

Q. (5) - Let  $0 < \theta < 45^\circ$ ,  $t_1 = (\tan \theta)^{\tan \theta}$ ,  $t_2 = (\tan \theta)^{\cot \theta}$ ,  
 $t_3 = (\cot \theta)^{\tan \theta}$ ,  $t_4 = (\cot \theta)^{\cot \theta}$ . Then -

- A -  $t_1 < t_2 < t_3 < t_4$
- B -  $t_4 > t_3 > t_1 > t_2$
- C -  $t_4 > t_1 > t_2 > t_3$
- D - None of these

Ans: (B)

$$0 < \tan \theta < 1 < \cot \theta$$

Since,  $\cot \theta > \tan \theta$

$$(\cot \theta)^{\tan \theta} > (\tan \theta)^{\tan \theta}$$

$$\therefore t_3 > t_1$$

Again,  $\cot \theta > 1$

$$\text{So, } (\cot \theta)^{\cot \theta} > (\cot \theta)^{\tan \theta} \Rightarrow t_4 > t_3$$

But,  $0 < \tan \theta < 1$

$$\text{So, } (\tan \theta)^{\tan \theta} > (\tan \theta)^{\cot \theta} \Rightarrow t_1 > t_2$$

$$\text{So } t_4 > t_3 > t_1 > t_2$$