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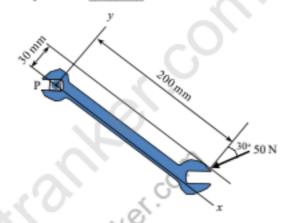
Q. 1 – Q. 25 carry one mark each. Q.1 Out of the support categories given for an underground coal mine, identify the 'active support'. (A) wire mesh (B) shotcrete (C) fully grouted roof bolt (D) hydraulic prop Massive sandstone in immediate roof delays the local fall in goaf of a coal mine. Under this condition, crushing of the pillars at outbye side is called (B) overriding of pillars (A) coal bump (C) stiffening of pillars (D) spalling of pillars A back sight on a bench mark of RL 100.00 m on the floor of a tunnel is 3.25 m. The inverse staff reading on a roof station of the tunnel is 1.25 m. The RL of the roof station in m is Q.4 The angle in degrees at which a ridge line intersects contours is (B) 30 (C) 45 (A) 0 (D) 90 Q.5 In a drum hoisting system through a vertical shaft, overwinding is prevented by (A) Lilly controller (B) detaching hook (C) caliper brake (D) safety catch Q.6 The temperature of a parcel of air decreases from 30.2° C to 28.9° C as it rises from an altitude of 20 m to 120 m. The lapse rate for the atmosphere is (A) subadiabatic (B) adiabatic (D) transadiabatic (C) superadiabatic Q.7 The excess pore pressure in backfill material in a cut-and-fill stope leads to (A) reduction in strength of the wall rock (B) enhancement of bearing strength of fill (C) loss of shear resistance of fill (D) prevention of progressive failure of crown pillar The primary purpose of cut holes for blasting in an underground drivage is to 0.8 (A) provide additional free face (B) have smooth surface after blasting (C) prevent over-breakage (D) reduce noise In a triangle ABC, the bearings of the sides AB, BC, and CA are 60°, 130°, and 270° respectively. The interior angles A, B, and C in degrees respectively are (A) 110, 40, 30 (B) 40, 110, 30 (C) 30, 40, 110 (D) 30,110, 40 Q.10 In a binomial distribution, the probability of success  $p \to 0$  and number of trials  $n \to \infty$  such that  $\lambda = np$  approaches to a finite value. The variance of the distribution is (D) λ (A)  $np\lambda$ (B) nλ (C) pλ



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- Q.11 For a function f(x), it is given that f(0) = 2 and f'(0) = 4. Ignoring all other higher order derivative terms, the value of f(0.5) is \_\_\_\_\_\_
- Q.12 The two sides of a parallelogram are given by the vectors  $\mathbf{A} = 2\hat{i} 3\hat{j}$  and  $\mathbf{B} = 3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j}$ . The area of the parallelogram is
  - (A) 13
- (B) 12
- (C) 10
- (D) 5
- Q.13 In a BOD test, 5 ml of wastewater is diluted with pure water to fill a 300 ml BOD bottle. The initial and final dissolved oxygen contents of the mix are 9.0 mg/l and 7.0 mg/l respectively. The BOD of the wastewater, in mg/l, is
  - (A) 2
- (B) 10
- (C) 120
- (D) 600
- Q.14 A force of 50 N is applied to a wrench as shown in the figure. The magnitude of the moment in N-mm of this force about the point P is



- Q.15 Dilatancy of rock is associated with
  - (A) increase in surface area after fragmentation
  - (B) decrease in volume due to compression of rock
  - (C) increase in shear strain due to cracking of rock
  - (D) increase in volume due to cracking of rock
- Q.16 A bord and pillar panel having square pillars is designed for 30% extraction during development. If the gallery width is 5 m, the side of the pillar in m is \_\_\_\_\_
- Q.17 Low shock and high gas pressure explosive is generally used for blasting of
  - (A) hard and brittle rock mass
  - (B) soft and jointed rock mass
  - (C) hard and massive intact rock mass
  - (D) soft and massive intact rock mass
- Q.18 The covariance of copper grade for a certain lag distance in an ore body is 6.0 (%)<sup>2</sup>. If the sill is 10 (%)<sup>2</sup>, the semivariogram for the same lag distance in (%)<sup>2</sup> is
  - (A) 4.0
- (B) 16.0
- (C) 2.0
- (D) 64.0





