} & 4 \\ 4 & \left(e^{i \beta}-e^{-i \beta}\right)^{2} & 4 \\ 4 & \left(e^{i \gamma}-e^{-i \gamma}\right)^{2} & 4\end{array}\right|$
$=0$ ( $\because$ two columns are same)
Hence, it is independent of $\alpha, \beta$ and $\gamma$.
219 (b)
Let $A$ be the first term and $R$ be the common ratio of the GP. Then,
$a=A R^{p-1} \Rightarrow \log a=\log A+(p-1) \log R$
$b=A R^{q-1} \Rightarrow \log b=\log A+(q-1) \log R$
$c=A R^{r-1} \Rightarrow \log c=\log A+(r-1) \log R$
Now,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}\log a & p & 1 \\ \log b & q & 1 \\ \log c & r & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{llll}(p-1) & \log R & p & 1 \\ (q-1) & \log R & q & 1 \\ (r-1) & \log R & r & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=\log R=\left|\begin{array}{lll}p-1 & p & 1 \\ q-1 & q & 1 \\ r-1 & r & 1\end{array}\right|\left[\right.$ Applying $\mathrm{C}_{1} \rightarrow \mathrm{C}_{1}-$
$\left.(\log A) C_{3}\right]$
$=\log R\left|\begin{array}{lll}0 & p & 1 \\ 0 & q & 1 \\ 0 & r & 1\end{array}\right|=0\left[\right.$ Applying $\mathrm{C}_{1} \rightarrow \mathrm{C}_{1}-\mathrm{C}_{2}+$
$\mathrm{C}_{3}$ ]
220 (c)
We know that the sum of the products of the elements of a row with the cofactors of the corresponding elements is always equal to the value of the determinant $i e,|A|$.
221 (d)
$\because a, b, c, d, e$ and $f$ are in GP.
$\therefore a=a, b=a r, c=a r^{2}, d=a r^{3}, e=a r^{4}$ and $f=$
$a r^{5}$
$\therefore\left|\begin{array}{lll}a^{2} & d^{2} & x \\ b^{2} & e^{2} & y \\ c^{2} & f^{2} & z\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & a^{2} r^{6} & x \\ a^{2} r^{2} & a^{2} r^{8} & y \\ a^{2} r^{4} & a^{2} r^{10} & z\end{array}\right|$
$=a^{4} r^{6}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & x \\ r^{2} & r^{2} & y \\ r^{4} & r^{4} & z\end{array}\right|=0$

Thus, the given determinant is independent of $x, y$ and $z$.
222 (a)

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\begin{aligned}
& \left|\begin{array}{ccc}
1 & \log _{x} y & \log _{x} z \\
\log _{y} x & 1 & \log _{y} z \\
\log _{z} x & \log _{z} y & 1
\end{array}\right| \\
& =1\left(1-\log _{y} z \log _{z} y\right) \\
& -\log _{x} y\left(\log _{y} x-\log _{z} x \log _{y} z\right) \\
& +\log _{x} z\left(\log _{z} y \log _{y} x-\log _{z} x\right) \\
& =\left(1-\log _{y} y\right)-\log _{x} y\left(\log _{y} x-\log _{y} x\right) \\
& +\log _{x} z\left(\log _{z} x-\log _{z} x\right) \\
& =(1-1)-0+0=0
\end{aligned}
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223 (d)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1-x & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+y\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & -x & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & y\end{array}\right|\left[\begin{array}{l}C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1} \\ C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}\end{array}\right]$ $=-x y$
224 (c)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & y & z \\ -x & y & z \\ x & -y & z\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & y & z \\ -x & y & z \\ 0 & 0 & 2 z\end{array}\right| \quad\left[R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}+R_{2}\right]$
$=2 z(x y+x y)=4 x y z$
On comparing with $k x y z$, we get $k=4$
225 (b)
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}+R_{3}$ and taking common
$(2 x+10)$ from $R_{1}$, we get
$(2 x+10)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 & 2 x & 2 \\ 7 & 6 & 2 x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(2 x+10)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 2 x-2 & 0 \\ 7 & -1 & 2 x-7\end{array}\right|=0$
$\left[C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}\right.$ and $\left.C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}\right]$
$\Rightarrow(2 x+10)(2 x-2)(2 x-7)=0$
$\Rightarrow x=-5,1, \frac{7}{2}$
Hence , other roots are 1 and $\frac{7}{2}$ or 1 and 3.5
226 (b)
Let $\frac{x^{2}}{a^{2}}=X, \frac{y^{2}}{b^{2}}=Y$ and $\frac{z^{2}}{c^{2}}=Z$
Then the given system of equations becomes
$X+Y-Z=1, X-Y+Z=1,-X+Y+Z=1$
The coefficient matrix is $A=\left[\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & -1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ -1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right]$
Clearly, $|A| \neq 0$. So, the given system of equations has a unique solution
227 (c)
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 & 2 & 1 \\ \cos ^{2} \theta & 1+\cos ^{2} \theta & \cos ^{2} \theta \\ 4 \sin 4 \theta & 4 \sin 4 \theta & 1+4 \sin 4 \theta\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-2 C_{3}, C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-2 C_{3}$
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & 1 \\ -\cos ^{2} \theta & 1-\cos ^{2} \theta & \cos ^{2} \theta \\ -2-4 \sin 4 \theta & -2-4 \sin 4 \theta & 1+4 \sin 4 \theta\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left[\cos ^{2} \theta(2+4 \sin 4 \theta)+(1\right.$

