

**Class: 10**  
**Subject: Mathematics**  
**Topic: Pair of Linear equations in two variables**  
**No. of Questions: 25**

Q1. The coach of a cricket team buys 3 bats and 6 balls for Rs.3900. Later, he buys another bat and 3 more balls of same kind for Rs. 1300. Represent this situation algebraically and geometrically.

Sol. : Let the price of bat be  $x$  and ball be  $y$ .  
 According to the question,  
 $3x + 6y = 3900$   
 $3y = 1300$

x	100	1000
y	400	100

$x +$

x	1300	0
y	0	650

For different values of  $x$ , there are different values of  $y$ . Plot them on graph. The two lines intersect at point  $(1300, 0)$ .

Q2. Solve the system of equations graphically:  $2x - y - 4 = 0$ ;  $x + y + 1 = 0$ .

(CBSE-2002)

Sol.  $2x - y - 4 = 0$  or  $y = 2x - 4$   
 $x + y + 4 = 0$  or  $x = -y - 4$   
 $2x - y - 4 = 0$

x	-1	0
y	0	-1

$x + y + 4 = 0$

x	0	2
y	-4	0

Plot the values of  $x$  and  $y$  on the graph. The two lines intersect at points  $x=1, y=-2$

Q3. Draw the graph of  $2x + y = 6$  and  $2x - y + 2 = 0$ . Shade the region bounded by these lines and  $x$ -axis. Find the area of the shaded region. (CBSE-2002)

x	0	3
y	6	0

x	0	-1
y	2	0

Sol.  $2x + y = 6$

$2x - y + 2 = 0$

Both lines intersect at point (1,4)  
 Hence,  $x=1$ ,  $y=4$   
 Area=  $\frac{1}{2} * b * h = \frac{1}{2} * 4 * 4 = 8$  sq. units

Q4. Determine graphically the vertices of a trapezium, the equations of whose sides are:  $x=0$ ,  $y=0$ ,  $y=4$  and  $2x + y=6$ . Also determine the area.

Sol. Clearly,  $x=0$  represents  $y$ - axis and  $y=0$  represents  $x$ - axis.

x	3	0	$2x + y=6$
y	0	6	

Represent the lines on the graph and as a result, the coordinates of trapezium comes out to be (0,0); (3,0); (1,4); (0,4)  
 Area of trapezium=  $\frac{1}{2} * (3+1) * 4 = 8$  sq. units

Q5. Solve:  $3(2u+v) = 7uv$ ;  $3(u+3v) = 11uv$

Sol.  $3(2u+v) = 7uv$  or  $6u + 3v=7uv$   
 $3(u+3v) = 11uv$  or  $3u + 9v=11uv$   
 Dividing both the equations by  $uv$ .

$$\begin{aligned} 6/v + 3/u &= 7 \\ 3/v + 9/u &= 11 \\ \text{Taking } 1/v &= x \text{ and } 1/u = y \\ 6x + 3y &= 7 & ; & 3x + 9y = 11 \\ (2x+y) &= 7/3 & ; & x + 3y = 11/3 \\ y &= 7/3 - 2x & ; & x + 3(7/3 - 2x) = 11/3 \\ y &= 7/3 - 2 * 2/3 & ; & x + 7 - 6x = 11/3 \\ y &= 1 & ; & x - 5x = 11/3 - 7 \\ x &= 1/v = 2/3 & ; & x = 2/3 \\ v &= 3/2 \\ y &= 1/u = 1 \\ u &= 1 \end{aligned}$$

Also, if we put  $u=0$  in either of the two equations, we get  $v=0$

Q6. Solve:  $\frac{4}{x} + 3y = 8$ ;  $\frac{6}{x} - 4y = -5$

(CBSE- 2010)

Sol. Putting  $1/x = a$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 4a + 3y = 8 & ; & 6a - 3y = -5 \\ a = (8 - 3y)/4 & ; & 6(8 - 3y)/4 - 4y = -5 \\ a = 2/4 = 1/2 & ; & (24 - 9y - 8y)/2 = -5 \\ & & y = 2 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} a = 1/x = 1/2 \\ x = 2 \end{array}$$

