

# Lesson 29

## PASSPORT TO ADVANCED MATH

### Zeros & Factors of Polynomials



#### Most Valuable Points

#### MVP 1 Zeros and factors

For polynomial  $p(x)$   
if  $a$  is a real number  
and  $p(a) = 0 \Rightarrow$

- (1)  $a$  is a **zero** of the polynomial  $p(x)$
- (2)  $(x-a)$  is a **factor** of the polynomial  $p(x)$
- (3)  $a$  is a  **$x$ -intercept** of the function  $y = p(x)$
- (4)  $x = a$  is a **solution(root)** of the equation  $p(x) = 0$

#### MVP 2 Function interpretations

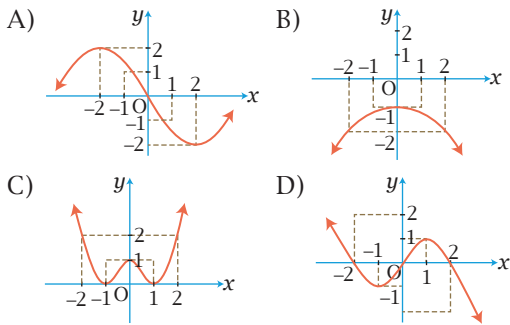
- (1) The point  $(a, b)$  lies on the graph of  $y = f(x) \Rightarrow b = f(a)$
- (2) The intersection point  $(a, b)$  of two graphs of  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = g(x)$   
 $\Rightarrow x = a$  is the solution of  $f(x) = g(x) \Rightarrow f(a) = g(a) = b$

#### Most Valuable Problems

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For which of the following graphs of  $h$  is  $h(x) = -|h(x)|$  for all values of  $x$  shown?



**Idea!** From  $h(x) = -|h(x)|$ ,  
 $h(x) + |h(x)| = 0 \quad \therefore h(x) \leq 0$   
 $\therefore$  The graph  $y = h(x)$  lies under the  $x$ -axis.  
 $\therefore$  The graph of B) satisfies the relation of  
 $h(x) = -|h(x)|$

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The function  $f$  is defined by  $f(x) = x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ . If the graph of  $f$  crosses the  $x$ -axis at  $-2$ ,  $-1$  and  $3$ , then what is the value of  $c$ ?

- A)  $-3$
- B)  $-6$
- C)  $-7$
- D)  $-9$

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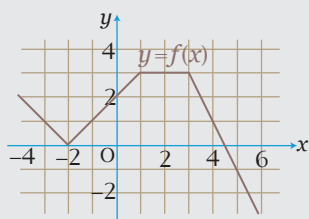
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In the graph of  $y=f(x)$  above, which of the following represents all values of  $x$  for which  $f(x) \leq 1$ ?

- A)  $x \leq 3$   
 B)  $-3 \leq x \leq -1, x \geq 4$   
 C)  $x \leq -3, -1 \leq x \leq 4$   
 D) All real values of  $x$

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$$f(x) = (-2x-2)(x^2+x)$$

How many different zeros does the function  $y=f(x)$  have?

- A) One  
 B) Two  
 C) Three  
 D) Four

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In the  $xy$ -plane, the graph of function  $f(x)$  has the  $x$ -intercepts at  $-2$  and  $1$  and the  $y$ -intercept at  $4$ .

Which of the following could define  $f(x)$ ?

- A)  $f(x) = 2x(x+2)(x-1)$   
 B)  $f(x) = (x-2)^2(x+1)$   
 C)  $f(x) = 2(x-2)(x+1)^2$   
 D)  $f(x) = 2(x+2)(x-1)^2$

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For a polynomial  $p(x)$ , the value of  $p(5)$  is  $2$ . Which of the following must be true about  $p(x)$ ?

- A)  $x-7$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ .  
 B)  $p(x-2)$  is divisible by  $x-5$ .  
 C)  $x-5$  is a factor of  $p(x)-2$ .  
 D) The remainder when  $p(x)$  is divided by  $x+5$  is  $2$ .

