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## Sets • Assignment 06 • Solutions

Topic: JEE Main PYQ (Sets & Venn Diagrams)

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### Section A : Sets Defined by a Property

1. [Integer Type] The number of elements in the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{Z} : |n^2 - 10n + 19| < 6\}$  is \_\_\_\_\_. [JEE Main 2023]

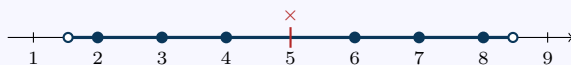
**Solution:** Remove the modulus:  $|n^2 - 10n + 19| < 6 \Leftrightarrow -6 < n^2 - 10n + 19 < 6$ .

**Lower:**  $n^2 - 10n + 19 > -6 \Rightarrow n^2 - 10n + 25 > 0 \Rightarrow (n - 5)^2 > 0 \Rightarrow n \neq 5$ .

**Upper:**  $n^2 - 10n + 19 < 6 \Rightarrow n^2 - 10n + 13 < 0 \Rightarrow n \in (5 - 2\sqrt{3}, 5 + 2\sqrt{3})$ .

Now  $5 - 2\sqrt{3} \approx 1.54$  and  $5 + 2\sqrt{3} \approx 8.46$ , so the integers satisfying the upper bound are 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8. Discarding  $n = 5$ :

$\{2, 3, 4, 6, 7, 8\}$ .



**Answer:** 6 elements.

2. [Integer Type] Let  $X = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : 1 \leq n \leq 50\}$ , let  $A$  be the multiples of 2 in  $X$  and  $B$  the multiples of 7 in  $X$ . The number of elements in the smallest subset of  $X$  containing both  $A$  and  $B$  is \_\_\_\_\_. [JEE Main 2020]

**Solution:** The smallest subset containing both  $A$  and  $B$  is  $A \cup B$ .

$$\begin{aligned} n(A) &= \left\lfloor \frac{50}{2} \right\rfloor = 25, & n(B) &= \left\lfloor \frac{50}{7} \right\rfloor = 7, \\ n(A \cap B) &= \#\{\text{multiples of } 14 \leq 50\} = 3 & & (14, 28, 42). \end{aligned}$$

$$n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B) - n(A \cap B) = 25 + 7 - 3 = 29.$$

**Answer:** 29.

3. [Integer Type] The number of natural numbers  $n$  with  $10 \leq n \leq 100$  for which  $3^n - 3$  is a multiple of 7 is \_\_\_\_\_. [JEE Main 2023]

**Solution:** Work with  $3^n \pmod{7}$ . The powers cycle with period 6:

$$3^1 \equiv 3, 3^2 \equiv 2, 3^3 \equiv 6, 3^4 \equiv 4, 3^5 \equiv 5, 3^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{7}.$$

We need  $3^n \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$ , i.e.  $n \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ .

$$n \in \{13, 19, 25, \dots, 97\} \cap [10, 100].$$

This is an AP with first term 13, common difference 6, last term 97:

$$\text{count} = \frac{97 - 13}{6} + 1 = 14 + 1 = 15.$$

**Answer:** 15.

4. [MCQ] In a class of 140 students numbered 1 to 140, all even-numbered students opted Mathematics, those whose number is divisible by 3 opted Physics, and those divisible by 5 opted Chemistry. The number of students who did not opt for any of the three courses is
- (A) 42 (B) 102 (C) 1 (D) 38

**Correct Answer:** (D)

[JEE Main 2019]

**Solution:** “None of the three” means not divisible by 2, 3 or 5. By inclusion–exclusion on  $\{1, \dots, 140\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned} |2 \cup 3 \cup 5| &= \left( \frac{140}{2} + \frac{140}{3} + \frac{140}{5} \right) - \left( \frac{140}{6} + \frac{140}{10} + \frac{140}{15} \right) + \frac{140}{30} \\ &= (70 + 46 + 28) - (23 + 14 + 9) + 4 \\ &= 144 - 46 + 4 = 102. \end{aligned}$$

Hence those opting nothing  $= 140 - 102 = 38$ .

