

Answer Key

Maths - X Mathematics | Practice Sheet-03 (Standard)

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SECTION – A

Q1. If n is a natural number, then 12^n ends with an even digit except:

Answer: (a) 0

$12^n = 2^n \times 6^n$, and its prime factorisation is $2^{2n} \times 3^n$ — it has no factor of 5.

So 12^n is never divisible by 10, and can never end in 0. (Last digit cycles through 2, 4, 8, 6.)

Q2. If 18, a , b , -3 are in A.P., find $a + b$:

Answer: (d) 15

Common difference $d = (-3 - 18)/3 = -7$

$a = 18 + d = 11$, $b = 18 + 2d = 4 \Rightarrow a + b = 15$

Q3. Find HCF of Kx^2 , $2Kx$, $4(xK)^2$ and K^2x :

Answer: (c) Kx

Coefficients: 1, 2, 4, 1 $\rightarrow$ HCF = 1

Powers of K : K^1 , K^1 , K^2 , $K^2 \rightarrow$ lowest power K^1

Powers of x : x^2 , x^1 , x^2 , $x^1 \rightarrow$ lowest power x^1

$\Rightarrow$ HCF = Kx

Q4. The zeroes of the polynomial $x^2 + kx + k$, $k \neq 0$:

Answer: (d) both cannot be positive

Sum of zeroes = $-k$, Product of zeroes = k

If both zeroes were positive: $\text{sum} > 0 \Rightarrow k < 0$, but $\text{product} > 0 \Rightarrow k > 0$ — a contradiction.

So the zeroes can never both be positive (for $k > 0$ both are negative; for $k < 0$ they have opposite signs).

Q5. Distance between the points $(a \cos A, -b \sin A)$ and $(a \sin A, b \cos A)$:

Answer: (d) $\sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

Using the distance formula and the identity $\sin^2 A + \cos^2 A = 1$, the cross terms cancel out, leaving $\text{distance}^2 = a^2 + b^2$, so $\text{distance} = \sqrt{a^2 + b^2}$

Q6. Value of k for which the zeroes of $kx^2 + 3x + 5$ are reciprocal of each other:

Answer: (d) 5

If zeroes are α and $1/\alpha$, product of zeroes = 1

Product of zeroes = $\frac{5}{k} = 1 \Rightarrow k = 5$

Q7. Value of p for which $(2p-1)x + (p-1)y = 2p+1$ and $3x + y - 1 = 0$ has no solution:

Answer: (c) 2

For no solution: $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} \neq \frac{c_1}{c_2}$

$(2p-1)/3 = (p-1)/1 \Rightarrow 2p-1 = 3p-3 \Rightarrow p = 2$

Check: $c_1/c_2 = (2p+1)/1 = 5$, while $a_1/a_2 = 1$ — since $1 \neq 5$, the condition for no solution is satisfied.

Q8. Assertion (A): Polynomial $x^2 + 4x$ has two real zeroes. Reason (R): Zeroes of $x^2 + ax$ ($a \neq 0$) are 0 and $-a$.

Answer: (a) Both A and R are true and R is the correct explanation of A

$x^2 + 4x = x(x+4) \Rightarrow$ zeroes are 0 and -4 — both real, so A is true.

In general, $x^2 + ax = x(x+a) \Rightarrow$ zeroes 0 and $-a$, so R is true and directly explains A (with $a = 4$).

SECTION – B

Q9. Least number which, when increased by 4, is completely divisible by 10, 15, 20 and 25:

Answer: LCM(10, 15, 20, 25) = 300

Required number = $300 - 4 = 296$

OR — Greatest number that divides 445, 572 and 699 leaving remainders 4, 5 and 6 respectively:

Answer: $445 - 4 = 441$, $572 - 5 = 567$, $699 - 6 = 693$

$441 = 3^2 \times 7^2$, $567 = 3^4 \times 7$, $693 = 3^2 \times 7 \times 11$

HCF = $3^2 \times 7 = 63$

Q10. Prove that the reciprocal of $(\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{4})$ is an irrational number, given $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational:

Answer: Note: $2\sqrt{4} = 2 \times 2 = 4$ (rational), so $\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{4} = \sqrt{3} + 4$

Now suppose the reciprocal $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3} + 4}$ is rational, say = r.

