

PART-I

- For what values of a does the equation $9x^2 - 2x + a = 6 - ax$ possess equal roots ?
- Find the values of a for which the roots of the equation $(2a - 5)x^2 - 2(a - 1)x + 3 = 0$ are equal.
- For what values of m does the equation $x^2 - x + m = 0$ possess no real roots ?
- For what values of m does the equation $mx^2 - (m + 1)x + 2m - 1 = 0$ possess no real roots ?
- Find integral values of k for which the equation $(k - 12)x^2 + 2(k - 12)x + 2 = 0$ possess no real roots ?
- For what values of ' a ' does the equation $x^2 + 2a\sqrt{a^2 - 3}x + 4 = 0$ possess equal roots ?
- Form a quadratic equation whose roots are the numbers $\frac{1}{10 - \sqrt{72}}$ and $\frac{1}{10 + 6\sqrt{2}}$.
- Find the least integral value of k for which the equation $x^2 - 2(k + 2)x + 12 + k^2 = 0$ has two different real roots.
- For what values of a is the sum of the roots of the equation $x^2 + (2 - a - a^2)x - a^2 = 0$ equal to zero ?
- For what values of a do the graphs of the functions $y = 2ax + 1$ and $y = (a - 6)x^2 - 2$ not intersect?
- For what values of a is the ratio of the roots of the equation $x^2 + ax + a + 2 = 0$ equal to 2 ?
- For what values of a do the roots x_1 and x_2 of the equation $x^2 - (3a + 2)x + a^2 = 0$ satisfy the relation $x_1 = 9x_2$?
- Find a such that one of the roots of the equation $x^2 - \frac{15}{4}x + a = 0$ is the square of the other.
- The roots x_1 and x_2 of the equation $x^2 + px + 12 = 0$ are such that $x_2 - x_1 = 1$. Find p .
- Find k in the equation $5x^2 - kx + 1 = 0$ such that the difference between the roots of the equation is unity.
- For what value of a is the difference between the roots of the equation $(a - 2)x^2 - (a - 4)x - 2 = 0$ equal to 3 ?
- Find b in the equation $5x^2 + bx - 28 = 0$ if the roots x_1 and x_2 of the equation are related as $5x_1 + 2x_2 = 1$ and b is an integer.
- Find p in the equation $x^2 - 4x + p = 0$ if it is known that the sum of the squares of its roots is equal to 16.
- For what values of a is the difference between the roots of the equation $2x^2 - (a + 1)x + (a - 1) = 0$ equal to their product ?
- Find all the values of a for which the sum of the roots of the equation $x^2 - 2a(x - 1) - 1 = 0$ is equal to the sum of the squares of its roots.

PART-II

- Find the coefficients of the equation $x^2 + px + q = 0$ such that its roots are equal to p and q .
- Given two quadratic equations $x^2 - x + m = 0$ and $x^2 - x + 3m = 0$, $m \neq 0$. Find the value of m for which one of the roots of the second equation is equal to double the root of the first equation.
- Express $x_1^3 + x_2^3$ in terms of the coefficients of the equation $x^2 + px + q = 0$, where x_1 and x_2 are the roots of the equation.