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\left.\left.-\cos ^{2} \theta\right)(2+4 \sin 4 \theta)\right]=0
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$\Rightarrow\left[2 \cos ^{2} \theta+4 \cos ^{2} \theta \sin 4 \theta+2+4 \sin 4 \theta\right.$

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-2 \cos ^{2} \theta
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\left.-4 \cos ^{2} \theta \sin 4 \theta\right]=0
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$\Rightarrow 2+4 \sin 4 \theta=0$
$\Rightarrow \sin 4 \theta=-\frac{1}{2}$
228 (a)
Given determinant, $\Delta \equiv\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & a^{3}+1 \\ b & b^{2} & b^{3}+1 \\ c & c^{2} & c^{3}+1\end{array}\right|=0$
On splitting the determinant into two determinants, we get
$\Delta \equiv a b c\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & a^{2} \\ 1 & b & b^{2} \\ 1 & c & c^{2}\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & a^{2} \\ 1 & b & b^{2} \\ 1 & c & c^{2}\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(1+a b c)\left[1\left(b c^{2}-c b^{2}\right)-a\left(c^{2}-b^{2}\right)\right.$
$\left.\quad+a^{2}(c-b)\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow(1+a b c)[(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)]=0$
Since $a, b, c$ are different, the second factor cannot be zero.
Hence, $1+a b c=0$
229 (b)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2}-b c & 1 \\ b & b^{2}-c a & 1 \\ c & c^{2}-a b & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1 \\ b & b^{2} & 1 \\ c & c^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & -b c & 1 \\ b & -c a & 1 \\ c & -a b & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1 \\ b & b^{2} & 1 \\ c & c^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|$
$+\frac{1}{a b c}\left|\begin{array}{lll}a^{2} & -a b c & a \\ b^{2} & -a b c & b \\ c^{2} & -a b c & c\end{array}\right| \begin{gathered}\text { Applying } R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}(a) \\ R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}(b), R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}(c) \\ \text { in the Ind determinant }\end{gathered}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1 \\ b & b^{2} & 1 \\ c & c^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|-\left|\begin{array}{lll}a^{2} & 1 & a \\ b^{2} & 1 & b \\ c^{2} & 1 & c\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1 \\ b & b^{2} & 1 \\ c & c^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|-\left|\begin{array}{lll}a & a^{2} & 1 \\ b & b^{2} & 1 \\ c & c^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|=0$
(d)

