

## (A) NUMBER SYSTEM (ANSWERS) (12) [1]

1. (v) Let the cost of each sharpener and each eraser be ₹  $s$  and ₹  $e$  respectively.

$$5s + 6e = 28 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$6s + 5e = 27 \rightarrow (ii)$$

Adding both equations;  $11(s+e) = 55$   
 $\Rightarrow s+e = 5 \rightarrow (iii)$

Now;  $eqn(ii) - eqn(i) \rightarrow$  We get  $s - e = -1 \rightarrow (iv)$

Now; adding  $eqn(iii)$  &  $eqn(iv)$ ; We get  $\rightarrow s = 2$

then;  $s + e = 5 \Rightarrow 2 + e = 5 \Rightarrow e = 3$

$\therefore$  Required answer is  $\rightarrow \boxed{2, 3}$

2. (v) Two equations  $a_1x + b_1y = c_1$  and  $a_2x + b_2y = c_2$ ,  
Where  $x$  and  $y$  are variables and  $a_1, b_1, a_2, b_2, c_1$   
and  $c_2$  are all constants which will have  
infinite solutions if  $\frac{a_1}{a_2} = \frac{b_1}{b_2} = \frac{c_1}{c_2}$

$\therefore$  According to the question:

Here;  $a_1 = 4$ ;  $a_2 = 6$ ;  $b_1 = 6$ ;  $b_2 = 9$ ;  $c_1 = 16$

and  $c_2 = 24$

$\therefore$  We can say that there are infinite solutions  
or  $(x, y)$  has infinite values.

[A] NUMBER SYSTEM (ANSWERS) (13)

3. (a) Let the cost of each chocolate, each biscuit and each cake be ₹  $x$ ; ₹  $y$  and ₹  $z$  respectively.

$$3x + 4y + 5z = 39 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$6x + 8y = 38 \rightarrow 3x + 4y = 19 \rightarrow (ii)$$

$$\therefore \text{eqn (i)} - \text{eqn (ii)}; \text{ Negat} \rightarrow 5z = 15 \Rightarrow \boxed{z=3}$$

4. (a) By option test  $\rightarrow$

$$(i) \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{2+1}{3+1} \Rightarrow \frac{3}{6} \Rightarrow \frac{1}{2}$$

$$(ii) \text{ Now; } \frac{2}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{2+2}{3+7} \Rightarrow \frac{2}{5}$$

$\therefore$  option (a)  $\rightarrow$  Satisfying the given conditions.

The the Required answer is  $\boxed{\frac{2}{3}}$

5. (a) By option test  $\rightarrow$

$$(i) \text{ In } 84 \rightarrow (8+4) = 3(8-4)$$

$$(ii) \text{ Now } \rightarrow (84-48) = 36$$

$\therefore$  Option (a) Satisfying the given conditions.

Then the required answer is  $\boxed{84}$

6. (a) Let the time taken by Rakesh is 't' hours.

$\therefore$  Rajesh takes  $(t+5)$  hours.

According to the question:

$$t - \frac{(t+5)}{2} = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2t - (t+5)}{2} = \frac{15}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow t - 5 = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow t = 20$$

Speed of Rajesh:

$$\frac{500}{(20+5)} = \boxed{20 \text{ km/hr}}$$

## 1. [A] NUMBER SYSTEM (ANSWERS) (19)

$$\text{Ex (1)} \quad 4x + 5y = 32 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$12x + 15y = 2K \rightarrow (ii)$$

$$\text{Now; eqn (i)} \times \frac{3}{2} \rightarrow 6x + 7.5y = 48$$

$$\text{and eqn (ii)} \times \frac{1}{2} \rightarrow 6x + 7.5y = K$$

$$\therefore \boxed{K = 48}$$

2 (c) Let the numbers are  $x$  and  $y$

$$\therefore x + y = 200 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$x^2 - y^2 = 8000 \rightarrow (ii)$$

$$\text{Now; } (x+y)(x-y) = 8000 \Rightarrow (x-y) = 40 \rightarrow (iii)$$

$\therefore$  Solving eqn (i) & eqn (iii); We get  $x = 120$  &  $y = 80$

$\therefore$  Required answer is =  $\boxed{120}$

3 (c) By option; We can write  $\rightarrow$

$$(i) \quad 8(6+4) - 16 = 64$$

$$(ii) \quad 22(6-4) + 20 = 64$$

$\therefore$  option (c); Satisfying the given conditions.

