

## GATE question paper - Mathematics 2009 (MA)

### Notations and Symbols used

$X \setminus Y$	:	$\{x \in X: x \notin Y\}$
$Z$	:	The set of all integers
$Q$	:	The set of all numbers
$R$	:	The set of all real numbers
$C$	:	The set of complex numbers
$R^n$	:	$\{(x_1, \dots, x_n) : x_i \in R \text{ for } 1 \leq i \leq n\}$
$\ell^1$	:	The vector space of all sequences $\{x_n\}$ in $C$ such that $\sum  x_n  < \infty$
$C_\infty$	:	The vector space of all sequences $\{x_n\}$ in $C$ such that $x_n \neq 0$ for at most finitely many values of $n$
$\ \cdot\ _p$	:	The $p$ -norm for $1 \leq p < \infty$
$A^T$	:	The transpose of the matrix $A$
$U(a, b)$	:	Uniform distribution on the interval $(a, b)$
$f[x_0, \dots, x_k]$	:	$k$ th divided difference of $f$ at $x_0, \dots, x_k$
$\binom{n}{r}$	:	$\frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!}$
$E(X)$	:	Expectation of the random variable $X$

### Q. 1 -Q. 20 carry one mark each.

1. The dimension of the vector space  $V = \{A = (a_{ij})_{n \times n} : a_{ij} \in C, a_{ij} = -a_{ji}\}$  over the field  $R$  is  
 (A)  $n^2$                       (B)  $n^2 - 1$                       (C)  $n^2 - n$                       (D)  $\frac{n^2}{2}$
2. The minimal polynomial associated with the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 3 \\ 1 & 0 & 2 \\ 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$  is  
 (A)  $x^3 - x^2 - 2x - 3$                       (B)  $x^3 - x^2 + 2x - 3$   
 (C)  $x^3 - x^2 - 3x - 3$                       (D)  $x^3 - x^2 + 3x - 3$
3. For the function  $f(z) = \sin\left(\frac{1}{\cos(1/z)}\right)$ , the point  $z = 0$  is  
 (A) a removable singularity                      (B) a pole  
 (C) an essential singularity                      (D) a non-isolated singularity
4. Let  $f(z) = \sum_{n=0}^{15} z^n$  for  $z \in C$ . If  $C : |z - i| = 2$  then  $\oint_C \frac{f(z) dz}{(z-i)^{15}} =$   
 (A)  $2\pi i(1 + 15i)$                       (B)  $2\pi i(1 - 15i)$                       (C)  $4\pi i(1 + 15i)$                       (D)  $2\pi i$

5. For what values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , the quadrature formula  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx \approx \alpha f(-1) + f(\beta)$  is exact for all polynomials of degree  $\leq 1$ ?  
 (A)  $\alpha = 1, \beta = 1$  (B)  $\alpha = -1, \beta = 1$  (C)  $\alpha = 1, \beta = -1$  (D)  $\alpha = -1, \beta = -1$
6. Let  $f : [0, 4] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a three times continuously differentiable function. Then the value of  $f''(1, 2, 3, 4)$  is  
 (A)  $\frac{f''(\xi)}{3}$  for some  $\xi \in (0, 4)$  (B)  $\frac{f''(\xi)}{6}$  for some  $\xi \in (0, 4)$   
 (C)  $\frac{f''(\xi)}{3}$  for some  $\xi \in (0, 4)$  (D)  $\frac{f''(\xi)}{6}$  for some  $\xi \in (0, 4)$
7. Which one of the following is TRUE?  
 (A) Every linear programming problem has a feasible solution.  
 (B) If a linear programming problem has an optimal solution then it is unique.  
 (C) The union of two convex sets is necessarily convex.  
 (D) Extreme points of the disk  $x^2 + y^2 \leq 1$  are the points on the circle  $x^2 + y^2 = 1$ .
8. The dual of the linear programming problem :  
 Minimize  $c^T x$  subject to  $Ax \geq b$  and  $x \geq 0$   
 (A) Maximize  $b^T w$  subject to  $A^T w \geq c$  and  $w \geq 0$   
 (B) Maximize  $b^T w$  subject to  $A^T w \leq c$  and  $w \geq 0$   
 (C) Maximize  $b^T w$  subject to  $A^T w \geq c$  and  $w$  is unrestricted  
 (D) Maximize  $b^T w$  subject to  $A^T w \geq c$  and  $w$  is unrestricted
9. The resolvent kernel for the integral equation  $u(x) = F(x) + \int_{\log 2}^x e^{(t-x)} u(t) dt$  is  
 (A)  $\cos(x - 1)$  (B) 1 (C)  $e^{t-x}$  (D)  $e^{2(t-x)}$
10. Consider the metrics  $d_2(f, g) = \left( \int_a^b |f(t) - g(t)|^2 dt \right)^{1/2}$  and  $d_\infty(f, g) = \sup |f(t) - g(t)|$  on the space  $X = C[a, b]$  of all real valued continuous functions on  $[a, b]$ . Then which of the following is TRUE?  
 (A) Both  $(X, d_2)$  and  $(X, d_\infty)$  are complete.  
 (B)  $(X, d_2)$  is complete but  $(X, d_\infty)$  is NOT complete.  
 (C)  $(X, d_\infty)$  is complete but  $(X, d_2)$  is NOT complete.  
 (D) Both  $(X, d_2)$  and  $(X, d_\infty)$  are NOT complete.
11. A function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  need NOT be Lebesgue measurable if  
 (A)  $f$  is monotone  
 (B)  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) \geq \alpha\}$  is measurable for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$   
 (C)  $\{x \in \mathbb{R} : f(x) \geq \alpha\}$  is measurable for each  $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$   
 (D) For each open set  $G$  in  $\mathbb{R}$ ,  $f^{-1}(G)$  is measurable
12.  $\{e_n\}_{n=1}^\infty$  be an orthonormal sequence in a Hilbert space  $H$  and let  $x (\neq 0) \in H$ . Then  
 (A)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle$  does not exist (B)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle =$   
 (C)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle = 1$  (D)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \langle x, e_n \rangle = 0$
13. The subspace  $Q \times [0, 1]$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (with the usual topology) is  
 (A) dense in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  (B) connected (C) separable (D) compact

