

# QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

## OBJECTIVE PROBLEMS

- The solution of the equation  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2$  will be
  - 2, -1
  - 0, -1,  $-\frac{1}{5}$
  - 1,  $-\frac{1}{5}$
  - None of these
- The roots of the given equation  $(p-q)x^2 + (q-r)x + (r-p) = 0$  are
  - $\frac{p-q}{r-p}, 1$
  - $\frac{q-r}{p-q}, 1$
  - $\frac{r-p}{p-q}, 1$
  - 1,  $\frac{q-r}{p-q}$
- If  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$ ,  $xy = 12$ , then  $x =$ 
  - {3, 4}
  - {3, -3}
  - {3, 4, -3, -4}
  - {-3, -3}
- The roots of the equation  $a(x^2 + 1) - (a^2 + 1)x = 0$  are
  - $a, \frac{1}{a}$
  - $a, 2a$
  - $a, \frac{1}{2a}$
  - None of these
- The value of  $2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \dots \infty}}}$  is
  - $1 - \sqrt{2}$
  - $1 + \sqrt{2}$
  - $1 \pm \sqrt{2}$
  - None of these
- The number of real solutions of the equation  $|x|^2 - 3|x| + 2 = 0$  are
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
  - 4
- The roots of the equation  $x^4 - 8x^2 - 9 = 0$  are
  - $\pm 3, \pm 1$
  - $\pm 3, \pm i$
  - $\pm 2, \pm i$
  - None of these

8. Let one root of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  where  $a, b, c$  are integers be  $3 + \sqrt{5}$ , then the other root is
- (a)  $3 - \sqrt{5}$  (b) 3  
(c)  $\sqrt{5}$  (d) None of these
9. The roots of the equation  $\sqrt{3x+1} + 1 = \sqrt{x}$  are
- (a) 0 (b) 1  
(c) 0, 1 (d) None
10. The value of  $x = \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \sqrt{2 + \dots}}}$  is
- (a) -1 (b) 1  
(c) 2 (d) 3
11. If  $P(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$  and  $Q(x) = -ax^2 + dx + c$  where  $ac \neq 0$ , then  $P(x).Q(x) = 0$  has at least
- (a) Four real roots (b) Two real roots  
(c) Four imaginary roots (d) None of these
12. The real roots of the equation  $x^2 + 5|x| + 4 = 0$  are
- (a) -1, 4 (b) 1, 4  
(c) -4, 4 (d) None of these
13. If the roots of the equation  $(p^2 + q^2)x^2 - 2q(p+r)x + (q^2 + r^2) = 0$  be real and equal, then  $p, q, r$  will be in
- (a) A.P. (b) G.P.  
(c) H.P. (d) None of these
14. Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the roots of the equation  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$  The equation whose roots are  $\alpha^{19}, \beta^7$  is
- (a)  $x^2 - x - 1 = 0$  (b)  $x^2 - x + 1 = 0$   
(c)  $x^2 + x - 1 = 0$  (d)  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$
15. If the product of the roots of the equation  $2x^2 + 6x + \alpha^2 + 1 = 0$  is  $-\alpha$ , then the value of  $\alpha$  will be
- (a) -1 (b) 1  
(c) 2 (d) -2
16. If  $x^{2/3} - 7x^{1/3} + 10 = 0$ , then  $x =$
- (a) {125} (b) {8}  
(c)  $\phi$  (d) {125, 8}

17. The number of roots of the equation  $|x|^2 - 7|x| + 12 = 0$  is

- (a) 1 (b) 2  
(c) 3 (d) 4

18. The equation  $\sqrt{(x+1)} - \sqrt{(x-1)} = \sqrt{(4x-1)}$  has

- (a) No solution (b) One solution (c) Two solutions (d) More than two solutions

19. The number of solutions of  $\log_4(x-1) = \log_2(x-3)$

- (a) 3 (b) 1  
(c) 2 (d) 0

20. If the roots of the given equation  $2x^2 + 3(\lambda - 2)x + \lambda + 4 = 0$  be equal in magnitude but opposite in sign, then  $\lambda =$

- (a) 1 (b) 2  
(c) 3 (d)  $2/3$

21. If a root of the equation  $x^2 + px + 12 = 0$  is 4, while the roots of the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  are same, then the value of  $q$  will be

- (a) 4 (b)  $4/49$   
(c)  $49/4$  (d) None of these

22. The equation  $e^x - x - 1 = 0$  has

- (a) Only one real root  $x = 0$   
(b) At least two real roots  
(c) Exactly two real roots  
(d) Infinitely many real roots

23. The number of solutions for the equation  $x^2 - 5|x| + 6 = 0$  is

- (a) 4 (b) 3  
(c) 2 (d) 1

24. The values of 'a' and 'b' for which equation  $x^4 - 4x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$  have four real roots

- (a)  $-6, -4$  (b)  $-6, 5$   
(c)  $-6, 4$  (d)  $6, -4$

25. If  $a + b + c = 0, a \neq 0, a, b, c \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then both the roots of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are

- (a) Rational (b) Non-real  
(c) Irrational (d) Zero

26. If  $a + b + c = 0$ , then the roots of the equation  $4ax^2 + 3bx + 2c = 0$  are

- (a) Equal (b) Imaginary  
(c) Real (d) None of these

27. If the roots of the given equation  $(\cos p - 1)x^2 + (\cos p)x + \sin p = 0$  are real, then

- (a)  $p \in (-\pi, 0)$  (b)  $p \in \left(-\frac{\pi}{2}, \frac{\pi}{2}\right)$  (c)  $p \in (0, \pi)$  (d)  $p \in (0, 2\pi)$

28. The roots of the equation

$$(a^2 + b^2)t^2 - 2(ac + bd)t + (c^2 + d^2) = 0 \text{ are equal, then}$$

- (a)  $ab = dc$  (b)  $ac = bd$   
(c)  $ad + bc = 0$  (d)  $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}$

29. The expression  $x^2 + 2bx + c$  has the positive value if

- (a)  $b^2 - 4c > 0$  (b)  $b^2 - 4c < 0$   
(c)  $c^2 < b$  (d)  $b^2 < c$

30. If the roots of the equations  $px^2 + 2qx + r = 0$

$$\text{and } qx^2 - 2\sqrt{pr}x + q = 0 \text{ be real, then}$$

- (a)  $p = q$  (b)  $q^2 = pr$   
(c)  $p^2 = qr$  (d)  $r^2 = pq$

31. If  $l, m, n$  are real and  $l \neq m$ , then the roots of the equation  $(l - m)x^2 - 5(l + m)x - 2(l - m) = 0$  are

- (a) Complex (b) Real and distinct  
(c) Real and equal (d) None of these

32. The least integer  $k$  which makes the roots of the equation  $x^2 + 5x + k = 0$  imaginary is

- (a) 4 (b) 5  
(c) 6 (d) 7

33. The condition for the roots of the equation,

$$(c^2 - ab)x^2 - 2(a^2 - bc)x + (b^2 - ac) = 0 \text{ to be equal is}$$

- (a)  $a = 0$  (b)  $b = 0$   
(c)  $c = 0$  (d) None of these

34. Roots of  $ax^2 + b = 0$  are real and distinct if

- (a)  $ab > 0$  (b)  $ab < 0$   
(c)  $a, b > 0$  (d)  $a, b < 0$

35. The expression  $y = ax^2 + bx + c$  has always the same sign as  $c$  if

- (a)  $4ac < b^2$  (b)  $4ac > b^2$   
 (c)  $ac < b^2$  (d)  $ac > b^2$

36.  $x^2 + x + 1 + 2k(x^2 - x - 1) = 0$  is a perfect square for how many values of  $k$

- (a) 2 (b) 0  
 (c) 1 (d) 3

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

- (a) 15 (b) 9  
 (c) 7 (d) 8

38. If the roots of equation  $x^2 + a^2 = 8x + 6a$  are real, then

- (a)  $a \in [2, 8]$  (b)  $a \in [-2, 8]$   
 (c)  $a \in (2, 8)$  (d)  $a \in (-2, 8)$

39. If a root of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  be reciprocal of a root of the equation then  $a'x^2 + b'x + c' = 0$ , then

- (a)  $(cc' - aa')^2 = (ba' - cb')(ab' - bc')$   
 (b)  $(bb' - aa')^2 = (ca' - bc')(ab' - bc')$   
 (c)  $(cc' - aa')^2 = (ba' + cb')(ab' + bc')$   
 (d) None of these

40. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $4x^2 + 3x + 7 = 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} =$