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Q.28 In a shortwall panel, coal is extracted from the face by a continuous miner having rate of production 30 tonne/h. Coal having specific gravity of 1.4 is transported by shuttle cars of capacity 0.9 m3 each to a feeder breaker located at 60 m from the face. If the average speed of the LHD is 0.5 m/s, and total loading and unloading time of LHD is 40 s, the number of LHDs required to match the production of the continuous miner is

- (A) 1
- (B) 2
- (C) 3
- (D) 4

Q.29 Vertical photographs of an area lying 500 m above the mean sea level are to be taken at a scale of 1:20000 from an aircraft. If the camera has a focal length of 210 mm, the flying height of the aircraft above the mean sea level in m is

Q.30 Match the following locations with support types in coal mines.

### Location

# Support type

P. Roadway junctions

Q. Between adjacent panels

R. Longwall face

S. Goaf

1. Powered support

Chock and bolt Back fill

4. Barrier pillar

(A) P-2,Q-3,R-1,S-4

(B) P-4.O-3.R-1.S-2

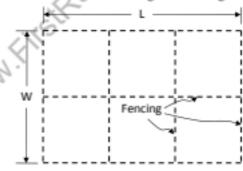
(C) P-2,Q-4,R-1,S-3

(D) P-2,Q-3,R-4,S-1

The value of 
$$\int_{0}^{4} \sqrt{16 - x^2} dx$$

- (A) 12.57

Q.32 A rectangular field of area 20000 m2 is to be divided into 6 different plots by fencing as shown in the figure. The value of L in m for which the total length of fencing becomes minimum is



Q.33 Match the following for a drilling system.

# Component

### Function

P. Drill

1. Utilization of energy in fragmenting rock

- O. Drill rod
- R. Drill bit S. Flushing medium
- 2. Reduction of energy loss due to regrinding 3. Conversion of original form of energy into mechanical energy
- 4. Transmission of energy from prime mover to applicator
- (A) P-3,Q-1,R-2,S-4 (B) P-4,Q-1,R-3,S-2
- (C) P-3,Q-4,R-1,S-2 (D) P-2,Q-1,R-3,S-4

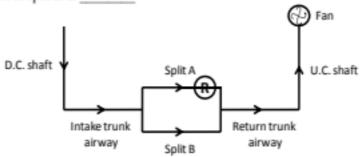




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Q.34 For the ventilation system shown, the combined resistance of the trunk airways and the shafts is 2.2 Ns<sup>2</sup>m<sup>-8</sup>. The resistances of splits A and B are 0.5 Ns<sup>2</sup>m<sup>-8</sup> and 0.8 Ns<sup>2</sup>m<sup>-8</sup> respectively. A regulator of size 2.0 m<sup>2</sup> is placed in split A. Considering the fan generates a pressure of 1000 Pa, the air flow in m<sup>3</sup>/s in split B is \_\_\_\_\_\_



- Q.35 A mine fan running at 300 rpm delivers 150 m³/s of air at a pressure of 900 Pa. Fan and motor efficiencies are 75% and 90% respectively. If the fan speed is reduced to 250 rpm, the saving in electric power input to the motor in kW is
- Q.36 Subsidence profile function, s(x), along the lateral cross-section over a flat longwall panel is given as

$$s(x) = 0.8 \left[ 0.996 - \tanh\left(\frac{8.3x}{D}\right) \right], \text{ m}$$

where x = distance (m) from the inflection point and D = depth (m) of the seam. Considering that the inflection point lies vertically above the edge of the panel, the angle of draw in degrees for a depth of 250 m is

- Q.37 A goaf void of 250 m³ is filled in 3 hours by hydraulic sand stowing method. Density of the sand is 2.6 tonne/m³. If the filling factor of goaf void is 0.9 and sand to water ratio in the stowing mixture is 1.0 tonne to 1.1 m³, the stowing rate in m³/h is \_\_\_\_\_
- Q.38 A single-acting reciprocating pump delivers 0.018 m<sup>3</sup>/s of water when running at 45 cycles per minute. The piston diameter is 300 mm and stroke length is 400 mm. The volumetric efficiency of the pump in % is
- Q.39 Match the method of mining with strength of orebody, type of support and orebody geometry.