Given that, $x^{a} y^{b}=e^{m}, x^{c} y^{d}=e^{n}$
and $\Delta_{1}=\left|\begin{array}{ll}m & b \\ n & d\end{array}\right|, \Delta_{2}=\left|\begin{array}{ll}a & m \\ c & n\end{array}\right|, \Delta_{3}=\left|\begin{array}{ll}a & b \\ c & d\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow a \log x+b \log y=m$
$\Rightarrow c \log x+d \log y=n$
By Cramer's rule
$\log x=\frac{\Delta_{1}}{\Delta_{3}}$ and $\log y=\frac{\Delta_{2}}{\Delta_{3}}$
$\Rightarrow x=e^{\Delta_{1} / \Delta_{3}}$ and $y=e^{\Delta_{2} / \Delta_{3}}$
231 (d)
Clearly, $x=0$ satifies the given equation
232 (c)
Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}10! & 11! & 12! \\ 11! & 12! & 13! \\ 12! & 13! & 14!\end{array}\right|$
$=10!11!12!\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 11 & 11 \times 12 \\ 1 & 12 & 12 \times 13 \\ 1 & 13 & 13 \times 14\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$ and $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}$
$=10!11!12!\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 11 & 11 \times 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 24 \\ 0 & 2 & 50\end{array}\right|$
$=(10!11!12!)(50-48)$
$=2 \cdot(10!11!12!)$
233 (c)
We have, $\left|\begin{array}{lll}\sin x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \cos x & \cos x & \sin x\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{lll}\sin x+2 \cos x & \cos x & \cos x \\ \sin x+2 \cos x & \sin x & \cos x \\ \sin x+2 \cos x & \cos x & \sin x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(2 \cos x+\sin x)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & \cos x & \cos x \\ 1 & \sin x & \cos x \\ 1 & \cos x & \sin x\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}, R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}$
$\Rightarrow(2 \cos x$
$+\sin x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \cos x & \cos x \\ 0 & \sin x-\cos x & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & \sin x-\cos x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(2 \cos x+\sin x)(\sin x-\cos x)^{2}=0$
$\therefore \tan x=-2,1$ But $\tan x \neq-2$, because it does not lie in the interval $\left[-\frac{\pi}{4} \frac{\pi}{4}\right]$.
$\therefore \tan x=1$
So, $x=\frac{\pi}{4}$
234 (a)
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}\left(a^{x}+a^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(a^{x}-a^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1 \\ \left(b^{x}+b^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(b^{x}-b^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1 \\ \left(c^{x}+c^{-x}\right)^{2} & \left(c^{x}-c^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-C_{2}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}4 & \left(a^{x}-a^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1 \\ 4 & \left(b^{x}-b^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1 \\ 4 & \left(c^{x}-c^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|=$
$4\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & \left(a^{x}-a^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1 \\ 1 & \left(b^{x}-b^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1 \\ 1 & \left(c^{x}-c^{-x}\right)^{2} & 1\end{array}\right|=0$ ( $\because$ two columns are
identical)
235 (c)
Given matrix is non-singular, then
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}\lambda & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 3 \\ 0 & 0 & \lambda\end{array}\right| \neq 0$
$\Rightarrow \lambda(2 \lambda-0) \neq 0$
$\Rightarrow \lambda \neq 0$
236 (d)
Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ (a+1)^{2} & (b+1)^{2} & (c+1)^{2} \\ (a-1)^{2} & (b-1)^{2} & (c-1)^{2}\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{3}$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ 4 a & 4 b & 4 c \\ (a-1)^{2} & (b-1)^{2} & (c-1)^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$=4\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ a & b & c \\ (a-1)^{2} & (b-1)^{2} & (c-1)^{2}\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-\left(R_{1}-2 R_{2}\right)$
$=4\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{2} & b^{2} & c^{2} \\ a & b & c \\ 1 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
$\therefore k=4$
237 (c)
Let $f(x)=a_{0} x^{2}+a_{1} x+a_{2}$
and $g(x)=b_{2} x^{2}+b_{1} x+b_{2}$
Also, $h(x)=c_{0} x^{2}+c_{1} x+c_{2}$
Then, $\Delta(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}f(x) & \mathrm{g}(x) & h(x) \\ 2 a_{0} x+a_{1} & 2 b_{0} x+b_{1} & 2 c_{0} x+c_{1} \\ 2 a_{0} & 2 b_{0} & 2 c_{0}\end{array}\right|$
$=x\left|\begin{array}{ccc}f(x) & \mathrm{g}(x) & h(x) \\ 2 a_{0} & 2 b_{0} & 2 c_{0} \\ 2 a_{0} & 2 b_{0} & 2 c_{0}\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{ccc}f(x) & \mathrm{g}(x) & h(x) \\ a_{1} & b_{1} & c_{1} \\ 2 a_{0} & 2 b_{0} & 2 c_{0}\end{array}\right|$
$=0+2\left|\begin{array}{ccc}f(x) & \mathrm{g}(x) & h(x) \\ a_{1} & b_{1} & c_{1} \\ a_{0} & b_{0} & c_{0}\end{array}\right|$
$=2\left[\left(b_{1} c_{0}-b_{0} c_{1}\right) f(x)-\left(a_{1} c_{0}-a_{0} c_{1}\right) g(x)\right.$ $\left.+\left(a_{1} b_{0}-a_{0} b_{1}\right) h(x)\right]$
Hence, degree of $\Delta(x) \leq 2$
238 (d)
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2(x+y+z) & y+z & z+x \\ x+y+z & y & z \\ 0 & y-z & z-x\end{array}\right|$
$=(x+y+z)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 & y-z & z+x \\ 1 & y & z \\ 0 & y-z & z-x\end{array}\right|$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow 2 R_{2}-R_{1}$
$=(x+y+z)\left|\begin{array}{lll}2 & y+z & z+x \\ 0 & y-z & z-x \\ 0 & y-z & z-x\end{array}\right|$
$=0 \quad[\therefore$ two rows are identical $]$
(d)

Given, $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1+a & 1+a x & 1+a x^{2} \\ 1+b & 1+b x & 1+b x^{2} \\ 1+b & 1+c x & 1+c x^{2}\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1+a & a(x-1) & a x(x-1) \\ 1+b & b(x-1) & b x(x-1) \\ 1+b & c(x-1) & c x(x-1)\end{array}\right|$
$=(x-1) x(x-1)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1+a & a & a \\ 1+b & b & b \\ 1+c & c & c\end{array}\right|=0$
( $\therefore$ two columns are same)
240 (c)
We have,
$a x^{4}+b x^{3}+c x^{2}+50 x+d$