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$$p(x) = 2x^4 - 3x^3 + x - 4$$

Which of the following is a factor of the polynomial of  $p(x)$  above?

- A)  $x+1$
- B)  $x-1$
- C)  $x-2$
- D)  $2x+1$

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If  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$ , at what  $x$ -coordinate do the graphs of  $y = f(x) - 1$  and  $y = f(x - 1)$  intersect?

- A) 0
- B)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- C)  $\frac{1}{3}$
- D) 1

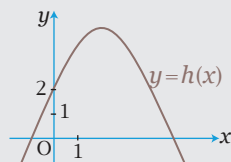
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The figure above shows the graphs of a quadratic function  $h$  whose maximum value is  $h(2)$ . If  $h(k) = 0$ , which of the following could be the value of  $k$ ?

- A) 0
- B) 1
- C) 4
- D) 5

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If one zero of the function of  $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x + 10$  is 5, then what is the difference of the other two zeros of  $f(x)$ ?

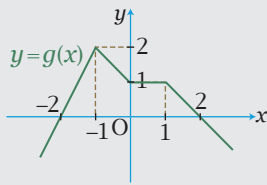
- A) 1
- B) 2
- C) 3
- D) 4

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In the graph of  $y=g(x)$  above, how many zeros exist in the function of  $g(x)-1$ ?

- A) None
- B) One
- C) Two
- D) Infinitely many

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If  $x+2$  is a factor of the polynomial  $x^3+(k+3)x^2+3(x+1)-2k$ , then what is the value of  $k$ ?

- A)  $\frac{1}{2}$
- B)  $-\frac{1}{2}$
- C)  $\frac{3}{2}$
- D)  $-\frac{3}{2}$

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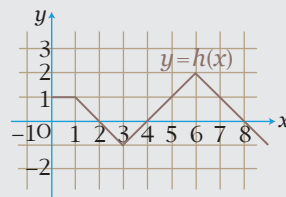
If the function  $f(x)=-x^4+bx^3+cx^2+dx+e$  has two distinct positive zeros, which of the following could represent the complete graph of  $f$  in the  $xy$ -plane?

- A)
- B)
- C)
- D)

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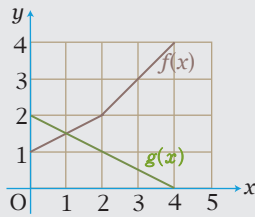
The figure above shows the graph of  $y=h(x)$ , where  $h$  is a function. How many distinct positive integer values of  $c$  satisfy the equation  $h(c)=h(2c)$ ?

- A) None
- B) One
- C) Two
- D) Three

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The graphs of the functions  $f$  and  $g$  are lines as shown above.

For which values of  $x$  does  $f(x) \leq 2g(x)$ ?

- A)  $0 \leq x \leq 1$
- B)  $0 \leq x \leq 2$
- C)  $2 \leq x \leq 4$
- D)  $3 \leq x \leq 4$

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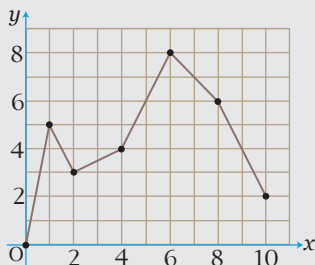
How many distinct zeros does the graph of  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 2x - 1$  have?

- A) One
- B) Two
- C) Three
- D) Four

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The graph of  $y = g(x)$  is shown above.

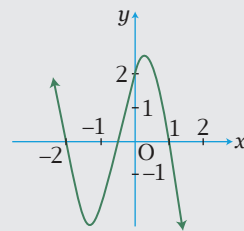
If  $g(1) = k$ , which of the following values of  $x$  such that  $g(x) > g(k)$ ?

