

Exercise 16B

Question 4:

Let P(x, y) and Q(p, q) be the point of trisection of line segment A(-4, 0) and B(0, 6)

Then P(x, y) divides AB in the ratio 1: 2

Here m = 1 and n = 2

$$(x_1 - -4, y_1 - 0)$$
 and $(x_2 - 0, y_2 - 6)$

$$\therefore x = \frac{\left[1 \times 0 + 2 \times \left(-4\right)\right]}{\left(1 + 2\right)} = \frac{-8}{3}$$

$$y = \frac{[1 \times (6) + 2 \times 0]}{(1+2)} = \frac{6}{3} = 2$$

$$\therefore P\left(\frac{-8}{3}, 2\right)$$
 is the 1st point of trisection AB

Also Q(p, q) divides AB in the ratio 2:1

Here m = 2 and n = 1

$$\therefore p = \frac{[2 \times 0 + 1 \times (-4)]}{(2+1)} = \frac{-4}{3}$$

and
$$q = \frac{2 \times 6 + 1 \times 0}{(2+1)} = \frac{12}{3} = 4$$

$$\therefore Q\left(\frac{-4}{3}, 4\right)$$
 is the 2nd point of trisection of AB

Hence,
$$P\left(\frac{-8}{3}, 2\right)$$
 and $Q\left(\frac{-4}{3}, 4\right)$ are required points of trisection of AB

Ouestion 5:

Point P divides the join of A(3, -4) and B(1,2) in the ratio 1: 2. Coordinates of P are:

$$\left(\frac{1\times1+2\times3}{1+2}, \frac{1\times2+2\times(-4)}{1+2}\right)$$
 or $\left(\frac{7}{3}, \frac{-6}{3}\right)$ or $\left(\frac{7}{3}, -2\right)$

Also the point P is $(p, -2) \Rightarrow P = \frac{7}{3}$

Further Q is the midpoint of PB when

$$P\left(\frac{7}{3}, -2\right)$$
 and B (1, 2)

: Coordinates of Q are
$$\left(\frac{7}{3} + 1, \frac{-2+2}{2}\right)$$
 or $\left(\frac{5}{3}, 0\right)$

Also, Q is
$$\left(\frac{5}{3}, q\right) \Rightarrow q = 0$$

hence,
$$p = \frac{7}{3}$$
 and $q = 0$

Ouestion 6

Let (x, y) be the coordinates of a point P which divides the line joining A(4, -5) and B(4, 5) such that AP : AB = 2 : 5



Now,
$$\frac{AP}{AB} = \frac{2}{5}$$
 or $\frac{AP}{AP + PB} = \frac{2}{5}$ $\therefore AB = AP + PB$

$$\therefore \frac{AP}{PB} = \frac{2}{3}$$

.. Coordinates of point P are given by

$$x = \frac{2 \times 4 + 3 \times 4}{2 + 3} = \frac{8 + 12}{5} = \frac{20}{5} = 4$$

$$y = \frac{2 \times 5 + 3 \times (-5)}{2 + 3} = \frac{10 - 15}{5} = \frac{-5}{5} = -1$$

Coordinates of P are (4, -1)

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