Then, the required answer is  $\boxed{64}$

10. (b) Let the two parts be  $x$  and  $y$ .

$$\therefore x + y = 80 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = \frac{4}{75} \Rightarrow \frac{x+y}{xy} = \frac{4}{75} \rightarrow (ii)$$

By option test; putting the respective values  $\boxed{30 \text{ and } 50}$

in eqn (ii); We get  $\rightarrow \frac{30+50}{30 \times 50} = \frac{4}{75}$

$\therefore$  option (b) Satisfying the given conditions.

## I. I. I. NUMBER SYSTEM - (ANSWERS) (15)

11. (d) Let the amount of money that Ajay has be ₹  $x$ ,  
and that with Vijay be ₹  $y$ .

$$\therefore (x - 30) = y \Rightarrow x - y = 30 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$\text{and; } (x + 20) = (y - 20) + 70$$

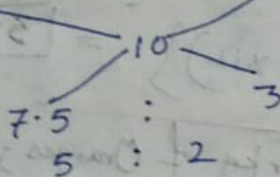
$$\Rightarrow x - y = 30 \rightarrow (ii)$$

Since, the two equations are the same, the value of  $x$  or  $y$  can't be uniquely determined.

$\therefore$  Required answer is (d).

12. (a) (10 paise Coins)  
(10 × 70) p  
₹ 7

(25 paise Coins)  
(25 × 70) p  
₹ 17.5



$\therefore$  Required answer is

$$\left(70 \times \frac{2}{7}\right) = \boxed{20}$$

13. (d) Let the fixed expense be ₹  $x$  and the Variable expense be ₹  $y$  per head.

$$x + 20y = (20 \times 650) \Rightarrow x + 20y = 13000 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$\text{and; } x + 25y = (25 \times 600) \Rightarrow x + 25y = 15000 \rightarrow (ii)$$

From eq<sup>n</sup>(i) & eq<sup>n</sup>(ii); We get  $x = 5000$  and  $y = 400$

Let the required number of occupants be  $n$ .

$$\therefore 5000 + 400n = 500n$$

$$\Rightarrow 100n = 5000$$

$$\Rightarrow \boxed{n = 50}$$

## [A] NUMER SYSTEM (ANSWERS) <16>

14. (c) By option test, we can write the following →

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{(i)} \quad 603 - 306 = 297 \\ \text{(ii)} \quad (3+0) = (6-3) \\ \text{(iii)} \quad 6 = (2 \times 3) \end{array} \left| \begin{array}{l} \boxed{603}, \text{ satisfying the} \\ \text{all conditions.} \\ \therefore \text{The Required ans is (c)} \end{array} \right.$$

15. (a) Let the cost of each pen, ruler and refill be  $x$ ,  $y$  and  $z$  respectively.

$$\therefore 3x + 4y + 5z = 75 \rightarrow \text{(i)}$$

$$6x + 7y + 10z = 138 \rightarrow \text{(ii)}$$

$$[\text{eqn (i)} \times 2] - \text{eqn (ii)} \rightarrow \text{We get } y = 12$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore 3x + y + 5z &\Rightarrow (3x + 4y + 5z) - 3y \\ &= \{75 - (3 \times 12)\} = \boxed{39} \end{aligned}$$

16. (a) Let the price per kg of Oranges, Mangoes, Bananas and Grapes be  $\text{₹}R$ ,  $\text{₹}M$ ,  $\text{₹}B$  and  $\text{₹}G$  respectively.

$$\therefore 5R + 2M = 310 \rightarrow \text{(i)}$$

$$3M + 3.5B = 230 \rightarrow \text{(ii)}$$

$$1.5B + 5G = 610 \rightarrow \text{(iii)}$$

$$\text{(i)} + \text{(ii)} + \text{(iii)} \Rightarrow 5R + 5B + 5G = 700$$

$$\therefore 2(5R + 5B + 5G) = (700 \times 2)$$

$$\therefore 10R + 10B + 10G = \boxed{\text{₹} 1400}$$

[A] > NUMER SYSTEM (ANSWERS) <17> [A]

17. (a) Let the number be  $x$ .