Strength	Support	Geometry	Method
P. Strong Q. Moderate R. Weak	L. Unsupported M. Artificially supported N. Self-supporting	X. Tabular and steep Y. Tabular and flat Z. Massive and steep	Cut-and-fill     Block caving     Room and Pillar

- (A) P-M-X-3, Q-N-Z-2, R-L-Y-1
- (B) P-L-X-1, Q-N-Z-3, R-M-Y-2
- (C) P-N-Y-3, Q-M-X-1, R-L-Z-2
- (D) P-L-Z-1, Q-N-Y-3, R-M-X-2





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Q.40 A mine air sample contains CH<sub>4</sub>, CO, H<sub>2</sub>, N<sub>2</sub> and O<sub>2</sub>. The mine air analysis using Haldane apparatus gives the following results expressed in percentage of total sample volume.

Total contraction after combustion : 10.0 CO<sub>2</sub> formed after combustion : 6.0 O<sub>2</sub> consumed in combustion : 9.5

The percentage of CH<sub>4</sub> in the sample analysed is \_\_\_\_\_

Q.41 The initial investment for a small scale mining project is Rs. 5.0 crore. Annual cash inflow for a life period of 4 years is given below.

Year	Cash inflow (Rs. crore)
1	1.5
2	2.0
3	2.0
4	1.5

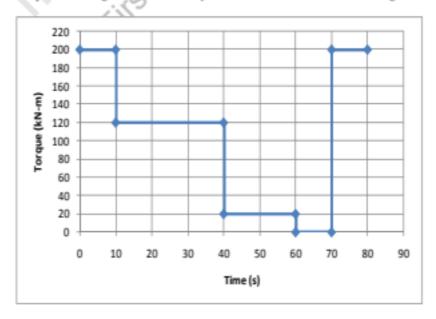
The net present value of the project at an annual discount rate of 10% in Rs. crore is

Q.42 Given the following linear programming problem,

Maximise 
$$z = 3x_1 + 4x_2$$
  
Subject to  $2x_1 + x_2 \le 6$   
 $2x_1 + 3x_2 \le 9$   
 $x_1 \ge 0, x_2 \ge 0$ 

the corner point feasible solution in terms of  $(x_1, x_2)$  is

Q.43 The 3-period torque-time diagram of a statically balanced hoist is shown in the figure.



The rms torque for the motor in kN-m is



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Q.44	Airborne PM10 concentration in a residential area is monitored for 24 hours by a respirable dust
	sampler. Initial and final weights of the filter paper are 2.3125 g and 2.6996 g respectively. The
	average airflow rate during sampling is 1.2 m3/min. The PM10 concentration of the area in
	μg m <sup>-3</sup> is

Q.45 The assignment problem given requires four different jobs to be done on four different machines.

	Machine			
Job	$M_1$	$M_2$	$M_3$	$M_4$
J	27	35	36	30
J <sub>2</sub>	33	37	36	35
J <sub>3</sub>	30	26	28	24
$J_4$	38	29	35	33

The minimum cost of assignment is

Q.46 Acceleration of a particle moving in a straight line is expressed by

$$\frac{d^2s}{dt^2} = 2t$$

where, s denotes distance (m) and t, time (s). At time t = 0, the distance and velocity of the particle are 0 m and 3 m/s respectively. The distance travelled by the particle in m after 3 s is

(A) 3

(B) (

(C) (

(D) 18

Q.47 Rock bolts have length L = (150 + X) cm, where X is a random variable with probability density function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{4}(1-3x), & \text{if } -2 \le x \le 2\\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