4. Assume that x_1 and x_2 are roots of the equation $3x^2 - ax + 2a - 1 = 0$. Calculate $x_1^3 + x_2^3$.
5. Without solving the equation $3x^2 - 5x - 2 = 0$, find the sum of the cubes of its roots.
6. Calculate $\frac{1}{x_1^3} + \frac{1}{x_2^3}$, where x_1 and x_2 are roots of the equation $2x^2 - 3ax - 2 = 0$.
7. For what values of a does the equation $(2 - x)(x + 1) = a$ possess real and positive roots?
8. Find all values of p for which the roots of the equation $(p - 3)x^2 - 2px + 5p = 0$ are real and positive.
9. If the equation $x^2 - 15 - m(2x - 8) = 0$ has equal roots, find the values of m .
10. For what values of m will the equation $x^2 - 2x(1 + 3m) + 7(3 + 2m) = 0$ have equal roots?
11. For what value of m will the equation $\frac{x^2 - bx}{ax - c} = \frac{m - 1}{m + 1}$ have roots equal in magnitude but opposite in sign?
12. Prove that the roots of the following equations are rational, where $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$:
 - (1) $(a + c - b)x^2 + 2cx + (b + c - a) = 0$,
 - (2) $abc^2x^2 + 3a^2cx + b^2cx - 6a^2 - ab + 2b^2 = 0$.
13. If α, β are the roots of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, find the values of
 - (i) $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2}$
 - (ii) $\alpha^4\beta^7 + \alpha^7\beta^4$
14. Find the value of $x^3 + x^2 - x + 22$ when $x = 1 + 2i$.
15. If α and β are the roots of $x^2 + px + q = 0$, form the equation whose roots are $(\alpha - \beta)^2$ and $(\alpha + \beta)^2$.
16. Prove that the roots of $(x - a)(x - b) = h^2$ are always real.
17. If α, β are the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, form the equation whose roots are $\alpha^2 + \beta^2$ and $\alpha^{-2} + \beta^{-2}$.
18. Form the equation whose roots are the squares of the sum and of the difference of the roots of $2x^2 + 2(m + n)x + m^2 + n^2 = 0$.
19. Solve the following for x :
 - (i) $12x^4 - 56x^3 + 89x^2 - 56x + 12 = 0$
 - (ii) $2\sqrt{x} + 2x^{-\frac{1}{2}} = 5$
 - (iii) $\sqrt{\frac{x}{1-x}} + \sqrt{\frac{1-x}{x}} = 2\frac{1}{6}$
 - (iv) $2^{2x+3} - 57 = 65(2^x - 1)$
 - (v) $x(2x + 1)(x - 2)(2x - 3) = 63$

RACE # 20

QUADRATIC EQUATION

MATHEMATICS

STRAIGHT OBJECTIVE TYPE

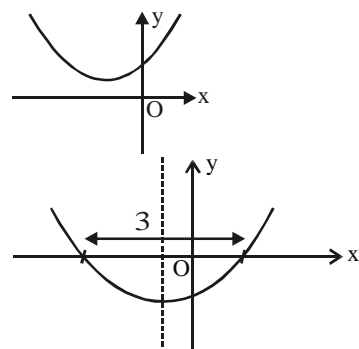
- Let $p, q \in \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. The number of equation of the form $px^2 + qx + 1 = 0$ having real roots is
(A) 15 (B) 9 (C) 7 (D) 8
- If $b \in \mathbb{R}^+$ then roots of the equation $(2+b)x^2 + (3+b)x + (4+b) = 0$ is
(A) Real and distinct (B) Real and equal
(C) Imaginary (D) Cannot be predicted
- Suppose $a, b, c > 0$, then the number of real roots of the equation $ax^2 + b|x| + c = 0$ is
(A) 1 (B) 4 (C) 2 (D) None of these
- If $x = \sqrt{3+2\sqrt{2}}$, then $x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}$ is equal to
(A) $2\sqrt{2}$ (B) 8 (C) 6 (D) 1
- If $x = 3 - \sqrt{8}$, then $x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}$ is equal to
(A) 6 (B) 198 (C) $6\sqrt{2}$ (D) 102
- If $\frac{3+2\sqrt{2}}{3-\sqrt{2}} = a + b\sqrt{2}$, then a and b ($a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$) are respectively equal to
(A) $\frac{13}{7}, \frac{9}{7}$ (B) $\frac{9}{7}, \frac{13}{7}$ (C) $\frac{13}{7}, \frac{7}{9}$ (D) $\frac{7}{9}, \frac{7}{13}$
- The number of solution of the equation, $\log(-2x) = 2 \log(x+1)$ is
(A) zero (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) none
- The solution set of the equation $e^{4x} - 5e^{2x} + 4 = 0$ over \mathbb{R} is
(A) $\{1, 4\}$ (B) $\{-4, -1\}$ (C) $\{-\log_e 2, 0, \log_e 2\}$ (D) $\{0, \log_e 2\}$
- The sum of the solutions of the equation $9^x - 6 \cdot 3^x + 8 = 0$ is
(A) $\log_3 2$ (B) $\log_3 6$ (C) $\log_3 8$ (D) $\log_3 4$
- If $\sin \theta$ and $\cos \theta$ are the roots of the equation $ax^2 - bx + c = 0$, then
(A) $a^2 - b^2 = 2ac$ (B) $a^2 + b^2 = 2ac$ (C) $a^2 + b^2 + 2ac = 0$ (D) $b^2 - a^2 = 2ac$
- The roots of the equation $x^2 - 2\sqrt{2}x + 1 = 0$ are
(A) real and different (B) imaginary and different
(C) real and equal (D) rational and different
- The roots of the equation $(b+c)x^2 - (a+b+c)x + a = 0$ ($a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}, b+c \neq a$) are
(A) irrational and different (B) rational and different
(C) imaginary and different (D) real and equal
- If the roots of the equation $ax^2 + x + b = 0$ be real and different, then the roots of the equation $x^2 - 4\sqrt{ab}x + 1 = 0$ will be
(A) rational (B) irrational (C) real (D) imaginary
- If $a < c < b$ then the roots of the equation $(a-b)^2 x^2 + 2(a+b-2c)x + 1 = 0$ are
(A) imaginary (B) real
(C) one real & imaginary (D) equal & imaginary