- (a)  $-\frac{3}{7}$  (b)  $\frac{3}{7}$   
 (c)  $-\frac{3}{5}$  (d)  $\frac{3}{5}$

41. If the roots of the equation  $Ax^2 + Bx + C = 0$  are  $\alpha, \beta$  and the roots of the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  are  $\alpha^2, \beta^2$ , then value of  $p$  will be

- (a)  $\frac{B^2 - 2AC}{A^2}$  (b)  $\frac{2AC - B^2}{A^2}$   
 (c)  $\frac{B^2 - 4AC}{A^2}$  (d) None of these

42. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 - a(x+1) - b = 0$  then  $(\alpha+1)(\beta+1) =$

- (a)  $b$  (b)  $-b$   
 (c)  $1-b$  (d)  $b-1$

- 43. If the sum of the roots of the quadratic equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  is equal to the sum of the squares of their reciprocals, then  $a/c, b/a, c/b$  are in**
- (a) A.P. (b) G.P. (c) H.P. (d) None of these
- 44. If the roots of the equation  $x^2 + 2mx + m^2 - 2m + 6 = 0$  are same, then the value of  $m$  will be**
- (a) 3 (b) 0 (c) 2 (d) -1
- 45. If the sum of the roots of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  be equal to the sum of their squares, then**
- (a)  $a(a+b) = 2bc$  (b)  $c(a+c) = 2ab$   
 (c)  $b(a+b) = 2ac$  (d)  $b(a+b) = ac$
- 46. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of  $x^2 + px + 1 = 0$  and  $\gamma, \delta$  are the roots of  $x^2 + qx + 1 = 0$ , then  $q^2 - p^2 =$**
- (a)  $(\alpha - \gamma)(\beta - \gamma)(\alpha + \delta)(\beta + \delta)$   
 (b)  $(\alpha + \gamma)(\beta + \gamma)(\alpha - \delta)(\beta + \delta)$   
 (c)  $(\alpha + \gamma)(\beta + \gamma)(\alpha + \delta)(\beta + \delta)$   
 (d) None of these
- 47. If  $2 + i\sqrt{3}$  is a root of the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are real, then  $(p, q) =$**
- (a)  $(-4, 7)$  (b)  $(4, -7)$   
 (c)  $(4, 7)$  (d)  $(-4, -7)$
- 48. If the roots of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  be  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$ , then the roots of the equation  $cx^2 + bx + a = 0$  are**
- (a)  $-\alpha, -\beta$  (b)  $\alpha, \frac{1}{\beta}$   
 (c)  $\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}$  (d) None of these
- 49. The quadratic in  $t$ , such that A.M. of its roots is  $A$  and G.M. is  $G$ , is**
- (a)  $t^2 - 2At + G^2 = 0$  (b)  $t^2 - 2At - G^2 = 0$   
 (c)  $t^2 + 2At + G^2 = 0$  (d) None of these
- 50. If the sum of the roots of the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  is three times their difference, then which one of the following is true**
- (a)  $9p^2 = 2q$  (b)  $2q^2 = 9p$   
 (c)  $2p^2 = 9q$  (d)  $9q^2 = 2p$

- 51. A two digit number is four times the sum and three times the product of its digits. The number is**
- (a) 42 (b) 24  
(c) 12 (d) 21
- 52. If the product of roots of the equation,  $mx^2 + 6x + (2m - 1) = 0$  is  $-1$ , then the value of  $m$  will be**
- (a) 1 (b)  $-1$  (c)  $\frac{1}{3}$  (d)  $-\frac{1}{3}$
- 53. If the roots of the equation  $\frac{1}{x+p} + \frac{1}{x+q} = \frac{1}{r}$  are equal in magnitude but opposite in sign, then the product of the roots will be**
- (a)  $\frac{p^2 + q^2}{2}$  (b)  $-\frac{(p^2 + q^2)}{2}$   
(c)  $\frac{p^2 - q^2}{2}$  (d)  $-\frac{(p^2 - q^2)}{2}$
- 54. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of the equation  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , then  $\frac{\alpha}{a\beta + b} + \frac{\beta}{a\alpha + b} =$**
- (a)  $\frac{2}{a}$  (b)  $\frac{2}{b}$   
(c)  $\frac{2}{c}$  (d)  $-\frac{2}{a}$
- 55. The equation formed by decreasing each root of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  by 1 is  $2x^2 + 8x + 2 = 0$ , then**
- (a)  $a = -b$  (b)  $b = -c$   
(c)  $c = -a$  (d)  $b = a + c$
- 56. If the ratio of the roots of  $x^2 + bx + c = 0$  and  $x^2 + qx + r = 0$  be the same, then**
- (a)  $r^2c = b^2q$  (b)  $r^2b = c^2q$   
(c)  $rb^2 = cq^2$  (d)  $rc^2 = bq^2$
- 57. If the ratio of the roots of  $ax^2 + 2bx + c = 0$  is same as the ratio of the roots of  $px^2 + 2qx + r = 0$ , then**
- (a)  $\frac{b}{ac} = \frac{q}{pr}$  (b)  $\frac{b^2}{ac} = \frac{q^2}{pr}$   
(c)  $\frac{2b}{ac} = \frac{q^2}{pr}$  (d) None of these

- 58. If the sum of the roots of the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  is equal to the sum of their squares, then**
- (a)  $p^2 - q^2 = 0$  (b)  $p^2 + q^2 = 2q$   
 (c)  $p^2 + p = 2q$  (d) None of these
- 59. Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of  $x^2 - x + p = 0$  and  $\gamma, \delta$  be the roots of  $x^2 - 4x + q = 0$ . If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are in G.P., then integral values of  $p, q$  are respectively**
- (a)  $-2, -32$  (b)  $-2, 3$  (c)  $-6, 3$  (d)  $-6, -32$
- 60. If the roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  are  $\alpha, \beta$  and the roots of  $Ax^2 + Bx + C = 0$  are  $\alpha - k, \beta - k$ , then  $\frac{B^2 - 4AC}{b^2 - 4ac}$  is equal to**
- (a) 0 (b) 1  
 (c)  $\left(\frac{A}{a}\right)^2$  (d)  $\left(\frac{a}{A}\right)^2$
- 61. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of  $9x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$ , then the equation with the roots  $\frac{1}{\alpha}, \frac{1}{\beta}$  is**
- (a)  $2x^2 + 3x + 18 = 0$  (b)  $x^2 + 6x - 9 = 0$   
 (c)  $x^2 + 6x + 9 = 0$  (d)  $x^2 - 6x + 9 = 0$
- 62. If  $p$  and  $q$  are the roots of  $x^2 + px + q = 0$ , then**
- (a)  $p = 1, q = -2$  (b)  $p = -2, q = 1$   
 (c)  $p = 1, q = 0$  (d)  $p = -2, q = 0$
- 63. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  and  $\alpha + \beta, \alpha^2 + \beta^2, \alpha^3 + \beta^3$  are in G.P., where  $\Delta = b^2 - 4ac$ , then**
- (a)  $\Delta \neq 0$  (b)  $b\Delta = 0$   
 (c)  $cb \neq 0$  (d)  $c\Delta = 0$
- 64. If  $1-i$  is a root of the equation  $x^2 - ax + b = 0$ , then  $b =$**
- (a)  $-2$  (b)  $-1$   
 (c)  $1$  (d)  $2$
- 65. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + 2x + 4 = 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{\alpha^3} + \frac{1}{\beta^3}$  is equal to**
- (a)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$   
 (c)  $32$  (d)  $\frac{1}{4}$



66. If  $a$  and  $b$  are roots of  $x^2 - px + q = 0$ , then  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} =$

- (a)  $\frac{1}{p}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{q}$   
(c)  $\frac{1}{2p}$  (d)  $\frac{p}{q}$

67. Product of real roots of the equation  $t^2 x^2 + |x| + 9 = 0$

- (a) Is always positive (b) Is always negative  
(c) Does not exist (d) None of these

68. If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , then the equation whose roots are  $2 + \alpha, 2 + \beta$  is

- (a)  $ax^2 + x(4a - b) + 4a - 2b + c = 0$   
(b)  $ax^2 + x(4a - b) + 4a + 2b + c = 0$   
(c)  $ax^2 + x(b - 4a) + 4a + 2b + c = 0$   
(d)  $ax^2 + x(b - 4a) + 4a - 2b + c = 0$

69. If one root of the equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  is the square of the other, then

- (a)  $p^3 + q^2 - q(3p + 1) = 0$  (b)  $p^3 + q^2 + q(1 + 3p) = 0$   
(c)  $p^3 + q^2 + q(3p - 1) = 0$  (d)  $p^3 + q^2 + q(1 - 3p) = 0$