If 95% of the bolt lengths (L) the in the interval 150-c cm to 150+c cm, the value of c is \_\_\_\_\_

Q.48 The properties for a bivariate distribution of two random variables X and Y are given below.

$$E(X) = 24$$
,  $E(Y) = 36$ ,  $E(X^2) = 702$ ,  $E(Y^2) = 1524$ ,  $E(XY) = 1004$ 

The correlation coefficient between X and Y is



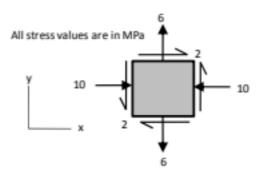
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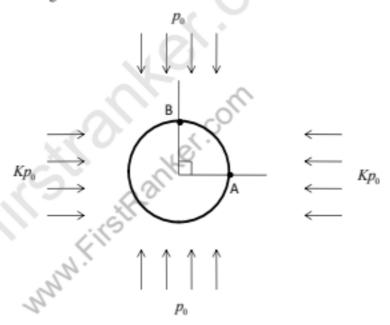
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Q.49 Biaxial stresses at a point inside a pillar are shown in the figure.



The magnitude of the maximum shear stress in MPa and its direction with the x-axis in degrees at the same point respectively are

- (A) 8.25, 37.98
- (B) 7.49, 37.98
- (C) 8.25, 52.02
- (D) 7.49, 52.02
- Q.50 A circular tunnel is constructed in a biaxial far field stress (vertical stress p<sub>0</sub> and horizontal stress Kp<sub>0</sub>) as shown in the figure.



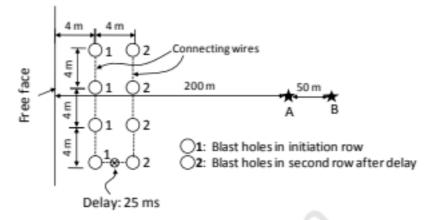
If the ratio of the tangential stress measured at the boundary points A and B is 3:1, the value of K is



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Q.51 Peak particle velocity (PPV) at points A and B are measured for a blast pattern as shown in the figure.



The relevant data are:

Amount of explosives per hole in the 1<sup>st</sup> row . 500 kg
Amount of explosives per hole in the 2<sup>nd</sup> row . 475 kg
PPV at point A . 18 mm/s
PPV at point B . 10 mm/s

Considering the following relationship,

$$PPV = K \left(\frac{D}{\sqrt{Q}}\right)^{-n}$$
, mm/s

where D (in m) denotes the distance from the blast row to the measuring point and Q (in kg), maximum charge per delay. The site constants K and n respectively are

(A) 1002, 3.13

(B) 622, 2.92

(C) 823, 2.59

(D) 1245, 2.99

Q.52 Copper ore of average grade 0.65% is mined, milled, smelted and then refined. The following information is available:

Mill recovery rate : 85% Average grade in mill concentrate : 20%

Loss in smelting process : 5 kg/tonne of concentrate

Loss in refining process : 2 kg/tonne of blister copper

The amount of refined copper obtained per tonne of ore in kg is

(A) 5.10

(B) 5.37

(C) 5.52

(D) 6.50

Q.53 The ratio of horizontal to vertical in-situ stresses, K, at a mine field varies with depth, D (in m) as

$$K = \frac{267}{D} + 1.25$$

If the unit weight of overburden rock is 25 kN/m<sup>3</sup>, the horizontal stress in MPa at a depth of 400 m is



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Q.54	A coal seam of 2 m thickness is extracted by a longwall retreating panel with face length of 120 r. Web depth of the shearer is 0.6 m. Average manpower in the longwall face in a shift is 20. The specific gravity of in-situ coal is 1.4. If the shearer makes 4 full-face cuts in 3 shifts, the face OM in tonne is	he	
Q.55	A loaded dumper of total mass 75 tonne, having wheel diameter 1250 mm, runs on a haul ros which offers an average specific rolling resistance of 260 N/tonne. The engine develops an ax torque of 15 kN-m. The starting acceleration of the dumper in m/s <sup>2</sup> is		

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