- A)  $0 \leq x < 0.5$
- B)  $5 < x < 8$
- C)  $4.5 < x < 8.5$
- D)  $8 < x \leq 10$

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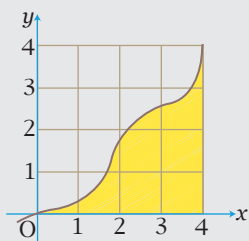
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The polynomial function shown in the graph crosses the  $x$ -axis at  $x = -2$ ,  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $x = 1$ . If the equation for this polynomial is written in the form  $y = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ , which of the following could be the equation?

- A)  $y = -2x^3 - x^2 + x + 2$
- B)  $y = -2x^3 + x^2 - x + 2$
- C)  $y = -2x^3 + 3x^2 - 3x - 2$
- D)  $y = -2x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x + 2$

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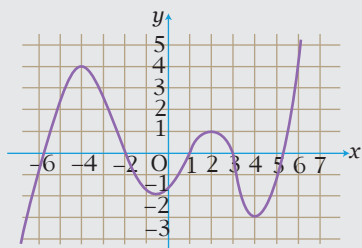
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The shaded region in the figure above is bounded by the  $x$ -axis, the line  $x=4$  and the graph of  $y=f(x)$ .

If the point  $(a, b)$  lies in the shaded region, which of the following must be true?

- I.  $a \leq 4$     II.  $b \leq a$     III.  $b \leq f(a)$

- A) I only  
B) II only  
C) I and II only  
D) I, II and III

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The figure above shows the graph of  $y=f(x)$  for all values of  $x$ . If the equation  $f(x)=k$  has distinct four solutions, what is the sum of all integer values of  $k$ ?

- A) -1  
B) -2  
C) 1  
D) 2

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$$g(x) = 6x^3 - x^2 - x$$

$$h(x) = 3x^2 + x$$

The polynomials  $g(x)$  and  $h(x)$  are defined above. Which of the following polynomials is divisible by  $2x+1$ ?

- A)  $g(x)$   
B)  $h(x)$   
C)  $g(x) + 2h(x)$   
D)  $g(x) - 2h(x)$

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The cost in dollars,  $c$ , of producing a custom-made T-shirt with a team logo is given by the formula  $c = 110 + \frac{x}{2}$ , where  $x$  is the number of T-shirts produced.

When every T-shirt produced is sold, the revenue from selling the customized T-shirts is given by  $R = 15x - \frac{x^2}{10}$ .

Which one of the following would be the formula for the profit from producing and selling  $x$  T-shirts?

- A)  $-\frac{x^2}{10} + \frac{29}{2}x - 110$   
B)  $-\frac{x^2}{10} + \frac{31}{2}x - 110$   
C)  $\frac{x^2}{10} - \frac{29}{2}x + 110$   
D)  $\frac{x^2}{10} - \frac{31}{2}x - 110$

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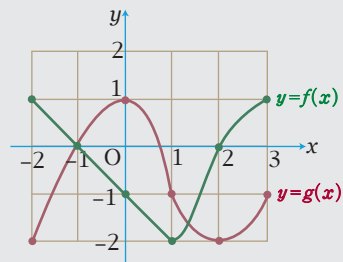
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What is the  $x$ -intercept of the graph of  $f(x) = x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x - 10$ ?

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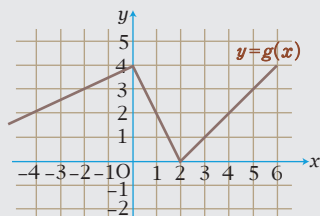
The functions  $f$  and  $g$  graphed above are defined for  $-2 \leq x \leq 3$ .

What is the sum of all values of  $x$  that satisfy the equation  $f(x) - 2g(x) = 0$ ?

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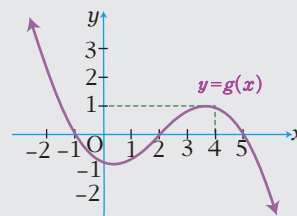


The figure above shows the graph of  $y = g(x)$ . If the function  $h$  is defined  $h(x) = g(2x) - 1$ , what is the sum of all values of  $x$  such that  $h(2x) = g(4)$ ?