15. The number of real solutions of $x - \frac{1}{x^2 - 4} = 2 - \frac{1}{x^2 - 4}$ is
(A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) infinite
16. Sum of roots of the equation $(x + 3)^2 - 4|x + 3| + 3 = 0$ is
(A) 4 (B) 12 (C) -12 (D) -4
17. If α, β are roots of the equation $x^2 + px - q = 0$ & γ, δ are roots of $x^2 + px + r = 0$, then the value of $(\alpha - \gamma)(\alpha - \delta)$ is
(A) $p + r$ (B) $p - r$ (C) $q - r$ (D) $q + r$
18. If α, β are roots of $Ax^2 + Bx + C = 0$ and α^2, β^2 are roots of $x^2 + px + q = 0$ then p is equal to
(A) $\frac{B^2 - 4AC}{A^2}$ (B) $\frac{2AC - B^2}{A^2}$ (C) $\frac{B^2 - 2AC}{A^2}$ (D) $\frac{4AC - B^2}{A^2}$
19. If α, β are roots of the equation $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$ then the equation whose roots are $\alpha + 3$ and $\beta + 3$ is
(A) $x^2 - 11x + 30 = 0$ (B) $(x - 3)^2 - 5(x - 3) + 6 = 0$
(C) Both (A) and (B) (D) None of these
20. If α, β are the root of a quadratic equation $x^2 - 3x + 5 = 0$ then the equation whose roots are $(\alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 7)$ and $(\beta^2 - 3\beta + 7)$ is
(A) $x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$ (B) $x^2 - 4x + 4 = 0$ (C) $x^2 - 4x - 1 = 0$ (D) $x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0$
21. The number of values of a for which $(a^2 - 3a + 2)x^2 + (a^2 - 5a + 6)x + a^2 - 4 = 0$ is an identity in x is
(A) 0 (B) 2 (C) 1 (D) 3
22. If $x = \sqrt{110 + \sqrt{110 + \sqrt{110 + \sqrt{110 + \dots \text{to } \infty}}}}$, then
(A) $-11 < x < -10$ (B) $10 < x < 11$ (C) $x = 11$ (D) $x = 10$
23. If $(2x + 1)^2 - |2x + 1| - 6 < 0$, then
(A) $-1 < x < 2$ (B) $-2 < x < 1$ (C) $-2 < x < -1$ (D) $1 < x < 2$
24. $\frac{x+3}{x^2 - x - 2} \geq \frac{1}{x-4}$ for all x satisfying
(A) $-2 < x < 1$ or $x > 4$ (B) $-1 < x < 2$ or $x > 4$ (C) $x < -1$ or $2 < x < 4$ (D) None of these
25. If $(3 - 4\sin^2 1)(3 - 4\sin^2 3)(3 - 4\sin^2 5) \dots (3 - 4\sin^2(3^{n-1})) = \frac{\sin a}{\sin b}$, where $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $n > 1$ & a, b are integers in radian, then the digit at the unit place of $(a + b)$ cannot be-
(A) 4 (B) 1 (C) 8 (D) 2