70. Let two numbers have arithmetic mean 9 and geometric mean 4. Then these numbers are the roots of the quadratic equation

- (a)  $x^2 - 18x - 16 = 0$  (b)  $x^2 - 18x + 16 = 0$   
(c)  $x^2 + 18x - 16 = 0$  (d)  $x^2 + 18x + 16 = 0$

71. If  $\alpha \neq \beta$  but  $\alpha^2 = 5\alpha - 3$  and  $\beta^2 = 5\beta - 3$ , then the equation whose roots are  $\alpha/\beta$  and  $\beta/\alpha$  is

- (a)  $3x^2 - 25x + 3 = 0$  (b)  $x^2 + 5x - 3 = 0$   
(c)  $x^2 - 5x + 3 = 0$  (d)  $3x^2 - 19x + 3 = 0$

72. Difference between the corresponding roots of  $x^2 + ax + b = 0$  and  $x^2 + bx + a = 0$  is same and  $a \neq b$ , then

- (a)  $a + b + 4 = 0$  (b)  $a + b - 4 = 0$   
(c)  $a - b - 4 = 0$  (d)  $a - b + 4 = 0$

73. If 3 is a root of  $x^2 + kx - 24 = 0$ , it is also a root of

- (a)  $x^2 + 5x + k = 0$  (b)  $x^2 - 5x + k = 0$   
(c)  $x^2 - kx + 6 = 0$  (d)  $x^2 + kx + 24 = 0$

**74. If  $x, y, z$  are real and distinct, then**

$u = x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 - 6yz - 3zx - zxy$  is always

- (a) Non-negative (b) Non-positive  
(c) Zero (d) None of these

**75. If a root of the equations  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  and  $x^2 + \alpha x + \beta = 0$  is common, then its value will be (where  $p \neq \alpha$  and  $q \neq \beta$ )**

- (a)  $\frac{q-\beta}{\alpha-p}$  (b)  $\frac{p\beta-\alpha q}{q-\beta}$  (c)  $\frac{q-\beta}{\alpha-p}$  or  $\frac{p\beta-\alpha q}{q-\beta}$  (d) None of these

**76. If  $x^2 - 3x + 2$  be a factor of  $x^4 - px^2 + q$ , then  $(p, q) =$**

- (a) (3, 4) (b) (4, 5)  
(c) (4, 3) (d) (5, 4)

**77. If the two equations  $x^2 - cx + d = 0$  and  $x^2 - ax + b = 0$  have one common root and the second has equal roots, then  $2(b+d) =$**

- (a) 0 (b)  $a+c$   
(c)  $ac$  (d)  $-ac$

**78. If  $x$  is real, the expression  $\frac{x+2}{2x^2+3x+6}$  takes all value in the interval**

- (a)  $\left(\frac{1}{13}, \frac{1}{3}\right)$  (b)  $\left[-\frac{1}{13}, \frac{1}{3}\right]$   
(c)  $\left(-\frac{1}{3}, \frac{1}{13}\right)$  (d) None of these

**79. If  $x$  is real, the function  $\frac{(x-a)(x-b)}{(x-c)}$  will assume all real values, provided**

- (a)  $a > b > c$  (b)  $a < b < c$   
(c)  $a > c < b$  (d)  $a < c < b$

**80. If the equation  $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x = 0$ ,  $a_1 \neq 0$ ,  $n \geq 2$ , has a positive root  $x = \alpha$ , then the equation  $na_n x^{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-1} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 = 0$  has a positive root, which is**

- (a) Greater than or equal to  $\alpha$  (b) Equal to  $\alpha$   
(c) Greater than  $\alpha$  (d) Smaller than  $\alpha$

**81. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  ( $\alpha < \beta$ ) are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + bx + c = 0$ , where  $c < 0 < b$ , then**

- (a)  $0 < \alpha < \beta$  (b)  $\alpha < 0 < \beta < |\alpha|$   
(c)  $\alpha < \beta < 0$  (d)  $\alpha < 0 < |\alpha| < \beta$

82. If  $x$  is real, then the maximum and minimum values of expression  $\frac{x^2 + 14x + 9}{x^2 + 2x + 3}$  will be
- (a) 4, -5 (b) 5, -4  
(c) -4, 5 (d) -4, -5
83. If  $x^2 - hx - 21 = 0, x^2 - 3hx + 35 = 0$  ( $h > 0$ ) has a common root, then the value of  $h$  is equal to
- (a) 1 (b) 2  
(c) 3 (d) 4
84. If the roots of the equation  $x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + a - 3 = 0$  are real and less than 3, then
- (a)  $a < 2$  (b)  $2 \leq a \leq 3$  (c)  $3 < a \leq 4$  (d)  $a > 4$
85. If  $b > a$ , then the equation  $(x-a)(x-b) = 1$  has
- (a) Both roots in  $[a, b]$   
(b) Both roots in  $(-\infty, a)$   
(c) Both roots in  $(b, +\infty)$   
(d) One root in  $(-\infty, a)$  and the other in  $(b, +\infty)$
86. If  $S$  is a set of  $P(x)$  is polynomial of degree  $\leq 2$  such that  $P(0) = 0, P(1) = 1, P'(x) > 0 \forall x \in (0, 1)$ , then
- (a)  $S = 0$   
(b)  $S = ax + (1-a)x^2 \forall a \in (0, \infty)$   
(c)  $S = ax + (1-a)x^2 \forall a \in R$   
(d)  $S = ax + (1-a)x^2 \forall a \in (0, 2)$
87. The smallest value of  $x^2 - 3x + 3$  in the interval  $(-3, 3/2)$  is
- (a)  $3/4$  (b) 5  
(c) -15 (d) -20
88. The maximum possible number of real roots of equation  $x^5 - 6x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$  is
- (a) 0 (b) 3  
(c) 4 (d) 5
89. The solution set of the equation  $px^2 - (p+q)^2x + (p+q)^2 = 0$  is
- (a)  $\left\{\frac{p}{q}, \frac{q}{p}\right\}$  (b)  $\left\{pq, \frac{p}{q}\right\}$   
(c)  $\left\{\frac{q}{p}, pq\right\}$  (d)  $\left\{\frac{p+q}{p}, \frac{p+q}{q}\right\}$  (e)  $\left\{\frac{p-q}{p}, \frac{p-q}{q}\right\}$

90. If  $x$  is real and satisfies  $x + 2 > \sqrt{x + 4}$ , then

- (a)  $x < -2$  (b)  $x > 0$   
 (c)  $-3 < x < 0$  (d)  $-3 < x < 4$

91. If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the roots of equation  $x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 5 = 0$  then  $y = \sum \alpha^2 + \alpha\beta\gamma$  satisfies the equation

- (a)  $y^3 + y + 2 = 0$  (b)  $y^3 - y^2 - y - 2 = 0$   
 (c)  $y^3 + 3y^2 - y - 3 = 0$  (d)  $y^3 + 4y^2 + 5y + 20 = 0$

92. If  $\alpha, \beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the roots of  $x^3 + 8 = 0$ , then the equation whose roots are  $\alpha^2, \beta^2$  and  $\gamma^2$  is

- (a)  $x^3 - 8 = 0$  (b)  $x^3 - 16 = 0$   
 (c)  $x^3 + 64 = 0$  (d)  $x^3 - 64 = 0$

93. If  $x^2 + 2ax + 10 - 3a > 0$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , then

- (a)  $-5 < a < 2$  (b)  $a < -5$   
 (c)  $a > 5$  (d)  $2 < a < 5$

94. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of the equation  $x^3 + 4x + 1 = 0$ , then  $(\alpha + \beta)^{-1} + (\beta + \gamma)^{-1} + (\gamma + \alpha)^{-1} =$

- (a) 2 (b) 3  
 (c) 4 (d) 5

## QUADRATIC EQUATIONS

### HINTS AND SOLUTIONS

1. (d)  $x + \frac{1}{x} = 2 \Rightarrow x + \frac{1}{x} - 2 = 0$  ( $\because x \neq 0$ )

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow x = 1, 1.$$

2. (c) Given equation is  $(p - q)x^2 + (q - r)x + (r - p) = 0$

$$x = \frac{(r - q) \pm \sqrt{(q - r)^2 - 4(r - p)(p - q)}}{2(p - q)}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \frac{(r - q) \pm (q + r - 2p)}{2(p - q)} \Rightarrow x = \frac{r - p}{p - q}, 1$$

3. (c)  $x^2 + y^2 = 25$  and  $xy = 12$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + \left(\frac{12}{x}\right)^2 = 25 \Rightarrow x^4 + 144 - 25x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - 16)(x^2 - 9) = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 = 16 \text{ and } x^2 = 9$$

$$\Rightarrow x = \pm 4 \text{ and } x = \pm 3.$$

4. (a) Equation  $a(x^2 + 1) - (a^2 + 1)x = 0$

$$\Rightarrow ax^2 - (a^2 + 1)x + a = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (ax - 1)(x - a) = 0 \Rightarrow x = a, \frac{1}{a}.$$

5. (b) Let  $x = 2 + \frac{1}{2 + \frac{1}{2 + \dots \infty}}$

$$\Rightarrow x = 2 + \frac{1}{x}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 1 \pm \sqrt{2}$$

But the value of the given expression cannot be negative or less than 2, therefore  $1 + \sqrt{2}$  is required answer.