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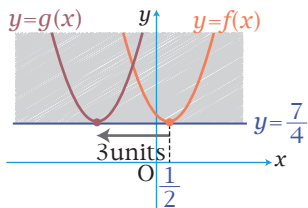
The graph above shows the function  $g$ , where  $g(x) = a(x+1)(x-2)(x-5)$  for some constant  $a$ . If  $g(k+3, 2) = 0$  and  $k > 0$ , then what is the values of  $k$ ?

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**551** From  $f(x) = x^2 - x + 2 = \left(x - \frac{1}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{7}{4}$   
 $\therefore$  The vertex point of  $y = f(x)$  is  $\left(\frac{1}{2}, \frac{7}{4}\right)$

From  $g(x) = f(x+3)$ ,

$y = f(x)$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Translate left 3 units}}$   $y = g(x)$



Since the range of  $y = g(x)$  is unchanged,  
 $g(x) \geq \frac{7}{4}$  ( $\leftarrow$  The least possible value)

**Ans**  $\frac{7}{4}$  ( $=1.75$ )

**552** From the circle  $x^2 + y^2 + 2y - 3 = 0$ ,  
 $x^2 + (y^2 + 2y + 1) - 4 = 0 \therefore x^2 + (y+1)^2 = 2^2$   
 $\therefore$  The center of the circle is  $(0, -1)$  and  
 the radius is 2.

If the center  $(0, -1)$  is translated 1 unit  
 up, the new center is  $(0, 0)$ .

If the radius of 2 is increased by 50%,  
 the new radius is  $2\left(1 + \frac{50}{100}\right) = 2 \cdot \frac{3}{2} = 3$

$\therefore$  The equation of the resulting circle is  
 $x^2 + y^2 = 3^2$

From  $x^2 + y^2 + ax + by = c$ ,

$a=0, b=0$  and  $c=3^2=9$

$\therefore a + b + c = 0 + 0 + 9 = 9$

**Ans** 9

**553**  $y = x^2$   $\xrightarrow{\text{Reflect the } x\text{-axis}}$   $-y = x^2 \therefore y = -x^2$

$\xrightarrow{\text{1 unit left, 5 units up}}$   $y - 5 = -(x+1)^2$

$\therefore y = -(x+1)^2 + 5 = -x^2 - 2x + 4$

From  $\begin{cases} y = x^2 \\ y = -x^2 - 2x + 4 \end{cases}$

$x^2 = -x^2 - 2x + 4 \therefore 2x^2 + 2x - 4 = 0$

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

$\therefore x = -2, 1$

$\therefore$  The intersection points of the two  
 parabolas are P  $(-2, 4)$  and Q  $(1, 1)$

$\therefore$  The distance of two points of  
 intersection P and Q is

$$d = \sqrt{(1 - (-2))^2 + (1 - 4)^2} = \sqrt{3^2 + (-3)^2} \\ = \sqrt{18} = 3\sqrt{2}. \therefore d^2 = 18 \quad \text{Ans } 18$$

**554** From  $f(x) = f(x+5)$ ,  $y = f(x)$  is a  
 periodic function with a period of 5.

In the graph,  $y = f(x)$  has four different  
 roots  $\left(x = \frac{1}{3}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{7}{3}, \frac{7}{2}\right)$  where  $0 \leq x \leq 5$ .

$\therefore (3 \times 4 + 3 =) 15$   $x$ -values satisfy  $f(x) = 0$   
 where  $0 \leq x \leq 18$ .

**Ans** 15

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**556** Since the function  $f(x)$  crosses the  
 $x$ -axis at  $-2, -1$  and  $3$ ,  $f(x)$  has  $x+2$ ,  
 $x+1$  and  $x-3$  as its factors.

$$\therefore f(x) = (x+2)(x+1)(x-3) \\ = (x^2 + 3x + 2)(x-3) = x^3 - 7x - 6 \\ = x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$$

$\therefore b = 0, c = -7$  and  $d = -6$  **Ans** C

**557** From  $f(x) \leq 1$ ,  $y = f(x)$  is below the  
 graph of  $y = 1$ .

In the graph,  $f(x) \leq 1$  when  $-3 \leq x \leq -1$   
 and  $x \geq 4$ .