$\therefore$  According to the question:  $\left(\frac{7x}{3} - \frac{3x}{7}\right) = 1680$

$\Rightarrow \frac{40}{21}x = 1680 \Rightarrow x = (42 \times 21) = \boxed{882}$

18. (b) Let the number of pencils with Q is  $3x$ .

The number of pencils with P is  $5x$ .

According to the question:  $(5x - 3x) = 18$

$\Rightarrow 2x = 18$   
 $\Rightarrow 8x = 72$   $\times 4$

$\boxed{72}$

19. (b)  $2x + ky = 1 + 2y \Rightarrow 2x + y(k-2) = 1 \rightarrow (i)$

and;  $kx + 12y = 3 \rightarrow (ii)$

From the equations to have infinite number of

solution:  $\frac{2}{k} = \frac{k-2}{12} = \frac{1}{3}$

$\Rightarrow \frac{2}{k} = \frac{1}{3} \Rightarrow \boxed{k=6}$

20. (b) Let the sum of ages today be  $x$ .

$\therefore$  Sum 18 years ago =  $(x - 36)$

$\therefore (x - 36) = \frac{x}{2} \Rightarrow x = 72$

Ratio of present ages = 2:1

$\therefore A = \left(72 \times \frac{2}{3}\right) = \boxed{48 \text{ years}}$

## [A] NUMBER SYSTEMS (ANSWERS) <18>

21. (b) Two original tickets =  $2x$

Two extra tickets =  $2(x+50)$

Total amount =  $(4x+100)$

Total money they spent =  $(4 \times 60) = \text{£} 240$

$\therefore$  According to the question:  $(4x+100) = 240$

$\Rightarrow x = 35$

$\therefore$  Actual price of each ticket be  $\text{£} x = \boxed{\text{£} 35}$

22. (c)  $\frac{bx-ay}{b} = \frac{cy-bz}{c} = \frac{az-cx}{a} = k$

$\therefore c(bx-ay) + a(cy-bz) + b(az-cx) = k(ab+bc+ca)$

$\Rightarrow k(ab+bc+ca) = 0 \Rightarrow \boxed{(ab+bc+ca) = 0}$

23. (d) Let  $x$  is be the length of the longer piece.

$\therefore x + \frac{4}{7}x = 77 \Rightarrow x = 49$

$\therefore \left(\frac{3}{14} \text{ of } 49\right) = \boxed{10.5}$

## (A) NUMBER SYSTEM (ANSWERS) - (19)

29. (a) By option test; we can write  $\rightarrow$

$$(i) \{4(1+6) - 12\} = 16$$

$$(ii) \{2(6-1) + 6\} = 16$$

$\therefore$  option (a); Satisfying both of the conditions.

Then, the required answer is  $\boxed{16}$ .

25. (b) Let the Volumes of Water in X and Y be  $a$  litres and  $b$  litres respectively.

$$\therefore a = b + 400 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$\text{Now; } (a + 200) = 2(b + 200) \rightarrow (ii)$$

putting the value of 'a' from eqn (i) in eqn (ii);

We get the solution.

$$(b + 400 + 200) = 2b + 400$$

$$b = 200$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 600$$

Then, the required answer is  $\boxed{600 \text{ litres}}$



(E) ALGEBRA (ANSWERS) (20)

1. (b)  $x = \sqrt{\frac{5+2\sqrt{6}}{5-2\sqrt{6}}}$

$\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{\frac{(5+2\sqrt{6})^2}{(5+2\sqrt{6})(5-2\sqrt{6})}} \Rightarrow \sqrt{\frac{(5+2\sqrt{6})^2}{25-24}} \Rightarrow 5+2\sqrt{6}$