6. (d) Given  $|x|^2 - 3|x| + 2 = 0$

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

$$\Rightarrow |x| = 1 \text{ and } |x| = 2 \Rightarrow x = \pm 1, x = \pm 2.$$

7. (b) Equation  $x^4 - 8x^2 - 9 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^4 - 9x^2 + x^2 - 9 = 0 \Rightarrow x^2(x^2 - 9) + 1(x^2 - 9) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 + 1)(x^2 - 9) = 0 \Rightarrow x = \pm i, \pm 3.$$

8. (a) If one root of a quadratic equation with rational coefficients is irrational and of the form  $\alpha + \sqrt{\beta}$ , then the other root must also be irrational and of the form  $\alpha - \sqrt{\beta}$ .

9. (d) Given equation is  $\sqrt{3x+1} + 1 = \sqrt{x}$

$$\Rightarrow \sqrt{3x+1} = \sqrt{x} - 1$$

Squaring on both sides, we get  $3x + 1 = x + 1 - 2\sqrt{x}$

$$\Rightarrow 2\sqrt{x} + 2x = 0 \quad (\text{Irrational function})$$

Thus  $x \neq 0$  and  $x \neq 1$ , since equation is non-quadratic equation.

10. (c)  $x = \sqrt{2+x} \Rightarrow x^2 - x - 2 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 2)(x + 1) = 0 \Rightarrow x = 2, -1$$

But  $\sqrt{2+\sqrt{2+\dots}} \neq -1$ , so it is equal to 2.

11. (b) Let all four roots are imaginary. Then roots of both equations  $P(x)=0$  and  $Q(x)=0$  are imaginary.

Thus  $b^2 - 4ac < 0; d^2 + 4ac < 0$ , So  $b^2 + d^2 < 0$ , which is impossible unless  $b = 0, d = 0$ .

So, if  $b \neq 0$  or  $d \neq 0$  at least two roots must be real.

If  $b = 0, d = 0$ , we have the equations.

$$P(x) = ax^2 + c = 0 \text{ and } Q(x) = -ax^2 + c = 0$$

Or  $x^2 = -\frac{c}{a}; x^2 = \frac{c}{a}$  as one of  $\frac{c}{a}$  and  $-\frac{c}{a}$  must be positive, so two roots must be real.

12. (d)  $x^2 + 5|x| + 4 = 0 \Rightarrow |x|^2 + 5|x| + 4 = 0$

$\Rightarrow |x| = -1, -4$ , which is not possible. Hence, the given equation has no real root.

13. (b) Given equation is  $(p^2 + q^2)x^2 - 2q(p+r)x + (q^2 + r^2) = 0$

Roots are real and equal, then

$$4q^2(p+r)^2 - 4(p^2 + q^2)(q^2 + r^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2(p^2 + r^2 + 2pr) - (p^2q^2 + p^2r^2 + q^4 + q^2r^2) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow q^2p^2 + q^2r^2 + 2pq^2r - p^2q^2 - p^2r^2 - q^4 - q^2r^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 2pq^2r - p^2r^2 - q^4 = 0 \Rightarrow (q^2 - pr)^2 = 0$$

Hence  $q^2 = pr$ . Thus  $p, q, r$  in G.P.

14. (d) Given  $x^2 + x + 1 = 0$

$$\therefore x = \frac{1}{2}[-1 \pm i\sqrt{3}] = \frac{1}{2}(-1 + i\sqrt{3}), \frac{1}{2}(-1 - i\sqrt{3}) = \omega, \omega^2$$

But  $\alpha^{19} = \omega^{19} = \omega$  and  $\beta^7 = \omega^{14} = \omega^2$ .

Hence the equation will be same.

15. (a) According to condition  $\frac{\alpha^2 + 1}{2} = -\alpha$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha = -1, -1.$$

16. (d) Given that  $x^{2/3} - 7x^{1/3} + 10 = 0$ . Given equation can be written as  $(x^{1/3})^2 - 7(x^{1/3}) + 10 = 0$

Let  $a = x^{1/3}$ , then it reduces to the equation

$$a^2 - 7a + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow (a-5)(a-2) = 0 \Rightarrow a = 5, 2$$

Putting these values, we have  $a^3 = x \Rightarrow x = 125$  and  $8$ .

17. (d) The equation  $(|x| - 4)(|x| - 3) = 0$

$$\Rightarrow |x| = 4 \Rightarrow x = \pm 4 \Rightarrow |x| = 3 \Rightarrow x = \pm 3.$$

18. (a) Given  $\sqrt{x+1} - \sqrt{x-1} = \sqrt{4x-1}$

Squaring both sides, we get  $-2\sqrt{(x^2-1)} = 2x-1$

Squaring again, we get  $x = 5/4$  which does not satisfy the given equation. Hence equation has no solution.

19. (b)  $\log_4(x-1) = \log_2(x-3) \Rightarrow x-1 = (x-3)^2$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - 7x + 10 = 0 \Rightarrow (x-5)(x-2) = 0$$

$$\therefore x = 5, 2 \text{ but } x-3 < 0 \text{ when } x = 2$$

$$\therefore \text{Only solution is } x = 5$$

$$\therefore \text{Hence number of solution is one.}$$

20. (b) Let roots are  $\alpha$  and  $-\alpha$ , then sum of the roots

$$\alpha + (-\alpha) = \frac{3(\lambda-2)}{2} \Rightarrow 0 = \frac{3}{2}(\lambda-2) \Rightarrow \lambda = 2$$

21. (c) Put  $x = 4$  in  $x^2 + px + 12 = 0$ , we get  $p = -7$

Now second equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  have equal roots. Therefore  $p^2 = 4q \Rightarrow q = \frac{49}{4}$

22. (a)  $e^x = x + 1 \Rightarrow 1 + \frac{x}{1!} + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \dots = x + 1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \dots = 0$$

$$x^2 = 0, x^3 = 0, \dots, x^n = 0$$

Hence,  $x = 0$  only one real roots.

23. (a) Given equation  $x^2 - 5|x| + 6 = 0$

$$\text{i.e., } x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0 \text{ and } x^2 + 5x + 6 = 0$$

$$x^2 - 3x - 2x + 6 = 0 \text{ and } x^2 + 3x + 2x + 6 = 0$$

$$(x-3)(x-2) = 0 \text{ and } (x+3)(x+2) = 0$$

$$x = 3, x = 2 \text{ and } x = -3, x = -2.$$

i.e., Four solutions of this equation.

24. (d) Let for real roots are  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  then equation is

$$(x-\alpha)(x-\beta)(x-\gamma)(x-\delta) = 0$$

$$x^4 - (\alpha + \beta + \gamma + \delta)x^3 + (\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\delta + \alpha\delta + \beta\delta + \alpha\gamma)x^2 - (\alpha\beta\gamma + \beta\gamma\delta + \alpha\beta\delta + \alpha\gamma\delta)x + \alpha\beta\gamma\delta = 0$$

$$x^4 - \sum \alpha \cdot x^3 + \sum \alpha\beta \cdot x^2 - \sum \alpha\beta\gamma \cdot x + \alpha\beta\gamma\delta = 0$$

On comparing with  $x^4 - 4x^3 + ax^2 + bx + 1 = 0$

$$\sum \alpha = 4, \sum \alpha\beta = a$$

$$\sum \alpha\beta\gamma = -b, \alpha\beta\gamma\delta = 1$$

Solving

$$\therefore b = -4; \therefore a = 6 \text{ and } b = -4.$$

25. (a)  $D \equiv b^2 - 4ac = (-a - c)^2 - 4ac$  ( $\because a + b + c = 0$ )

$$= (a + c)^2 - 4ac = (a - c)^2 \geq 0$$

Hence roots are rational.

