

# Important things to remember and formulas used in SAT

## Complex Numbers

1. Iota is the under root of -1
2.  $i = \sqrt{-1}$ ,  $i^2 = -1$ ,  $i^3 = -i$ ,  $i^4 = 1$
3.  $z = a + bi$ , here  $z$  is a complex number of which  $a$  is the real part and  $bi$  is the imaginary part.
4. Addition: we add real parts separately and imaginary parts separately.
5. Subtraction: we subtract real parts separately and imaginary parts separately.
6. Multiplication: Multiplication is performed simply like binomials, using the fact  $i^2 = -1$ .
7. The complex number  $z_1 = a - bi$  is known as complex conjugate of  $z = a + bi$ .
8. Division: Whenever a complex number is in the denominator, we multiply the denominator and numerator by the conjugate of the denominator. This makes denominator a real number, and we perform multiplication for getting the numerator.
9.  $z_1 \times z = a^2 + b^2$

## Geometry

### **I. Triangles**

10. Sum of all interior angles is  $180^\circ$ .

11. Sum of lengths of any 2 sides is always greater than the length of the third side.
12. Greater angle has greater side opposite to it.
13. Pythagorean theorem: Square of the length of the largest side = sum of the squares of the lengths of the remaining 2 sides.  
i.e.  $a^2 = b^2 + c^2$
14. Area of a triangle =  $\frac{1}{2} \times \text{base} \times \text{height}$
15. Area of an equilateral triangle =  $\frac{\sqrt{3}}{4} \times \text{side}^2$
16. Acute angled triangle: square of the length of the largest side < sum of the square of the lengths of the remaining 2 sides.
17. Obtuse angled triangle: square of the length of the largest side > sum of the square of the lengths of the remaining 2 sides.
18. Area of  $\triangle ABC$  / Area of  $\triangle DEF = AB^2/DE^2 = BC^2/EF^2 = AC^2/DF^2$  (in similar triangles)

## **II. Quadrilateral**

19. In any quadrilateral, sum of all interior angles is  $360^\circ$ .
20. Area of trapezium =  $\frac{1}{2} \times (\text{sum of parallel sides}) \times (\text{distance between them})$ .
21. Area of parallelogram = Base  $\times$  height
22. Area of rhombus =  $\frac{1}{2} \times (\text{product of diagonals})$

## **III. Polygon**

23. Sum of all interior angles of a polygon is  $(n-2) \times 180^\circ$ .
24. Sum of all exterior angles of a polygon is  $360^\circ$ .
25. Number of Diagonals of a polygon =  $\frac{n(n-3)}{2}$ .

## **IV. Circle**

26. Circumference of a circle =  $2\pi r$

27. Area of a circle =  $\pi r^2$
28. Length of the arc =  $\frac{\theta}{360} \times 2\pi r$
29. Area of a sector =  $\frac{\theta}{360} \times \pi r^2$
30. Perimeter of a sector = length of the arc + length of 2 radii at the end points.

### **V. 3-D shapes**

31. Cuboid: Volume =  $l \times b \times h$ , TSA =  $2(lb + bh + lh)$
32. Cube: Volume =  $a^3$ , TSA =  $6a^2$
33. Sphere: Volume =  $\frac{4}{3}\pi r^3$ , TSA =  $4\pi r^2$
34. Hemisphere: Volume =  $\frac{2}{3}\pi r^3$ , CSA =  $2\pi r^2$ , TSA =  $3\pi r^2$
35. Cylinder: Volume =  $\pi r^2 h$ , CSA =  $2\pi r h$ , TSA =  $2\pi r(h + r)$
36. Cone: Volume =  $\frac{1}{3}\pi r^2 h$ , CSA =  $\pi r l$ , TSA =  $\pi r(l + r)$

### **Coordinate Geometry**

37. Distance formula:  $\sqrt{[\text{difference of x-coordinates}]^2 + [\text{difference of y-coordinates}]^2}$
38. Midpoint Formula:  $\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2}$  ,  $\frac{y_1 + y_2}{2}$
39. Slope:  $m = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}$
40. Equation of a circle:  $(x - a)^2 + (y - b)^2 = r^2$   
(here, centre = (a, b) radius = r)
41. Equation of a circle with centre as origin:  $x^2 + y^2 = r^2$   
(radius = r)
42. Equation of a line:  $y = mx + c$   
(here m is slope, c is the y intercept).
43. The slope of two parallel lines are equal.
44. Perpendicular slopes are negative reciprocals of each other.

