

Dear student following is an Easy level [●○○] test paper. Score of 24 Marks in 15 Minutes would be a satisfactory performance. Questions 1-10(+3,-1). (All questions have only one option correct).

- Q.1** Condition that the roots of the equation  $x^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$  are in H.P.  
 (A)  $27r^2 - 9prq + 2q^3 = 0$   
 (B)  $27p^2 - 9rpq + 2q^3 = 0$   
 (C)  $27r^2 - 9prq + 2p^3 = 0$   
 (D)  $27p^2 - 9rpq + 2r^3 = 0$
- Q.2** If  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots of the equation  $2x^2 + 6x + b = 0$  ( $b < 0$ ) then  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}$  is less than-  
 (A) 2 (B) -2  
 (C) 18 (D) None of these
- Q.3** If the roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 4x - \log_3 a = 0$  are real, then the least value of a is-  
 (A) 81 (B)  $\frac{1}{81}$   
 (C)  $\frac{1}{64}$  (D) None of these
- Q.4** If equation  $(3x)^2 + (27 \times 3^{1/p} - 15)x + 4 = 0$  has equal roots then p =  
 (A) 0 (B) 2  
 (C)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  (D) None of these
- Q.5** If the roots of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are real and distinct, then-  
 (A) Both roots are greater than  $-\frac{b}{2a}$   
 (B) Both roots are less than  $-\frac{b}{2a}$   
 (C) One of the roots exceeds  $-\frac{b}{2a}$   
 (D) None of these
- Q.6** The values of the parameter a for which the quadratic equations  $(1 - 2a)x^2 - 6ax - 1 = 0$  and  $ax^2 - x + 1 = 0$  have at least one root in common are-  
 (A)  $0, \frac{1}{2}$  (B)  $\frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{9}$   
 (C)  $\frac{2}{9}$  (D)  $0, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{2}{9}$
- Q.7** Let  $x_1, x_2$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 3x + p = 0$  and  $x_3, x_4$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 12x + q = 0$ . If the number  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  (in order) form an increasing G.P., then-  
 (A)  $p = 2, q = 16$  (B)  $p = 2, q = 32$   
 (C)  $p = 4, q = 16$  (D)  $p = 4, q = 32$
- Q.8** The condition that one root of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  may be double of the other, is-  
 (A)  $b^2 = 9ac$  (B)  $2b^2 = 9ac$   
 (C)  $2b^2 = ac$  (D)  $b^2 = ac$
- Q.9** If the roots of the equation  $x^2 - px + q = 0$  differ by unity, then-  
 (A)  $p^2 = 4q$  (B)  $p^2 = 4q + 1$   
 (C)  $p^2 = 4q - 1$  (D) None of these
- Q.10** The number of real roots of the equation  $|x|^2 - 3|x| + 2 = 0$  is-  
 (A) 4 (B) 3 (C) 2 (D) 1

**MATHEMATICS IIT JEE (JULY 3<sup>rd</sup> WEEK CLASS TEST 4) (QUADRATIC EQUATION) ANSWER KEY**

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**ANSWER KEY**

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<b>Ans.</b>	A	B	B	C	C	C	B	B	B	A

## SOLUTIONS

**Sol.1 (A)**

The equation whose roots are reciprocal of the given equation is

$$\frac{1}{x^3} - \frac{p}{x^2} + \frac{q}{x} - r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow rx^3 - qx^2 + px - 1 = 0 \quad \dots\dots (1)$$

Since roots of given equation are in H.P., this implies roots of equation (1) are in A.P.