**Answer:** (D) 38.

5. [MCQ] Let  $A$  be the set of natural numbers from 100 to 700 (inclusive) that are neither multiples of 3 nor multiples of 4. The number of elements in  $A$  is
- (A) 300 (B) 310 (C) 290 (D) 280

**Correct Answer:** (A)

[JEE Main 2024]

**Solution:** Total integers from 100 to 700 inclusive  $= 700 - 100 + 1 = 601$ . Count multiples of 3, of 4, and of 12 in  $[100, 700]$ :

$$\begin{aligned} \text{mult of 3 : } \left\lfloor \frac{700}{3} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{99}{3} \right\rfloor &= 233 - 33 = 200, \\ \text{mult of 4 : } \left\lfloor \frac{700}{4} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{99}{4} \right\rfloor &= 175 - 24 = 151, \\ \text{mult of 12 : } \left\lfloor \frac{700}{12} \right\rfloor - \left\lfloor \frac{99}{12} \right\rfloor &= 58 - 8 = 50. \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{mult of 3 or 4} = 200 + 151 - 50 = 301 \Rightarrow n(A) = 601 - 301 = 300.$$

**Answer:** (A) 300.

6. [Integer Type] Let  $A = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n^2 \leq n + 10000\}$ ,  $B = \{3k + 1 \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$  and  $C = \{2k \mid k \in \mathbb{N}\}$ . The sum of all the elements of  $A \cap (B - C)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

[JEE Main 2021]

**Solution:** First pin down each set.

$$\begin{aligned} A : n^2 \leq n + 10000 &\Rightarrow n^2 - n - 10000 \leq 0 \Rightarrow n \leq \frac{1 + \sqrt{40001}}{2} \approx 100.5, \\ \text{so } A &= \{1, 2, \dots, 100\}. \end{aligned}$$

$B = \{4, 7, 10, 13, \dots\}$  and  $C = \text{even naturals}$ . Then  $B - C$  keeps only the *odd* members of  $B$ :

$$3k + 1 \text{ is odd} \Leftrightarrow k \text{ even} \Rightarrow B - C = \{7, 13, 19, 25, \dots\} = \{6m + 1 : m \in \mathbb{N}\}.$$

Intersect with  $A$ : the elements  $7, 13, \dots, 97$  (i.e.  $6m + 1 \leq 100 \Rightarrow m = 1, \dots, 16$ ). Summing,

$$\sum_{m=1}^{16} (6m + 1) = 6 \cdot \frac{16 \cdot 17}{2} + 16 = 6(136) + 16 = 816 + 16 = 832.$$

**Answer:** 832.

7. [MCQ] Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$  and let  $B$  be the set of all fractions  $\frac{m}{n}$  with  $m, n \in A$ ,  $m < n$  and  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ . Then  $n(B)$  equals
- (A) 29 (B) 31 (C) 37 (D) 36

Correct Answer: (B)

[JEE Main 2025]

**Solution:** Because each fraction is in lowest terms ( $\gcd = 1$ ) with  $m < n$ , distinct pairs give distinct values, so  $n(B)$  is just the number of valid pairs. For a fixed denominator  $n$ , the number of  $m < n$  with  $\gcd(m, n) = 1$  is Euler's  $\varphi(n)$ :

$$\begin{aligned} n(B) &= \sum_{n=2}^{10} \varphi(n) \\ &= \varphi(2) + \varphi(3) + \dots + \varphi(10) \\ &= 1 + 2 + 2 + 4 + 2 + 6 + 4 + 6 + 4 = 31. \end{aligned}$$

Answer: (B) 31.

## Section B : Subsets, Power Set & Counting

8. [Integer Type] Set  $A$  has  $m$  elements and set  $B$  has  $n$  elements. If the total number of subsets of  $A$  is 112 more than that of  $B$ , then  $m \cdot n$  is \_\_\_\_\_. [JEE Main 2020]

**Solution:** A set with  $k$  elements has  $2^k$  subsets, so

$$\begin{aligned} 2^m - 2^n &= 112 \\ 2^n(2^{m-n} - 1) &= 112 = 2^4 \cdot 7 = 16 \cdot 7. \end{aligned}$$

Matching the odd factor,  $2^{m-n} - 1 = 7 \Rightarrow 2^{m-n} = 8 \Rightarrow m - n = 3$ , and  $2^n = 16 \Rightarrow n = 4$ , so  $m = 7$ .

$$m \cdot n = 7 \times 4 = 28.$$

Answer: 28.