[SINGLE CORRECT CHOICE TYPE]

Q.1 to Q. 15 has four choices (A), (B), (C), (D) out of which **ONLY ONE** is correct.

- 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 common, are
(A) 0, 1/2 (B) 1/2, 2/9 (C) 2/9 (D) 1/3, 1/2, 2/9
- If $\alpha + \beta = 3$ and $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 = 7$, then α and β are the roots of the equation
(A) $3x^2 + 9x + 7 = 0$ (B) $9x^2 - 27x + 20 = 0$ (C) $2x^2 - 6x + 15 = 0$ (D) none of these
- If α, β are roots of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then the equation whose roots are $2\alpha + 3\beta$ and $3\alpha + 2\beta$ is
(A) $abx^2 - (a+b)cx + (a+b)^2 = 0$ (B) $acx^2 - (a+c)bx + (a+c)^2 = 0$
(C) $acx^2 + (a+c)bx - (a+c)^2 = 0$ (D) None of these
- The equations $ax^2 + bx + a = 0 (a, b \in \mathbb{R})$ and $x^3 - 2x^2 + 2x - 1 = 0$ have 2 roots common. Then $a + b$ must be equal to
(A) 1 (B) -1 (C) 0 (D) None of these
- The value of m for which the equation $\frac{a}{x+a+m} + \frac{b}{x+b+m} = 1$ has roots equal in magnitude and opposite in signs is
(A) $\frac{a-b}{a+b}$ (B) -1 (C) 0 (D) $\frac{a+b}{a-b}$
- If the product of 2 positive numbers is 9, then the possible value of the sum of their reciprocals lies in the interval
(A) $\left[\frac{1}{3}, \infty\right)$ (B) $[1, \infty)$ (C) $\left[\frac{4}{9}, \infty\right)$ (D) $\left[\frac{2}{3}, \infty\right)$
- If $(49)^{3 \log_{\sqrt{343}} \sqrt{x}} - 2x - 3 = 0$, then x is equal to
(A) -1 (B) 3 (C) -1, 3 (D) 2, 3
- The curve of the quadratic expression $y = ax^2 + bx + c$ is shown in the figure and α, β be the roots of the equation $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ then correct option is [D is the discriminant]
(A) $a > 0, b > 0, c > 0, D > 0, \alpha + \beta > 0, \alpha\beta > 0$
(B) $a > 0, b > 0, c > 0, D < 0, \alpha + \beta < 0, \alpha\beta < 0$
(C) $a > 0, b > 0, c > 0, D < 0, \alpha + \beta < 0, \alpha\beta > 0$
(D) $a > 0, b < 0, c > 0, D < 0, \alpha + \beta > 0, \alpha\beta > 0$
- If graph of $f(x) = x^2 + bx + c$ is drawn in adjacent diagram, where $b, c \in \mathbb{I}$, then number of such quadratic equation $f(x) = 0$ is
(A) 1 (B) 2
(C) 3 (D) 4
- The value of 'a' for which the equation $x^7 + ax^2 + 3 = 0$ and $x^8 + ax^3 + 3 = 0$ have a common root, can be
(A) 1 (B) -2 (C) -3 (D) -4