26. (c) We have  $4ax^2 + 3bx + 2c = 0$  Let roots are  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$

$$\text{Let } D = B^2 - 4AC = 9b^2 - 4(4a)(2c) = 9b^2 - 32ac$$

$$\text{Given that, } (a + b + c) = 0 \Rightarrow b = -(a + c)$$

Putting this value, we get

$$= 9(a + c)^2 - 32ac = 9(a - c)^2 + 4ac.$$

Hence roots are real.

27. (c) Given equation  $(\cos p - 1)x^2 + (\cos p)x + \sin p = 0$

Its discriminant  $D \geq 0$  since roots are real

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 p - 4(\cos p - 1)\sin p \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \cos^2 p - 4 \cos p \sin p + 4 \sin p \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\cos p - 2 \sin p)^2 - 4 \sin^2 p + 4 \sin p \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\cos p - 2 \sin p)^2 + 4 \sin p(1 - \sin p) \geq 0 \dots (i)$$

Now  $(1 - \sin p) \geq 0$  for all real  $p$ ,  $\sin p > 0$  for  $0 < p < \pi$ . Therefore  $4 \sin p(1 - \sin p) \geq 0$  when

$$0 < p < \pi \text{ OR } p \in (0, \pi)$$

28. (d) Accordingly,  $\{2(ac + bd)\}^2 = 4(a^2 + b^2)(c^2 + d^2)$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2c^2 + 4b^2d^2 + 8abcd = 4a^2c^2 + 4a^2d^2 + 4b^2c^2 + 4b^2d^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2d^2 + 4b^2c^2 - 8abcd = 0 \Rightarrow 4(ad - bc)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow ad = bc \Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{c}{d}.$$

29. (d)  $x^2 + 2bx + c = (x + b)^2 + c - b^2$

$\because (x + b)^2$  is a perfect square, therefore the given expression is positive if  $c - b^2 > 0$  or  $b^2 < c$ .



30. (b) Equations  $px^2 + 2qx + r = 0$  and

$$qx^2 - 2(\sqrt{pr})x + q = 0 \text{ have real roots, then from first } 4q^2 - 4pr \geq 0 \Rightarrow q^2 - pr \geq 0 \Rightarrow q^2 \geq pr \dots(i)$$

And from second  $4(pr) - 4q^2 \geq 0$  (for real root)

$$\Rightarrow pr \geq q^2 \dots(ii)$$

From (i) and (ii), we get result  $q^2 = pr$ .

31. (b) Given equation is  $(l-m)x^2 - 5(l+m)x - 2(l-m) = 0$

$$\text{Its discriminant } D = 25(l+m)^2 + 8(l-m)^2$$

Which is positive, since  $l, m, n$  are real and  $l \neq m$ .

Hence roots are real and distinct.

32. (d) Roots are non real if discriminant  $< 0$

$$\text{i.e. if } 5^2 - 4 \cdot 1 \cdot k < 0 \text{ i.e. if } 4k > 25 \text{ i.e. if } k > \frac{25}{4}$$

Hence, the required least integer  $k$  is 7.

33. (a) According to question,

$$4(a^2 - bc)^2 - 4(c^2 - ab)(b^2 - ac) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a(a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 0 \text{ or } a^3 + b^3 + c^3 = 3abc$$

34. (b)  $B^2 - 4AC > 0 \Rightarrow 0 - 4ab > 0 \Rightarrow ab < 0$ .

35. (b) Let  $f(x) = ax^2 + bx + c$ . Then  $f(0) = c$ . Thus the graph of  $y = f(x)$  meets  $y$ -axis at  $(0, c)$ .

If  $c > 0$ , then by hypothesis  $f(x) > 0$ . This means that the curve  $y = f(x)$  does not meet  $x$ -axis.

If  $c < 0$ , then by hypothesis  $f(x) < 0$ , which means that the curve  $y = f(x)$  is always below  $x$ -axis

and so it does not intersect with  $x$ -axis. Thus in both cases  $y = f(x)$  does not intersect with

$x$ -axis i.e.  $f(x) \neq 0$  for any real  $x$ . Hence  $f(x) = 0$  i.e.  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$  has imaginary roots and

$$\text{so } b^2 < 4ac.$$

36. (a) Given equation  $(1+2k)x^2 + (1-2k)x + (1-2k) = 0$

If equation is a perfect square then roots are equal

$$\text{i.e., } (1-2k)^2 - 4(1+2k)(1-2k) = 0$$

$$\text{i.e., } k = \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-3}{10}. \text{ Hence total number of values } = 2.$$

37. (c) For real roots, discriminant  $\geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow q^2 - 4p \geq 0 \Rightarrow q^2 \geq 4p$$

For  $p = 1, q^2 \geq 4 \Rightarrow q = 2, 3, 4$

$$p = 2, q^2 \geq 8 \Rightarrow q = 3, 4$$

$$p = 3, q^2 \geq 12 \Rightarrow q = 4$$

$$p = 4, q^2 \geq 16 \Rightarrow q = 4$$

Total seven solutions are possible.

38. (b) Since the roots  $x^2 - 8x + a^2 - 6a = 0$  are real.

$$\therefore 64 - 4(a^2 - 6a) \geq 0 \text{ Or } a^2 - 6a - 16 \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a \in [-2, 8]$$

39. (a) Let  $\alpha$  be a root of first equation, and then  $\frac{1}{\alpha}$  be a root of second equation.

$$\text{Therefore } a\alpha^2 + b\alpha + c = 0 \text{ and } a'\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + b'\frac{1}{\alpha} + c' = 0 \text{ or } c'\alpha^2 + b'\alpha + a' = 0$$

$$\text{Hence } \frac{\alpha^2}{ba' - b'c} = \frac{\alpha}{cc' - aa'} = \frac{1}{ab' - bc'}$$

$$(cc' - aa')^2 = (ba' - cb')(ab' - bc').$$

40. (a) Given equation  $4x^2 + 3x + 7 = 0$ , therefore

$$\alpha + \beta = -\frac{3}{4} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{7}{4}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{-3/4}{7/4} = \frac{-3}{4} \times \frac{4}{7} = -\frac{3}{7}.$$

41. (b)  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots of  $Ax^2 + Bx + C = 0$ .

$$\text{So, } \alpha + \beta = -\frac{B}{A} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{C}{A}$$

Again  $\alpha^2, \beta^2$  are the roots of  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  then

$$\alpha^2 + \beta^2 = -p \text{ and } (\alpha\beta)^2 = q$$

$$\text{Now } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = \left(-\frac{B}{A}\right)^2 - 2\frac{C}{A}$$

$$\Rightarrow -p = \frac{B^2 - 2AC}{A^2} \Rightarrow p = \frac{2AC - B^2}{A^2}$$

42. (c) Given equation  $x^2 - a(x+1) - b = 0$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - ax - a - b = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = a, \alpha\beta = -(a+b)$$

$$\text{Now } (\alpha+1)(\beta+1) = \alpha\beta + \alpha + \beta + 1$$

$$= -(a+b) + a + 1 = 1 - b$$

43. (c) As given, if  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of the quadratic equation, then  $\alpha + \beta = \frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} = \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta}{\alpha^2\beta^2}$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{(b^2/a^2) - (2c/a)}{(c^2/a^2)} = \frac{b^2 - 2ac}{c^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2a}{c} = \frac{b^2}{c^2} + \frac{b}{a} = \frac{(ab^2 + bc^2)}{ac^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 2a^2c = ab^2 + bc^2 \Rightarrow \frac{2a}{b} = \frac{b}{c} + \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{c}{a}, \frac{a}{b}, \frac{b}{c} \text{ are in A.P.} \Rightarrow \frac{a}{c}, \frac{b}{a}, \frac{c}{b} \text{ are in H.P.}$$

44. (a) Let roots are  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha$ , then  $\alpha + \alpha = -2m \Rightarrow \alpha = -m$

$$\text{and } \alpha.\alpha = m^2 - 2m + 6 \Rightarrow m^2 = m^2 - 2m + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow m = 3.$$

45. (c) Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be two roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\text{Then } \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta = \frac{b^2}{a^2} - 2\frac{c}{a}$$

$$\text{So under condition } \alpha + \beta = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$$

$$\Rightarrow -\frac{b}{a} = \frac{b^2 - 2ac}{a^2} \Rightarrow b(a + b) = 2ac.$$

46. (a) As given,  $\alpha + \beta = -p$ ,  $\alpha\beta = 1$ ,  $\gamma + \delta = -q$  and  $\gamma\delta = 1$

$$\text{Now, } (\alpha - \gamma)(\beta - \gamma)(\alpha + \delta)(\beta + \delta)$$

$$= \{\alpha\beta - \gamma(\alpha + \beta) + \gamma^2\} \{\alpha\beta + \delta(\alpha + \beta) + \delta^2\}$$

$$= (1 + p\gamma + \gamma^2)(1 - p\delta + \delta^2) = (p\gamma - q\gamma)(-p\delta - q\delta) \quad (\text{Since } \gamma \text{ is a root of } x^2 + qx + 1 = 0)$$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma^2 + q\gamma + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow \gamma^2 + 1 = -q\gamma \text{ and similarly } \delta^2 + 1 = -q\delta = -\gamma\delta(p - q)(p + q) = q^2 - p^2.$$

47. (a) Since  $2 + i\sqrt{3}$  is a root, therefore  $2 - i\sqrt{3}$  will be other root. Now sum of the roots  $= 4 = -p$  and product of roots  $= 7 = q$ . Hence  $(p, q) = (-4, 7)$ .