14.  $Z_2[x]/(x^3 + x^2 + 1)$  is  
 (A) a field having 8 elements (B) a field having 9 elements  
 (C) an infinite field (D) NOT a field
15. The number of elements of a principal ideal domain can be  
 (A) 15 (B) 25 (C) 35 (D) 36
16. Let  $F, G$  and  $H$  be pairwise independent events such that  $P(F) = P(G) = P(H) = \frac{1}{3}$  and  
 $(F \cap G \cap H) = \frac{1}{4}$ . Then the probability that at least one event among  $F, G$  and  $H$  occurs is  
 (A)  $\frac{11}{12}$  (B)  $\frac{7}{12}$  (C)  $\frac{5}{12}$  (D)  $\frac{3}{4}$
17. Let  $X$  be a random variable such that  $E(X^2) = E(X) = 1$ . Then  $E(X^{100}) =$   
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C)  $2^{100}$  (D)  $2^{100} + 1$
18. For which of the following distributions, the weak law of large numbers does NOT hold?  
 (A) Normal (B) Gamma (C) Beta (D) Cauchy
19. If  $D \equiv \frac{d}{dx}$  then the value of  $\frac{1}{(xD+1)}(x^{-1})$  is  
 (A)  $\log x$  (B)  $\frac{\log x}{x}$  (C)  $\frac{\log x}{x^2}$  (D)  $\frac{\log x}{x^3}$
20. The equation  $(\alpha xy^3 + y \cos x) dx + (x^2y^2 + \beta \sin x) dy = 0$  is exact for  
 (A)  $\alpha = \frac{3}{2}, \beta = 1$  (B)  $\alpha = 1, \beta = \frac{3}{2}$  (C)  $\alpha = \frac{2}{3}, \beta = 1$  (D)  $\alpha = 1, \beta = \frac{2}{3}$

**Q. 21 to Q. 60 carry two marks each.**

21. If  $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ i & \frac{-1+i\sqrt{3}}{2} & 0 \\ 0 & 1+2i & \frac{-1-i\sqrt{3}}{2} \end{bmatrix}$   
 then the trace of  $A^{102}$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 3
22. Which of the following matrices is NOT diagonalizable?  
 (A)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  (B)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  (C)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & -1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (D)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$
23. Let  $V$  be the column space of the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & -1 \\ 1 & 2 \\ 1 & -1 \end{pmatrix}$ . Then the orthogonal projection of  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  on  
 (A)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (B)  $\begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$  (C)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 0 \end{pmatrix}$  (D)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$
24. Let  $\sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} a_n (z+1)^n$  be the Laurent series expansion of  $f(z) = \sin\left(\frac{z}{z+1}\right)$ . Then  $a_{-2} =$   
 (A) 1 (B) 0 (C)  $\cos(1)$  (D)  $\frac{-1}{2} \sin(1)$