11. If $x^2 + 3x + 3 = 0$ and $ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$, $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ have a common root, then value of $(3a + b)$ is equal to
(A) $1/3$ (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 4
12. The number of integral values of k for which the curve $y = x^2 + kx + 4$ touches the x axis is
(A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 2 (D) 4
13. If α, β are the roots of $x^2 - px + r = 0$ and $\alpha + 1, \beta - 1$ are the roots of $x^2 - qx + r = 0$, then r is
(A) $\frac{p-1}{4}$ (B) $\frac{q+1}{4}$ (C) $\frac{p^2-1}{4}$ (D) $\frac{q^2+1}{4}$
14. If the roots of the equation $x^2 - bx + c = 0$ are two consecutive integers, then $b^2 - 4c$ equals.
(A) -2 (B) 3 (C) 2 (D) 1
15. The sum of all values of p for which the vertex of the parabola $y = x^2 + 2px + 13$ lie at a distance of 5 from the origin, is
(A) 0 (B) 6 (C) 7 (D) 8

[MULTIPLE CORRECT CHOICE TYPE]

Q.16 to Q.17 has four choices (A), (B), (C), (D) out of which **ONE OR MORE** may be correct

16. If equations $ax^2 - (a + b)x + b = 0$ & $bx^2 + (b - c)x - c = 0$ has exactly one root in common $\{a, b, c \neq 0\}$, then which of the following can be correct
(A) $b^2 = ac$ (B) $-a = b \neq c$ (C) $b = a \neq c$ (D) $-a \neq b = c$
17. If one of the roots of $x^2 - bx + c = 0$, $b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$ is $\sqrt{7-4\sqrt{3}}$ then
(A) $\log_b c = 0$ (B) $b + c = 5$ (C) $\log_c b = 0$ (D) $bc = -4$

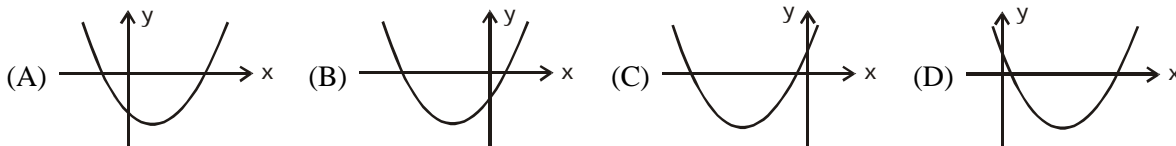
[COMPREHENSION TYPE]

Paragraph for Question 18 to 20

Consider the quadratic expression $y = x^2 - px + q$ where $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$.

On the basis of above information, answer the following questions :

18. If $p = 4$ and $q = 9$, then minimum value of the expression is
(A) 3 (B) 4 (C) 5 (D) 6
19. If $p < 0$ & $q < 0$, then the possible graph of $y = x^2 - px + q$ is



20. If p is positive odd integer and roots of equation $y = 0$ are prime numbers and $p + q = 23$, then absolute value of difference of roots is
(A) 1 (B) 2 (C) 3 (D) 5

RACE # 22

QUADRATIC EQUATION

MATHEMATICS

- Let $x^2 - (m-3)x + m = 0$ ($m \in \mathbb{R}$) be a quadratic equation. Find the value of m for which the roots of the equation are
 - Positive
 - Negative
 - Such that at least one is positive
 - One root is smaller than 2 and other root is greater than 2
 - Both the roots are greater than 2
 - Both the roots are smaller than 2
 - Exactly one root lies in the interval (1, 2)
 - Both the roots lie in the interval (1, 2)
 - Such that at least one root lie in the interval (1, 2)
 - One root is greater than 2 and the other root is smaller than 1

- If α, β are the roots of $x^2 - p(x+1) - c = 0$, $c \neq 1$ then show that

$$(i) (\alpha + 1)(\beta + 1) = 1 - c \quad (ii) \frac{\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1}{\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + c} + \frac{\beta^2 + 2\beta + 1}{\beta^2 + 2\beta + c} = 1$$

- Find the value of k for which $\left| \frac{x^2 + kx + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} \right| < 2 \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$
- If x and y are two real numbers connected by the equation $9x^2 + 2xy + y^2 - 92x - 20y + 244 = 0$, then find range of x and y .
- If x is real, then find the range of the expression $\frac{x^2 + 14x + 9}{x^2 + 2x + 3}$.
- Find the smallest and greatest value of $\frac{x^2 + x + 1}{x^2 + 1} \quad \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$.

