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Q.1. Attempt any three out of five. (9Marks)

$$1. \quad f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x+3}-2}{x^3-1} \text{ for } x \neq 1$$

$$= 2 \quad \text{for } x = 1, \text{ at } x = 1.$$

Ans. $f(1) = 2$ (Given)... (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+3}-2}{x^3-1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{x+3}-2}{x^3-1} \times \frac{\sqrt{x+3}+2}{\sqrt{x+3}+2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x+3)-4}{(x^3-1)(\sqrt{x+3}+2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x-1}{(x-1)(x^2+x+1)(\sqrt{x+3}+2)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{1}{(x^2+x+1)(\sqrt{x+3}+2)} \\ &\quad [\because x \rightarrow 1, x \neq 1 \quad \therefore x - 1 \neq 0] \\ &= \frac{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} 1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x^2+x+1) \times \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (\sqrt{x+3}+2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{(1+1+1)(\sqrt{1+3}+2)} \\ &= \frac{1}{12} \end{aligned}$$

..... (2)

From (1) and (2),

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) \neq f(1)$$

$\therefore f$ is discontinuous at $x = 1$.

2. If $f(x) = \left(\frac{3x+2}{2-5x}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}}$ for $x \neq 0$,
is continuous at $x = 0$ then find $f(0)$.

Ans. Given that $f(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) \\ f(0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{3x+2}{2-5x}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{2\left(1+\frac{3x}{2}\right)}{2\left(1-\frac{5x}{2}\right)}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{\left(1+\frac{3x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}}}{\left(1-\frac{5x}{2}\right)^{\frac{1}{x}}}\right) \\ &= \frac{\left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1+\frac{3x}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{3x}}\right]^{\frac{3}{2}}}{\left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(1+\frac{5x}{2}\right)^{\frac{-2}{5x}}\right]^{\frac{-5}{2}}} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{e^{\frac{3}{2}}}{e^{-\frac{5}{2}}} = e^{\frac{3}{2} + \frac{5}{2}} = e^{\frac{8}{2}} = e^4 \cdot \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1 + kx)^{\frac{1}{kx}} = e \right]$$

3. $f(x) = x^3 - 2x + 1$, for $x \leq 2$
 $= 3x - 2$, for $x > 2$, at $x = 2$.

Ans.

$$f(x) = x^3 - 2x + 1, \text{ if } x \leq 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} (x^3 - 2x + 1) \\ &= 2^3 - 2(2) + 1 \\ &= 5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } f(x) = 3x - 2, \text{ if } x > 2$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} (3x - 2) \\ &= 3(2) - 2 \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^-} f(x) \neq \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} f(x)$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \text{ does not exist}$$

$$\therefore f \text{ is discontinuous at } x = 2.$$

4. if $f(x) = \frac{5^x + 5^{-x} - 2}{x^2}$ for $x \neq 0$
 $= k$ for $x = 0$

is continuous at $x = 0$, find k

Ans.

$$f(0) = k \quad \dots \text{ (Given)} \quad \dots \text{ (1)}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5^x + 5^{-x} - 2}{x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5^x(5^x + 5^{-x} - 2)}{5^x \cdot x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(5^x)^2 + 1 - 2 \cdot 5^x}{5^x \cdot x^2} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(5^x - 1)^2}{5^x \cdot x^2} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \left(\frac{5^x - 1}{x} \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{5^x} \\ &= \left(\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5^x - 1}{x} \right)^2 \times \frac{1}{\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} 5^x} \\ &= (\log 5)^2 \times \frac{1}{5^0} \quad \dots \left[\because \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \log a \right] \\ &= (\log 5)^2 \quad \dots \text{ (2)} \end{aligned}$$

Since f is continuous at $x = 0$,

$$f(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$$

$$\therefore k = (\log 5)^2 \quad \dots \text{ [By (1) and (2)]}$$

5. $f(x) = \frac{x^2+18x-19}{x-1}$ for $x \neq 1$
 $= 20$ for $x = 1$, at $x = 1$

Ans.

$f(1) = 20$... (Given) ... (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{x^2 + 18x - 19}{x - 1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} \frac{(x-1)(x+19)}{x-1} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 1} (x+19) \\ &\dots [\because x \rightarrow 1, x \neq 1, \therefore x-1 \neq 0] \\ &= 1 + 19 \\ &= 20 \end{aligned}$$
 ... (2)

From (1) and (2),

$\lim_{x \rightarrow 1} f(x) = f(1)$
 $\therefore f$ is continuous at $x = 1$.

Q.2. Attempt any four out of six.

(16Marks)

1. $f(x) = \frac{45^x - 9^x - 5^x + 1}{(k^x - 1)(3^x - 1)}$ for $x \neq 0$
 $= \frac{2}{3}$ for $x = 0$, at $x = 0$

Ans.