48. (c)  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$$

Let the roots of  $cx^2 + bx + a = 0$  be  $\alpha', \beta'$ , then

$$\alpha' + \beta' = -\frac{b}{c} \text{ and } \alpha'\beta' = \frac{a}{c}$$

$$\text{but } \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha\beta} = \frac{-b/a}{c/a} = \frac{-b}{c} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} = \alpha' + \beta'$$

Hence  $\alpha' = \frac{1}{\alpha}$  and  $\beta' = \frac{1}{\beta}$ .

49. (a) If  $\alpha, \beta$  are the roots, then

$$A = \frac{\alpha + \beta}{2} \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 2A \text{ and } G = \sqrt{\alpha\beta} \Rightarrow \alpha\beta = G^2$$

The required equation is  $t^2 - 2At + G^2 = 0$ .

50. (c) Let  $\alpha, \beta$  are roots of  $x^2 + px + q = 0$

So  $\alpha + \beta = -p$  and  $\alpha\beta = q$

Given that  $(\alpha + \beta) = 3(\alpha - \beta) = -p \Rightarrow \alpha - \beta = \frac{-p}{3}$

Now  $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p^2}{9} = p^2 - 4q \text{ OR } 2p^2 = 9q.$$

51. (b) It is obviously 24.

52. (c) According to condition

$$\frac{2m-1}{m} = -1 \Rightarrow 3m = 1 \Rightarrow m = \frac{1}{3}$$

53. (b) Given equation can be written as

$$x^2 + x(p + q - 2r) + pq - pr - qr = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

Whose roots are  $\alpha$  and  $-\alpha$ , then the product of roots

$$-\alpha^2 = pq - pr - qr = pq - r(p + q) \quad \dots(ii)$$

And sum  $0 = p + q - 2r \Rightarrow r = \frac{p+q}{2} \quad \dots(iii)$

From (ii) and (iii), we get

$$\begin{aligned} -\alpha^2 &= pq - \frac{p+q}{2}(p+q) = -\frac{1}{2}\{(p+q)^2 - 2pq\} \\ &= -\frac{(p^2 + q^2)}{2}. \end{aligned}$$

54. (d)  $\alpha + \beta = -\frac{b}{a}, \alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$

$$\text{and } \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = \frac{(b^2 - 2ac)}{a^2}$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{\alpha}{a\beta + b} + \frac{\beta}{a\alpha + b} = \frac{\alpha(a\alpha + b) + \beta(a\beta + b)}{(a\beta + b)(a\alpha + b)}$$

$$= \frac{a(\alpha^2 + \beta^2) + b(\alpha + \beta)}{\alpha\beta a^2 + ab(\alpha + \beta) + b^2} = \frac{a \frac{(b^2 - 2ac)}{a^2} + b \left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)}{\left(\frac{c}{a}\right)a^2 + ab \left(-\frac{b}{a}\right) + b^2}$$

$$= \frac{b^2 - ac - b^2}{a^2 c - ab^2 + ab^2} = \frac{-2ac}{a^2 c} = -\frac{2}{a}.$$

55. (b)  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = -b/a, \quad \alpha\beta = c/a$$

Roots are  $\alpha - 1, \beta - 1$

$$\text{Sum, } \alpha + \beta - 2 = (-b/a) - 2 = -8/2 = -4$$

$$\text{Product, } (\alpha - 1)(\beta - 1) = \alpha\beta - (\alpha + \beta) + 1 = c/a + b/a + 1 = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{New equation is } 2x^2 + 8x + 2 = 0$$

$$\therefore b/a = 2 \text{ i.e. } b = 2a, \text{ also } c + b = 0 \Rightarrow b = -c.$$

56. (c) Let  $\alpha, \beta$  be the roots of  $x^2 + bx + c = 0$  and  $\alpha', \beta'$  be the roots of  $x^2 + qx + r = 0$ .

$$\text{Then } \alpha + \beta = -b, \alpha\beta = c, \alpha' + \beta' = -q, \alpha'\beta' = r$$

$$\text{It is given that } \frac{\alpha}{\beta} = \frac{\alpha'}{\beta'} \Rightarrow \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\alpha - \beta} = \frac{\alpha' + \beta'}{\alpha' - \beta'}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^2}{(\alpha - \beta)^2} = \frac{(\alpha' + \beta')^2}{(\alpha' - \beta')^2} \Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{b^2 - 4c} = \frac{q^2}{q^2 - 4r}$$

$$\Rightarrow b^2 r = q^2 c$$

57. (b) If the roots of equation  $ax^2 + 2bx + c = 0$  are in the ratio  $m : n$ , Then we have

$$mn(2b)^2 = (m + n)^2 ac \quad \dots(i)$$

Also if the roots of the equation  $px^2 + 2qx + r = 0$  are also in the same ratio  $m : n$ , then

$$mn(2q)^2 = (m + n)^2 pr \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{Dividing (i) and (ii), we get } \frac{b^2}{q^2} = \frac{(ac)}{(pr)} \text{ or } \frac{b^2}{ac} = \frac{q^2}{pr}.$$

58. (c) Let the roots be  $\alpha$  and  $\beta \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = -p, \alpha\beta = q$

$$\text{Given, } \alpha + \beta = \alpha^2 + \beta^2$$

$$\text{But } \alpha + \beta = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta \Rightarrow -p = (-p)^2 - 2q$$

$$\Rightarrow p^2 - 2q = -p \Rightarrow p^2 + p = 2q.$$

59. (a) Let  $r$  be the common ratio of the G.P.  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  then  $\beta = \alpha r, \gamma = \alpha r^2$  and  $\delta = \alpha r^3$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha + \alpha r = 1 \Rightarrow \alpha(1 + r) = 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\alpha\beta = p \Rightarrow \alpha(\alpha r) = p \Rightarrow \alpha^2 r = p \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\gamma + \delta = 4 \Rightarrow \alpha r^2 + \alpha r^3 = 4 \Rightarrow \alpha r^2(1 + r) = 4 \quad \dots(iii)$$

$$\text{and } \gamma\delta = q \Rightarrow \alpha r^2 \cdot \alpha r^3 = q \Rightarrow \alpha^2 r^5 = q \quad \dots(iv)$$

$$\Rightarrow (p, q) = (-2, -32).$$

60. (c)  $(\alpha - \beta)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta = (b^2 - 4ac) / a^2 \quad \dots(i)$

$$\text{Also } \{(\alpha - k) - (\beta - k)\}^2$$

$$= \{(\alpha - k) + (\beta - k)\}^2 - 4(\alpha - k)(\beta - k)$$

$$= (-B/A)^2 - 4(C/A) = (B^2 - 4AC) / A^2 \quad \dots(ii)$$

$$\text{From (i) and (ii), } (b^2 - 4ac) / a^2 = (B^2 - 4AC) / A^2$$

$$\therefore \frac{b^2 - 4AC}{b^2 - 4ac} = \left(\frac{A}{a}\right)^2$$

61. (c) Given equation is  $9x^2 + 6x + 1 = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = \frac{-6}{9} = \frac{-2}{3} \text{ and } \alpha\beta = 1/9$$

$$\therefore \alpha - \beta = \sqrt{(\alpha + \beta)^2 - 4\alpha\beta} = \sqrt{\frac{4}{9} - 4 \cdot \frac{1}{9}} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha = \frac{-1}{3}, \beta = \frac{-1}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{Equation } x^2 - (\alpha + \beta)x + \alpha\beta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 + 6x + 9 = 0.$$

62. (a)  $p + q = -p$  and  $pq = q \Rightarrow p = 1$

$$\text{and } q = -2.$$

63. (d)  $(\alpha^2 + \beta^2)^2 = (\alpha + \beta)(\alpha^3 + \beta^3)$

$$\left(\frac{b^2 - 2ac}{a^2}\right)^2 = \left(\frac{-b}{a}\right)\left(\frac{-b^2 + 3abc}{a^3}\right)$$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2c^2 = acb^2 \Rightarrow ac(b^2 - 4ac) = 0$$

$$\text{As } a \neq 0 \Rightarrow c\Delta = 0$$

64. (d)  $1 - i$  is a root of the equation so  $x = 1 - i$

$$\Rightarrow (x - 1) = -i \Rightarrow (x - 1)^2 = (-i)^2 \Rightarrow x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$$

By comparison,  $a = 2, b = 2$ .