Q.7 Solve:  $x + 2y + z = 7$ ;  $x + 3z = 11$ ; and  $2x - 3y = 1$

Sol.  $x + 2y + z = 7$  or  $z = 7 - x - 2y$   
 Substituting  $z = 7 - x - 2y$  in  $x + 3z = 11$   
 $x + 3(7 - x - 2y) = 11$   
 $x + 21 - 3x - 6y = 11$   
 $-2x - 6y = -10$

Add  $-2x - 6y = -10$  and  $2x - 3y = 1$   
 $-9y = -9$   
 $y = 1$

Put  $y = 1$  in  $2x - 3y = 1$ , we get  $x = 2$   
 Put  $x = 2, y = 1$  in  $z = 7 - x - 2y$ , we get  $z = 3$

Q8. Solve for x and y;  $7(y+3) - 2(x+2) = 14$ ;  $4(y - 2) + 3(x - 3) = 2$

Sol.  $7(y+3) - 2(x+2) = 14$   
 $7y + 21 - 2x - 4 = 14$   
 $7y - 2x + 17 = 14$   
 $7y - 2x = -3$

$4(y-2) + 3(x-3) = 2$   
 $4y - 8 + 3x - 9 = 2$   
 $4y + 3x - 17 = 2$   
 $3x + 4y = 19$

$$\begin{array}{lcl} 7y - 2x = -3 & ; & 3x + 4y = 19 \\ y = (-3 + 2x)/7 & ; & 3x + 4(-3 + 2x)/7 = 19 \\ y = (-3 + 2*5)/7 & ; & 21x - 12 + 8x = 19 * 7 \\ y = 1 & ; & 29x = 145 \end{array}$$

$$x=5$$

Q9.  $\frac{5}{x-1} + \frac{1}{y-2} = 2; \frac{6}{x-1} - \frac{3}{y-2} = 1$ , find x and y. (CBSE-2009)

Sol. Let  $1/x-1 = a$  and  $1/y-2 = b$

Equations are:

$$5a + b = 2$$

$$6a - 3b = 1$$

$$5a + b = 2$$

$$b = 2 - 5a$$

$$b = 2 - 5/3$$

$$b = 1/3$$

;  
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$$6a - 3b = 1$$

$$6a - 3(2 - 5a) = 1$$

$$21a = 7$$

$$a = 1/3$$

$$1/x - 1 = 1/3$$

$$x - 1 = 3$$

$$x = 4$$

$$1/y - 2 = 1/3$$

$$y - 2 = 3$$

$$y = 5$$

Q10.  $x + y = 2xy; \frac{x-y}{xy} = 6; x, y \neq 0$ , solve for x and y.

Sol.  $x + y = 2xy \dots \dots \dots (1)$

$$(x - y)/xy = 6$$

$$x - y = 6xy \dots \dots \dots (2)$$

Divide (1) by (2)

$$1/y + 1/x = 2 \dots \dots \dots (3)$$

$$1/y - 1/x = 6 \dots \dots \dots (4)$$

On adding (3) and (4)

$$2/y = 8$$

$$y = 1/4$$

Now,  $1/(1/4) - 1/x = 6$  ( from 4)

$$4 - 6 = 1/x$$

$$x = -1/2$$

Q11. Solve  $\frac{x}{a} + \frac{y}{b} = 2$  ;  $ax - by = a^2 - b^2$  using cross multiplication.

(CBSE-2005)

Sol.  $x/a + y/b = 2$  or  $bx + ay - 2ab = 0$   
 $ax - by - (a^2 - b^2) = 0$

By cross multiplication method,

$$\frac{x}{-a(a^2 - b^2) - (-b)(-2ab)} = \frac{-y}{-b(a^2 - b^2) - a(-2ab)} = \frac{1}{b * -b - a * a}$$

$$x / -(a^2 + b^2) = -y / -b(a^2 - b^2) = 1 / -(a^2 + b^2)$$

$$x = a; y = b$$

Q12. Solve:  $ax + by = a - b$ ;  $bx - ay = a + b$  using cross multiplication method. (CBSE-2000)