25. Let  $u(x, y)$  be the real part of an entire function  $f(z) = u(x, y) + iv(x, y)$  for  $z = x + iy \in C$ . If  $C$  is the positively oriented boundary of a rectangular region  $R$  in  $R^2$ , then  $\oint_C \left[ \frac{\partial u}{\partial y} dx - \frac{\partial u}{\partial x} dy \right] =$

- (A) 1 (B) 0 (C)  $2\pi$  (D)  $\pi$

26. Let  $\phi: [0, 1] \rightarrow R$  be three times continuously differentiable. Suppose that the iterates defined by  $x_{n+1} = \phi(x_n)$ ,  $n \geq 0$  converge to the fixed point  $\xi$  of  $\phi$ . If the order of convergence is three then

- (A)  $\phi'(\xi) = 0, \phi''(\xi) = 0$  (B)  $\phi'(\xi) \neq 0, \phi''(\xi) = 0$   
 (C)  $\phi'(\xi) = 0, \phi''(\xi) \neq 0$  (D)  $\phi'(\xi) \neq 0, \phi''(\xi) \neq 0$

27. Let  $f: [0, 2] \rightarrow R$  be a twice continuously differentiable function. If  $\int_0^2 f(x) dx \approx 2f(1)$ , the error in the approximation is

- (A)  $\frac{f'(\xi)}{12}$  for some  $\xi \in (0, 2)$  (B)  $\frac{f'(\xi)}{2}$  for some  $\xi \in (0, 2)$   
 (C)  $\frac{f'(\xi)}{3}$  for some  $\xi \in (0, 2)$  (D)  $\frac{f'(\xi)}{6}$  for some  $\xi \in (0, 2)$

28. For a fixed  $t \in R$ , consider the linear programming problem:

$$\begin{aligned} &\text{Maximize } z = 3x + 4y \\ &\text{Subject to } x + y \leq 100 \\ &\quad \quad \quad x + 3y \leq t \\ &\quad \quad \quad \text{and } x \geq 0, y \geq 0, \end{aligned}$$

The maximum value of  $z$  is 400 for  $t =$

- (A) 50 (B) 100 (C) 200 (D) 300

29. The maximum value of  $z = 2x_1 - x_2 + x_3 - 5x_4 + 22x_5$  subject to

$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + x_4 + x_5 &= 6 \\ x_2 + x_4 - 4x_5 &= 3 \\ x_3 + 3x_4 + 2x_5 &= 10 \\ x_j &\geq 0, j = 1, 2, \dots, 5 \end{aligned}$$

- (A) 28 (B) 19 (C) 10 (D) 9

30. Using the Hungarian method, the optimal value of the assignment problem whose cost matrix is given by

5	23	14	8
10	25	1	23
35	16	15	12
16	23	11	7

is

- (A) 29 (B) 52 (C) 26 (D) 44

31. Which of the following sequence  $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$  of functions does NOT converge uniformly on  $[0, 1]$ ?

- (A)  $f_n(x) = \frac{e^{-x}}{n}$  (B)  $f_n(x) = (1-x)^n$  (C)  $f_n(x) = \frac{x^2+nx}{n}$  (D)  $f_n(x) = \frac{\sin(nx+n)}{n}$

32. Let  $E = \{(x, y) \in R^2: 0 < x < y\}$ . Then  $\iint_E ye^{-(x+y)} dx dy =$

- (A)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (B)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (C)  $\frac{4}{3}$  (D)  $\frac{3}{4}$