9. [MCQ] Let  $A$  and  $B$  be finite sets with  $m$  and  $n$  elements. The total number of subsets of  $A$  is 56 more than that of  $B$ . Then the distance of  $P(m, n)$  from  $Q(-2, -3)$  is
- (A) 8 (B) 10 (C) 4 (D) 6

Correct Answer: (B)

[JEE Main 2024]

**Solution:**

$$\begin{aligned} 2^m - 2^n &= 56 = 2^3 \cdot 7 = 64 - 8 = 2^6 - 2^3 \\ \Rightarrow m &= 6, n = 3 \Rightarrow P = (6, 3). \end{aligned}$$

Distance from  $Q(-2, -3)$ :

$$PQ = \sqrt{(6 - (-2))^2 + (3 - (-3))^2} = \sqrt{8^2 + 6^2} = \sqrt{100} = 10.$$

Answer: (B) 10.

10. [Integer Type] Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$  and  $B = \{3, 6, 7, 9\}$ . The number of sets  $C$  with  $C \subseteq A$  and  $C \cap B \neq \emptyset$  is \_\_\_\_\_. [JEE Main 2022]

**Solution:** Use the complement. The total number of subsets of  $A$  is  $2^7 = 128$ . Now  $C \cap B = \emptyset$  means  $C$  avoids every element of  $B$  that lies in  $A$ , namely  $\{3, 6, 7\}$  (note  $9 \notin A$ ). So such  $C$  are subsets of  $\{1, 2, 4, 5\}$ :

$$\begin{aligned}\#\{C : C \cap B = \emptyset\} &= 2^4 = 16, \\ \#\{C : C \cap B \neq \emptyset\} &= 128 - 16 = 112.\end{aligned}$$

**Answer:** 112.

11. [MCQ] Let  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . The number of ordered pairs  $(Y, Z)$  with  $Y \subseteq X$ ,  $Z \subseteq X$  and  $Y \cap Z = \emptyset$  is  
(A)  $3^5$  (B)  $2^5$  (C)  $5^3$  (D)  $5^2$

**Correct Answer:** (A)

[JEE Main 2012]

**Solution:** Decide, *independently for each element* of  $X$ , where it goes. Since  $Y \cap Z = \emptyset$ , no element may be in both, so each of the 5 elements has exactly 3 choices:

in  $Y$  only, in  $Z$  only, in neither.

By the multiplication principle the number of ordered pairs is  $3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 = 3^5$ .

**Answer:** (A)  $3^5 (= 243)$ .

12. [Integer Type] Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7\}$ . Let  $B$  be the collection of subsets  $T$  of  $A$  for which  $1 \notin T$  or  $2 \in T$ , and  $C$  the collection of subsets  $T$  for which the sum of the elements of  $T$  is a prime number. The number of elements in  $B \cup C$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

[JEE Main 2022]

**Solution:** Use  $n(B \cup C) = n(B) + n(C) - n(B \cap C)$  on the  $2^7 = 128$  subsets of  $A$ .

**Count  $n(B)$ .** The statement " $1 \notin T$  or  $2 \in T$ " fails only when  $1 \in T$  and  $2 \notin T$ . Fixing 1 in and 2 out, the other 5 elements are free:

$$n(B) = 128 - 2^5 = 128 - 32 = 96.$$

**Count  $n(C)$ .** We count subsets whose element-sum is one of the primes  $\leq 1 + 2 + \dots + 7 = 28$ . Grouping by the prime value of the sum:

| sum      | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 11 | 13 | 17 | 19 | 23 |
|----------|---|---|---|---|----|----|----|----|----|
| #subsets | 1 | 2 | 3 | 5 | 7  | 8  | 7  | 6  | 3  |

$$n(C) = 1 + 2 + 3 + 5 + 7 + 8 + 7 + 6 + 3 = 42.$$

**Count  $n(B \cap C)$**  (prime sum *and* in  $B$ ): a direct check of the prime-sum subsets removes the 11 that have  $1 \in T, 2 \notin T$ , leaving  $n(B \cap C) = 42 - 11 = 31$ . Therefore

$$n(B \cup C) = 96 + 42 - 31 = 107.$$

(Equivalently: a subset is outside  $B \cup C$  iff  $1 \in T, 2 \notin T$  and the sum is non-prime; there are exactly 21 such subsets, and  $128 - 21 = 107$ .)