$\Rightarrow (x-5) = 2\sqrt{6}$

$\Rightarrow (x-5)^2 = (2\sqrt{6})^2 \Rightarrow x^2 - 10x + 25 = 24$

$\Rightarrow x^2 - 10x = -1$

$\Rightarrow (x-5)^2 = 24$

$\Rightarrow x(x-10) = -1$

$\Rightarrow x^2(x-10) = 1$

2. (b)  $x = \left[ \frac{(1.331)^{-1} + (1.331)^{-2} + \dots + (1.331)^{-6}}{(1.331)^{-2} + (1.331)^{-3} + \dots + (1.331)^{-7}} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \div 1.1$

$\Rightarrow x = \left[ \frac{\{(1.331)^{-1} + (1.331)^{-2} + \dots + (1.331)^{-6}\}}{(1.331)^{-1} \{(1.331)^{-1} + (1.331)^{-2} + \dots + (1.331)^{-6}\}} \right]^{\frac{1}{3}} \div 1.1$

$\Rightarrow x = (1.331)^{\frac{1}{3}} \div 1.1$

$\Rightarrow x = \left\{ (1.1)^{3 \times \frac{1}{3}} \div 1.1 \right\} \Rightarrow \boxed{1}$

3. (b) ~~Now,  $a+b = \frac{2+\sqrt{3}}{2-\sqrt{3}} + \frac{2-\sqrt{3}}{2+\sqrt{3}}$~~

$\therefore a+b = \frac{(2+\sqrt{3})^2 + (2-\sqrt{3})^2}{(2-\sqrt{3})(2+\sqrt{3})} \Rightarrow (a+b) = 14$

Now,  $ab = 1$

$a^2 + ab + b^2 \Rightarrow (a^2 + 2ab + b^2) - ab \Rightarrow (a+b)^2 - ab$

Now,  $(a^2 + ab + b^2) = \{(14)^2 - 1\} \Rightarrow \boxed{195}$

<E> ALGEBRA (ANSWERS) <21>

$$4. (b) a\sqrt{7} + b = \frac{\sqrt{7}-2}{\sqrt{7}+2}$$

$$\Rightarrow a\sqrt{7} + b = \frac{(\sqrt{7}-2)^2}{7-4} \Rightarrow \frac{7+4-4\sqrt{7}}{3} \Rightarrow \frac{11}{3} - \frac{4\sqrt{7}}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a\sqrt{7} + b = \frac{11}{3} - \frac{4\sqrt{7}}{3}$$

$$\therefore \text{clearly; } \boxed{a = -\frac{4}{3}}$$

$$5. (a) f(x) = 2x^3 + ax^2 + 3x - 5$$

$$g(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 2x + a$$

By the Remainder Theorem:

$$f(2) = [(2 \times 2^3) + (a \times 2^2) + (3 \times 2) - 5] \Rightarrow 17 + 4a$$

$$\text{Again; } g(2) = [2^3 + 2^2 - (2 \times 2) + a] \Rightarrow 8 + a$$

$$\therefore 17 + 4a = 8 + a \Rightarrow \boxed{a = -3}$$

$$6. (b) f(x) = x^4 - 2x^3 + 3x^2 - ax + b$$

$$\Rightarrow f(1) = (1 - 2 + 3 - a + b) \Rightarrow (2 - a + b) \left[ \begin{array}{l} \because x-1=0 \\ x=1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$f(-1) = (1 + 2 + 3 + a + b) \Rightarrow (6 + a + b) \left[ \begin{array}{l} \because x+1=0 \\ x=-1 \end{array} \right]$$

$$\therefore 2 - a + b = 5 \Rightarrow (b - a) = 3 \rightarrow (i)$$

$$\text{and; } 6 + a + b = 19 \Rightarrow (a + b) = 13 \rightarrow (ii)$$

By Solving eq<sup>n</sup> (i) & eq<sup>n</sup> (ii); We get  $\rightarrow$

$$\boxed{a = 5 ; b = 8}$$

[R] ALGEBRA (ANSWERS) <22>

$$7 \text{ (c)} \frac{1}{x^2+y^2-z^2} + \frac{1}{y^2+z^2-x^2} + \frac{1}{z^2+x^2-y^2}$$

