

JEE MAIN APPLICATION OF DERIVATIVES — MAXIMA AND MINIMA: FIRST AND SECOND DERIVATIVE TESTS — PYQS

Max. Marks: 40
Questions: 10

Section A (MCQ) — 8 questions

Q.1 Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function such that $f\left(\frac{x+y}{3}\right) = \frac{f(x)+f(y)}{3}$ for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$, and $f(0) = 3$. Then the minimum value of the function $g(x) = 3 + e^x f(x)$, is:

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- (1) $3\left(\frac{e+1}{e}\right)$ (2) $3\left(\frac{e-1}{e}\right)$
 (3) $\frac{3-e}{e}$ (4) $3e$

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Q.2 The number of critical points of the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} \left| \frac{\sin x}{x} \right|, & x \neq 0 \\ 1, & x = 0 \end{cases}$ in the interval $(-2\pi, 2\pi)$ is equal to:

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- (1) 1 (2) 3 (3) 5 (4) 7

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Q.3 Let $f(x)$ be a polynomial of degree 5, and have extrema at $x = 1$ and $x = -1$. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{f(x)}{x^3} \right) = -5$, then $f(2) - f(-2)$ is equal to:

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- (1) 0 (2) 50 (3) 92 (4) 112

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Q.4 Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a polynomial function of degree four having extreme values at $x = 4$ and $x = 5$. If $\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 5$, then $f(2)$ is equal to:

[JEE Main 2025 (Online) 7th April Evening Shift]

- (1) 8 (2) 10 (3) 12 (4) 14

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Q.5 Let $a > 0$. If the function $f(x) = 6x^3 - 45ax^2 + 108a^2x + 1$ attains its local maximum and minimum values at the points x_1 and x_2 respectively such that $x_1 x_2 = 54$, then $a + x_1 + x_2$ is equal to:

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- (1) 15 (2) 13 (3) 24 (4) 18

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Q.6 Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function defined by $f(x) = ||x+2| - 2|x||$. If m is the number of points of local minima and n is the number of points of local maxima of f , then $m + n$ is

[JEE Main 2025 (Online) 3rd April Evening Shift]

- (1) 3 (2) 4 (3) 2 (4) 5

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Q.7 If the function $f(x) = 2x^3 - 9ax^2 + 12a^2x + 1$, where $a > 0$, attains its local maximum and local minimum values at p and q , respectively, such that $p^2 = q$, then $f(3)$ is equal to:

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- (1) 55 (2) 37 (3) 10 (4) 23

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Q.8 The sum of all local minimum values of the function $f(x) = \begin{cases} 1 - 2x, & x < -1 \\ \frac{13}{7} + 2|\sin x|, & -1 \leq x \leq 2 \\ \frac{11}{8}(\sin x - 4)(\sin x - 5), & \sin x > 2 \end{cases}$ is

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- (1) $\frac{167}{72}$ (2) $\frac{157}{72}$ (3) $\frac{171}{72}$ (4) $\frac{131}{72}$

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Section B (Numerical) — 2 questions

Q.9 Let f be a differentiable function satisfying $f(x) = 1 - 2x + \int_0^x e^{(x-t)} f(t) dt$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ and let $g(x) = \int_0^x (f(t) + 2)^{15} (t-4)^6 (t+12)^{17} dt$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$.

If p and q are respectively the points of local minima and local maxima of g , then the value of $|p + q|$ is equal to _____.

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Q.10 Let $(2\alpha, \alpha)$ be the largest interval in which the function $f(t) = \frac{|t+1|}{t^2}$, $t < 0$, is strictly decreasing. Then the local maximum value of the function $g(x) = 2\log_e(x-2) + \alpha x^2 + 4x - \alpha$, $x > 2$, is _____

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ANSWER KEY

Section A (MCQ) — 8 questions

Ques.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8			
Ans.	2	3	4	2	4	1	2	2			

Section B (Numerical) — 2 questions

Ques.	9	10									
Ans.	9	4									