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=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
x^{3}-14 x^{2} & -x & 3 x+\lambda \\
4 x+1 & 3 x & x-4 \\
-3 & 4 & 0
\end{array}\right|
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On differentiating with respect to $x$, we get
$4 a x^{3}+3 b x^{2}+2 c x+50$

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\begin{aligned}
& =\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
3 x^{2}-28 x & -1 & 3 \\
4 x+1 & 3 x & x-4 \\
-3 & 4 & 0
\end{array}\right| \\
& +\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
x^{3}-14 x^{2} & -x & 3 x+\lambda \\
4 & 3 & 1 \\
-3 & 4 & 0
\end{array}\right|
\end{aligned}
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Now, put $x=0$, we get
$50=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & -1 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & -4 \\ -3 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & \lambda \\ 4 & 3 & 1 \\ -3 & 4 & 0\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow 50=25 \lambda$
$\Rightarrow \lambda=2$
241 (d)
We have, $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x^{2}+x & x+1 & x-2 \\ 2 x^{2}+3 x-1 & 3 x & 3 x-3 \\ x^{2}+2 x+3 & 2 x-1 & 2 x-1\end{array}\right|=$
$A x-12$
On putting $x=1$ on both sides, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}2 & 2 & -1 \\ 4 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|=A-12$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-C_{2}$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 2 & -1 \\ 1 & 3 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|=A-12$
$\Rightarrow-2(1)+(-1)(-14)=A-12$
$\Rightarrow A=24$
242 (a)
We have, $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+\alpha & \beta & \gamma \\ \gamma & x+\beta & \alpha \\ \alpha & \beta & x+\gamma\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x+\alpha+\beta+\gamma & \beta & \gamma \\ x+\alpha+\beta+\gamma & x+\beta & \alpha \\ x+\alpha+\beta+\gamma & \beta & x+\gamma\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(x+\alpha+\beta+\gamma)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \beta & \gamma \\ 1 & x+\beta & \alpha \\ 1 & \beta & x+\gamma\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}$ and $R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}$
$\Rightarrow(x+\alpha+\beta+\gamma)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \beta & \gamma \\ 0 & x & \alpha-\gamma \\ 0 & 0 & x\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(x+\alpha+\beta+\gamma)\left(x^{2}-0\right)=0$
$\Rightarrow x=0$ or $x=-(\alpha+\beta+\gamma)$
243 (b)
We have,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 / a & 1 & b c \\ 1 / b & 1 & c a \\ 1 / c & 1 & a b\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta$
$=\frac{1}{a b c}\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & a b c \\ 1 & b & a b c \\ 1 & c & a b c\end{array}\right| \begin{gathered}\text { Applying } R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}(a), \\ R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}(b) \text { and } R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}(c)\end{gathered}$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\frac{a b c}{a b c}\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & a & 1 \\ 1 & b & 1 \\ 1 & c & 1\end{array}\right| \quad$ [Taking $a b c$ common from
$C_{3}$ ]
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\frac{a b c}{a b c} \times 0=0$
244 (b
We have, $|A| \neq 0$. Therefore, $A^{-1}$ exists
Now, $A B=A C$
$\Rightarrow A^{-1}(A B)=A^{-1}(A C)$
$\Rightarrow\left(A^{-1} A\right) B=\left(A^{-1} A\right) C \Rightarrow B=C$
(c)

Applying $C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-\omega C_{1}$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b \omega^{2} & a \omega \\ b \omega & c & b \omega^{2} \\ c \omega^{2} & a \omega & c\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & b \omega^{2} & 0 \\ b \omega & c & 0 \\ c \omega^{2} & a \omega & 0\end{array}\right|=0$
247 (d)
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a+b & a+2 b & a+3 b \\ a+2 b & a+3 b & a+4 b \\ a+4 b & a+5 b & a+6 b\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a+b & a+2 b & a+3 b \\ b & b & b \\ 2 b & 2 b & 2 b\end{array}\right|$ $\begin{aligned} & \binom{R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1}}{R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{2}}\end{aligned}$
$=0 \quad\left(\because R_{2}\right.$ and $R_{3}$ are proportional)
248 (c)
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-\left(R_{2}+R_{3}\right)$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & -2 z & -2 y \\ y & z+x & y \\ z & z & x+y\end{array}\right|$
$=2 z\left(x y+y^{2}-y z\right)-2 y\left(y z-z^{2}-x z\right)$
$=2 x y z+2 y^{2} z-2 y z^{2}-2 y^{2} z+2 y z^{2}+2 x y z$
$=4 x y z$
249 (b)
We have,
$\frac{d}{d x}\left(\Delta_{1}\right)=\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0 \\ a & x & b \\ a & a & x\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & b & b \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ a & a & x\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & b & b \\ a & x & b \\ 0 & 0 & 1\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \frac{d}{d x}\left(\Delta_{1}\right)=\left|\begin{array}{ll}x & b \\ a & x\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{ll}x & b \\ a & x\end{array}\right|+\left|\begin{array}{ll}x & b \\ a & x\end{array}\right|=3 \Delta_{2}$
(d)

Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1}, C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{2}$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}1990 & 1 & 1 \\ 1991 & 1 & 1 \\ 1992 & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|=0$

253
(b)

We have,
$\Delta$

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\begin{gathered}
=\left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ll}
1+a_{1} b_{1}+a_{1}^{2} b_{1}^{2} & 1+a_{1} b_{2}+a_{1}^{2} b_{2}^{2} \\
1+a_{2} b_{1}+a_{2}^{2} b_{1}^{2} & 1+a_{2} b_{3} \\
1+b_{2} b_{1}+a_{2}^{2} b_{2}^{2} & 1+a_{2} b_{3} \\
1 & 1+a_{3} b_{2}+a_{3}^{2} b_{2}^{2} \\
1+a_{2} b_{3}
\end{array}\right. \\
\left.\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}
1 & a_{1} & a_{1}^{2} \\
1 & a_{2} & a_{2}^{2} \\
1 & a_{3} & a_{3}^{2}
\end{array}\right| \begin{array}{lll}
1 & b_{1} & b_{1}^{2} \\
1 & b_{2} & b_{2}^{2} \\
1 & b_{3} & b_{3}^{2}
\end{array} \right\rvert\, \\
\Rightarrow \Delta=\left(a_{1}-a_{2}\right)\left(a_{2}-a_{3}\right)\left(a_{3}-a_{1}\right)\left(b_{1}-b_{2}\right)\left(b_{2}\right. \\
\left.-b_{3}\right)\left(b_{3}-b_{1}\right)
\end{gathered}
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(b)

Let $A \equiv\left|\begin{array}{lll}a_{1} & b_{1} & c_{1} \\ a_{2} & b_{2} & c_{2} \\ a_{3} & b_{3} & c_{3}\end{array}\right|=5$
$\therefore\left|\begin{array}{lll}b_{2} c_{3}-b_{3} c_{2} & c_{2} a_{3}-c_{3} a_{2} & c_{2} b_{3}-c_{3} b_{2} \\ b_{3} c_{1}-b_{1} c_{3} & c_{3} a_{1}-c_{1} a_{3} & a_{3} b_{1}-a_{1} b_{3} \\ b_{1} c_{2}-b_{2} c_{1} & c_{1} a_{2}-c_{2} a_{1} & a_{1} b_{2}-a_{2} b_{1}\end{array}\right|$
$|\operatorname{adj} A|=(5)^{3-1} \quad$ [from Eq. (i)]
$=5^{2}=25 \quad\left(\because|\operatorname{adj} A|=|A|^{n-1}\right)$
(b)

Let $a \neq 0$. Then,
$\Delta=\frac{1}{a}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a^{3}+a x^{2} & a b & a c \\ a^{2} b & b^{2}+x^{2} & b c \\ a^{2} c & b c & c^{2}+x^{2}\end{array}\right|$ [Applying
$\left.C_{1} \rightarrow a C_{1}\right]$
$\Rightarrow \Delta$
$=\frac{1}{a}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x^{2}\right) & a b & a c \\ b\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x^{2}\right) & b^{2}+x^{2} & b c \\ c\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x^{2}\right) & b c & c^{2}+x^{2}\end{array}\right|$
[Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+b C_{2}+c C_{3}$ ]
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\frac{1}{a}\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}\right.$

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\left.+x^{2}\right)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
a & a b & a c \\
b & b^{2}+x^{2} & b c \\
c & b c & c^{2}+x^{2}
\end{array}\right|
$$