Then $\sqrt{3} + 4 = 1/r$, which is rational

(since $r \neq 0$ and r is rational) — again contradicting that $\sqrt{3} + 4$ is irrational.

Hence **the reciprocal of $(\sqrt{3} + 2\sqrt{4})$ is irrational.**

Q11. Split 207 into three parts in A.P. such that the product of the two smaller parts is 4623:

Answer: Let the parts be (a-d), a, (a+d). Sum = $3a = 207 \Rightarrow a = 69$

Product of two smaller parts: $(a-d)(a) = 4623 \Rightarrow 69(69-d) = 4623 \Rightarrow 69-d = 67 \Rightarrow d = 2$

The parts are **67, 69 and 71**

SECTION – C

Q12. Train problem — find the length of the journey:

Answer: Let usual speed = x km/hr, usual time = y hours,

so distance D = xy

$(x+6)(y-4) = D \Rightarrow 6y - 4x - 24 = 0 \Rightarrow 3y - 2x = 12 \dots (i)$

$(x-6)(y+6) = D \Rightarrow 6x - 6y - 36 = 0 \Rightarrow x - y = 6 \Rightarrow y = x - 6 \dots (ii)$

Substituting (ii) in (i): $3(x-6) - 2x = 12 \Rightarrow x - 18 = 12 \Rightarrow x = 30$, so $y = 24$

Length of journey = D = xy = $30 \times 24 = 720$ km

Q13. P(x, y) is equidistant from A(a+b, b-a) and B(a-b, a+b). Prove that bx = ay:

Answer: $PA^2 = PB^2$

$(x-(a+b))^2 + (y-(b-a))^2 = (x-(a-b))^2 + (y-(a+b))^2$

Expanding both sides and cancelling the common x^2 , y^2 , $(a+b)^2$, $(a-b)^2$ terms, and simplifying the remaining linear terms gives: $-4bx + 4ay = 0$

$\Rightarrow bx = ay$ (Proved)

OR — C(-1, 2) divides AB in ratio 3:4, where A(2, 5). Find $x^2 + y^2$ for B(x, y):

Answer: By section formula: $(-1, 2) = \left(\frac{3x+8}{7}, \frac{3y+20}{7} \right)$

$\frac{3x+8}{7} = -1 \Rightarrow x = -5$

$\frac{3y+20}{7} = 2 \Rightarrow y = -2$

$x^2 + y^2 = 25 + 4 = 29$

Q14. Sum of first three terms of an AP is 48; product of 1st and 2nd exceeds 4 × 3rd term by 12. Find the AP:

Answer: Let terms be (a-d), a, (a+d). $3a = 48 \Rightarrow a = 16$

$(a-d)(a) = 4(a+d) + 12 \Rightarrow 16(16-d) = 4(16+d) + 12$

$256 - 16d = 76 + 4d \Rightarrow 180 = 20d \Rightarrow d = 9$

AP: **7, 16, 25, ...**

OR — Divide 56 into four parts in A.P. with ratio of product of extremes : product of means = 5:6:

Answer: Let the parts be $a-3d$, $a-d$, $a+d$, $a+3d$. $4a = 56 \Rightarrow a = 14$

$$\frac{a^2 - 9d^2}{a^2 - d^2} = \frac{5}{6} \Rightarrow 6(a^2 - 9d^2) = 5(a^2 - d^2) \Rightarrow a^2 = 49d^2$$

$$196 = 49d^2 \Rightarrow d^2 = 4 \Rightarrow d = 2$$

Parts: $14-6$, $14-2$, $14+2$, $14+6 = \mathbf{8, 12, 16, 20}$

Q15. $A(-2,1)$, $B(a,0)$, $C(4,b)$, $D(1,2)$ are vertices of parallelogram ABCD. Find a , b and the side lengths:

Answer: In a parallelogram, diagonals bisect each other, so midpoint of AC = midpoint of BD.