## **Trigonometry**

Fundamental trigonometric identities:

### *Reciprocal Identities*

$$\sin \theta = \frac{1}{\csc \theta} \qquad \cos \theta = \frac{1}{\sec \theta} \qquad \tan \theta = \frac{1}{\cot \theta}$$

$$\csc \theta = \frac{1}{\sin \theta} \qquad \sec \theta = \frac{1}{\cos \theta} \qquad \cot \theta = \frac{1}{\tan \theta}$$

### *Quotient Identities*

$$\tan \theta = \frac{\sin \theta}{\cos \theta} \qquad \cot \theta = \frac{\cos \theta}{\sin \theta}$$

### *Pythagorean Identities*

$$\sin^2 \theta + \cos^2 \theta = 1 \qquad 1 + \tan^2 \theta = \sec^2 \theta$$

$$1 + \cot^2 \theta = \csc^2 \theta$$

Angles can be measured in degree and in radians,

**TABLE 1 Degree/Radian Equivalencies**

degrees	0°	30°	45°	60°	90°	120°	135°	150°	180°
radians	0	$\frac{\pi}{6}$	$\frac{\pi}{4}$	$\frac{\pi}{3}$	$\frac{\pi}{2}$	$\frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\frac{3\pi}{4}$	$\frac{5\pi}{6}$	$\pi$

## **Progressions**

### **I. Arithmetic Progressions (AP)**

45.  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of an AP is given by:  $a_n = a + (n-1)d$

46. Sum of an AP:  $S = n/2 \times (a+l)$

(here,  $a$ = first term,  $n$ = number of terms,  $l$ = last term,  $d$ = common difference)

### **II. Geometric Progressions (GP)**

47.  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of a GP is given by:  $a_n = ar^{n-1}$

48. Sum of GP:  $S = a(1-r^n) / (1-r)$

(here,  $a$ = first term,  $n$ = number of terms,  $r$ = common ratio)

## **Percentage**

49. To convert fraction to %, multiple by 100.

50. To convert % to fraction, divide by 100.

51. Percentage change=  $\text{final-initial}/\text{initial} \times 100 \%$

(if % change is -ve, that means the quantity decreases)

52. Final value (after % change) =  $[1 + p/100] \times \text{initial}$ . ( $p$ = % change)

## **Ratio and Proportion**

53. If two quantities are directly proportional then ratio is constant.

54. If two quantities are inversely proportional then product is constant.

## **Simple and Compound Interest**

### **I. Simple Interest**

55. Simple Interest (SI)=  $P \times R/100 \times N$

(here,  $P$ = Principal amount,  $R$ = Rate of interest,  $N$ = Number of terms).

56. Total Amount (A)= Principal amount (P) + Simple Interest (SI)

### **II. Compound Interest**

57. Total Amount (A)=  $P[1+R/100]^N$

(here,  $P$ = Principal amount,  $R$ = Rate of interest,  $N$ = Number of terms).

58. Compound Interest (CI)= Total Amount (A)- Principal Amount (P)

## **Linear Equations**

Intersection	Solution
Intersecting	Unique
Parallel	No solution
Coinciding	Infinite

Note:

- If the lines have equal slopes and different y-intercepts, the lines will be parallel.
- If the lines have equal slopes and same y-intercepts, the lines are identical.

## **Quadratic Equations**

59. 
$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

(If  $b^2 - 4ac$  is -ve then roots do not exist. i.e. given equation has no real solution.)

60. A quadratic equation when plotted on a graph forms a parabola.

The following is true for any function  $f(x)$  and any positive integer  $k$ :

- The graph of  $f(x) + k$  is the graph of  $f(x)$  shifted upward by  $k$  units.
- The graph of  $f(x) - k$  is the graph of  $f(x)$  shifted downward by  $k$  units.
- The graph of  $f(x + k)$  is the graph of  $f(x)$  shifted to the left by  $k$  units.
- The graph of  $f(x - k)$  is the graph of  $f(x)$  shifted to the right by  $k$  units.

61. Equation of a parabola:  $y = a(x-h)^2 + k$  / standard form:  $ax^2 + bx + c$   
( $h$  is the  $x$  coordinate,  $k$  is the  $y$  coordinate,  $a$  is the vertex)

62. Domain is a set of all inputs over which the function is defined, or produces real value.

63. Range is the set of all outputs a function can produce.

## **Statistics**

64. Mean= Sum of terms/ Number of terms

65. If the two groups have number of terms  $x$  and  $y$  and average  $p$  and  $q$ , then the weighted average of both groups together is  $\frac{px + qy}{x + y}$

66. Median= middle term (odd no. of terms) or average of middle 2 terms (even no. of terms).

67. Mode is the term with the largest frequency.

68. Mode=  $3 \times \text{Median} - 2 \times \text{Mean}$

69. Range= max value-min value

## **Exponents and Radians**

70.  $a^m \times a^n = a^{mn}$

71.  $a^m/a^n = a^{m-n}$

72.  $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$

73.  $a^{-n} = 1/a^n$

74.  $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$

Note:  $a^0 = 1$ ,  $0^n = 0$ ,  $1^n = 1$ ,  $(-1)^n = 1$  (if  $n$  is even),  $(-1)^n = -1$  (if  $n$  is odd)

## **Miscellaneous**

75.  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$

76.  $(a - b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2$

77.  $a^2 - b^2 = (a + b)(a - b)$

78.  $(x + a)(x + b) = x^2 + (a + b)x + ab$

79.  $(a + b + c)^2 = a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + 2ab + 2bc + 2ca$

80.  $(a + b)^3 = a^3 + b^3 + 3ab(a + b)$

81.  $(a - b)^3 = a^3 - b^3 - 3ab(a - b)$

82.  $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc = (a + b + c)(a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$