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Theory of Quadratic Equations



Mathematics-10

Miscellaneous Exercise 2

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Q.1 Multiple Choice Questions

Four possible answers are given for the following question. Tick (✓) the correct answer.

- (i) If α, β are the roots of $3x^2 + 5x - 2 = 0$, then $\alpha + \beta$ is; **(K.B + A.B)**
(LHR 2017, SWL 2014, MTN 2015, 17, SGD 2015, 17, RWP 2016, D.G.K 2016)
- (a) $\frac{5}{3}$ (b) $\frac{3}{5}$
(c) $\frac{-5}{3}$ (d) $\frac{-2}{3}$
- (ii) If α, β are the roots of $7x^2 - x + 4 = 0$, then $\alpha\beta$ is; **(K.B + U.B)**
(LHR 2014, GRW 2014, 15, FSD 2016, BWP 2016)
- (a) $\frac{-1}{7}$ (b) $\frac{4}{7}$
(c) $\frac{7}{4}$ (d) $\frac{-4}{7}$
- (iii) Roots of the equation $4x^2 - 5x + 2 = 0$ are; **(K.B + A.B)**
(a) Irrational (b) Imaginary
(c) Rational (d) None of these
- (iv) Cube roots of -1 are; **(K.B + U.B)**
(LHR 2017, GRW 2017, SWL 2017, MTN 2014, 17, SGD 2015, 16, D.G.K 2017)
- (a) $-1, -\omega, -\omega^2$ (b) $-1, \omega, -\omega^2$
(c) $-1, -\omega, \omega^2$ (d) $1, -\omega, -\omega^2$
- (v) Sum of the cube roots of unity is; **(K.B + A.B)**
(a) 0 (b) 1
(c) -1 (d) 3
- (vi) Product of cube roots of unity is; **(K.B + A.B)**
(LHR 2016, GRW 2014, 16, SGD 2015, 17, BWP 2016, 17, RWP 2017)
- (a) 0 (b) 1
(c) -1 (d) 3
- (vii) If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$, then the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are; (GRW 2014) **(K.B + A.B)**
(a) Irrational (b) Rational
(c) Imaginary (d) None of these
- (viii) If $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, but not a perfect square then roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are; **(K.B)**
(LHR 2014, BWP 2017)
- (a) Imaginary (b) Rational
(c) Irrational (d) None of these
- (ix) $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta}$ is equal to; **(K.B + U.B)**
(LHR 2014, 15, GRW 2016, FSD 2017, BWP 2017, RWP 2016, SGD 2017)

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- (a) $\frac{1}{\alpha}$ (b) $\frac{1}{\alpha} - \frac{1}{\beta}$
- (c) $\frac{\alpha - \beta}{\alpha\beta}$ (d) $\frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta}$
- (x) $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ is equal to; **(U.B + A.B)**
(LHR 2014, 15, GRW 2014, 17, FSD 2016, BWP 2015, RWP 2016, 17)
- (a) $\alpha^2 - \beta^2$ (b) $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2}$
- (c) $(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$ (d) $\alpha + \beta$
- (xi) Two square roots of unity are; **(U.B + A.B)**
(LHR 2015, 16, GRW 2014, FSD 2015, 16, MTN 2016, SGD 2016, D.G.K 2015, 16, 17)
- (a) 1, -1 (b) 1, ω
- (c) 1, $-\omega$ (d) ω, ω^2
- (xii) Roots of the equation $4x^2 - 4x + 1 = 0$ are; **(U.B + A.B)**
(LHR 2015, GRW 2017, FSD 2016, BWP 2015, MTN 2017, SGD 2016)
- (a) Real equal (b) Real unequal
- (c) Imaginary (d) Irrational
- (xiii) If α, β are the roots of $px^2 + qx + r = 0$, then sum of the roots 2α and 2β is; **(K.B)**
- (a) $-\frac{q}{p}$ (b) $\frac{r}{p}$
- (c) $-\frac{2q}{p}$ (d) $-\frac{q}{2p}$
- (xiv) If α, β are the roots of $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$, then product of the roots 2α and 2β is; **(U.B)**
(FSD 2014, 17, BWP 2016, D.G.K 2015, 16, 17)
- (a) -2 (b) 2
- (c) 4 (d) -4
- (xv) The nature of the roots of equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is determined by; **(A.B)**
(GRW 2016, SWL 2015, 2017, MTN 2015)
- (a) Sum of the roots (b) Product of the roots
- (c) Synthetic division (d) Discriminant
- (xvi) The discriminant of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is; **(K.B + A.B)**
(LHR 2016, FSD 2017, SWL 2016, 17, RWP 2014, 16, SGD 2016, MTN 2015, D.G.K 2016)
- (a) $b^2 - 4ac$ (b) $b^2 + 4ac$
- (c) $-b^2 + 4ac$ (d) $-b^2 - 4ac$

