

#### ANSWER KEYS

1. (1)      2. (2)      3. (4)      4. (3)      5. (2)      6. (3)      7. (1)      8. (3)  
9. (4)      10. (4)

1. (1)  $\alpha = -\omega, \beta = -\omega^2$

$\alpha^{2015} = -\omega^2, \beta^{2015} = -\omega$

2. (2)

As we know if  $lx^2 + mx + n = 0$  is identity, then  $l = 0, m = 0, n = 0$

So,  $a^2 - 3a + 2 = 0$

$(a - 2)(a - 1) = 0$

$a = 2, a = 1$

$a^2 - 5a + 6 = 0$

$(a - 3)(a - 2) = 0$

$a = 3, 2$

$a^2 - 4 = 0$

$(a - 2)(a + 2) = 0$

$a = \pm 2$

$\therefore a = 2$

3. (4) Let  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma, \delta$  are the roots of the equations

$x^2 + ax + b = 0$  and  $x^2 + bx + a = 0$  respectively.

$\therefore \alpha + \beta = -a, \alpha\beta = b$  and  $\gamma + \delta = -b, \gamma\delta = a$ .

Given  $\alpha - \beta = \gamma - \delta \Rightarrow (\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\gamma - \delta)^2$

$\Rightarrow (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta = (\gamma + \delta)^2 - 4\gamma\delta$

$a^2 - 4b = b^2 - 4a \Rightarrow (a^2 - b^2) + 4(a - b) = 0$

$\Rightarrow a + b + 4 = 0. (\because a \neq b)$

4. (3)

Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the given equation.  $x^2 + (4 - \lambda)x + 3 = \lambda$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + (4 - \lambda)x + 3 - \lambda = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = -(4 - \lambda) = \lambda - 4 \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 3 - \lambda$$

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$= (\lambda - 4)^2 - 2(3 - \lambda)$$

$$= \lambda^2 - 6\lambda + 10$$

$$= (\lambda - 3)^2 + 1$$

For least value  $\lambda = 3$

5. (2) Since, 4 is a root of  $x^2 + ax + 12 = 0$

$$\therefore 16 + 4a + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow a = -7$$

Let the roots of the equation  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$  be  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha$

$$\therefore 2\alpha = -a$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{7}{2}$$

And  $\alpha \cdot \alpha = b$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{7}{2}\right)^2 = b$$

$$\Rightarrow b = \frac{49}{4}$$

6. (3) Since the given equation has no real solution.

$$\Rightarrow D < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 4(1 + 3m)^2 - 4 \times (1 + m^2)(1 + 8m) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (1 + 9m^2 + 6m) - (1 + 8m + m^2 + 8m^3) < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -2m(2m - 1)^2 < 0$$

Clearly, for infinite values of  $m$  given condition is true.

7. (1)

Given,  $6x^2 - 11x + \alpha = 0$

$$\text{Roots of the quadratic equation} = \frac{-(-11) \pm \sqrt{11^2 - 4(6)(\alpha)}}{2 \times 6} = \frac{11 \pm \sqrt{121 - 24\alpha}}{12}$$

For the roots to be rational, discriminant must be non-negative and a perfect square.

Let  $121 - 24\alpha = k^2$

$$121 - 24\alpha \geq 0 \Rightarrow \alpha \leq \frac{121}{24}$$

Since, we have to find positive integral values for  $\alpha$ , range of  $\alpha$  is  $0 < \alpha < \frac{121}{24}$

The positive integral values in the above range are 1, 2, 3, 4, 5.

$\alpha = 1 \Rightarrow 121 - 24\alpha = 121 - 24(1) = 97$ , not a perfect square.

$\alpha = 2 \Rightarrow 121 - 24\alpha = 121 - 24(2) = 73$ , not a perfect square.

$\alpha = 3 \Rightarrow 121 - 24\alpha = 121 - 24(3) = 49$ , is a perfect square.

$\alpha = 4 \Rightarrow 121 - 24\alpha = 121 - 24(4) = 25$ , is a perfect square.

$\alpha = 5 \Rightarrow 121 - 24\alpha = 121 - 24(5) = 1$ , is a perfect square.

So, possible value of  $\alpha = 3, 4, 5$

Hence, there are 3 positive integral values for  $\alpha$  for which the roots are rational.

8. (3) Given Equation :  $x^2 + |2x - 3| - 4 = 0$

$$x < \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow x^2 - (2x - 3) - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$$

$$\text{Roots } \alpha, \beta = \frac{2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 4}}{2} = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

root  $1 + \sqrt{2} > \frac{3}{2}$ , hence rejected

$\Rightarrow$  root accepted  $1 - \sqrt{2}$

$$x \geq \frac{3}{2} \Rightarrow x^2 + (2x - 3) - 4 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 2x - 7 = 0$$

$$\text{Roots } \gamma, \delta = \frac{-2 \pm \sqrt{4 + 4 \times 7}}{2} = -1 \pm 2\sqrt{2}$$

root  $-1 - 2\sqrt{2} < \frac{3}{2}$ , hence rejected

$\Rightarrow$  root accepted  $-1 + 2\sqrt{2}$

$$\text{Sum of roots} = (1 - \sqrt{2}) + (-1 + 2\sqrt{2}) = \sqrt{2}$$

9. (4) Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be roots  $x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$ .

$$\alpha + \beta = 5, \alpha\beta = 3$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = \frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{25 - 6}{3} = \frac{19}{3}$$

$$\text{and } \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \times \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = 1.$$

So equation whose roots are  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$  and  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$  is

$$x^2 - \frac{19}{3}x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow 3x^2 - 19x + 3 = 0.$$

$$10. (4) \frac{a_{10} - 2a_8}{2a_9} = \frac{(\alpha^{10} - \beta^{10}) - 2(\alpha^8 - \beta^8)}{2(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)}$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^8(\alpha^2 - 2) - \beta^8(\beta^2 - 2)}{2(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)}$$

$$(\because \alpha \text{ is root of } x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 - 2 = 6\alpha)$$

$$(\because \text{Also, } \beta \text{ is root of } x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0 \Rightarrow \beta^2 - 2 = 6\beta)$$

$$= \frac{\alpha^8(6\alpha) - \beta^8(6\beta)}{2(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)} = \frac{6(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)}{2(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)} = 3$$