$$\text{Midpoint AC} = \left(1, \frac{1+b}{2}\right); \text{Midpoint BD} = \left(\frac{a+1}{2}, 1\right)$$

$$\frac{a+1}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow a = 1; \frac{1+b}{2} = 1 \Rightarrow b = 1$$

With $a = 1$, $b = 1$: $A(-2,1)$, $B(1,0)$, $C(4,1)$, $D(1,2)$

$$AB = \sqrt{[(1+2)^2 + (0-1)^2]} = \sqrt{10}; BC = \sqrt{[(4-1)^2 + (1-0)^2]} = \sqrt{10}$$

All four sides work out equal, so ABCD is a rhombus with **each side** = $\sqrt{10}$ units

Q16. Honeycomb graph: parabola crosses x-axis at $(-7, 0)$ and $(7, 0)$.

Answer: (i) Number of zeroes = **2**

(ii) Zeroes of the polynomial: **$x = -7$ and $x = 7$**

(iii) If zeroes of $x^2 + (a+1)x + b$ are 2 and -3:

$$\text{Sum} = 2 + (-3) = -1 = -(a+1) \Rightarrow a = \mathbf{0}$$

$$\text{Product} = 2 \times (-3) = -6 = b \Rightarrow b = \mathbf{-6}$$

OR — If the square of the difference of the zeroes of $x^2 + px + 45$ is 144, find p :

$$\text{Answer: } \alpha + \beta = -p, \alpha\beta = 45$$

$$(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta = p^2 - 180 = 144 \Rightarrow p^2 = 324$$

$$p = \pm \mathbf{18}$$

SECTION – E

Q17. α, β are zeroes of $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$. Find a quadratic polynomial with zeroes $(1-\alpha)/(1+\alpha)$ and $(1-\beta)/(1+\beta)$:

$$\text{Answer: } \alpha + \beta = -\frac{2}{3}, \alpha\beta = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\text{Sum of new zeroes} = \frac{2 - 2\alpha\beta}{1 + (\alpha + \beta) + \alpha\beta} = \frac{\frac{4}{3}}{\frac{2}{3}} = \mathbf{2}$$

$$\text{Product of new zeroes} = \frac{1 - (\alpha + \beta) + \alpha\beta}{1 + (\alpha + \beta) + \alpha\beta} = 2 \div \frac{2}{3} = \mathbf{3}$$

$$\text{Required polynomial: } x^2 - (\text{sum})x + (\text{product}) = x^2 - 2x + 3$$

$$\text{General form: } \mathbf{k(x^2 - 2x + 3), k \neq 0}$$

Q18. Rectangular park $50 \text{ m} \times 40 \text{ m}$; grass strip (uniform width) around the pond has area 1184 m^2 . Find the pond's length and breadth:

Answer: Let border width = x . Pond dimensions: $(50-2x)$ by $(40-2x)$

$$\text{Park area} - \text{pond area} = \text{grass area: } 2000 - (50-2x)(40-2x) = 1184$$

$$(50-2x)(40-2x) = 816 \Rightarrow 4x^2 - 180x + 2000 = 816 \Rightarrow x^2 - 45x + 296 = 0$$

$$x = [45 \pm \sqrt{(2025-1184)}]/2 = [45 \pm 29]/2 \Rightarrow x = 37 \text{ (rejected) or } x = 8$$

$$\text{Length of pond} = 50 - 16 = \mathbf{34 \text{ m}}, \text{Breadth of pond} = 40 - 16 = \mathbf{24 \text{ m}}$$

OR — Plane delayed by 0.5 hr; speed increased by 250 km/hr to cover 1500 km on time. Find the usual speed:

Answer: Let usual speed = x km/hr. Time saved = 0.5 hr

$$\frac{1500}{x} - \frac{1500}{x+250} = 0.5$$

$$1500(x+250) - 1500x = 0.5x(x+250) \Rightarrow 375000 = 0.5x^2 + 125x \Rightarrow x^2 + 250x - 750000 = 0$$

$$x = [-250 \pm \sqrt{(62500 + 3000000)}]/2 = [-250 \pm 1750]/2 \Rightarrow x = 750 \text{ (rejecting negative root)}$$

$$\text{Usual speed} = \mathbf{750 \text{ km/hr}}$$