$\Rightarrow \Delta=\frac{1}{a}\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x^{2}\right)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a & 0 & 0 \\ b & x^{2} & 0 \\ c & 0 & x^{2}\end{array}\right|$,
[Applying $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-b C_{1}, C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-c C_{1}$ ]
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}+x^{2}\right) x^{4}$
Clearly, $\Delta$ is divisible by $x^{4}$
If $a=0$, then also it can be easily seen that $\Delta$ is divisible by $x^{4}$
256 (a)
We have,
$\Delta_{a}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}a-1 & 2 & 6 \\ (a-1)^{2} & 2 n^{2} & 4 n-2 \\ (a-1)^{3} & 3 n^{3} & 2 n^{2}-3 n\end{array}\right|$
$\therefore \sum_{a=1}^{n} \Delta_{a}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sum_{a=1}^{n}(a-1) & n & 6 \\ \left.\sum_{\substack{a=1 \\ n}}^{\sum_{a=1}^{n}(a-1)^{2}} \begin{array}{llc} & 2 n^{2} & 4 n-2 \\ & \\ & \sum_{a=1}^{n} \Delta_{a} & 3 n^{2}\end{array} \right\rvert\, 3 n^{2}-3 n\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\frac{n(n-1)}{2} & n & 6 \\ \frac{n(n-1)(2 n-1)}{6} & 2 n^{2} & 4 n-2 \\ \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2}\right)^{2} & 3 n^{3} & 3 n^{2}-3 n\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \sum_{a=1}^{n} \Delta_{a}$
$=\frac{n(n-1)}{12}\left|\begin{array}{ccc}6 & n & 6 \\ 4 n-2 & 2 n^{2} & 4 n-2 \\ 3 n^{2}-3 n & 3 n^{3} & 3 n^{2}-3 n\end{array}\right|=0$
257 (d)
$B=5 A^{2}$
$\Rightarrow \operatorname{det}(B)=\operatorname{det}\left(5 A^{2}\right)=5^{3}[\operatorname{det}(A)]^{2}$
$=125(6)^{2}=4500 \quad[$ given $\operatorname{det} A=6]$
258 (b)
Given, $f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}x & 1+\sin x & \cos x \\ 1 & \log (1+x) & 2 \\ x^{2} & 1+x^{2} & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=x\left\{-2\left(1+x^{2}\right)\right\}-(1+\sin x)\left(-2 x^{2}\right)$
$+\cos x\left\{1+x^{2}-x^{2} \log (1+x)\right\}$
$=-2 x-2 x^{3}+2 x^{2}+2 x^{2} \sin x$
$+\cos x\left\{1+x^{2}-x^{2} \log (1+x)\right\}$
$\therefore$ Coefficient of $x$ in $f(x)=-2$
259 (c)
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ b c & c a & a b \\ b+c & c+a & a+b\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ b c & c(a-b) & a(b-c) \\ b+c & (a-b) & (b-c)\end{array}\right|\left[\begin{array}{c}C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1} \\ C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{2}\end{array}\right]$
$=(a-b)(b-c)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 0 & 0 \\ b c & c & a \\ b+c & 1 & 1\end{array}\right|$
$=(a-b)(b-c)(c-a)$
260 (b)
Since, $\Delta(1)=0$ and $\Delta^{\prime}(1)=0$ so, $(x-$
12 is a factor of $\Delta(x)$
261 (d)
On putting $\lambda=0$, we get
$t=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}b^{2}+c^{2} & a^{2} & a^{2} \\ b^{2} & c^{2}+a^{2} & b^{2} \\ c^{2} & c^{2} & a^{2}+b^{2}\end{array}\right|=4 a^{2} b^{2} c^{2}$
Clearly, it depends on $a, b, c$.
262 (c)
Let $\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lll}10! & 11! & 12! \\ 11! & 12! & 13! \\ 12! & 13! & 14!\end{array}\right|$
$=(10!)(11!)(12!)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 11 & 11 \times 12 \\ 1 & 12 & 12 \times 13 \\ 1 & 13 & 13 \times 14\end{array}\right|$
$=(10!)(11!)(12!)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 11 & 11 \times 12 \\ 0 & 1 & 24 \\ 0 & 2 & 50\end{array}\right|$
$=2(10!)(11!)(12!)$
263 (b)
$\because \operatorname{det}\left(A_{1}\right)=\left|\begin{array}{ll}a & b \\ b & a\end{array}\right|=a^{2}-b^{2}$
$\operatorname{det}\left(A_{2}\right)=\left|\begin{array}{ll}a^{2} & b^{2} \\ b^{2} & a^{2}\end{array}\right|=a^{4}-b^{4}$
$\therefore \sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \operatorname{det}\left(A_{i}\right)=\operatorname{det}\left(A_{1}\right)+\operatorname{det}\left(A_{2}\right)+\ldots$
$=a^{2}-b^{2}+a^{4}-b^{4}+\ldots$
$=\frac{a^{2}}{1-a^{2}}-\frac{b^{2}}{1-b^{2}}=\frac{a^{2}-b^{2}}{\left(1-a^{2}\right)\left(1-b^{2}\right)}$
264 (c)
Since, $A$ is a singular matrix
$\therefore|A|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left[\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 2 & x \\ 4 & -1 & 7 \\ 2 & 4 & -6\end{array}\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow 1(6-28)-2(-24-14)+x[16+2]=0$
$\Rightarrow-22+76+18 x=0 \Rightarrow x=-3$
265
(b)
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & p & q \\ p & x & q \\ p & q & x\end{array}\right|=\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+p+q & p & q \\ x+p+q & x & q \\ x+p+q & q & x\end{array}\right|$
$=(x+p+q)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & p & q \\ 1 & x & q \\ 1 & q & x\end{array}\right|$
$=(x+p+q)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & p & q \\ 0 & x-p & 0 \\ 0 & q-p & x-q\end{array}\right|$
$=(x+p+q)\left[\begin{array}{cc}x-p & 0 \\ q-p & x-q\end{array}\right]$
$=(x-p)(x-q)(x+p+q)$
266 (b)
We have, $\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 4 & 20 \\ 1 & -2 & 5 \\ 1 & 2 x & 5 x^{2}\end{array}\right|=0$