ANSWER KEY

(i)	c	(v)	a	(ix)	D	(xiii)	c
(ii)	b	(vi)	b	(x)	C	(xiv)	d
(iii)	b	(vii)	c	(xi)	A	(xv)	d
(iv)	a	(viii)	c	(xii)	A	(xvi)	a

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Q.2

- (i) Discuss the nature of the roots of the following equations. **(A.B)**

Solution:

(a) $x^2 + 3x + 5 = 0$

Here $a = 1, b = 3, c = 5$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Disc} &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (3)^2 - 4(1)(5) \\ &= 9 - 20 \\ &= -11 \\ &< 0 \end{aligned}$$

∴ Roots are complex conjugate or imaginary.

(b) $2x^2 - 7x + 3 = 0$ **(A.B)**

(GRW 2016, SGD 2014, RWP 2017, D.G.K 2016)

Here $a = 2, b = -7, c = 3$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Disc} &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (-7)^2 - 4(2)(3) \\ &= 49 - 24 \\ &= 25 \end{aligned}$$

Since disc > 0 and perfect square roots are rational and unequal.

(c) $x^2 + 6x - 1 = 0$ **(A.B)**

Here $a = 1, b = 6, c = -1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Disc} &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (6)^2 - 4(1)(-1) \\ &= 36 + 4 \\ &= 40 \end{aligned}$$

Since Disc. > 0 and not a perfect square roots are irrational and unequal.

(d) $16x^2 - 8x + 1 = 0$ (FSD 2017) **(A.B)**

Here $a = 16, b = -8, c = 1$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Disc.} &= b^2 - 4ac \\ &= (-8)^2 - 4(16)(1) \\ &= 64 - 64 \\ &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since, Disc. = 0, roots are rational and equal.

(ii) Find ω^2 , if $\omega = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}$ **(A.B)**

(GRW 2017, SGD 2014, BWP 2016)

Solution:

Here

$$\omega = \frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

Square both sides

$$(\omega)^2 = \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)^2$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{(-1)^2 + (\sqrt{-3})^2 + 2(-1)(\sqrt{-3})}{(2)^2}$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{1 + (-3) - 2\sqrt{-3}}{4}$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{-2 - 2\sqrt{-3}}{4}$$

$$\omega^2 = 2 \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{4} \right)$$

$$\omega^2 = \frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

- (iii) Prove that the sum of all cube roots of unity is zero. **(A.B + K.B)**

Ans. $1 + \omega + \omega^2$

(By putting values)

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

$$= \frac{2 + (-1) + \sqrt{-3} - 1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2}$$

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

$$= \frac{0}{2}$$

$$= 0$$

- (iv) Find the product of complex cube roots of unity. **(A.B + K.B)**

Ans. $= (1) \times \left(\frac{-1 + \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right) \left(\frac{-1 - \sqrt{-3}}{2} \right)$

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

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

$$= \frac{1 + 3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{4}{4}$$

$$= 1$$

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(v) Show that:

$$x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x + \omega y)(x + \omega^2 y)$$

(A.B + K.B)

Ans. $x^3 + y^3 = (x + y)(x + \omega y)(x + \omega^2 y)$
(SGD 2015, BWP 2016)

Proof:

R.H.S

$$\begin{aligned} &= (x + y)(x + \omega y)(x + \omega^2 y) \\ &= (x + y)(x^2 + \omega^2 xy + \omega xy + \omega^3 y^2) \\ &= (x + y)[x^2 + (\omega^2 + \omega)xy + (1)y^2] \because \omega^3 = 1 \\ &= (x + y)[x^2 + (-1)xy + y^2] \because 1 + \omega + \omega^2 = 0 \\ &= (x + y)[x^2 - xy + y^2] \\ &= x^3 + y^3 \\ &= \text{L.H.S} \end{aligned}$$