$f(0) = \frac{2}{3}$... (Given) ... (1)

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{45^x - 9^x - 5^x + 1}{(k^x - 1)(3^x - 1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{9^x(5^x - 1) - (5^x - 1)}{(k^x - 1)(3^x - 1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{(5^x - 1)(9^x - 1)}{(k^x - 1)(3^x - 1)} \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(\frac{5^x - 1}{x}\right)\left(\frac{9^x - 1}{x}\right)}{\left(\frac{k^x - 1}{x}\right)\left(\frac{3^x - 1}{x}\right)} \\ &\dots [\because x \rightarrow 0 \therefore x \neq 0] \\ &= \frac{\left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{5^x - 1}{x}\right] \times \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{9^x - 1}{x}\right]}{\left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{k^x - 1}{x}\right] \times \left[\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{3^x - 1}{x}\right]} \end{aligned}$$

$$= \frac{(\log 5) \times (\log 9)}{(\log k) \times (\log 3)} \quad \dots \left[\because \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \log a \right]$$

$$= \frac{(\log 5) \times (2 \log 3)}{(\log k) \times (\log 3)} = \frac{2 \log 5}{\log k} \quad \dots (2)$$

Now, f is continuous at $x = 0$

$$\therefore f(0) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} f(x)$$

$$\therefore \frac{2}{3} = \frac{2 \log 5}{\log k} \quad \dots \text{ [By (1) and (2)]}$$

$$\therefore \log k = 3 \log 5 = \log 5^3 = \log 125$$

$$\therefore k = 125.$$

2. $f(x) = \frac{x^3 - 8}{\sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{3x-2}}$ for $x \neq 2$
 $= -24$ for $x = 2$, at $x = 2$

Ans.

$$f(2) = -24 \quad \dots \text{ (Given)} \quad \dots (1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{\sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{3x-2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{x^3 - 8}{\sqrt{x+2} - \sqrt{3x-2}} \times \frac{\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{3x-2}}{\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{3x-2}}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^3 - 8)[\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{3x-2}]}{(x+2) - (3x-2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x-2)(x^2 + 2x + 4)[\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{3x-2}]}{-2(x-2)}$$

$$= \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{(x^2 + 2x + 4)[\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{3x-2}]}{-2}$$

... [$\because x \rightarrow 2, x \neq 2 \therefore x-2 \neq 0$]

$$= -\frac{1}{2} \left[\left\{ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (x^2 + 2x + 4) \right\} \times \left\{ \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} (\sqrt{x+2} + \sqrt{3x-2}) \right\} \right]$$

$$= -\frac{1}{2} [(4 + 4 + 4) \times (\sqrt{2+2} + \sqrt{6-2})]$$

$$= -24 \quad \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2),

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = f(2)$$

$\therefore f$ is continuous at $x = 2$

$$3. \quad f(x) = \frac{\log x - \log 3}{x - 3} \quad \text{for } x \neq 3$$

$$= 3 \quad \text{for } x = 3, \text{ at } x = 3.$$

Ans.

$$f(3) = 3 \quad \dots \text{ (Given) } \dots (1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} \frac{\log x - \log 3}{x - 3}$$

$$\text{Put } x - 3 = h \quad \therefore \text{ as } x \rightarrow 3, h \rightarrow 0$$

$$\text{Also, } x = 3 + h$$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(3 + h) - \log 3}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log\left(\frac{3 + h}{3}\right)}{h}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log\left(1 + \frac{h}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{3}\right)} \times \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log\left(1 + \frac{h}{3}\right)}{\left(\frac{h}{3}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \times 1 \quad \dots \left[\begin{array}{l} \because h \rightarrow 0, \frac{h}{3} \rightarrow 0 \text{ and} \\ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{\log(1 + x)}{x} = 1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{3} \quad \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2),

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 3} f(x) \neq f(3)$$

$\therefore f$ is **discontinuous** at $x = 3$.

$$4. \quad f(x) = \left(\frac{5x-8}{8-3x}\right)^{\frac{3}{2x-4}} \text{ for } x \neq 2$$

$$= k \quad \text{for } x = 2, \text{ at } x = 2.$$

Ans.

$$f(2) = k \quad \dots \text{ (Given) } \dots (1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \left(\frac{5x-8}{8-3x}\right)^{\frac{3}{2x-4}}$$

