

$$x^2 - 3x - 10 = 0 \quad [3]$$

11. If α and β are the zeroes of the quadratic polynomial $p(x) = x^2 - 5x + k$ such that $\alpha - \beta = 1$, find the value of k . [3]

SECTION D (10 MARKS)

12. A lending library has a fixed charge for the first three days and an additional charge for each day thereafter. Saritha paid Rs 27 for a book kept for seven days, while Susy paid Rs 21 for the book she kept for five days. Find the fixed charge and the charge for each extra day. [5]

13. A budget of Rs 480 was allocated for food for a student picnic. However, eight students failed to attend, causing the food cost for each remaining student to increase by Rs 10. How many students actually attended the picnic? [5]

SECTION E (5 MARKS — VIVA VOCE ASSESSMENT LOOP)

14. Answer the following conceptual questions during oral evaluation: [1×5=5]

1. State the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic.
2. What is the relationship between the degree of a polynomial and the maximum number of times its graph can intersect the x-axis?
3. What algebraic condition must the coefficients satisfy for a pair of linear equations to have a unique solution?
4. What can you conclude about the roots of a quadratic equation if its discriminant is greater than zero but not a perfect square?
5. Is it possible for the HCF of two distinct numbers to be equal to their LCM? Explain your reasoning.

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