33. Let  $f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{k=0}^n \sqrt{k(n-k)} \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k}$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . If  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x) = f(x)$  for  $x \in [0, 1]$ , then the maximum value of  $f(x)$  on  $[0, 1]$  is  
 (A) 1 (B)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{4}$
34. Let  $f: (C_{00}, \|\cdot\|_1) \rightarrow C$  be a non-zero continuous linear functional. The number of Hahn-Banach extensions of  $f$  to  $(\ell^1, \|\cdot\|_1)$  is  
 (A) one (B) two (C) three (D) infinite
35. If  $I: (\ell^1, \|\cdot\|_2) \rightarrow (\ell^1, \|\cdot\|_1)$  is the identity map, then  
 (A) both  $I$  and  $I^{-1}$  are continuous (B)  $I$  is continuous but  $I^{-1}$  is NOT continuous  
 (C)  $I^{-1}$  is continuous but  $I$  is NOT continuous (D) neither  $I$  nor  $I^{-1}$  is continuous
36. Consider the topology  $\tau = \{G \subseteq R: R \setminus G \text{ is compact in } (R, \tau_u)\} \cup \{\emptyset, R\}$  on  $R$ , where  $\tau_u$  is the usual topology on  $R$  and  $\emptyset$  is the empty set. Then  $(R, \tau)$  is  
 (A) a connected Hausdorff space (B) connected but NOT Hausdorff  
 (C) Hausdorff but NOT connected (D) neither connected nor Hausdorff
37. Let  
 $\tau_1 = \{G \subseteq R: G \text{ is finite or } R \setminus G \text{ is finite}\}$   
 and  
 $\tau_2 = \{G \subseteq R: G \text{ is countable or } R \setminus G \text{ is countable}\}$   
 Then  
 (A) neither  $\tau_1$  nor  $\tau_2$  is a topology on  $R$   
 (B)  $\tau_1$  is a topology on  $R$  but  $\tau_2$  is NOT a topology on  $R$   
 (C)  $\tau_2$  is a topology on  $R$  but  $\tau_1$  is NOT a topology on  $R$   
 (D) both  $\tau_1$  and  $\tau_2$  are topology on  $R$
38. Which one of the following ideals of the ring  $Z[i]$  of Gaussian integers is NOT maximal?  
 (A)  $\langle 1+i \rangle$  (B)  $\langle 1-i \rangle$  (C)  $\langle 2+i \rangle$  (D)  $\langle 3+i \rangle$
39. If  $Z(G)$  denotes the centre of a group  $G$ , then the order of the quotient group  $G/Z(G)$  cannot be  
 (A) 4 (B) 6 (C) 15 (D) 25
40. Let  $\text{Aut}(G)$  denote the group of automorphisms of a group  $G$ . Which one of the following is NOT a cycling group?  
 (A)  $\text{Aut}(Z_4)$  (B)  $\text{Aut}(Z_6)$  (C)  $\text{Aut}(Z_8)$  (D)  $\text{Aut}(Z_{10})$
41. Let  $X$  be a non-negative integer valued random variable with  $E(X^2) = 3$  and  $E(X) = 1$ . Then  
 $\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} iP(X \geq i) =$   
 (A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 4
42. Let  $X$  be a random variable with probability density function  $f \in \{f_0, f_1\}$ , where  

$$f_0(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases} \text{ and } f_1(x) = \begin{cases} 3x^2, & \text{if } 0 < x < 1 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
  
 For testing the null hypothesis  $H_0: f \equiv f_0$  against the alternative hypothesis  $H_1: f \equiv f_1$  at level of significance  $\alpha = 0.19$ , the power of the most powerful test is  
 (A) 0.729 (B) 0.271 (C) 0.615 (D) 0.385
43. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be independent and identically distributed  $u(0, 1)$  random variables.  
 Then  $P\left(Y_{(1)} < \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2\right) =$

- (A)  $\frac{1}{12}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (D)  $\frac{2}{3}$
44. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be Banach spaces and let  $T: X \rightarrow Y$  be a linear map. Consider the statements:  
 P: if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$  then  $Tx_n \rightarrow Tx$  in  $Y$ .  
 Q: if  $x_n \rightarrow x$  in  $X$  and  $Tx_n \rightarrow y$  in  $Y$  then  $Tx = y$ .  
 Then  
 (A) P implies Q and Q implies P (B) P implies Q but Q does not implies P  
 (C) Q implies P but P does not implies Q (D) neither P implies Q nor Q implies P
45. If  $y(x) = x$  is a solution of the differential equation  $y'' = \left(\frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{1}{x}\right)(xy' - y) = 0$ ,  $0 < x < \infty$ , then its general solution is  
 (A)  $(\alpha + \beta e^{-2x})x$  (B)  $(\alpha + \beta e^{2x})x$  (C)  $\alpha x + \beta e^x$  (D)  $(\alpha e^x + \beta)x$
46. Let  $P_n(x)$  be the Legendre polynomial of degree  $n$  such that  $P_n(1) = 1$ ,  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ . If  