**Answer:** 107.

13. [Integer Type] For  $n \geq 2$ , let  $S_n$  be the set of all subsets of  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  containing no two consecutive numbers. Then  $n(S_5)$  equals \_\_\_\_\_.

[JEE Main 2025]

**Solution:** Let  $a_n$  be the number of subsets of  $\{1, \dots, n\}$  with no two consecutive elements (the empty set counts). Conditioning on whether  $n$  is used:

$$a_n = \underbrace{a_{n-1}}_{n \text{ not used}} + \underbrace{a_{n-2}}_{n \text{ used, so } n-1 \text{ excluded}},$$

with  $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2$ . This is the Fibonacci recurrence:

$$a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2, a_2 = 3, a_3 = 5, a_4 = 8, a_5 = 13.$$

**Answer:**  $n(S_5) = 13$ .

14. [MCQ] Let  $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 100\}$ . The number of non-empty subsets  $A$  of  $S$  for which the product of the elements of  $A$  is even is
- (A)  $2^{50} - 1$  (B)  $2^{50}(2^{50} - 1)$   
(C)  $2^{100} - 1$  (D)  $2^{50} + 1$

**Correct Answer:** (B)

[JEE Main 2019]

**Solution:** The product is *odd* exactly when every chosen element is odd.  $S$  has 50 odd and 50 even numbers.

$$\begin{aligned}\#\{\text{product odd}\} &= 2^{50} \quad (\text{any subset of the 50 odd numbers, incl. } \emptyset), \\ \#\{\text{product even}\} &= 2^{100} - 2^{50}.\end{aligned}$$

The empty set sits in the “odd” group (empty product = 1), so no further adjustment is needed:

$$2^{100} - 2^{50} = 2^{50}(2^{50} - 1).$$

**Answer:** (B)  $2^{50}(2^{50} - 1)$ .

15. [Integer Type] Let  $S$  be the set of the first 11 natural numbers. The number of subsets  $B$  of  $S$  with  $n(B) \geq 2$  for which the product of all elements of  $B$  is even is \_\_\_\_\_. [JEE Main 2026]

**Solution:**  $S = \{1, \dots, 11\}$  has 6 odd and 5 even numbers. First count *all* even-product subsets (at least one even element):

$$\#\{\text{product even}\} = 2^{11} - 2^6 = 2048 - 64 = 1984.$$

We need  $n(B) \geq 2$ , so subtract even-product subsets of size 0 or 1:

size 0 : the empty set has odd product  $\Rightarrow$  0 removed,  
size 1 : even-product singletons are the 5 even numbers  $\Rightarrow$  5 removed.

$$1984 - 5 = 1979.$$

**Answer:** 1979.

## Section C : Operations & Algebra of Sets

16. [MCQ] Let  $\bigcup_{i=1}^{50} X_i = \bigcup_{i=1}^n Y_i = T$ , where each  $X_i$  has 10 elements and each  $Y_i$  has 5 elements. If each element of  $T$  belongs to exactly 20 of the  $X_i$  and exactly 6 of the  $Y_i$ , then  $n$  equals
- (A) 30 (B) 50 (C) 15 (D) 45

**Correct Answer:** (A)

[JEE Main 2020]

**Solution:** Count the pairs (element, set it lies in) two ways.

$$\text{From the } X_i : 50 \times 10 = 20 \cdot n(T) \Rightarrow n(T) = \frac{500}{20} = 25.$$

$$\text{From the } Y_i : n \times 5 = 6 \cdot n(T) = 6 \times 25 = 150 \Rightarrow n = \frac{150}{5} = 30.$$