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\begin{array}{r}
\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
0 & 6 & 15 \\
0 & -2-2 x & 5\left(1-x^{2}\right) \\
1 & 2 x & 5 x^{2}
\end{array}\right| \\
=0\binom{R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}-R_{2}}{\text { and } R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{3}}
\end{array}
$$

$\Rightarrow 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -(1+x) & 1-x^{2} \\ 1 & x & x^{2}\end{array}\right|=0$
(Taking common, 3 from $R_{1}, 2$ from $C_{2}, 5$ from $C_{3}$ )
$\Rightarrow(1+x)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 1 & 1 \\ 0 & -1 & 1-x \\ 1 & x & x^{2}\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(1+x)(2-x)=0$
$\Rightarrow x+1=0$ or $x-2=0 \Rightarrow x=-1,2$
267 (d)
$x+i y=-3 i\left|\begin{array}{lrr}6 i & 1 & 1 \\ 4 & -1 & -1 \\ 20 & i & i\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow x=0, \quad y=0$
268 (a)
We have,
$\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\cos (\alpha+\beta) & -\sin (\alpha+\beta) & \cos 2 \beta \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \sin \beta \\ -\sin \alpha & \sin \alpha & \cos \beta\end{array}\right|$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & \cos 2 \beta+1 \\ \sin \alpha & \cos \alpha & \sin \beta \\ -\cos \alpha & \sin \alpha & \cos \beta\end{array}\right|$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2} \\ \sin \beta+R_{3} \cos \beta\end{array}\right]$
$\Rightarrow \Delta=(\cos 2 \beta+1)\left(\sin ^{2} \alpha+\cos ^{2} \alpha\right)$

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=\cos 2 \beta+1
$$

Which is independent of $\alpha$
269 (d)
Given $\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+1 & x+2 & x+a \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c\end{array}\right|=0$
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow+R_{1}+R_{3}-2 R_{2}$, we get
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & a+c-2 b \\ x+2 & x+3 & x+b \\ x+3 & x+4 & x+c\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow(a+c-2 b)\left[x^{2}+6 x+8-\left(x^{2}+6 x+9\right)\right]=0$
$\Rightarrow(a+c-2 b)(-1)=0$
$\Rightarrow 2 b=a+c$
$\Rightarrow a, b, c$ are in AP
270 (a)
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+a & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 1+b & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 1+c\end{array}\right|$
$=a b c\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1+\frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} & \frac{1}{a} \\ \frac{1}{b} & 1+\frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{c}\end{array}\right| \begin{gathered}\text { Applying } R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1} \\ R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}\left(\frac{1}{b}\right), R_{3} \rightarrow i\end{gathered}$
$=a b c \left\lvert\, \begin{array}{ccc}1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{b} & 1+\frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{c}\end{array}\right.$.
Applying $R_{1} \rightarrow R_{1}+R_{2}+R_{3}$
$=a b c\left(1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ \frac{1}{b} & 1+\frac{1}{b} & \frac{1}{b} \\ \frac{1}{c} & \frac{1}{c} & 1+\frac{1}{c}\end{array}\right|$
$=a b c\left(1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}\right.$
$\left.+\frac{1}{c}\right)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & 0 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{b} & 1 & 0 \\ \frac{1}{c} & 0 & 1\end{array}\right|\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{1} \\ C_{3} \rightarrow C_{3}-C_{1}\end{array}\right]$
$=a b c\left(1+\frac{1}{a}+\frac{1}{b}+\frac{1}{c}\right)$
271 (a)
On putting $x=0$,we observe that the determinant becomes zero.
$\therefore \Delta=\left|\begin{array}{lrr}0 & -a & -b \\ a & 0 & -c \\ b & c & 0\end{array}\right|$
$=a(b c)-b(a c)=0$
Hence, $x=0$ is a root of the given equation
272 (a)
$\sum_{r=0}^{n} D_{r}=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\sum r & 1 & \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ 2 \sum r-\sum 1 & 4 & n^{2} \\ \sum 2^{r-1} & 5 & 2^{n}-1\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}\frac{n(n+1)}{2} & 1 & \frac{n(n+1)}{2} \\ n^{2} & 4 & n^{2} \\ 2^{n}-1 & 5 & 2^{n}-1\end{array}\right|=0$
[ $\because$ two columns are identical]
273 (b)
Given, $f(\alpha)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & \alpha & \alpha^{2} \\ \alpha & \alpha^{2} & 1 \\ \alpha^{2} & 1 & \alpha\end{array}\right|$
$=1\left(\alpha^{3}-1\right)-\alpha\left(\alpha^{2}-\alpha^{2}\right)+\alpha^{2}\left(\alpha-\alpha^{4}\right)$
$=\alpha^{3}-1-0+\alpha^{3}-\alpha^{6}$
$\Rightarrow f\left(\sqrt[3]{3}=3-1-0+3-3^{2}=6-10=-4\right.$
274 (c)
We have,

