

# Polynomials

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## Assertion & Reason Type Questions

In the following questions, a statement of Assertion (A) is followed by a statement of Reason (R). Choose the correct option:

- a. Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
- b. Both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true but Reason (R) is not the correct explanation of Assertion (A)
- c. Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false
- d. Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true

Q 1.

**Assertion (A):**  $f(x) = 2x^3 - \frac{3}{x} + 7$  is a polynomial

in the variable  $x$  of degree 3.

**Reason (R):** The highest power of  $x$  in a polynomial  $f(x)$  is called the degree of the polynomial  $f(x)$ .

**Answer :** (d) **Assertion (A):**  $f(x) = 2x^3 - \frac{3}{x} + 7 = 2x^3 - 3x^{-1} + 7$

is not a polynomial as one of the term is  $-3x^{-1}$  in which the power of  $x$  is negative. So, Assertion (A) is false.

Reason (R): It is true to say that the highest power of  $x$  in a polynomial  $f(x)$  is the degree of the polynomial  $f(x)$ . Hence, Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true.

Q 2. **Assertion (A):** The polynomial  $p(x) = x^2 + 3x + 3$  has two real zeroes.

**Reason (R):** A quadratic polynomial can have at most two real zeroes.

**Answer :** (d) **Assertion (A):** We have,

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

For finding zeroes, put

$$p(x) = 0 \Rightarrow x^2 + 3x + 3 = 0$$

Compare with  $ax^2 + bx + c = 0$ , we get

$$a=1, b=3, c=3$$

$$\therefore \text{Discriminant (D)} = b^2 - 4ac$$

$$(3)^2 - 4 \times 1 \times 3 = 9 - 12 = -3 < 0$$

$\Rightarrow p(x)$  has no real zero.

So, Assertion (A) is false.

**Reason (R):** It is true to say that a quadratic polynomial has atmost 2 zeroes.

Hence, Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true.

**Q 3. Assertion (A):** Polynomial  $x^2 + 4x$  has two real zeroes.

**Reason (R):** Zeroes of the polynomial  $x^2 + ax$  ( $a \neq 0$ ) are 0 and  $-a$ .

**Answer : (c) Assertion (A):** Let polynomial  $p(x) = x^2 + 4x = x(x+4)$

For the zeroes of  $p(x)$ , put

$$x(x+4)=0$$

$$x=0 \text{ or } x+4=0$$

$$x=0, -4.$$

So,  $x^2+4x$  has two real zeroes.

Thus, Assertion (A) is true.

**Reason (R):** Let polynomial  $f(x) = x^2 + ax$ , ( $a \neq 0$ )

$$= x(x+a)$$

For the zeroes of  $f(x)$ , put

$$x(x+a) = 0$$

$$x=0 \text{ or } x+a=0$$

$$x = 0, -a$$

So,  $x^2+ax$  has two zeroes 0 and  $-a$ .

Thus, Reason (R) is false.

Hence, Assertion (A) is true but Reason (R) is false.

**Q 4. Assertion (A):** If the sum and product of zeroes of a quadratic polynomial is 3 and -2 respectively, then the quadratic polynomial is  $x^2 - 3x - 2$ .

**Reason (R):** If S is the sum of zeroes and P is the product of zeroes of a quadratic polynomial, then the quadratic polynomial is given by  $x^2 - Sx + P$ .

**Answer : (a) Assertion (A):** Let  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  be the zeroes of quadratic polynomial.

Now, given  $\alpha + \beta = 3$  and  $\alpha\beta = -2$

$$S = 3 \text{ and } P = -2$$

The required quadratic polynomial

$$= x^2 - (S)x + P = x^2 - 3x - 2$$

Therefore, Assertion (A) is true.

**Reason (R):** It is also true.

Hence, both Assertion (A) and Reason (R) are true and Reason (R) is the correct explanation of Assertion (A).

**Q 5. Assertion (A):** If two zeroes of the polynomial  $f(x)=x^3-2x^2-3x+6$  are  $\sqrt{3}$  and  $-\sqrt{3}$ , then its third zero is 4.

