

Numeric Response Questions

Quadratic Equation

Q.1 If the solution of the equation, $4^x - 3^{x-12z} = 3^{x+1/2} - 2^{2x-1}$, $x \in R$ is $\frac{k}{2}$ then find k .

Q.2 Let $p, q \in \{1,2,3,4\}$. The number of equations of form $px^2 + qx + 1 = 0$ having real roots is k . Then find k .

Q.3 If $x^2 + 3x + 5 = 0$ and $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ have common root/roots and $a, b, c \in N$. Find the minimum value of $a + b + c$.

Q.4 Find the product of real roots of equation, $x^2 + 18x + 30 = 2\sqrt{x^2 + 18x + 45}$.

Q.5 If the roots of the equation $12x^2 - mx + 5 = 0$ are in the ratio 2:3 and the value of m is $5\sqrt{k}$ then find k .

Q.6 Find the least integral value of k for which, $(k - 2)x^2 + 8x + k + 4 > 0$ for all $x \in R$,

Q.7 If $x^2 + px + q = 0$ is the quadratic equation whose roots are $a - 2$ and $b - 2$ where a and b are the roots of $x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0$, then find value of $p + q$.

Q.8 If sum of the non-real roots of $(x^2 + x - 2)(x^2 + x - 3) = 12$ is $100 - k$ then find k .

Q.9 If the product of roots of equation, $x^2 - 5kx + 2e^{4 \ln k} - 1$ is 31, then find sum of roots.

Q.10 If $x = 2 + 2^{25} + 2^{15}$, then find the value of $x^3 - 6x^2 + 6x$.

Q.11 The coefficient of x in the equation $x^2 + px + q = 0$ was taken as 17 in place of 13 and its roots were found to be -2 and -15. Then find product of roots of the original equation.

Q.12 If one root of the equations $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ and $bx^2 + cx + a = 0$ ($a, b, c \in R$) is common, then find the value of $\left(\frac{a^3+b^3+c^3}{abc}\right)^3$.

Q.13 If α, β and γ are the roots of the equation $5x^3 - qx - 1 = 0$, ($q \in R$) then find the value of $\frac{\alpha^2-3}{\beta\gamma} + \frac{\beta^2-3}{\gamma\alpha} + \frac{\gamma^2-3}{\alpha\beta}$

Q.14 If the difference of the roots of the equation $x^2 + ax + b = 0$ is equal to the difference of the roots of the equation $x^2 + bx + a = 0$, if $a \neq b$ then find $a + b + 4$

Q.15 Find the value of a for which the sum of the squares of the roots of the equation $x^2 - (a - 2)x - a - 1 = 0$ assume the least value.



ANSWER KEY

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| 1. 3.00 | 2. 7.00 | 3. 9.00 | 4. 20.00 | 5. 10.00 | 6. 5.00 | 7. 0.00 |
| 8. 101.00 | 9. 10.00 | 10. 2.00 | 11. 30.00 | 12. 27.00 | 13. 3.00 | 14. 0.00 |
| 15. 5.00 | | | | | | |

Hints & Solutions

1. $4^x + 2^{2x-1} = 3^{x+1/2} + 3^{x-1/2}$

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

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

$$2^{2x-3} = 3^{x-3/2}$$

$$2^{2x-3} = (\sqrt{3})^{2x-3}$$

Hold if $2x - 3 = 0$

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

$$\Rightarrow \frac{k}{2} = \frac{3}{2} \quad \Rightarrow k = 3$$

5. $\frac{B^2}{AC} = \frac{(m+n)^2}{mn} \Rightarrow \frac{m^2}{60} = \frac{25}{6}$

$$m^2 = 250$$

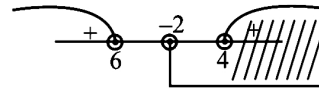
$$m = 5\sqrt{10}$$

6. $a > 0$ and $D > 0$

$$k - 2 > 0 \text{ and } 64 - 4(k-2)(k+4) < 0$$

$$k > 2 \text{ and } k^2 + 2k - 24 > 0$$

$$k > 2 \text{ and } (k+6)(k-4) > 0$$



$$k \in (4, \infty)$$

2. Equation will have roots if $p^2 \geq 4q$

If $q = 1$, then $p^2 \geq 4q$ for $p = 2, 3$ and 4

$q = 3$, then $p^2 \geq 4q$ for $p = 4$

$q = 2$, then $p^2 \geq 4q$ for $p = 3$ and $p = 4$

$q = 4$, then $p^2 \geq 4q$ for $p = 4$

Total 7 possibilities.