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\Delta=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}
2 a_{1} b_{1} & a_{1} b_{2}+a_{2} b_{1} & a_{1} b_{3}+a_{3} b_{1} \\
a_{1} b_{2}+a_{2} b_{1} & 2 a_{2} b_{2} & a_{2} b_{3}+a_{3} b_{2} \\
a_{1} b_{3}+a_{3} b_{1} & a_{3} b_{2}+a_{2} b_{3} & 2 a_{3} b_{3}
\end{array}\right|
$$

This can be written as
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}a_{1} & b_{1} & 0 \\ a_{2} & b_{2} & 0 \\ a_{3} & b_{3} & 0\end{array}\right|\left|\begin{array}{lll}b_{1} & a_{1} & 0 \\ b_{2} & a_{2} & 0 \\ b_{3} & a_{3} & 0\end{array}\right|=0$
275 (a)
$a_{11} A_{11}+a_{12} A_{12}+a_{13} A_{13}$
$=3\left|\begin{array}{ll}2 & 1 \\ 2 & 6\end{array}\right|-2\left|\begin{array}{ll}1 & 1 \\ 3 & 6\end{array}\right|+4\left|\begin{array}{ll}1 & 2 \\ 3 & 2\end{array}\right|$
$=3(12-2)-2(6-3)+4(2-6)$
$=30-6-16=8$
276 (c
We have,
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}x-a & x-b & x-c \\ x-b & x-c & x-a \\ x-c & x-a & x-b\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\left|\begin{array}{lll}3 x-(a+b+c) & x-b & x-c \\ 3 x-(a+b+c) & x-c & x-a \\ 3 x-(a+b+c) & x-a & x-b\end{array}\right|=0$
[Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$
$\Rightarrow\{3 x-(a+b+c)\}\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & x-b & x-c \\ 1 & x-c & x-a \\ 1 & x-a & x-b\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\{3 x-(a+b+c)\}\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & x-b & x-c \\ 0 & b-c & c-a \\ 0 & b-a & c-b\end{array}\right|=0$
$\Rightarrow\{3 x-(a+b+c)\}\left(a^{2}+b^{2}+c^{2}-a b-b c\right.$

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-c a)=0
$$

$\Rightarrow x=\frac{1}{3}(a+b+c) \quad$ [
$\because a^{3}+b^{2}+c^{2}-a b-b c-c a$
$\neq 0]$
277 (b)
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}+C_{2}+C_{3}$, we obtain
$\left|\begin{array}{lll}x & p & q \\ p & x & q \\ q & q & x\end{array}\right|$
$=\left|\begin{array}{lll}x+p+q & p & q \\ x+p+q & x & q \\ c+p+q & q & x\end{array}\right|$
$=(x+p+q)\left|\begin{array}{lll}1 & p & q \\ 1 & x & q \\ 1 & q & x\end{array}\right|$
$=(x+p+q)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & p & q \\ 0 & x-p & 0 \\ 0 & q-p & x-q\end{array}\right|$
$\left[\begin{array}{c}\text { Applying } R_{2} \rightarrow R_{2}-R_{1} \\ R_{3} \rightarrow R_{3}-R_{1}\end{array}\right]$
$=(x+p+q)(x-p)(x-q) \quad[$ Expanding
along $C_{1}$ ]

Let
$f(x)=\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 x & (x-1) & x \\ 3 x(x-1) & (x-1)(x-2) & x(x-1)\end{array}\right|$
$=(x-1)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}1 & 1 & 1 \\ 2 x & x-1 & x \\ 3 x & x-2 & x\end{array}\right|$
Applying $C_{1} \rightarrow C_{1}-C_{3}$ and $C_{2} \rightarrow C_{2}-C_{3}$
$=(x-1)\left|\begin{array}{ccc}0 & 0 & 1 \\ x & -1 & x \\ 2 x & -2 & x\end{array}\right|$
$=(x-1)[-2 x+2 x]=0$
$\therefore f(x)=0$
$\Rightarrow f(50)=0$