Sol.  $ax + by - (a - b) = 0$   
 $bx - ay - (a + b) = 0$

$$\frac{x}{-b(a + b) - a(a - b)} = \frac{-y}{-a(a + b) + b(a - b)} = \frac{1}{-(a^2 + b^2)}$$

$$x / (-b^2 - a^2) = -y / (-a^2 - b^2) = 1 / -(a^2 + b^2)$$

$$x = 1 \text{ and } y = -1$$

Q13. Find the value of k for which the following system of linear equations has infinite solutions:  $x + (k + 1)y = 5$ ;  $(k + 1)x + 9y = 8k - 1$

(CBSE-2002)

Sol.  $1/(k + 1) = (k + 1)/9 = 5/(8k - 1)$   
 $a/(k + 1) = (k + 1)/9$  ;  $(k + 1)/9 = 5/(8k - 1)$   
 $9 = (k + 1)^2$  ;  $(k + 1)9(8k - 1) = 45$

$$k = 2, -4$$

$$k = 2 \text{ satisfies } (k + 1)(8k - 1) = 45$$

Q14. For what value of  $k$ , will the system of equations  $x + 2y=5$  and  $3x + ky - 15=0$  has a unique solution?

(CBSE-2001)

Sol.  $1/3 \neq 2/6$   
 $k \neq 6$

Q15. Find the values of  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  for which the following system of linear equations has infinite number of solution:  $2x + 3y=7$ ;  $2\alpha x + (\alpha+\beta)y=28$ .

(CBSE-2001)

Sol.  $2/2\alpha = 3/(\alpha+\beta) = 7/28$   
 $1/\alpha = 1/4$  ;  $3/(\alpha+\beta) = 1/4$   
 $\alpha=4$  ;  $3/(4+\beta)=1/4$   
 $\beta=8$

Q16. The sum of a 2-digit number and the number obtained by reversing the order of its digits is 165. If the digits differ by 3, find the number?

(CBSE-2002)

Sol. Let the digits at units and tens place be  $x$  and  $y$  respectively  
Number =  $10y+x$   
Number obtained by reversing the order of digits =  $10x+y$   
Acc. to ques.,

$(10y+x) + (10x+y) = 165$   
And  $x-y=3$  or  $y-x=3$   
On solving we get  $x=9, y=6$  or  $x=6, y=9$   
Number = 96 or 69

Q17. A and B are friends and their ages differ by 2 years. A's father D is twice as old as A and B is twice as old as his sister C. the age of D and C differ by 40 years. Find the ages of A and B.

Sol. Let the age of A be x and B be y  
 $x - y = \pm 2$   
age of D = 2x years  
age of C = y/2 years

According to question,

$$2x - y/2 = 40 \quad \text{or} \quad 4x - y = 80 \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

$$x - y = 2 \quad \text{or} \quad x - y = -2 \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

On solving we get

$$x = 26 \text{ or } 27 \frac{1}{3}$$

$$y = 24 \text{ or } 29 \frac{1}{3}$$

Therefore, The Age of A =  $27 \frac{1}{3}$  years or 26 years; Age of B =  $29 \frac{1}{3}$  years or 24 years.

Q18. X takes 3 hours more than Y to walk 30 km. But, if A doubles his pace, he is ahead of Y by  $1 \frac{1}{2}$  hours. Find their speed of walking.

Sol. Let the speed of X is x km/hr and Y is y km/hr  
Time taken by X to cover 30 km =  $30/x$  hrs  
Time taken by Y to cover 30 km =  $30/y$  hrs

According to question,

$$30/x - 10/y = 3 \quad \text{or} \quad 10/x - 10/y = 1$$

Now speed of X is 2x km/hr

$$\text{Time taken by X} = 30/2x \text{ hrs}$$

$$\text{Time taken by Y} = 30/y \text{ hrs}$$

$$30/y - 3/2x = 1 \frac{1}{2} \quad \text{or} \quad -10/x + 20/y = 1$$

On solving we get Speed of X =  $10/3$  km/hr; Speed of Y = 5 km/hr

Q19. Students of a class are made to stand in rows. If one student is extra in a row, there would be 2 rows less. If one student is less in a row there would be 3 more rows. Find the number of students in the class.