Let the roots of equation (1) be

$$a - d, a, a + d$$

$$\therefore (a - d) + a + (a + d) = -\left(-\frac{q}{r}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 3a = \frac{q}{r} \quad \Rightarrow a = \frac{q}{3r}$$

Now since a is root of eq. (1), so

$$ra^3 - qa^2 + pa - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r\left(\frac{q}{3r}\right)^3 - q\left(\frac{q}{3r}\right)^2 + p\left(\frac{q}{3r}\right) - 1 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 27r^2 - 9pqr + 2q^3 = 0$$

**Sol.2 (B)**

Given  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots of  $2x^2 + 6x + b = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = -\frac{6}{2} = -3 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{b}{2}$$

Since  $b < 0$ , discriminant  $D = 36 - 4b > 0$

$\Rightarrow \alpha, \beta$  are real

$$\therefore \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta}$$

$$= \frac{9 - b}{b/2} = \frac{18}{b} - 2$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} < -2 \quad \therefore b < 0$$

**Sol.3 (B)**

Given roots of the quadratic equation  $x^2 - 4x - \log_3 a = 0$  are real

$$\Rightarrow \text{Disc. } D \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 16 + 4 \log_3 a \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \log_3 a \geq -4$$

$$\Rightarrow a \geq 3^{-4}$$

$$\Rightarrow a \geq \frac{1}{81}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Least value of } a \text{ is } \frac{1}{81}.$$

**Sol.4 (C)**

Condition for equal roots is  $D = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (27 \times 3^{1/p} - 15)^2 - 4 \times 4 \times 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 27 \times 3^{1/p} - 15 = (144)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 27 \times 3^{1/p} - 15 = \pm 12$$

$$\Rightarrow 27 \times 3^{1/p} = 27 \text{ or } 3$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{1/p} = 1 \text{ or } 1/9$$

$$\Rightarrow 1/p = 0 \text{ or } -2$$

Thus  $\frac{1}{p}$  cannot be zero.

$$\Rightarrow p = -\frac{1}{2}$$

**Sol.5 (C)**

The roots of the given equation are

$$\alpha = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a},$$

$$\beta = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Given  $\alpha, \beta$  are real and distinct

$$\therefore b^2 - 4ac > 0$$

Now, if  $a > 0$ , then  $\beta > -\frac{b}{2a}$

and if  $a < 0$ , then  $\alpha > -\frac{b}{2a}$

Hence, one of the roots exceeds  $-\frac{b}{2a}$

**Sol.6 (C)**

$\therefore$  For  $a = 0$  or  $a = \frac{1}{2}$ , one of the quadratic equations become linear

$$\Rightarrow a \neq 0 \text{ or } \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence, the only answer is  $a = \frac{2}{9}$

**Sol.7 (B)**

$\therefore x_1, x_2$  are roots of  $x^2 - 3x + p = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x_1 + x_2 = 3$  and  $x_1 x_2 = p$   
 and  $x_3, x_4$  are roots of  $x^2 - 12x + q = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x_3 + x_4 = 12$  and  $x_3 x_4 = q$   
 given  $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4$  are in increasing G.P.  
 let  $x_1 = a, x_2 = ar, x_3 = ar^2, x_4 = ar^3$   
 Thus  $a + ar = 3$  and  $ar^2 + ar^3 = 12$   
 $\Rightarrow a(1 + r) = 3$  and  $ar^2(1 + r) = 12$   
 $\Rightarrow r = \pm 2$   
 $\therefore r = 2 \quad \because r \neq -2$   
 so  $a = 1$   
 $\therefore x_1 = 1, x_2 = 2, x_3 = 4, x_4 = 8$   
 Hence  $p = 2$  and  $q = 32$

**Sol.8 (B)**

Let the roots be  $\alpha$  and  $2\alpha$ . Then

$$3\alpha = \frac{-b}{a}, 2\alpha^2 = \frac{c}{a} \Rightarrow 2b^2 = 9ac.$$

**Sol.9 (B)**

Let the roots be  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha + 1$ . Then,

$$\alpha + \alpha + 1 = p \Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{p-1}{2} \quad \dots(1)$$

$$\text{and } \alpha(\alpha + 1) = q \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \alpha = q \quad \dots(2)$$

Eliminating  $\alpha$ , from (1) and (2),

$$\left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right) = q$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 - 2p + 1 + 2p - 2 = 4q$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 = 4q + 1.$$

**Sol.10 (A)**

We have :  $|x|^2 - 3|x| + 2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (|x| - 1)(|x| - 2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow |x| = 1, 2, \Rightarrow x = \pm 1, \pm 2$$