COMPREHENSION TYPE

Paragraph for Q. No. 7 to 9

Let $f(x) \equiv ax^2 + bx + c$, $a \neq 0$. Let α and β be roots of $f(x) = 0$. Then the following hold good.

- $\alpha + h$ and $\beta + h$ are roots of $f(x-h) = 0$ for all h .
 - $\lambda\alpha + h$ and $\lambda\beta + h$ are roots of $f[(x-h)/\lambda] = 0$ for all h and for all $\lambda \neq 0$.
- If α and β are the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then the equation whose roots are $\frac{\alpha+1}{\alpha-2}$ and $\frac{\beta+1}{\beta-2}$ is
 - $a(x+1)^2 + b(x+1)(x-2) + c(x-2)^2 = 0$
 - $a(x-2)^2 + b(x+1)(x-2) + c(x+1)^2 = 0$
 - $a(2x+3)^2 + b(x+1)(x+2) + c(x+2)^2 = 0$
 - $a(2x+1)^2 + b(2x+1)(x-1) + c(x-1)^2 = 0$
 - If α and β are roots of the equation $2x^2 + 4x - 5 = 0$, then the equation whose roots are $2\alpha - 3$ and $2\beta - 3$ is
 - $x^2 + 10x - 11 = 0$
 - $11x^2 + 10x - 1 = 0$
 - $x^2 + 10x + 11 = 0$
 - $11x^2 - 10x + 1 = 0$

9. If α and β are roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$, then the equation whose roots are $\alpha + (c/a)$ and $\beta + (c/a)$ is

- (A) $a^2x^2 - 2(ac+b)x + c(a+b) = 0$ (B) $a^2x^2 - (ca+b)x + c(a+b) = 0$
(C) $a^2x^2 + 2(ac+b)x - c(a+b+c) = 0$ (D) $a^2x^2 - a(-b+2c)x + c(a-b+c) = 0$

Paragraph for Q. No. 10 to 12

Let a, b and c be real numbers, $a \neq 0$ and $f(x) \equiv ax^2 + bx + c$. If $\alpha < \beta$ are roots of $f(x) = 0$, then it is known that

- (A) $f(x) \cdot a < 0$ for all x in the open interval (α, β) .
(B) $f(x) \cdot a > 0$ for all x such that either $x < \alpha$ or $x > \beta$.
10. If the equation $(a^2+1)x^2 - (a+1)x + (a^2-a-2) = 0$ has one positive and one negative root, then which one of the following is possible ?

- (A) $a \leq -1$ (B) $-1 < a < 2$ (C) $2 \leq a \leq 5$ (D) $a > 5$

11. If $mx^2 - (m+1)x + 3 = 0$ has roots belonging to $(1, 2)$, then

- (A) $0 < m < 1$ (B) $1 \leq m \leq 2$ (C) $m < 0$ (D) no real value for m exists

12. If $x^2 - (m+1)x + m^2 + m - 8 = 0$ has one root in $(-\infty, 1)$ and the other root in $(1, \infty)$, then

- (A) $m < -2\sqrt{2}$ (B) $m > 2\sqrt{2}$ (C) $-2\sqrt{2} < m < 2\sqrt{2}$ (D) no real value for m exists

Paragraph for Q. No. 13 to 15

Let $f(x) \equiv ax^2 + bx + c$, where a, b and c are real and $a \neq 0$. Then $f(x) = 0$ has real roots or imaginary roots according as $b^2 - 4ac \geq 0$ or $b^2 - 4ac < 0$.

