

Let $p = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \tan^2 \sqrt{x})^{\frac{1}{2x}}$ then $\log p$ is equal to:

- (1) 2
- (2) 1
- (3) $\frac{1}{2}$
- (4) $\frac{1}{4}$

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$$p = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (1 + \tan^2 \sqrt{x})^{\frac{1}{2x}}$$

$$\therefore p = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\sec^2 \sqrt{x})^{\frac{1}{2x}}$$

$$\therefore p = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\sec \sqrt{x})^{\frac{1}{x}}$$

$$\therefore \ln p = \ln \left\{ \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} (\sec \sqrt{x})^{\frac{1}{x}} \right\}$$

$$\therefore \ln p = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \ln (\sec \sqrt{x})^{\frac{1}{x}} = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{x} \ln (\sec \sqrt{x})$$

Using L.H. Rule as the above limit has $\frac{0}{0}$ form,

$$\therefore \ln p = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{1} \frac{1}{\sec \sqrt{x}} \sec \sqrt{x} \tan \sqrt{x} \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}}$$

$$\therefore \ln p = \lim_{x \rightarrow 0^+} \frac{1}{2} \frac{\tan \sqrt{x}}{\sqrt{x}} = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence, Option (3).