Sol. Let the number of students be  $x$  and number of rows be  $y$   
When one student is extra in each row, there are 2 rows less.  
 $(x/y + 1)$  students and  $(y-2)$  rows

Total number of students = number of rows \* Number of students in each row

$$x = (x/y + 1)(y-2)$$
$$-2x/y + y - 2 = 0 \dots\dots\dots (1)$$

If one student is less in each row, then there are 3 rows more

$$x = (x/y - 1)(y+3)$$
$$3x/y - y - 3 = 0$$

On solving, we get  $x=60$

Q20. On selling a tea set at 5% loss and a lemon set at 15% gain, a crockery seller gains Rs. 7. If he sells the tea set at 5% gain and lemon set at 10% gain, he gains Rs.13. find the actual price of the tea set and the lemon set.

Sol. Let the CP of tea set be Rs.  $X$  and lemon set be Rs.  $Y$   
Case 1: when tea set is sold at 5% loss and lemon set is sold at 5% gain  
Loss = Rs.  $5x/100 = Rs. x/20$   
Gain = Rs.  $15y/100 = Rs. 3y/20$   
Net gain =  $3y/20 - x/20$   
 $x - 3y + 140 = 0 \dots\dots\dots (1)$

Case 2: When tea set is sold at 5% gain and lemon set at 10% gain  
Gain on tea set = Rs.  $x/20$   
Gain on lemon set = Rs.  $y/10$   
Total gain =  $x/20 + y/10$   
 $x + 2y - 260 = 0 \dots\dots\dots (2)$

On solving, we get  $x=100$  and  $y=80$   
Therefore, cost of tea-set = Rs.100; cost of lemon-set = Rs.80



Q21. Find the values of p and q for which the following system of equations has infinite number of solution:  $2x + 3y=7$ ;  $(p+q)x + (2p-q)y=21$ .

(CBSE-2001)

Sol. For infinite number of solutions,

$$\frac{2}{p+q} = \frac{3}{2p-q} = \frac{7}{21}$$

$$\frac{2}{p+q} = \frac{1}{3} \quad ; \quad \frac{3}{2p-q} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$6=p+q \quad ; \quad 2p-q=9$$

$$(p+q) + (2p-q) = 6+9$$

$$3p=15$$

$$p=5 \text{ and } q=1$$

Q22. Solve:  $ax + by=c$  and  $bx + ay=1+c$

Sol.  $ax + by=c$  and  $bx + cy=1+c$

$$\frac{x}{-b(1+c)+ac} = \frac{-y}{-a(1+c)+bc} = \frac{1}{a^2-b^2}$$

$$x = \frac{c(a-b)-b}{[(a-b)(a+b)]} \quad ; \quad y = \frac{c(a-b)+a}{[(a+b)(a-b)]}$$

$$x = \frac{c}{(a+b)} - \frac{b}{(a^2-b^2)} \quad ; \quad y = \frac{c}{(a+b)} + \frac{a}{(a^2-b^2)}$$

Q23. Find the value of k, for which the system of equations has no solution in  $3x - 4y + 7=0$ ;  
 $kx + 3y - 5=0$

Sol.  $a_1/a_2 = b_1/b_2 \neq c_1/c_2$

$$-4/3 \neq -7/5$$

$$a_1/a_2 = b_1/b_2$$

$$3/k = -4/3$$

$$k = -9/4$$

Q24. Determine the value of k, so that the following equations has no solution:

$$(3k + 1)x + 3y - 2=0; (k^2 + 1)x = (k - 2)y - 5=0$$

Sol.  $(3k+1)/(k^2+1) = 3/(k-2) \neq -2/-5$

$$(3k+1)/(k^2+1) = 3/(k-2)$$

$$(3k+1)(k-2) = 3(k^2+1)$$

$$3k^2 - 5k - 2 = 3k^2 + 3$$

$$-5k - 2 = 3$$

$$-5k = 5$$

$k=-1$

Q25. A fraction becomes  $\frac{4}{5}$ ; if 1 is added to both numerator and denominator. If however, 5 is subtracted from both numerator and denominator, the fraction becomes  $\frac{1}{2}$ . What is the fraction?

Sol. Let the fraction be  $\frac{x}{y}$

According to question,

$$\begin{array}{l} \frac{(x+1)}{(y+1)} = \frac{4}{5} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{(x-5)}{(y-5)} = \frac{1}{2} \\ 5x-4y+1=0 \quad \text{and} \quad 2x-y-5=0 \end{array}$$

On solving the equations, we get  $x=7$  and  $y=9$

Fraction =  $\frac{7}{9}$

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