**Answer:** (A) 30.

17. [MCQ] If  $A, B, C$  are three sets with  $A \cap B = A \cap C$  and  $A \cup B = A \cup C$ , then  
 (A)  $A = C$  (B)  $B = C$  (C)  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  (D)  $A = B$

Correct Answer: (B)

[JEE Main 2009]

**Solution:** Start from  $B$  and use the two hypotheses:

$$\begin{aligned} B &= B \cap (A \cup B) = B \cap (A \cup C) && \text{(since } A \cup B = A \cup C \text{)} \\ &= (B \cap A) \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cap C) \cup (B \cap C) && \text{(since } A \cap B = A \cap C \text{)} \\ &= (A \cup B) \cap C = (A \cup C) \cap C = C. \end{aligned}$$

**Answer:** (B)  $B = C$ .

18. [MCQ] Let  $A, B, C$  be sets such that  $\emptyset \neq A \cap B \subseteq C$ . Then which statement is **not** true?  
 (A) If  $(A - B) \subseteq C$ , then  $A \subseteq C$  (B)  $B \cap C \neq \emptyset$   
 (C)  $(C \cup A) \cap (C \cup B) = C$  (D) If  $(A - C) \subseteq B$ , then  $A \subseteq B$

Correct Answer: (D)

[JEE Main 2019]

**Solution:** We are given  $A \cap B \subseteq C$  and  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$ . Test each option.

- (A)  $A = (A - B) \cup (A \cap B)$ ; if  $A - B \subseteq C$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq C$  then  $A \subseteq C$ . **True.**  
 (B)  $A \cap B \neq \emptyset$  and  $A \cap B \subseteq C$ , so some element lies in both  $B$  and  $C$ . **True.**  
 (C)  $(C \cup A) \cap (C \cup B) = C \cup (A \cap B) = C$  since  $A \cap B \subseteq C$ . **True.**  
 (D)  $A = (A - C) \cup (A \cap C)$ . Even if  $A - C \subseteq B$ , the part  $A \cap C$  need not lie in  $B$ , so  $A \subseteq B$  can fail. **Not necessarily true.**

**Answer:** (D) is not true.

19. [MCQ] Let  $P = \{\theta : \sin \theta - \cos \theta = \sqrt{2} \cos \theta\}$  and  $Q = \{\theta : \sin \theta + \cos \theta = \sqrt{2} \sin \theta\}$ . Then  
 (A)  $P \subset Q$  and  $Q - P = \emptyset$  (B)  $Q \subset P$   
 (C)  $P \subset Q$  (D)  $P = Q$

Correct Answer: (D)

[JEE Main 2016]

**Solution:** Reduce each defining condition to a single trigonometric equation.

$$\begin{aligned} P : \sin \theta - \cos \theta &= \sqrt{2} \cos \theta \Rightarrow \sin \theta = (\sqrt{2} + 1) \cos \theta \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \sqrt{2} + 1. \\ Q : \sin \theta + \cos \theta &= \sqrt{2} \sin \theta \Rightarrow \cos \theta = (\sqrt{2} - 1) \sin \theta \Rightarrow \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} - 1} = \sqrt{2} + 1. \end{aligned}$$

Both sets are exactly  $\{\theta : \tan \theta = \sqrt{2} + 1\}$ , so  $P = Q$ .

**Answer:** (D)  $P = Q$ .

20. [MCQ] Let  $A$  be the set of real  $m$  for which both roots of  $x^2 - (m + 1)x + m + 4 = 0$  are real, and  $B = [-3, 5]$ . Which is **not** true?  
 (A)  $A \cap B = \{-3\}$  (B)  $B - A = (-3, 5)$   
 (C)  $A \cup B = \mathbb{R}$  (D)  $A - B = (-\infty, -3) \cup (5, \infty)$

Correct Answer: (D)

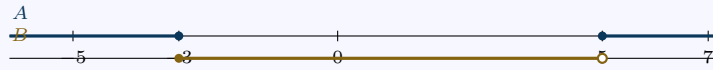
[JEE Main 2020]

**Solution:** Both roots are real  $\Leftrightarrow$  discriminant  $\geq 0$ :

$$\begin{aligned} (m + 1)^2 - 4(m + 4) &\geq 0 \\ m^2 - 2m - 15 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$(m - 5)(m + 3) \geq 0 \Rightarrow m \leq -3 \text{ or } m \geq 5.$$

So  $A = (-\infty, -3] \cup [5, \infty)$  and  $B = [-3, 5)$ .