65. (d) Here,  $\alpha + \beta = -2$  and  $\alpha\beta = 4$

$$\therefore \frac{1}{\alpha^3} + \frac{1}{\beta^3} = \frac{\alpha^3 + \beta^3}{(\alpha\beta)^3} = \frac{(\alpha + \beta)^3 - 3\alpha\beta(\alpha + \beta)}{(\alpha\beta)^3}$$

$$= \frac{(-2)^3 - 3(-2)(4)}{(4)^3} = \frac{16}{64} = \frac{1}{4}.$$

66. (d) Roots of given equation  $x^2 - px + q = 0$  is  $a$  and  $b$

i.e.,  $a + b = p$  .....(i) and  $ab = q$  .....(ii)

Then  $\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} = \frac{a+b}{ab} = \frac{p}{q}.$

67. (c) Note that for  $t \in \mathbb{R}, t^2x^2 + |x| + 9 \geq 9$  and hence the given equation cannot have real roots.

68. (d) We have  $\alpha + \beta = \frac{-b}{a}$  and  $\alpha\beta = \frac{c}{a}$

Now sum of the roots  $= 2 + \alpha + 2 + \beta = 4 - \frac{b}{a}$

And product of the roots  $= (2 + \alpha)(2 + \beta)$

$$= 4 + \frac{c}{a} - \frac{2b}{a} = \frac{4a + c - 2b}{a}$$

Hence the required equation is

$$x^2 - x\left(4 - \frac{b}{a}\right) + \frac{4a + c - 2b}{a} = 0$$

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

$$\Rightarrow ax^2 + x(b - 4a) + 4a - 2b + c = 0.$$

69. (d) Let root of the given equation  $x^2 + px + q = 0$  are  $\alpha$  and  $\alpha^2$ .

Now,  $\alpha.\alpha^2 = \alpha^3 = q, \alpha + \alpha^2 = -p$

Cubing both sides,  $\alpha^3 + (\alpha^2)^3 + 3\alpha.\alpha^2(\alpha + \alpha^2) = -p^3$

$$q + q^2 + 3q(-p) = -p^3$$

$$p^3 + q^2 + q(1 - 3p) = 0.$$

70. (b) Let the two number is  $x_1$  and  $x_2$

$$\frac{x_1 + x_2}{2} = 9 \text{ and } x_1x_2 = 16$$

$$x_1 + x_2 = 18 \text{ and } x_1x_2 = 16$$

Equation  $x^2 - (\text{Sum of roots})x + \text{Product of roots} = 0$

Required equation  $x^2 - 18x + 16 = 0.$

71. (d)  $\alpha^2 - 5\alpha + 3 = 0$  .....(i)

$\beta^2 - 5\beta + 3 = 0$  .....(ii)

From (i) – (ii),

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha^2 - \beta^2) - 5\alpha + 5\beta = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha^2 - \beta^2 = 5(\alpha - \beta) \Rightarrow \alpha + \beta = 5$$

From (i) + (ii),

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) - 5(\alpha + \beta) + 6 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (\alpha^2 + \beta^2) - 5.5 + 6 = 0 \Rightarrow \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = 19$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 25 = 19 + 2\alpha\beta \Rightarrow \alpha\beta = 3$$

Then the equation, whose roots are  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$  and  $\frac{\beta}{\alpha}$ , is

$$x^2 - x\left(\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}\right) + \frac{\alpha}{\beta} \cdot \frac{\beta}{\alpha} = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 - x\left(\frac{\alpha^2 + \beta^2}{\alpha\beta}\right) + 1 = 0$$

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

72. (a) Let  $\alpha_1, \beta_1$  are the roots of the eq<sup>n</sup>  $x^2 + ax + b = 0 \Rightarrow x = \frac{-a \pm \sqrt{a^2 - 4b}}{2}$

$$\Rightarrow \alpha_1 = \frac{-a + \sqrt{a^2 - 4b}}{2}, \beta_1 = \frac{-a - \sqrt{a^2 - 4b}}{2}$$

And  $\alpha_2, \beta_2$  are the roots of the equation  $x^2 + bx + a = 0$

$$\text{So, } \alpha_2 = \frac{-b + \sqrt{b^2 - 4a}}{2}, \beta_2 = \frac{-b - \sqrt{b^2 - 4a}}{2}$$

$$\text{Now } \alpha_1 - \beta_1 = \sqrt{a^2 - 4b}; \quad \alpha_2 - \beta_2 = \sqrt{b^2 - 4a}$$

$$\text{Given, } \alpha_1 - \beta_1 = \alpha_2 - \beta_2 \Rightarrow \sqrt{a^2 - 4b} = \sqrt{b^2 - 4a}$$

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

73. (c) Equation  $x^2 + kx - 24 = 0$  has one root is 3.

$$\Rightarrow 3^2 + 3k - 24 = 0 \Rightarrow k = 5$$

Put  $x = 3$  and  $k = 5$  in options, only (c) gives the correct answer.



74. (a)  $x, y, z \in R$  and distinct.

$$\begin{aligned}\text{Now, } u &= x^2 + 4y^2 + 9z^2 - 6yz - 3zx - 2xy \\ &= \frac{1}{2}(2x^2 + 8y^2 + 18z^2 - 12yz - 6zx - 4xy) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\{x^2 - 4xy + 4y^2 + (x^2 - 6zx + 9z^2) + (4y^2 - 12yz + 9z^2)\} \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\{(x - 2y)^2 + (x - 3z)^2 + (2y - 3z)^2\}\end{aligned}$$

Since it is sum of squares. So  $u$  is always non-negative

75. (c) Let the common root be  $y$ . Then  $y^2 + py + q = 0$  and  $y^2 + \alpha y + \beta = 0$

On solving by cross multiplication, we have

$$\begin{aligned}\frac{y^2}{p\beta - q\alpha} &= \frac{y}{q - \beta} = \frac{1}{\alpha - p} \\ \therefore y &= \frac{q - \beta}{\alpha - p} \text{ and } \frac{y^2}{y} = y = \frac{p\beta - q\alpha}{q - \beta}\end{aligned}$$

76. (d)  $x^2 - 3x + 2$  be factor of  $x^4 - px^2 + q = 0$

$$\text{Hence } (x^2 - 3x + 2) = 0 \Rightarrow (x - 2)(x - 1) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow x = 2, 1$ , Putting these values in given equation

$$\text{So } 4p - q - 16 = 0 \quad \dots(i)$$

$$\text{And } p - q - 1 = 0 \quad \dots(ii)$$

Solving (i) and (ii), we get  $(p, q) = (5, 4)$

77. (c) Let roots of  $x^2 - cx + d = 0$  be  $\alpha, \beta$  then roots of  $x^2 - ax + b = 0$  be  $\alpha, \alpha$

$$\therefore \alpha + \beta = c, \alpha\beta = d, \alpha + \alpha = a, \alpha^2 = b$$

$$\text{Hence } 2(b + d) = 2(\alpha^2 + \alpha\beta) = 2\alpha(\alpha + \beta) = ac$$

78. (b) If the given expression be  $y$ , then  $y = 2x^2y + (3y - 1)x + (6y - 2) = 0$

If  $y \neq 0$  then  $\Delta \geq 0$  for real  $x$  i.e.  $B^2 - 4AC \geq 0$

$$\text{Or } -39y^2 + 10y + 1 \geq 0 \quad \text{or } (13y + 1)(3y - 1) \leq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow -1/13 \leq y \leq 1/3$$

If  $y = 0$  then  $x = -2$  which is real and this value of  $y$  is included in the above range