Proved

(vi) Evaluate: $\omega^{37} + \omega^{38} + 1$
(A.B + K.B)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &\omega^{37} + \omega^{38} + 1 \\ &= \omega^{36} \cdot \omega + \omega^{36} \cdot \omega^2 + 1 \\ &= (\omega^3)^{12} \cdot \omega + (\omega^3)^{12} \cdot \omega^2 + 1 \\ &= (1)^{12} \cdot \omega + (1)^{12} \cdot \omega^2 + 1 \\ &= \omega + \omega^2 + 1 \\ &= 0 \\ \therefore \omega^{37} + \omega^{38} + 1 &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

(vii) Evaluate $(1 - \omega + \omega^2)^6$
(A.B + K.B)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} &(1 - \omega + \omega^2)^6 \\ &= [1 + \omega^2 - \omega]^6 \\ &= (-\omega - \omega)^6 \\ &= (-2\omega)^6 \\ &= (-2)^6 \omega^6 \\ &= 64(\omega^3)^2 \\ &= 64(1)^2 \\ &= 64(1) \\ &= 64 \end{aligned}$$

(viii) If ω is cube root of unity, form an equation whose roots are 3ω and $3\omega^2$.
(A.B + K.B)

Solution:

Roots of required equation are 3ω and $3\omega^2$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of roots} = S &= 3\omega + 3\omega^2 \\ &= 3(\omega + \omega^2) \\ &= 3(-1) \\ &= -3 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Product of roots} = P &= (3\omega)(3\omega^2) \\ &= 9\omega^3 \\ &= 9(1) \\ &= 9 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Required quadratic equation is

$$x^2 - Sx + P = 0$$

$$x^2 - (-3)x + 9 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 3x + 9 = 0$$

(ix) Use synthetic division, find the remainder and quotient when $(x^3 + 3x^2 + 2) \div (x - 2)$.
(A.B)

Solution:

$$\begin{aligned} P(x) &= x^3 + 3x^2 + 2 \\ &= x^3 + 3x^2 + 0x + 2 \end{aligned}$$

2	1	3	0	2
	↓	2	10	20
	1	5	10	22

\therefore Remainder = 22

$$Q(x) = x^2 + 5x + 10$$

(x) Use synthetic division, show that $x - 2$ is the factor $x^3 + x^2 - 7x + 2$.

Solution: **(A.B + K.B)**

$$P(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 7x + 2$$

2	1	1	-7	2
	↓	2	6	-2
	1	3	-1	0

Since remainder is zero, $x - 2$ is a factor of given polynomial.

(xi) Find the sum and product of the roots of the equation

$$2Px^2 + 3qx - 4r = 0 \quad \text{(A.B + K.B)}$$

Solution:

$$2Px^2 + 3qx - 4r = 0$$

Here $a = 2P, b = 3q, c = -4r$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = \frac{-b}{a}$$

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$$= -\frac{3q}{2P}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Product of roots} &= \frac{c}{a} \\ &= \frac{-4r}{2P} \\ &= -\frac{2r}{P} \end{aligned}$$

- (xii) Find $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2}$ when α, β are of the roots of the equation $x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$. **(A.B + K.B)**

Solution:

$$x^2 - 4x + 3 = 0$$

$$\text{Here } a = 1, b = -4, c = 3$$

Let roots of given equation are α, β

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then sum of roots} &= \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \\ &= -\frac{-4}{1} \\ &= 4 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Product of roots} &= \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a} \\ \alpha\beta &= \frac{3}{1} \\ \alpha\beta &= 3 \end{aligned}$$

Consider

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} &= \frac{\beta^2 + \alpha^2}{\alpha^2\beta^2} \\ &= \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{(\alpha\beta)^2} \\ &= \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta}{(\alpha\beta)^2} \\ &= \frac{(4)^2 - 2(3)}{(3)^2} \\ &= \frac{16 - 6}{9} \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} &= \frac{10}{9} \end{aligned}$$

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(xiii) If α, β are the roots of $4x^2 - 3x + 6 = 0$, find **(A.B)**

(a) $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$

(b) $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$

(c) $\alpha - \beta$

Solution:

$$4x^2 - 3x + 6 = 0$$

Roots of given equation are α, β

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{-3}{4}$$

$$= \frac{3}{4}$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{6}{4}$$

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

(a) $\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$ **(A.B)**

$$= \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{9}{16} - 3$$

$$= \frac{9 - 48}{16}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = \frac{-39}{16}$$