3. The roots of $x^2 + 3x + 5 = 0$ are non real \therefore Both equation are identical

$$\therefore \frac{a}{1} = \frac{b}{3} = \frac{c}{5} = \lambda$$

$$a + b + c = 9\lambda$$

$$\therefore \text{Min } (a + b + c) = 9$$

4. $x^2 + 18x + 30 = 2\sqrt{x^2 + 18x + 45}$

$$\boxed{x^2 + 18x + 30 = t}$$

$$t = 2\sqrt{t+15}$$

$$t^2 - 4t - 60 = 0$$

$$t = 10, -6$$

$$\text{put } x^2 + 18x + 30 = 10 \quad \text{put } x^2 + 18x + 30 = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 18x + 20 = 0 \quad \text{not possible because LHS}$$

$$\text{so } P = 20 \quad \text{is } (-) \text{ at this value}$$

7. if a, b are roots of Q.E

$$x^2 - 3x + 1 = 0 \text{ then Q.E whose root's } a - 2$$

and $b - 2$ is $x \rightarrow x + 2$

$$(x+2)^2 - 3(x+2) + 1 = 0$$

$$x^2 + x - 1 = 0 \text{ compare with } x^2 + px + q = 0$$

and get $p = 1, q = -1$.

8. Put $x^2 + x = y$, so that the equation (1) becomes

$$(y-2)(y-3) = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow y = 6, -1$$

When $y = 6$, we get $x^2 + x - 6 = 0$

or $x = -3, 2$

When $y = -1$, we get $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x = w, w^2 \text{ and their sum is } -1$$

9. $p = 2e^{4 \ln k} - 1 = 31$

$$e^{\ln(k)^4} = 16$$

$$k = \pm 2$$

As $k > 0$, so, $k = 2$

Now, sum = $5k = 5 \times 2 = 10$


10. $x = 2 + 2^{2/3} + 2^{1/3}$ $x^3 - 6x^2 + 6x$
 $x - 2 = (2^{2/3} + 2^{1/3})$... (1)
 making whole cube
 $(x - 2)^3 = (2^{2/3} + 2^{1/3})^3$
 $x^3 - 8 - 6x(x - 2) = 4 + 2 + 3 \cdot [2^{2/3} \cdot 2^{1/3}]$
 $(2^{2/3} + 2^{1/3})$
 $x^3 - 8 - 6x^2 + 12x = 6 + 6(x - 2)$
 $x^3 - 8 - 6x^2 + 12x = 6 + 6x - 12$
 $x^3 - 6x^2 + 6x = 2$

we have $\alpha + \beta = a$, $\alpha\beta = b$ and
 $\gamma + \delta = -b$, $\gamma\delta = a$
 then from eqn. (1)
 $a^2 - 4b = b^2 - 4a$
 $a^2 - b^2 + 4(a - b) = 0$
 $(a - b)(a + b + 4) = 0$
 $\Rightarrow a + b + 4 = 0$ (as $a \neq b$) Ans.

11. $\boxed{p = 13}$ but when $p = 17$
 Roots are -2 and -15
 \therefore product is $\alpha \cdot \beta = q$
 $(-2)(-15) = q$
 $\boxed{q = 30}$
 \therefore exact equation. $\Rightarrow x^2 + 13x + 30 = 0$
 \Rightarrow exact roots $= -3, -10$

15. Let $y = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$
 $y = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$
 $= (a - 2)^2 + 2(a + 1)$
 $= a^2 - 4a + 4 + 2a + 2$
 $y = a^2 - 2a + 6$
 $\therefore y' = 2a - 2 = 0$
 $\therefore a = 1$
 So $y = a^2 - 2a + 6$
 $\therefore y_{\min} = 1 - 2 + 6 = 5$

12. Applying condition for common root, we get
 $a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc \Rightarrow \left(\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3}{abc}\right)^3 = 27$

13. We have $5x^3 - qx - 1 = 0$ 
 Now, $\frac{\alpha^2 - 3}{\beta\gamma} + \frac{\beta^2 - 3}{\gamma\alpha} + \frac{\gamma^2 - 3}{\alpha\beta}$
 $= \frac{\alpha^3 - 3\alpha + \beta^3 - 3\beta + \gamma^3 - 3\gamma}{\alpha\beta\gamma}$
 $= \frac{\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 - 3(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)}{\alpha\beta\gamma}$
 $(\because \alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3 = 3\alpha\beta\gamma)$
 $= \frac{3\alpha\beta\gamma}{\alpha\beta\gamma} = 3.$

Aliter : $\alpha\beta\gamma = \frac{1}{5}$ and $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$

$\therefore \left(\frac{\alpha^2 - 3}{\beta\gamma} + \frac{\beta^2 - 3}{\gamma\alpha} + \frac{\gamma^2 - 3}{\alpha\beta}\right)$
 $= 5\alpha(\alpha^2 - 3) + 5\beta(\beta^2 - 3) + 5\gamma(\gamma^2 - 3)$
 $= 5(\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3) - 15(\alpha + \beta + \gamma)$
 $= 5(3\alpha\beta\gamma) = 15 \times \frac{1}{5} = 3$

[As $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 0$]

14. $x^2 + ax + b = 0$ (let α, β),
 $x^2 + bx + a = 0$ (γ, δ)
 $\alpha - \beta = \gamma - \delta$
 $\sqrt{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{(\gamma + \delta)^2 - 4\gamma\delta}$... (1)