79. (d) Let  $y = \frac{(x-a)(x-b)}{(x-c)}$

$$\text{Or } y(x - c) = x^2 - (a + b)x + ab$$

$$\text{Or } x^2 - (a + b + y)x + ab + cy = 0$$

$$\begin{aligned}\Delta &= (a+b+y)^2 - 4(ab+cy) \\ &= y^2 + 2y(a+b-2c) + (a-b)^2\end{aligned}$$

Since  $x$  is real and  $y$  assumes all real values, we must have  $\Delta \geq 0$  for all real values of  $y$ . The sign of a quadratic in  $y$  is same as of first term provided its discriminant  $B^2 - 4AC < 0$

This will be so if  $4(a+b-2c)^2 - 4(a-b)^2 < 0$

$$\text{Or } 4(a+b-2c+a-b)(a+b-2c-a+b) < 0$$

$$\text{Or } 16(a-c)(b-c) < 0 \quad \text{or} \quad 16(c-a)(c-b) = -ve$$

$\therefore c$  lies between  $a$  and  $b$  i.e.,  $a < c < b$  .....(i)

Where  $a < b$ , but if  $b < a$  then the above condition will be  $b < c < a$  or  $a > c > b$  .....(ii)

Hence from (i) and (ii) we observe that (d) is correct answer.

80. (d) Let  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x$ ;

$$f(0) = 0; \quad f(\alpha) = 0$$

$\Rightarrow f'(x) = 0$ , has atleast one root between  $(0, \alpha)$

$$\text{i.e., equation } na_n x^{n-1} + (n-1)a_{n-1} x^{n-2} + \dots + a_1 = 0$$

Has a positive root smaller than  $\alpha$ .

81. (b) Here  $D = b^2 - 4c > 0$  because  $c < 0 < b$ . So roots are real and unequal.

$$\text{Now, } \alpha + \beta = -b < 0 \quad \text{and} \quad \alpha\beta = c < 0$$

$\therefore$  One root is positive and the other negative, the negative root being numerically bigger.

As  $\alpha < \beta$ ,  $\alpha$  is the negative root while  $\beta$  is the positive root. So,  $|\alpha| > \beta$  and  $\alpha < 0 < \beta$ .

82. (a) Let  $y = \frac{x^2 + 14x + 9}{x^2 + 2x + 3}$

$$\Rightarrow y(x^2 + 2x + 3) - x^2 - 14x - 9 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (y-1)x^2 + (2y-14)x + 3y-9 = 0$$

For real  $x$ , its discriminant  $\geq 0$

$$\text{i.e., } 4(y-7)^2 - 4(y-1)3(y-3) \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow y^2 + y - 20 \leq 0 \quad \text{or} \quad (y-4)(y+5) \leq 0$$

Now, the product of two factors is negative if these are of opposite signs. So following two cases arise:

**Case I:**  $y-4 \geq 0$  or  $y \geq 4$  and  $y+5 \leq 0$  or  $y \leq -5$

This is not possible.

**Case II:**  $y-4 \leq 0$  or  $y \leq 4$  and  $y+5 \geq 0$  or  $y \geq -5$  Both of these are satisfied if  $-5 \leq y \leq 4$

83. (d) Subtracting, we get  $2hx = 56$  or  $hx = 28$

Putting in any,  $x^2 = 49$

$$\therefore \left[ \frac{28}{h} \right]^2 = 7^2 \Rightarrow h = 4 (h > 0)$$

84. (a) Given equation is  $x^2 - 2ax + a^2 + a - 3 = 0$

If roots are real, then  $D \geq 0$

$$\Rightarrow 4a^2 - 4(a^2 + a - 3) \geq 0 \Rightarrow -a + 3 \geq 0$$

$$\Rightarrow a - 3 \leq 0 \Rightarrow a \leq 3$$

As roots are less than 3, hence  $f(3) > 0$

$$9 - 6a + a^2 + a - 3 > 0 \Rightarrow a^2 - 5a + 6 > 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a - 2)(a - 3) > 0 \Rightarrow \text{either } a < 2 \text{ or } a > 3$$

Hence  $a < 2$  satisfy all.

85. (d) The equation is  $x^2 - (a + b)x + ab - 1 = 0$

$$\therefore \text{discriminant} = (a + b)^2 - 4(ab - 1) = (b - a)^2 + 4 > 0$$

$\therefore$  Both roots are real. Let them be  $\alpha, \beta$  where

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

$$\text{Clearly, } \alpha < \frac{(a + b) - \sqrt{(b - a)^2}}{2} = \frac{(a + b) - (b - a)}{2} = a$$

$$(\because b > a)$$

$$\text{And } \beta > \frac{(a + b) + \sqrt{(b - a)^2}}{2} = \frac{a + b + b - a}{2} = b$$

Hence, one root  $\alpha$  is less than  $a$  and the other root  $\beta$  is greater than  $b$ .

86. (d) Let  $P(x) = bx^2 + ax + c$

$$\text{As } P(0) = 0 \Rightarrow c = 0$$

$$\text{As } P(1) = 1 \Rightarrow a + b = 1$$

$$P(x) = ax + (1 - a)x^2$$

$$\text{Now } P'(x) = a + 2(1 - a)x$$

$$\text{As } P'(x) > 0 \text{ for } x \in (0, 1)$$

Only option (d) satisfies above condition

87. (a)  $x^2 - 3x + 3 = \left(x - \frac{3}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{3}{4}$

Therefore, smallest value is  $\frac{3}{4}$ , which lie in  $\left(-3, \frac{3}{2}\right)$

88. (b) Let  $f(x) = x^5 - 6x^2 - 4x + 5 = 0$

Then the number of change of sign in  $f(x)$  is 2 therefore  $f(x)$  can have at most two positive real roots.

Now,  $f(-x) = -x^5 - 6x^4 + 4x + 5 = 0$

Then the number of change of sign is 1.

Hence  $f(x)$  can have at most one negative real root. So that total possible number of real roots is 3.

89. (d) Given equation  $(pq)x^2 - (p+q)^2x + (p+q)^2 = 0$

Let solution set is  $\left\{\frac{p+q}{p}, \frac{p+q}{q}\right\}$

Sum of roots =  $\frac{(p+q)^2}{pq} \Rightarrow \frac{p+q}{p} + \frac{p+q}{q} = \frac{(p+q)^2}{pq}$

Similarly, product of roots =  $\frac{(p+q)^2}{pq}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{p+q}{p} \times \frac{p+q}{q} = \frac{(p+q)^2}{pq}$

90. (b) Given,  $x + 2 > \sqrt{x+4} \Rightarrow (x+2)^2 > (x+4)$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + 4x + 4 > x + 4 \Rightarrow x^2 + 3x > 0$

$\Rightarrow x(x+3) > 0 \Rightarrow x < -3 \text{ or } x > 0 \Rightarrow x > 0$

91. (b) Given equation  $x^3 - 3x^2 + x + 5 = 0$

Then  $\alpha + \beta + \gamma = 3$ ,  $\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha = 1$ ,  $\alpha\beta\gamma = -5$

$y = \Sigma \alpha^2 + \alpha\beta\gamma = (\alpha + \beta + \gamma)^2 - 2(\alpha\beta + \beta\gamma + \gamma\alpha) + \alpha\beta\gamma$

$= 9 - 2 - 5 = 2$

$\therefore y = 2$

It satisfies the equation  $y^3 - y^2 - y - 2 = 0$

92. (d) Let  $y = x^2$ . Then  $x = \sqrt{y}$

$\therefore x^3 + 8 = 0 \Rightarrow y^{3/2} + 8 = 0$

$\Rightarrow y^3 = 64 \Rightarrow y^3 - 64 = 0$

Thus the equation having roots  $\alpha^2, \beta^2$  and  $\gamma^2$  is  $x^3 - 64 = 0$ .

93. (a) According to given condition,

$$4a^2 - 4(10 - 3a) < 0 \Rightarrow a^2 + 3a - 10 < 0$$

$$\Rightarrow (a + 5)(a - 2) < 0 \Rightarrow -5 < a < 2.$$

94. (c) If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of the equation.

$$x^3 - px^2 + qx - r = 0$$

$$\therefore (\alpha + \beta)^{-1} + (\beta + \gamma)^{-1} + (\gamma + \alpha)^{-1} = \frac{p^2 + q}{pq - r}$$

Given,  $p = 0, q = 4, r = -1$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{p^2 + q}{pq - r} = \frac{0 + 4}{0 + 1} = 4.$$