General Instructions

(1) The motive for enabling this mock SAMPLE test is to familiarize the candidates with the Computer Based Test (CBT) environment of the PGEE 2018, conducted by IIIT Hyderabad.

(2) The types of questions and marking scheme is only illustrative and is in no way indicative or representation of the type of questions and marking scheme of the PGEE question paper.

(3) The examination is spread over two sections, Section 1 (General Aptitude Questions) and Section 2 (Electronics and Communication Engineering Questions). You cannot review your answers to Section 1 once you start answering Section 2.
Section 1
(General Aptitude)
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Three cards are chosen at random from a pack of 52 cards. In how many ways this can be done if all the three cards are of different types?

(A) $4 \times 13^3$
(B) $13 \times 12 \times 11$
(C) $\binom{53}{13}$
(D) $(3 \times 13) / (12 \times 11)$
A certain stock of food items is sufficient for 40 men for 12 days. Assuming the eating capacity of all the men to be the same. Find how many days the food stock will last if an additional 15 men join the group?

(A) \(8 \frac{8}{11}\)
(B) 8.3
(C) \(7 \frac{1}{2}\)
(D) \(10 \frac{1}{3}\)
Three wheels making 60, 36 and 24 revolutions in a minute, start at a certain point in their circumference downwards. Find when they will again come together on the same position.

(A) in 6 seconds
(B) in 5 seconds
(C) in 10 seconds
(D) Never
The difference between compound interest and simple interest on a certain amount of money at 5% per annum for 2 years is Rs. 15. Find the principal sum.

(A) Rs. 4500
(B) Rs. 7500
(C) Rs. 5000
(D) Rs. 6000
(5)

All shirts are T-shirts with buttons.
No yellow T-shirt has buttons.
No shirt is yellow.

If the first two statements are true, the third statement is

(A) True
(B) False
(C) Uncertain
The hotel is two blocks east of the drugstore.
The market is one block west of the hotel.
The drugstore is west of the market.
If the first two statements are true, the third statement is

(A) True
(B) False
(C) Uncertain
In comparison to the standard typewriter keyboard, the ABC keyboard, which places the most-used keys nearest the typist’s strongest fingers, allows faster typing and results in less fatigue. Therefore, replacement of standard keyboards with the ABC keyboard will result in an immediate reduction of typing costs.

Which of the following, if true, would most weaken the conclusion drawn above?

(A) People who use both standard and ABC keyboards report greater difficulty in the transition from the ABC keyboard to the standard keyboard than in the transition from the standard keyboard to the ABC keyboard.

(B) ABC keyboards are no more expensive to manufacture than the standard keyboards and require less frequent repair than the standard keyboards.

(C) Novice typists can learn to use the ABC keyboard in about the same amount of time that it takes them to learn to use the standard keyboard.

(D) The number of businesses and government agencies that use ABC keyboards is increasing each year.

(E) The more training and experience an employee has had with the standard keyboard, the more costly it is to train that employee to use the ABC keyboard.
In Asia, where palm trees are non-native, their flowers have traditionally been pollinated by hand, which has kept palm fruit productivity unnaturally low. When weevils known to be efficient pollinators of palm flowers were introduced into Asia in 1980, palm fruit productivity increased by up to 50 percent in some areas but then decreased sharply in 1984.

Which of the following statements, if true, would best explain the 1984 decrease in productivity?

(A) Rapid increases in productivity tend to deplete trees of nutrients needed for the development of the fruit-producing female flowers.

(B) Prices for palm fruit fell between 1980 and 1984 following the rise in production and a concurrent fall in demand.

(C) Imported trees are often more productive than native trees because the imported ones have left behind their pests in their native lands.

(D) The weevil population in Asia remained at approximately the same level between 1980 and 1984.