Now  $A - B$  removes from  $A$  everything in  $B$ . Only  $-3$  of  $A$  lies in  $B$ , while  $5 \in A$  but  $5 \notin B$ , so  $5$  stays:

$$A - B = (-\infty, -3] \cup [5, \infty) \neq (-\infty, -3] \cup (5, \infty).$$

Options (A)  $A \cap B = \{-3\}$ , (B)  $B - A = (-3, 5)$ , (C)  $A \cup B = \mathbb{R}$  are all correct; (D) wrongly drops the point  $5$ .

**Answer:** (D) is not true.

## Section D : Venn Diagrams & Surveys

21. [MCQ] Out of all patients in a hospital, 89% suffer from heart ailment and 98% from lungs infection. If  $K\%$  suffer from both, then  $K$  **cannot** belong to

- (A)  $\{80, 83, 86, 89\}$  (B)  $\{84, 86, 88, 90\}$   
 (C)  $\{79, 81, 83, 85\}$  (D)  $\{84, 87, 90, 93\}$

**Correct Answer:** (C)

[JEE Main 2021]

**Solution:** With  $n(H) = 89$ ,  $n(L) = 98$  (as percentages of  $\leq 100$ ):

$$\max(0, 89 + 98 - 100) \leq K \leq \min(89, 98) \\ 87 \leq K \leq 89.$$



A valid  $K$  must lie in  $[87, 89]$ . Sets (A), (B), (D) each contain a number in this band (89, 88, 87), but every element of (C)  $\{79, 81, 83, 85\}$  is below 87.

**Answer:** (C) —  $K$  cannot lie in  $\{79, 81, 83, 85\}$ .

22. [MCQ] A survey shows 73% of an office likes coffee and 65% likes tea. If  $x\%$  like both, then  $x$  **cannot** be

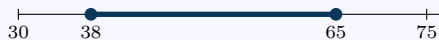
- (A) 63 (B) 36 (C) 54 (D) 38

**Correct Answer:** (B)

[JEE Main 2020]

**Solution:**

$$\max(0, 73 + 65 - 100) \leq x \leq \min(73, 65) \\ 38 \leq x \leq 65.$$



63, 54, 38 all lie in  $[38, 65]$ , but  $36 < 38$ .

**Answer:** (B) —  $x$  cannot be 36.

23. [MCQ] A survey shows 63% read newspaper  $A$  and 76% read  $B$ . If  $x\%$  read both, a possible value of  $x$  is

- (A) 37 (B) 65 (C) 29 (D) 55

**Correct Answer:** (D)

[JEE Main 2020]

**Solution:**

$$\max(0, 63 + 76 - 100) \leq x \leq \min(63, 76)$$

$$39 \leq x \leq 63.$$



Among the options only 55 lies in  $[39, 63]$  (37, 29 are too small, 65 too large).

**Answer:** (D)  $x = 55$  is possible.

24. [MCQ] An organization awarded 48 medals in event  $A$ , 25 in  $B$  and 18 in  $C$ . If these went to a total of 60 men with only 5 getting medals in all three events, the number receiving medals in exactly two events is  
 (A) 10 (B) 15 (C) 21 (D) 9

**Correct Answer:** (C)

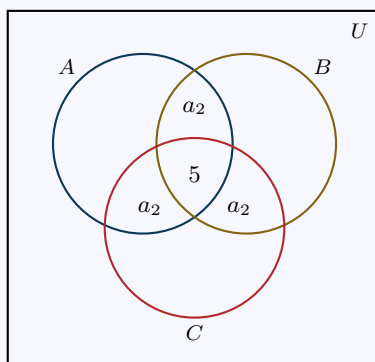
[JEE Main 2023]