**Reason (R):** If  $\alpha$ ,  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  are the zeroes of the polynomial  $f(x) = ax^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ . Then,

$$\text{Sum of the zeroes} = -(1) \cdot \frac{\text{Coefficient of } x^2}{\text{Coefficient of } x^3}$$

**Answer : (d) Assertion (A):** Let  $\alpha=\sqrt{3}$ .  $\beta=-\sqrt{3}$  be the zeroes of the polynomial  $f(x) = x^3-2x^2-3x+6$  and  $\gamma$  be its third zero.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Then,} \quad \alpha + \beta + \gamma &= -\left(\frac{-2}{1}\right) \\ \Rightarrow \quad \sqrt{3} - \sqrt{3} + \gamma &= 2 \Rightarrow \gamma = 2 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore, Assertion (A) is false.

**Reason (R):** It is also true.

Hence, Assertion (A) is false but Reason (R) is true.

**Q.6. Assertion (A) :**  $x^2+7x+12$  has no real zeroes.

**Reason (R) :** A quadratic polynomial can have at the most two zeroes.

**Answer : (d)**

**Q.7. Assertion (A) :** If the sum of the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial  $x^2-2kx+8$  is 2 then value of  $k$  is 1.

**Reason (R) :** Sum of zeroes of a quadratic polynomial  $ax^2+bx+c$  is  $-b/a$

**Answer : (a)**

**Q.8. Assertion (A) :**  $P(x) = 4x^3-x^2+5x^4+3x-2$  is a polynomial of degree 3.

**Reason (R) :** The highest power of  $x$  in the polynomial  $P(x)$  is the degree of the polynomial.

**Answer : (d)**

**Q.9. Assertion (A) :**  $x^3+x$  has only one real zero.

**Reason (R) :** A polynomial of  $n$ th degree must have  $n$  real zeroes.

Answer : (c)

**Q.10. Assertion (A) :** If one zero of polynomial  $p(x) = (k^2+4)x^2+13x+4k$  is reciprocal of the other, then  $k=2$ .

**Reason (R) :** If  $(x-a)$  is a factor of  $p(x)$ , then  $p(a) = 0$  i.e.,  $a$  is a zero of  $p(x)$ .

Answer : (b)

**Q.11. Assertion (A) :**  $x^2+4x+5$  has two zeroes.

**Reason (R) :** A quadratic polynomial can have at the most two zeroes.

Answer : (d)

**Q.12. Assertion (A) :** Degree of a zero polynomial is not defined.

**Reason (R) :** Degree of a non-zero constant polynomial is 0.

Answer : (b)

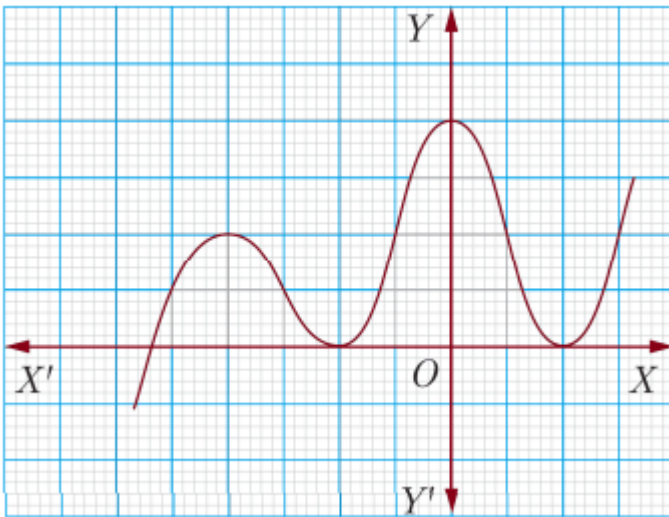
**Q.13. Assertion (A) :** If the product of the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial  $x^2+3x+5k$  is  $-10$  then value of  $k$  is  $-2$ .

**Reason (R) :** Sum of zeroes of a quadratic polynomial  $ax^2+bx+c$  is  $-b/a$

Answer : (b)

**Q.14. Assertion (A) :** The graph  $y=f(x)$  is shown in figure, for the polynomial  $f(x)$ . The number of zeroes of  $f(x)$  is 3.

**Reason (R) :** The number of zero of the polynomial  $f(x)$  is the number of point of which  $f(x)$  cuts or touches the axes.



**Answer :** (c)

**Q.15. Assertion (A) :**  $3-2\sqrt{5}$  is one zero of the quadratic polynomial then other zero will be  $3+2\sqrt{5}$ .

**Reason (R) :** Irrational zeros (roots) always occurs in pairs.

**Answer :** (a)