$$\int_{-1}^1 \left( \sum_{j=1}^n \sqrt{j(2j+1)} p_j(x) \right)^2 dx = 20$$
, then  $n =$   
 (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4 (D) 5
47. The integral surface satisfying the equation  $y \frac{\partial z}{\partial x} + x \frac{\partial z}{\partial y} = x^2 + y^2$  and passing through the curve  
 $x = 1 - t, y = 1 + t, z = 1 + t^2$  is  
 (A)  $z = xy + \frac{1}{2}(x^2 - y^2)^2$  (B)  $z = xy + \frac{1}{4}(x^2 - y^2)^2$   
 (C)  $z = xy + \frac{1}{8}(x^2 - y^2)^2$  (D)  $z = xy + \frac{1}{16}(x^2 - y^2)^2$
48. For the diffusion problem  $u_{xx} = u$ , ( $0 < x < \pi, t > 0$ ).  $u(0, t) = 0, u(\pi, t) = 0$  and  $u(x, 0) = 3 \sin 2x$ , the solution is given by  
 (A)  $3e^{-t} \sin 2x$  (B)  $3e^{-4t} \sin 2x$  (C)  $3e^{-9t} \sin 2x$  (D)  $3e^{-2t} \sin 2x$
49. A simple pendulum, consisting of a bob of mass  $m$  connected with a string of length  $a$ , is oscillating in a vertical plane. If the string is making an angle  $\theta$  with the vertical, then the expression for the Lagrangian is given as  
 (A)  $ma^2 \left( \dot{\theta}^2 - \frac{2g}{a} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right)$  (B)  $2mga \sin^2 \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right)$   
 (C)  $ma^2 \left( \frac{\dot{\theta}^2}{2} - \frac{2g}{a} \sin^2 \left( \frac{\theta}{2} \right) \right)$  (D)  $\frac{ma}{2} \left( \dot{\theta}^2 - \frac{2g}{a} \cos \theta \right)$
50. The extremal of the functional  $\int_0^1 \left( y + x^2 + \frac{y'^2}{4} \right) dx, y(0) = 0, y(1) = 0$  is  
 (A)  $4(x^2 - x)$  (B)  $3(x^2 - x)$  (C)  $2(x^2 - x)$  (D)  $x^2 - x$

### Common Data Questions

#### Common Data Questions 51 and 52:

Let  $T: \mathbb{R}^3$  be the linear transformation defined by

$$T(x_1, x_2, x_3) = (x_1 + 3x_2 + 2x_3, 3x_1 + 4x_2 + x_3, 2x_1 + x_2 + x_3).$$

51. The dimension of the range space of  $T^2$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 3
52. The dimension of the null space of  $T^3$  is  
 (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 3

**Common Data for Questions 53 and 54:**

Let  $y_1(x) = 1 + x$  and  $y_2(x) = e^x$  be two solutions of  $y''(x) + P(x)y'(x) + Q(x)y(x) = 0$ .

53.  $P(x) =$   
 (A)  $1 + x$  (B)  $-1 - x$  (C)  $\frac{1+x}{x}$  (D)  $\frac{-1-x}{x}$
54. The set of initial conditions for which the above differential equation has NO solution is  
 (A)  $y(0) = 2, y'(0) = 1$  (B)  $y(1) = 0, y'(1) = 1$   
 (C)  $y(1) = 1, y'(1) = 0$  (D)  $y(2) = 1, y'(2) = 2$

**Common Data for Questions 55 and 56:**

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be random variables having the joint probability density function

$$f(x, y) = \begin{cases} \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi y}} e^{-\frac{1}{2y}(x-y)^2}, & \text{if } -\infty < x < \infty, 0 < y < 1 \\ \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

55. The variance of the random variable  $X$  is  
 (A)  $\frac{1}{12}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (C)  $\frac{7}{12}$  (D)  $\frac{5}{12}$
56. The covariance between the random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  is  
 (A)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{4}$  (C)  $\frac{1}{6}$  (D)  $\frac{1}{12}$

Linked Answer Questions 57 and 58:

Consider the function  $f(z) = \frac{e^{iz}}{z(z^2 + 1)}$ .

57. The residue of  $f$  at the isolated singular point in the upper half plane  $\{z = x + iy \in \mathbb{C} : y > 0\}$  is  
 (A)  $\frac{-1}{2e}$  (B)  $\frac{-1}{e}$  (C)  $\frac{e}{2}$  (D) 1
58. The Cauchy principal value of the integral  $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{\sin x dx}{x(x^2 + 1)}$  is  
 (A)  $-2\pi(1 + 2e^{-1})$  (B)  $\pi(1 + e^{-1})$  (C)  $2\pi(1 + e)$  (D)  $-\pi(1 + e^{-1})$

**Statement for Linked Answer Question 59 and 60:**

Let  $f(x, y) = kxy - x^3y - xy^3$  for  $(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ , Where  $k$  is a real constant. The directional derivative of  $f$  at the point  $(1, 2)$  in the direction of the unit vector  $u = \left(\frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{-1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)$  is  $\frac{15}{\sqrt{2}}$ .

59. The value of  $k$  is  
 (A) 2 (B) 4 (C) 1 (D) -2
60. The value of  $f$  at a local minimum in the rectangular region  $R = \left\{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : |x| < \frac{3}{2}, |y| < \frac{3}{2}\right\}$  is  
 (A) -2 (B) -3 (C)  $-\frac{7}{8}$  (D) 0

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