**Solution:** Let  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  be the numbers of men with exactly one, two and three medals. Then “60 men” and “ $48 + 25 + 18 = 91$  medals” give

$$\begin{aligned} a_1 + a_2 + a_3 &= 60, \\ a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 &= 91, \quad a_3 = 5. \end{aligned}$$

Substituting  $a_3 = 5$ :  $a_1 + a_2 = 55$  and  $a_1 + 2a_2 = 76$ . Subtracting,

$$a_2 = 76 - 55 = 21.$$



( $a_1$  = exactly one event, the three lens regions sum to  $a_2 = 21$ , centre = 5)

**Answer:** (C) 21.

25. [MCQ] Newspapers  $A, B$  are published in a city: 25% read  $A$ , 20% read  $B$ , 8% read both. Of those who read  $A$  but not  $B$ , 30% look at ads; of  $B$  but not  $A$ , 40%; of both, 50%. The % of the population looking at ads is  
 (A) 13.5 (B) 13 (C) 12.8 (D) 13.9

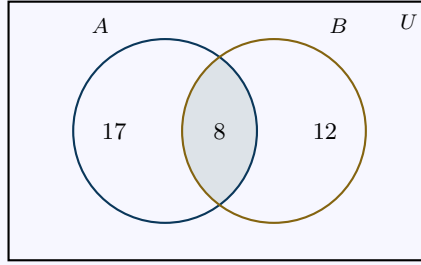
**Correct Answer:** (D)

[JEE Main 2019]

**Solution:** Split the readers into disjoint regions:

$$\text{only } A = 25 - 8 = 17, \quad \text{only } B = 20 - 8 = 12, \quad \text{both} = 8.$$





Now apply the ad-viewing rates to each region:

$$\begin{aligned}\text{ads} &= 0.30(17) + 0.40(12) + 0.50(8) \\ &= 5.1 + 4.8 + 4.0 = 13.9\%.\end{aligned}$$

**Answer:** (D) 13.9%.

26. **[Integer Type]** In a survey of 220 students, at least 125 and at most 130 studied Mathematics; at least 85 and at most 95 Physics; at least 75 and at most 90 Chemistry; 30 studied Physics & Chemistry; 50 Chemistry & Mathematics; 40 Mathematics & Physics; and 10 studied none. If  $m, n$  are the least and most who studied all three, then  $m + n$  is \_\_\_\_\_. *[JEE Main 2024]*

**Solution:** Since 10 studied none,  $n(M \cup P \cup C) = 220 - 10 = 210$ . Let  $t = n(M \cap P \cap C)$ . By inclusion-exclusion (the pairwise counts 40, 30, 50 each include  $t$ ),

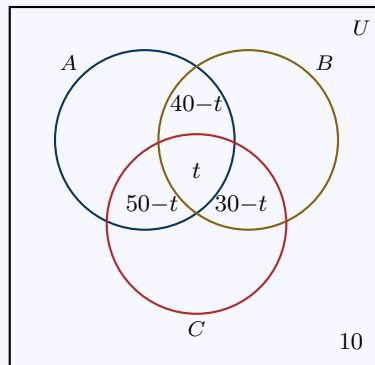
$$\begin{aligned}210 &= M + P + C - (40 + 30 + 50) + t \\ \Rightarrow t &= 330 - (M + P + C).\end{aligned}$$

**Upper bound on  $t$ .** Each “exactly two” region is non-negative:

$$40 - t \geq 0, \quad 30 - t \geq 0, \quad 50 - t \geq 0 \Rightarrow t \leq 30.$$

**Range of  $M + P + C$ .** With  $M \leq 130, P \leq 95, C \leq 90$  we get  $M + P + C \leq 315$ , so  $t = 330 - (M + P + C) \geq 15$ . The value  $t \leq 30$  forces  $M + P + C \geq 300$ , which is attainable (e.g.  $M = 130, P = 95, C = 75$ ). Hence

$$t_{\min} = 15 \text{ (at } M+P+C=315\text{)}, \quad t_{\max} = 30 \text{ (at } M+P+C=300\text{)}.$$



So  $m = 15, n = 30$  and  $m + n = 45$ .

**Answer:**  $m + n = 45$ .