Put $x = 2 + h$ \therefore as $x \rightarrow 2, h \rightarrow 0$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{5(2+h)-8}{8-3(2+h)}\right]^{\frac{3}{2(h+2)-4}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{2+5h}{2-3h}\right]^{\frac{3}{2h}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left[\frac{1+\frac{5h}{2}}{1-\frac{3h}{2}}\right]^{\frac{3}{2h}}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \frac{\left(1+\frac{5h}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2h}}}{\left(1-\frac{3h}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2h}}}$$

$$= \frac{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(1+\frac{5h}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2h}}}{\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(1-\frac{3h}{2}\right)^{\frac{3}{2h}}}$$

$$= \frac{\left[\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(1+\frac{5h}{2}\right)^{\frac{2}{5h}}\right]^{\frac{15}{4}}}{\left[\lim_{h \rightarrow 0} \left(1-\frac{3h}{2}\right)^{-\frac{2}{3h}}\right]^{-\frac{9}{4}}}$$

$$= \frac{e^{\frac{15}{4}}}{e^{-\frac{9}{4}}}$$

$$\dots \left[\begin{array}{l} \because h \rightarrow 0 \quad \therefore \frac{5h}{2} \rightarrow 0, \quad -\frac{3h}{2} \rightarrow 0 \\ \text{and } \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} (1+x)^{\frac{1}{x}} = e \end{array} \right]$$

$$= e^{\frac{15+9}{4}}$$

$$= e^6 \quad \dots (2)$$

Now, f is continuous at $x = 2$

$$\therefore f(2) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x)$$

$$\therefore k = e^6 \quad \dots \text{ [By (1) and (2)]}$$

$$5. \quad f(x) = \frac{32^x - 1}{8^x - 1} + a, \quad \text{for } x \neq 2$$

$$= 2, \quad \text{for } x = 0$$

$$= x + 5 - 2b, \quad \text{for } x < 0$$

Is continuous at $x = 0$

Ans.

$$f(0) = 2 \quad \dots \text{ (Given) } \dots (1)$$

$$f(x) = \frac{32^x - 1}{8^x - 1} + a, \quad \text{for } x > 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left[\frac{32^x - 1}{8^x - 1} + a \right] \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{32^x - 1}{8^x - 1} + \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} a \\ &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \left(\frac{32^x - 1}{x} \right) + a \quad \dots \left[\because x \rightarrow 0 \therefore x \neq 0 \right] \\ &= \frac{\log 32}{\log 8} + a \quad \dots \left[\because \lim_{x \rightarrow 0} \frac{a^x - 1}{x} = \log a \right] \\ &= \frac{5 \log 2}{3 \log 2} + a \\ &= \frac{5}{3} + a \quad \dots (2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\text{Also, } f(x) = x + 5 - 2b, \quad \text{for } x < 0$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} (x + 5 - 2b) \\ &= 0 + 5 - 2b \\ &= 5 - 2b \quad \dots (3) \end{aligned}$$

Now, f is continuous at $x = 0$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore f(0) &= \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^-} f(x) \\ \therefore 2 &= \frac{5}{3} + a = 5 - 2b \quad \dots \text{ [By (1), (2) and (3)]} \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore a + \frac{5}{3} = 2 \quad \text{and} \quad 2 = 5 - 2b$$

$$\therefore a = 2 - \frac{5}{3} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{and } 2b = 3 \quad \therefore b = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$\text{Hence, } a = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{and} \quad b = \frac{3}{2}$$

$$6. \quad f(x) = \frac{\sqrt{x-1} - (x-1)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{x-2} \quad \text{for } x \neq 2$$

$$= \frac{1}{5} \quad \text{for } x = 2, \text{ at } x = 2.$$

Ans.

$$f(2) = \frac{1}{5} \quad \dots \text{ (Given) } \dots (1)$$

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} \frac{\sqrt{x-1} - (x-1)^{\frac{1}{3}}}{x-2}$$

Put $x = 1 + h$. Then as $x \rightarrow 2$, $h \rightarrow 1$

Also $x-1 = h$ and $x-2 = (1+h) - 2 = h-1$

$$\therefore \lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) = \lim_{h \rightarrow 1} \frac{\sqrt{h} - h^{\frac{1}{3}}}{h-1}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 1} \frac{(\sqrt{h}-1) - (h^{\frac{1}{3}}-1)}{h-1}$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 1} \left[\frac{\sqrt{h}-1}{h-1} - \frac{h^{\frac{1}{3}}-1}{h-1} \right]$$

$$= \lim_{h \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{h^{\frac{1}{2}}-1^{\frac{1}{2}}}{h-1} \right) - \lim_{h \rightarrow 1} \left(\frac{h^{\frac{1}{3}}-1^{\frac{1}{3}}}{h-1} \right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}(1)^{-\frac{1}{2}} - \frac{1}{3}(1)^{-\frac{2}{3}} \quad \dots \left[\because \lim_{x \rightarrow a} \frac{x^n - a^n}{x - a} = na^{n-1} \right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{3}$$

$$= \frac{1}{6} \quad \dots (2)$$

From (1) and (2),

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 2} f(x) \neq f(2)$$

$\therefore f$ is discontinuous at $x = 2$