**Ans** B

**558** Since the function  $f(x)$  has  $x$ -intercepts  
 at  $-2$  and  $1$ ,  $f$  has  $x+2$  and  $x-1$  as its  
 factors.

Since  $f(x)$  has  $y$ -intercept at  $4$ ,  $f(0) = 4$

$$\therefore f(x) = 2(x+2)(x-1)^2 \quad [ = 2x^3 + \dots + 4 ]$$

could be the function. **Ans** D

**559** From  $f(x) = (-2x-2)(x^2+x)$ ,

$$f(x) = -2(x+1) \cdot x(x+1) = -2x(x+1)^2$$

$\therefore y = f(x)$  has two different zeros such  
 as  $x = 0, -1$ . ( $\leftarrow$  Two zeros) **Ans** B

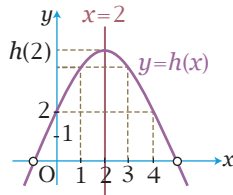
**560** Since  $p(5) = 2$ , the remainder when  $p(x)$   
 is divided by  $x-5$  is 2.

$\therefore x-5$  is a factor of  $p(x)-2$ . **Ans** C



**561** From  $p(x) = 2x^4 - 3x^3 + x - 4$ ,  
 $p(-1) = 2(-1)^4 - 3(-1)^3 + (-1) - 4$   
 $= 2 + 3 - 1 - 4 = 0$   
 $\therefore p(x)$  has a factor of  $x + 1$ . **Ans** A)

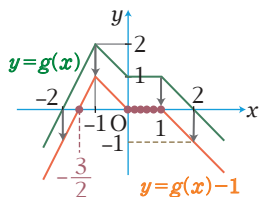
**562** Since  $h(2)$  is the maximum value in the graph, the axis of symmetry is  $x = 2$ .  
 Since  $h(1) = h(3) > 2$ ,  
 $h(0) = h(4) = 2$ ,  
 $h(-1) = h(5)$  could be the value of zero. **Ans** D)



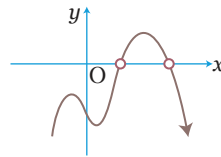
**563** From  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2x - 1$ ,  
 $f(x) - 1 = 3x^2 + 2x - 2$   
 and  $f(x-1) = 3(x-1)^2 + 2(x-1) - 1$   
 $= 3(x^2 - 2x + 1) + 2x - 2 - 1 = 3x^2 - 4x$   
 From  $3x^2 + 2x - 2 = 3x^2 - 4x$ ,  $6x = 2$   
 $\therefore x = \frac{1}{3}$   
 $\therefore$  The  $x$ -coordinate of the intersection point of two graphs is  $\frac{1}{3}$ . **Ans** C)

**564** Since one zero of the function  $f(x) = x^3 - 6x^2 + 3x + 10$  is 5,  
 $f(x)$  has a factor of  $x - 5$ .  
 $\therefore f(x) = (x - 5)(x^2 - x - 2)$   
 $= (x - 5)(x - 2)(x + 1)$   
 $\therefore x = 5, 2$  and  $-1$   
 $\therefore$  The difference of the other two zeros is  $(2 - (-1)) = 3$ . **Ans** C)

**565** In the graph,  
 $g(x) - 1 = 0$  where  
 $x = -\frac{3}{2}$  and  
 $0 \leq x \leq 1$   
 $\therefore$  The function of  $y = g(x) - 1$  has infinitely many zeros. **Ans** D)



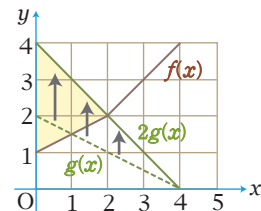
**566** Since the coefficient of the 4th degree term is negative, the graph is finally downward.  
 Since the function has two distinct positive zeros, the graph intersects the  $x$ -axis at two points as shown below.  
 C)