(E) Prior to 1984 another species of insect pollinated the Asian palm trees, but not as efficiently the species of weevil that was introduced in 1980.
The test that Henrich introduced to the Machiguenga was called the ultimatum game. The rules are simple: in each game there are two players who remain anonymous to each other. The first player is given an amount of money, say $100, and told that he has to offer some of the cash, in an amount of his choosing, to the other subject. The second player can accept or refuse the split. But there’s a hitch: players know that if the recipient refuses the offer, both leave empty-handed. North Americans, who are the most common subjects for such experiments, usually offer a 50-50 split when on the giving end. When on the receiving end, they show an eagerness to punish the other player for uneven splits at their own expense. In short, Americans show the tendency to be equitable with strangers and to punish those who are not.

Among the Machiguenga, word quickly spread of the young, square-jawed visitor from America giving away money. The stakes Henrich used in the game with the Machiguenga were not insubstantial—roughly equivalent to the few days’ wages they sometimes earned from episodic work with logging or oil companies. So Henrich had no problem finding volunteers. What he had great difficulty with, however, was explaining the rules, as the game struck the Machiguenga as deeply odd.

When he began to run the game it became immediately clear that Machiguengan behavior was dramatically different from that of the average North American. To begin with, the offers from the first player were much lower. In addition, when on the receiving end of the game, the Machiguenga rarely refused even the lowest possible amount. “It just seemed ridiculous to the Machiguenga that you would reject an offer of free money,” says Henrich. “They just didn’t understand why anyone would sacrifice money to punish someone who had the good luck of getting to play the other role in the game.”
From the above passage, what can you conclude about who is Henrich?

(A) Henrich is a social scientist studying human psychology.

(B) Henrich is a volunteer from North America distributing money.

(C) Henrich is movie director who is doing a film on the Machiguenga people.

(D) Henrich is a businessman working with oil and logging companies and exploiting the Machiguenga people.

(E) None of the above.
Which of the following best describes the objective of the game that Henrich introduced:

(A) To see if Americans are more rational than the Machiguenga people.
(B) To see if the Machiguenga people are more rational than North Americans.
(C) To compare social and economic behaviour between different cultural groups.
(D) To verify whether money is a factor in the cohesion of a community.
(E) None of the above.
Section 2
(Electronics and Communication Engineering)
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Consider an AM system where the message signal \( m(t) \) is a periodic signal shown in the figure below. The system modulates a carrier signal to generate \( y(t) = [A + m(t)]\cos(1000t) \). If the power efficiency of the system is \( \frac{3}{19} \), then the modulation index is

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\begin{array}{cccc}
\text{(A)} & 4/5 \\
\text{(B)} & 1/2 \\
\text{(C)} & 3/4 \\
\text{(D)} & 1 \\
\text{(E)} & \text{None of the above}
\end{array}
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A uniform quantizer for PCM has $2^n$ levels. The input signal is $s(t) = A[\cos(\omega_m t) + \sin(\omega_m t)]$. The dynamic range of the quantizer matches that of the input signal. To achieve an SNR of 62dB at the output of the quantizer, the required $n$ is

(A) 6
(B) 14
(C) 12
(D) not computable due to lack of enough data
(E) 10
A random process \( X(t) \) is defined by \( X(t) = Z \), where \( Z \) is a random variable uniformly distributed on \([-1, 1]\). This random process is passed through a differentiator to produce the output \( Y(t) \). Then, the power spectral density of \( Y(t) \) is

A) \( j2\pi f \)
B) 1
C) \( 4\pi^2 f^2 \)
D) 0
E) none of the above
Which of the following statements is not true for a Fourier transform pair $x(t)$ and $X(\omega)$:

(A) if $x(t)$ is real-valued, then $X(\omega) = X^*(-\omega)$

(B) if $x(t) = x^*(-t)$, then $X(\omega)$ is imaginary

(C) if $x(t)$ is real and even, then $X(\omega)$ is real and even

(D) if $x(t)$ is real and odd, then $X(\omega)$ is imaginary and odd

(E) if $x(t)$ is real-valued, then $|X(\omega)| = |X(-\omega)|$
Let \( f(A, B, C, D) = \sum m(0, 1, 5, 7, 8, 14, 15) \) with don’t cares at 2 and 10. The minimal product of sum form for \( f \) is given by

(A) \((B + \overline{C})(A + \overline{C} + D)(B + C + D)(\overline{A} + C + \overline{D})\)

