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IBM Number series Questions

1. Choose the correct alternative that will continue the same pattern and replace the question mark in the given series.

3, 10, 101, ?

A. 10101

B. 10201

C. 10202

D. 11012

Ans: C

3, 10, 101, 10202

$$10 = 3^2 + 1$$

$$101 = 10^2 + 1$$

$$10202 = 101^2 + 1$$

2. In the series 2, 6, 18, 54, what will be the 8th term ?

A. 4370

B. 4374

C. 7443

D. 7434

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Ans: B

$$2 \times 3 = 6, 6 \times 3 = 18, 18 \times 3 = 54$$

$$\text{So } a = 2, r = 3$$

$$\text{nth term in G.P. is } ar^{n-1} = 2 \times 2187 = 4374$$

3. Choose the correct alternative that will continue the same pattern and replace the question mark in the given series.

125, 80, 45, 20, ?

A. 5

B. 8

C. 10

D. 12

Ans: A

The pattern is -45, -35, -25, -15

$$\text{The next number} = 20 - 15 = 5$$

4. Choose the correct alternative that will continue the same pattern and replace the question mark in the given series.

6, 13, 25, 51, 101, ?

A. 201

B. 202

C. 203

D. 205

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Ans: C

The pattern is $x^2 + 1, x^2 - 1, x^2 + 1, x^2 - 1, \dots$

So, missing term = $101 \times 2 + 1 = 203$

5. Choose the correct alternative that will continue the same pattern and replace the question mark in the given series.

1, 3, 4, 8, 15, 27, ?

A. 37

B. 44

C. 50

D. 55

Ans: C

$$1 + 3 + 4 = 8 ;$$

$$3 + 4 + 8 = 15 ;$$

$$4 + 8 + 15 = 27 \text{ and so on.}$$

$$\text{Missing number} = 8 + 15 + 27 = 50$$

IBM Quantitative Aptitude Questions

6. If $\log 27 = 1.431$, then the value of $\log 9$ is:

A. 0.934

B. 0.945

C. 0.954

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D. 0.958

Ans: C

$$\log 27 = 1.431$$

$$\log 33$$

$$\log(33)$$

$$= 1.431$$

$$3 \log 3 = 1.431$$

$$\log 3 = 0.477$$

$$\log 9 = \log(3^2) = 2 \log 3 = (2 \times 0.477) = 0.954$$

7. The average of 20 numbers is zero. Of them, at the most, how many may be greater than zero?

A. 0

B. 1

C. 10

D. 19

Ans: D

Average of 20 numbers = 0.

Sum of 20 numbers = $(0 \times 20) = 0$.

It is quite possible that 19 of these numbers may be positive and if their sum is a , then the 20th number is $(-a)$.

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8. A student has gotten the following grades on his tests: 87, 95, 76, and 88. He wants an 85 or better overall. What is the minimum grade he must get on the last test in order to achieve that average?

- A. 78
- B. 79
- C. 80
- D. 81
- E. 82

Solution:

Use a variable to stand for this unknown value: x . Then computation to find the desired average is: <https://www.freshersnow.com/placement-papers-download/>

$$(87 + 95 + 76 + 88 + x) / 5 = 85$$

Multiplying through by 5 and simplifying, I get:

$$87 + 95 + 76 + 88 + x = 425$$

$$346 + x = 425$$

$$x = 79$$

He needs to get at least a 79 on the last test.

IBM Verbal Section Questions

Find the active voice sentence below.

1. Who is creating this mess?

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- A. Who has been created this mess?
- B. By whom has this mess been created?
- C. By whom this mess is being created?
- D. By whom is this mess being created?

Ans: D

2. Darjeeling grows tea.

- A. Tea is being grown in Darjeeling
- B. Let the tea be grown in Darjeeling.
- C. Tea is grown in Darjeeling.
- D. Tea grows in Darjeeling.

Ans: C

3. The name is Roger Smith, who is also the president. What is the proper salutation?

- A. Dear Mr. Roger Smith
- B. Dear Mr. Roger
- C. Dear Mr. Smith
- D. Dear President Smith

Ans: C