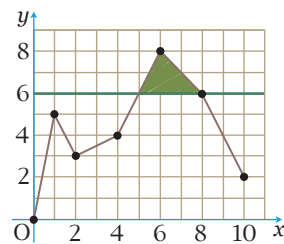
**567** Since  $x + 2$  is a factor of the polynomial  $x^3 + (k + 3)x^2 + 3(x + 1) - 2k$ ,  
 $x = -2$  is a solution of the equation.  
 $\therefore (-2)^3 + (k + 3)(-2)^2 + 3(-2 + 1) - 2k = 0$   
 $\therefore -8 + 4(k + 3) - 3 - 2k = 0$   
 $\therefore -8 + 4k + 12 - 3 - 2k = 0 \quad \therefore 2k = -1$   
 $\therefore k = -\frac{1}{2}$  **Ans** B)

**568** In the graph of  $y = h(x)$ ,  
 i)  $f(2) = f(4) = 0$  where  $c = 2$   
 ii)  $f(4) = f(8) = 0$  where  $c = 4$   
 From i) and ii),  $c = 2$  and  $4$   
 [ $\leftarrow$  Two values of  $c$ ] **Ans** C)

**569** In the graph,  
 $f(x) \leq 2g(x)$   
 where  $0 \leq x \leq 2$ .



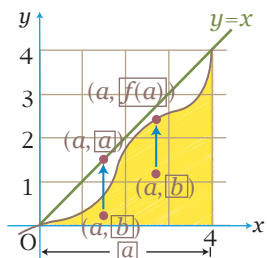
**570** In the graph,  
 $g(1) = 5 \quad \therefore k = 5$   
 From  $g(x) > g(5)$ ,  
 where  $g(5) = 6$   
 $\therefore g(x) > 6$  where  
 $5 < x < 8$  **Ans** B)



**571** From  $f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 2x - 1$ ,  
 $f(x) = (x^4 - 1) - 2x(x^2 - 1)$   
 $= (x^2 - 1)(x^2 + 1) - 2x(x^2 - 1)$   
 $= (x^2 - 1)(x^2 + 1 - 2x)$   
 $= (x - 1)(x + 1)(x - 1)^2 = (x - 1)^3(x + 1)$   
 $\therefore f(x)$  has distinct two zeros such as 1  
 and  $-1$ . **Ans B)**

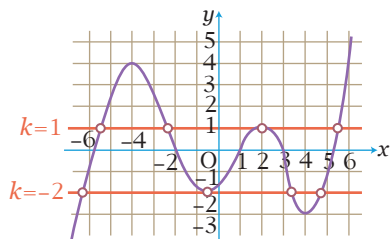
**572** Since the  $x$ -intercepts of the graph is  
 $x = -2$ ,  $x = -\frac{1}{2}$  and  $x = 1$ , the equation  
 has factors of  $x + 2$ ,  $2x + 1$  and  $x - 1$ .  
 If  $x \rightarrow \infty$ , then  $y = -\infty \therefore a < 0$   
 $\therefore y = -(x + 2)(2x + 1)(x - 1)$   
 $= -(2x^2 + 5x + 2)(x - 1)$   
 $= -(2x^3 + 3x^2 - 3x - 2)$   
 $\therefore y = -2x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x + 2$  **Ans D)**

**573**



In the graph, the given statements I, II  
 and III must be true. **Ans D)**

**574**



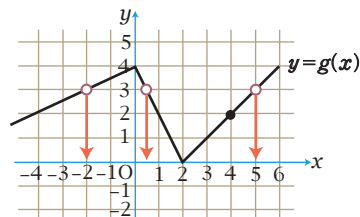
In the graph,  $y = f(x)$  and  $y = k$  have  
 different four intersection points,  
 $k = -2$  and  $k = 1$   
 $\therefore$  The sum of all values of  $k$  is  $(-2 + 1 =)$   
 $-1$ . **Ans A)**

