

SOLUTION

1. (C)

$$\begin{aligned} D &= 16k + 16k^2 \\ &= 16(k + k^2) \\ &= 16k(1+k) \end{aligned}$$

2. (D)

$$x \rightarrow \frac{x}{3}$$

3. (C)

Sum of coefficients is same, so $1+a+b=0$ ensures $x=1$ is a common root

4. (A)

Clearly sum of roots > 0 & product of roots < 0 indicates that positive root is numerically greater than negative root.

5. (C)

$$\begin{aligned} x^4 - x^3 - 4x^2 - x + 1 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right) - \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) - 4 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow t^2 - t - 6 &= 0; \quad x + \frac{1}{x} = t \\ \Rightarrow t &= 3, -2 \\ \therefore x + \frac{1}{x} &= 3 \\ \Rightarrow x^2 - 3x + 1 &= 0 \\ \Rightarrow \text{sum of irrational roots} &= 3. \end{aligned}$$

6. (D)

Since coefficients are real, $3 + \sqrt{5}i$ must be a root giving $3 + 3 + \gamma = \frac{23}{3}$

$$\Rightarrow \gamma = \frac{23}{3} - 6 = \frac{5}{3}$$

7. (D)
 $(2x-1)(x+3)$ is a factor
 $\Rightarrow x = \frac{1}{2}$ & $x = -3$ are roots of the given polynomial

8. (A)
 $x^3 - x = x(x+1)(x-1)$
Let remainder be $ax^2 + bx + c$
 $x^{87} + x^{69} + x^{51} + x^{33} + x^{15} = x(x+1)(x-1)Q(x) + (ax^2 + bx + c)$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = c$
 $\Rightarrow 5 = a + b + c$
 $\Rightarrow -5 = a - b + c$ } $\therefore a = 0, b = 5, c = 0$

9. (C)
New sum of roots
 $= \alpha^2 + \beta^2 = (\alpha + \beta)^2 - 2\alpha\beta$
 $= \left(-\frac{b}{a}\right)^2 - \frac{2c}{a}$
 $= \frac{b^2}{a^2} - \frac{2c}{a}$
 $= \frac{b^2 - 2ac}{a^2}$

New product of roots $= \alpha^2\beta^2 = \frac{c^2}{a^2}$

10. (D)
 $x^2 + (k-29)x - k = 0$ (1)
& $2x^2 + (2k-43)x + k = 0$ (2)

Must have a common root multiply equation (1) by 2 & subtract to get common root as $x = -\frac{k}{5}$

$\therefore k = 0$ or 30

11. (B)
 $\frac{1}{\alpha^2} + \frac{1}{\beta^2} + \frac{1}{\gamma^2} = \left(\frac{1}{\alpha} + \frac{1}{\beta} + \frac{1}{\gamma}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{1}{\alpha\beta} + \frac{1}{\beta\gamma} + \frac{1}{\gamma\alpha}\right)$
 $= \left(\frac{\Sigma\alpha\beta}{\alpha\beta\gamma}\right)^2 - 2\left(\frac{\Sigma\alpha}{\alpha\beta\gamma}\right)$
 $= 2$

12. (B)
 $D \geq 0$
 $\& f(3) > 0$
 $\& \frac{-b}{2a} > 3$

13. (B)

$$y = \frac{(x^2 - 3x + 4) - 8}{x^2 - 3x + 4}$$

$$= 1 - \frac{8}{x^2 - 3x + 4}$$
 Now $x^2 - 3x + 4 \in \left[\frac{7}{4}, \infty \right)$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1}{x^2 - 3x + 4} \in \left(0, \frac{4}{7} \right]$
 $\Rightarrow \frac{-8}{x^2 - 3x + 4} \in \left[-\frac{32}{7}, 0 \right)$
 $\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{8}{x^2 - 3x + 4} \in \left[-\frac{24}{7}, 1 \right)$

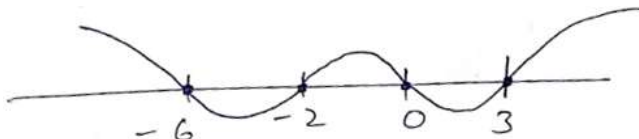
14. (D)
 Since $x^2 + 2x + 3 = 0$ has real coefficients & non-real roots, so both the roots of $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ are also non-real & hence both roots common.
 $\therefore a : b : c \equiv 1 : 2 : 3$

15. (C)
 $ax^2 + hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c$ has two linear factors if

$$\begin{vmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & g \\ g & f & c \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

16. (C)
 $\alpha + \beta = \frac{-3a}{1-a} = \frac{3a}{a-1} > 0$
 $\alpha\beta = \frac{-1}{1-a} = \frac{1}{a-1} > 0$

17. (C)
 $(x-3)(x+2)x(x+6) \geq 0$



Clearly $x = 3$.

18. (B)
Rearranging as quadratic and applying sum of roots = 0
i.e. coefficient of $x = 0$ gives results.
19. (D)
 $D = (a-10)^2 - 4$ should be a perfect square
 $\Rightarrow a-10 = \pm 2$
 $\Rightarrow a = 12, 8$
20. (B)
 $\alpha^2 - 3\alpha = -5$
 $\beta^2 - 3\beta = -5$
 \therefore Roots are 2, 2.