(B) \((B + \overline{D})(A + \overline{C} + D)(\overline{B} + C + D)(\overline{A} + C + \overline{D})\)

(C) \((A + \overline{D})(A + \overline{C} + D)(\overline{B} + C + D)(\overline{A} + B + \overline{C})\)

(D) \((B + \overline{C})(A + \overline{C} + D)(\overline{B} + C + D)(\overline{B} + C + D)\)

(E) none of the above
The number of flipflops required in a modulo-N counter is

(A) \( \log_2(N) \)

(B) \( N \log_2(N) \)

(C) \( \log_2(N) + 1 \)

(D) \( \log_2(N + 1) \)

(E) \( (N + 1) \log_2(N + 1) \)
(7) Which of the following statements is false for a parallel RLC circuit:

(A) The magnitude of input impedance attains its minimum value at resonance.

(B) The bandwidth of the circuit is independent of L.

(C) The bandwidth of the circuit decreases if R is increased.

(D) The input impedance is a real quantity at resonance.

(E) The Q-factor is proportional to the resistance.
Let $V_{bi}$ be the built-in potential of an ideal p-n junction and $V_R$ be the reverse bias applied across the junction. If the junction capacitance ($C_j$) is 2pF for $V_{bi} + V_R = 2\text{V}$, then for $V_{bi} + V_R = 8\text{V}$, $C_j$ will be

(A) 1pF
(B) 2pF
(C) 0.25pF
(D) 0.5pF
(E) 1pF
Consider the circuit shown in the figure. The BJT has $\beta = 50$ and $V_{BE} = 0.7\text{V}$. The collector voltage $V_C$ is

(A) 12V
(B) 16V
(C) 12.6V
(D) 11V
(E) 15.4V.
The voltage gain transfer function of the circuit given below is:

(A) \(-\frac{1}{C^2R^2s^2}\)
(B) \(-\frac{1}{CRs}\)
(C) \(\frac{1}{2Cs}\)
(D) \(-\frac{R^2C^2}{s^2}\)
(E) none of the above
Which of the following is an eigenvector of the matrix \[
\begin{pmatrix}
2 & 7 \\
-1 & -6
\end{pmatrix}
\]

A) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
-1 \\
2
\end{pmatrix}
\]

B) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
-2 \\
5
\end{pmatrix}
\]

C) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
-7 \\
2
\end{pmatrix}
\]

D) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
-1 \\
1
\end{pmatrix}
\]

E) \[
\begin{pmatrix}
2 \\
-6
\end{pmatrix}
\]
Consider the circuit given below, where, \( R_1 = R_2 = 10\, \text{k}\Omega \), \( R_3 = R_4 = 5\, \text{k}\Omega \), \( R_5 = R_6 = 0\, \text{k}\Omega \), \( R_7 = 5\, \text{k}\Omega \), \( R_8 = 7\, \text{k}\Omega \), and \( R_9 = 3\, \text{k}\Omega \). The collector currents in transistors \( Q_1 \) and \( Q_2 \) are represented by \( I_1 \) and \( I_2 \), respectively. Choose the correct statement

(A) \( I_1 = I_2 = 1 \, \text{mA} \)

(B) \( I_1 = 1.5 \, \text{mA} \) and \( I_2 = 0.5 \, \text{mA} \)

(C) \( I_1 = I_2 = 2 \, \text{mA} \)

(D) \( I_1 = 0.5 \, \text{mA} \) and \( I_2 = 1.5 \, \text{mA} \)

(E) \( I_1 = 1.5 \, \text{mA} \) and \( I_2 = 3 \, \text{mA} \)
Consider the circuit given below, which has 3 synchronous 2-bit counters named SC0, SC1, and SC2. The outputs of these counters are labeled A0 and A1 and the input CP refers to the clock. The frequency at which SC2 counts with respect to SC0 is

(A) \( \frac{1}{4} \)

(B) \( \frac{1}{2} \)

(C) \( \frac{1}{16} \)

(D) \( \frac{1}{8} \)

(E) \( \frac{1}{32} \)