**575**  $g(x) = 6x^3 - x^2 - x = x(6x^2 - x - 1)$   
 $= x(3x + 1)(2x - 1) \dots\dots ①$   
 $h(x) = 3x^2 + x = x(3x + 1) \dots\dots ②$   
 From ① and ②,  $g(x) = h(x)(2x - 1)$   
 $\therefore g(x) + 2h(x) = h(x)(2x - 1) + 2h(x)$   
 $= h(x)(2x - 1 + 2) = (2x + 1)h(x)$   
 $\therefore g(x) - 2h(x) = (2x - 1)h(x) - 2h(x)$   
 $= h(x)(2x - 1 - 2) = (2x - 3)h(x)$   
 $\therefore g(x) + 2h(x)$  is divisible by  $2x + 1$ . **Ans C)**

**576** Since the Profit is 「(Revenue) - (Cost)」,  
 $p(x) = 15x - \frac{x^2}{10} - \left(110 + \frac{x}{2}\right)$   
 $= -\frac{x^2}{10} + \frac{29}{2}x - 110$  **Ans A)**

**577** Since the  $x$ -intercept of  $f(x)$  is the  
 value of  $x$  such that  $f(x) = 0$ ,  
 $x^3 - 5x^2 + 2x - 10 = 0$   
 Since the possible rational roots of the  
 equation are  $x = \pm(1, 2, 5, 10)$ , if  $x = 5$ ,  
 $5^3 - 5 \cdot 5^2 + 2 \cdot 5 - 10 = 125 - 125 + 10 - 10 = 0$   
 $\therefore x = 5$  **Ans 5)**

**578**



In the graph,  $g(4) = 2$   
 From  $h(2x) = g(4)$ ,  $h(2x) = 2$   
 Since  $h(2x) = g(2 \cdot 2x) - 1 = g(4x) - 1$ ,  
 $g(4x) - 1 = 2 \therefore g(4x) = 3$   
 In the graph,  $4x = -2$ ,  $\frac{1}{2}$  and  $5$   
 $\therefore x = -\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{8}$  and  $\frac{5}{4}$   
 $\therefore$  The sum of all values of  $x$  is  
 $\left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{8} + \frac{5}{4}\right) \frac{7}{8}$  **Ans**  $\frac{7}{8} (= 0.875)$

579 From the graphs of  $f$  and  $g$ ,

$x$	$f(x)$	$g(x)$	$f(x)-2g(x)$
-2	1	-2	$1-2(-2)=5$
-1	0	0	$0-2\cdot 0=0$
0	-1	1	$(-1)-2\cdot 1=-3$
1	-2	-1	$-2-2(-1)=0$
2	0	-2	$0-2(-2)=4$
3	1	-1	$1-2(-1)=3$

On the table above,  $f(x)-2g(x)=0$  where  $x=-1$  and  $1$

$\therefore$  The sum of all values of  $x$  such that  $f(x)-2g(x)=0$  is  $(-1)+1=0$

Ans 0

580 In the graph of  $g(x)=a(x+1)(x-2)(x-5)$ , the  $x$ -intercepts are  $x=-1, 2$  and  $5$ .

$$\therefore g(-1)=g(2)=g(5)=0$$

From  $g(k+3.2)=0$ ,  $k+3.2=-1, 2$  and  $5$

$$\therefore k=-4.2, -1.2 \text{ and } 1.8$$

Since  $k>0$ ,  $k=1.8$

Ans  $1.8\left(=\frac{9}{5}\right)$

Lesson  
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Lesson 30 PASSPORT TO ADVANCED MATH  
Rational / Radical Equations