(b) $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha\beta}$ **(A.B)**

$$= \frac{-39/16}{3/2}$$

$$= \frac{-39}{16} \times \frac{2}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \frac{-13}{8}$$

(c) $\alpha - \beta = \sqrt{(\alpha - \beta)^2}$ **(A.B)**

$$= \sqrt{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta}$$

$$= \sqrt{\left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^2 - 4\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)}$$

$$= \sqrt{\frac{9}{16} - 6}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \sqrt{\frac{9-96}{16}} \\ &= \sqrt{\frac{-87}{16}} \\ \Rightarrow \alpha - \beta &= \frac{\sqrt{-87}}{4} \end{aligned}$$

(xiv) If α, β are the roots of $x^2 - 5x + 7 = 0$, find an equation whose roots are

(a) $-\alpha, -\beta$

(b) $2\alpha, 2\beta$

Solution:

$$x^2 - 5x + 7 = 0$$

Roots of given equation are α, β

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{-5}{1}$$

$$= 5$$

$$\alpha\beta = \frac{7}{1}$$

$$\alpha\beta = 7$$

(a) **Roots of required equation are $-\alpha, -\beta$** **(A.B)**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of roots} = S &= -\alpha + (-\beta) \\ &= -(\alpha + \beta) \\ &= -5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prod. Of roots} = P &= (-\alpha)(-\beta) \\ &= \alpha\beta \\ &= 7 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Required equation is:

$$x^2 - Sx + P = 0$$

$$x^2 - (-5)x + 7 = 0$$

$$x^2 + 5x + 7 = 0$$

(b) **Roots of required equation are $2\alpha, 2\beta$** **(A.B)**

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sum of roots} = S &= 2\alpha + 2\beta \\ &= 2(\alpha + \beta) \\ &= 2(5) \\ &= 10 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Prod. Of roots} = P &= (2\alpha)(2\beta) \\ &= 4\alpha\beta \\ &= 4(7) \\ &= 28 \end{aligned}$$

\therefore Required quadratic equation is:

$$x^2 - Sx + P = 0$$

$$x^2 - 10x + 28 = 0$$

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Q.3 Fill in the blanks

- (i) The discriminant of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ is _____. **(K.B)**
- (ii) If $b^2 - 4ac = 0$, then roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are _____. **(K.B)**
- (iii) If $b^2 - 4ac > 0$, then the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are _____. **(K.B)**
- (iv) If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$, then the root of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are _____. **(K.B)**
- (v) If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ and perfect square, then the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are _____. **(K.B)**
- (vi) If $b^2 - 4ac < 0$ and not a perfect square, then roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are _____. **(K.B)**
- (vii) If α, β are the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then sum of the roots is _____. **(K.B)**
- (viii) If α, β are the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then product of the roots is _____. **(K.B)**
- (ix) If α, β are the roots of $7x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$, then sum of the roots is _____. **(K.B)**
- (x) If α, β are the roots of $5x^2 + 3x - 9 = 0$, then product of the roots is _____. **(K.B)**
- (xi) For a quadratic equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, $\frac{1}{\alpha\beta}$ is equal to _____. **(K.B)**
- (xii) Cube roots of unity are _____. **(K.B)**
- (xiii) Under usual notation sum of the roots of unity is _____. **(K.B)**
- (xiv) If $1, \omega, \omega^2$ are the cube roots of unity, then ω^{-7} is equal to _____. **(K.B)**
- (xv) If α, β are the roots of the quadratic equation, then the quadratic equation is written as _____. **(K.B)**
- (xvi) If 2ω and $2\omega^2$ are the roots of an equation, then equation is _____. **(K.B)**

ANSWER KEY

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|------------------------|--|
| (i) $b^2 - 4ac$ | (x) $\frac{-9}{5}$ |
| (ii) Equal | (xi) $\frac{a}{c}$ |
| (iii) Real | (xii) $1, \omega, \omega^2$ |
| (iv) Imaginary | (xiii) Zero |
| (v) Rational | (xiv) ω^2 |
| (vi) Irrational (real) | (xv) $x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$ |
| (vii) $-\frac{b}{a}$ | (xvi) $x^2 + 2x + 4 = 0$ |
| (viii) $\frac{c}{a}$ | |
| (ix) $\frac{5}{7}$ | |