

## Determinants - Class XII

### Past Year JEE Questions

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#### Questions

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##### Question: 01

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The solutions of the equation  $\begin{vmatrix} 1 + \sin^2 x & \sin^2 x & \sin^2 x \\ \cos^2 x & 1 + \cos^2 x & \cos^2 x \\ 4 \sin 2x & 4 \sin 2x & 1 + 4 \sin 2x \end{vmatrix} = 0, (0 < x < \pi)$ , are

- A.  $\frac{\pi}{12}, \frac{\pi}{6}$   
B.  $\frac{\pi}{6}, \frac{5\pi}{6}$   
C.  $\frac{5\pi}{12}, \frac{7\pi}{12}$   
D.  $\frac{7\pi}{12}, \frac{11\pi}{12}$

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#### Solutions

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##### Solution: 01

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#### Explanation

By using  $C_1 \rightarrow C_1 - C_2$  and  $C_3 \rightarrow C_3 - C_2$  we get

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & \sin^2 x & 0 \\ -1 & 1 + \cos^2 x & -1 \\ 0 & 4 \sin 2x & 1 \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

Expanding by  $R_1$  we get

$$1(1 + \cos^2 x + 4 \sin 2x) - \sin^2 x(-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2 + 4 \sin 2x = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin 2x = \frac{-1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x = n\pi + (-1)^n \left(\frac{-\pi}{6}\right), n \in Z$$

$$\therefore 2x = \frac{7\pi}{6}, \frac{11\pi}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{7\pi}{12}, \frac{11\pi}{12}$$