13. If the function $y = \frac{x^2 - x}{1 - mx}$ takes all real values for real values of x , then

- (A) $m < 0$ (B) $0 < m < 1$ (C) $m > 0$ (D) $m > 1$

14. If $y = \frac{x^2 + 2x + c}{x^2 + 4x + 3c}$ takes all real values, then

- (A) $0 < c < 1$ (B) $c < -1$ (C) $c > 1$ (D) $c > 0$

15. If $\frac{x^2 + ax + 1}{x^2 + x + 1} < 3$ for all real x , then

- (A) $a < 0$ (B) $a < -1$ (C) $-1 < a < 7$ (D) $a > 7$

ANSWER KEY

RACE-19

PART-I

1. $a = 20 \pm 6\sqrt{5}$
2. $a = 4$
3. $m \in \left(\frac{1}{4}, \infty\right)$
4. $m \in \left(-\infty, -\frac{1}{7}\right) \cup (1, \infty)$
5. $k = 13$
6. $a = \pm 2$
7. $28x^2 - 20x + 1 = 0$
8. $k = 3$
9. $a_1 = -2, a_2 = 1$
10. $a \in (-6, 3)$
11. $a_1 = -\frac{3}{2}, a_2 = 6$
12. $a = 6, -\frac{6}{19}$
13. $a_1 = -\frac{125}{8}, a_2 = \frac{27}{8}$
14. $p = \pm 7$
15. $k = \pm 3\sqrt{5}$
16. $a_1 = 3/2, a_2 = 3$
17. $b = -13$
18. $p = 0$
19. $a = 2$
20. $a_1 = 1/2, a_2 = 1$

PART-II

1. $p_1 = 0, q_1 = 0, p_2 = 1, q_2 = -2$
2. $m = -2$
3. $3pq - p^3$
4. $\frac{a(a^2 - 18a + 9)}{27}$
5. $\frac{215}{27}$
6. $-\left(\frac{27a^3 + 36a}{8}\right)$
7. $a \in \left(2, \frac{9}{4}\right]$
8. $p \in \left[3, \frac{15}{4}\right]$
9. $3, 5$
10. $2, -\frac{10}{9}$
11. $\frac{a-b}{a+b}$
13. (i) $\frac{b^2 - 2ac}{c^2}$ (ii) $\frac{bc^4(3ac - b^2)}{a^7}$
14. 7
15. $x^2 - 2(p^2 - 2q)x + p^2(p^2 - 4q) = 0$
17. $a^2c^2x^2 - (b^2 - 2ac)(a^2 + c^2)x + (b^2 - 2ac)^2 = 0$
18. $x^2 - 4mnx - (m^2 - n^2)^2 = 0$
19. (i) $2, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{2}{3}$ (ii) $4, \frac{1}{4}$ (iii) $\frac{9}{13}, \frac{4}{13}$ (iv) $-3, 3$ (v) $3, -\frac{3}{2}$

RACE-20

1. (C) 2. (C) 3. (D) 4. (C) 5. (B) 6. (A) 7. (B) 8. (D) 9. (C)
10. (D) 11. (A) 12. (B) 13. (D) 14. (A) 15. (A) 16. (C) 17. (D) 18. (B)
19. (C) 20. (B) 21. (C) 22. (C) 23. (B) 24. (C) 25. (B)

RACE-21

1. (C) 2. (B) 3. (D) 4. (C) 5. (C) 6. (D) 7. (B) 8. (C) 9. (A)
10. (D) 11. (C) 12. (C) 13. (C) 14. (D) 15. (A) 16. (ABD) 17. (A,B)
18. (C) 19. (B) 20. (D)

RACE-22

1. (a) $m \in [9, \infty)$ (b) $m \in (0, 1]$ (c) $m \in (-\infty, 0) \cup [9, \infty)$ (d) $m \in (10, \infty)$
- (e) $m \in [9, 10)$ (f) $m \in (-\infty, 1]$ (g) $m \in (10, \infty)$ (h) $m \in \phi$
- (i) $m \in (10, \infty)$ (j) $m \in \phi$
3. $0 < k < 4$
4. $x \in [3, 6]$ and $y \in [1, 10]$
5. $[-5, 4]$
6. $\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{3}{2}$
7. (D)
8. (C) 9. (D) 10. (B) 11. (D) 12. (C) 13. (D) 14. (A) 15. (C)