582 From the equation  $\sqrt{x+8} + \sqrt{x-8} = 8$ ,

$$(\sqrt{x+8} + \sqrt{x-8})^2 = 8^2$$

$$\therefore x+8+2\sqrt{(x+8)(x-8)}+x-8=64$$

$$\therefore 2x+2\sqrt{x^2-64}=64 \quad \therefore \sqrt{x^2-64}=32-x$$

$$\therefore x^2-64=(32-x)^2=1024-64x+x^2$$

$$\therefore 64x=(1024+64)=1088 \quad \therefore x=17$$

$$\therefore \sqrt{5x-4}=\sqrt{5\cdot 17-4}=\sqrt{85-4}=9$$

Ans A

583 From the equation  $\frac{64}{x-8} + 7 = 11$ ,

$$\frac{64}{x-8} = 4 \quad \therefore \frac{16}{x-8} = 1 \quad \therefore x-8 = 16$$

$$\therefore x=24$$

$$\therefore \frac{64}{x+8} + 7 = \frac{64}{24+8} + 7 = \frac{64}{32} + 7 = 2 + 7 = 9$$

Ans D

584 From the equation  $\frac{1}{y} - \frac{1}{y+1} = \frac{1}{y+3}$ ,

$$\frac{y+1-y}{y(y+1)} = \frac{1}{y+3} \quad \therefore \frac{1}{y(y+1)} = \frac{1}{y+3}$$

$$\therefore y^2 + y = y + 3 \quad \therefore y^2 = 3 \quad \therefore y = \pm\sqrt{3}$$

Since  $y>0$ ,  $y=\sqrt{3}$

Ans B

585 From  $\frac{2d^2-d-10}{d^2+7d+10} = \frac{d^2-4d+3}{d^2+2d-15}$ ,

$$\frac{(2d-5)(d+2)}{(d+2)(d+5)} = \frac{(d-1)(d-3)}{(d+5)(d-3)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{2d-5}{d+5} = \frac{d-1}{d+5} \quad \therefore 2d-5=d-1 \quad \therefore d=4$$

Ans B

586 From  $\frac{2x+1}{2x-5} - \frac{2x+3}{2x-7} = 0$ ,  $\frac{2x+1}{2x-5} = \frac{2x+3}{2x-7}$

$$\therefore (2x+1)(2x-7) = (2x+3)(2x-5)$$

$$\therefore 4x^2 - 12x - 7 = 4x^2 - 4x - 15 \quad \therefore 8x = 8$$

$$\therefore x=1$$

Ans D

587 From  $\frac{x}{2x-1} - \frac{2}{4x^2-1} = \frac{3}{2x+1}$ ,

$$\frac{x}{2x-1} - \frac{2}{(2x+1)(2x-1)} = \frac{3}{2x+1}$$

$$\therefore x(2x+1)-2=3(2x-1)$$

$$\therefore 2x^2+x-2=6x-3 \quad \therefore 2x^2-5x+1=0$$

Since  $x \neq \pm \frac{1}{2}$ , the sum of two values of  $x$

$$\text{is } \left(-\frac{-5}{2}\right) = \frac{5}{2}.$$

Ans D

588 From  $\frac{2}{x+1} - \frac{x}{3} = 1$ ,  $\frac{2\cdot 3-x(x+1)}{3(x+1)} = 1$

$$\therefore 6-x^2-x=3x+3 \quad \therefore x^2+4x-3=0$$

$$\therefore x = -2 \pm \sqrt{2^2-1\cdot(-3)} = -2 \pm \sqrt{7}$$

$$\therefore x_1+x_2 = (-2+\sqrt{7})+(-2-\sqrt{7}) = -4$$

$$\left[\leftarrow \frac{-4}{1} = -4\right]$$

Ans D

589 From  $\frac{1}{x-3} \leq 1$ ,  $(x-3)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{x-3} \leq 1 \cdot (x-3)^2$

$$\therefore (x-3) \leq (x-3)^2 \quad (x \neq 3)$$

$$\therefore (x-3)^2 - (x-3) \geq 0$$

$$\therefore (x-3)(x-3-1) \geq 0 \quad \therefore (x-3)(x-4) \geq 0$$