Now,  $x+y+z=0 \rightarrow$

$\therefore$  let put  $x=1; y=1$  and  $z=-2$

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

then,  $\frac{1}{(1)^2+(1)^2-(-2)^2} + \frac{1}{(1)^2+(-2)^2-(1)^2} + \frac{1}{(-2)^2+(1)^2-(1)^2}$

$= \left(-\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{4}\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{0}$

8 (c)  $a+b+c=2s \Rightarrow a+b = \cancel{(s-a)} + \cancel{(s-b)}$

$\Rightarrow c = (s-a) + (s-b)$

$(s-a)^3 + (s-b)^3 + 3(s-a)(s-b)c$

$= (s-a)^3 + (s-b)^3 + 3(s-a)(s-b)[(s-a) + (s-b)]$

$= [(s-a) + (s-b)]^3 \Rightarrow \boxed{c^3} \quad (\because c = (s-a) + (s-b))$

9 (c)  $x^2+4y^2+z^2+3 = 2x+4y+2z$

$\Rightarrow (x^2-2x+1) + (4y^2-4y+1) + (z^2-2z+1) = 0$

$\Rightarrow (x-1)^2 + (2y-1)^2 + (z-1)^2 = 0$

Now;  $x-1=0 \mid 2y-1=0 \mid z-1=0$

$x=1 \mid y=\frac{1}{2} \mid z=1$

Then;  $(x+y+z) = \left(1 + \frac{1}{2} + 1\right) \Rightarrow \boxed{2\frac{1}{2}}$

[B] ALGEBRA (ANSWERS) = {23}

10. (a)  $(x+y+z) = 0$

put  $x = 1$ ;  $y = -1$  and  $z = 0$

$$x^2(y+z) + y^2(z+x) + z^2(x+y) + 3xyz$$

$$= (-1 + 1 + 0 + 0) \Rightarrow \boxed{0}$$

11. (c) ~~\_\_\_\_\_~~  $3\left(\frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} + \frac{1}{c+1}\right)$

$$= 3\left(\frac{a}{a+a} + \frac{b}{b+b} + \frac{c}{c+c}\right)$$

$$= 3\left(\frac{a}{a+b+c} + \frac{b}{a+b+c} + \frac{c}{a+b+c}\right)$$

$$= 3\left(\frac{a+b+c}{a+b+c}\right) = \boxed{3}$$

12. (d)  $2 + \frac{1}{x} = 5$

$\Rightarrow x^2 + 1 = 5x$

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

$$\frac{x^2 + \frac{1}{x}}{5x - 3x}$$

$$\frac{1}{2x} \left(2^2 + \frac{1}{2}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right)$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[\left(2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - 3\left(2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)\right]$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} \left[(5)^3 - 3 \cdot 5\right]$$

$$= \boxed{55}$$

13. (b)  $\frac{3-5x}{x} + \frac{3-5y}{y} + \frac{3-5z}{z} = 0$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3}{x} - 5 + \frac{3}{y} - 5 + \frac{3}{z} - 5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 3\left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\right) = 15$$

$$\Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} + \frac{1}{z}\right) = \boxed{5}$$

[F] ALGEBRA (ANSWERS) (129)

14 (c)  $x^5 + \frac{1}{x^5}$

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

$= [(x + \frac{1}{x})^3 - 3(x + \frac{1}{x})] [(x + \frac{1}{x})^2 - 2] - (x + \frac{1}{x})$   $\therefore (x + \frac{1}{x}) = 3$

$= [3^3 - 3 \cdot 3] [3^2 - 2] - 3 \Rightarrow [(18 - 9) - 3] \Rightarrow \boxed{123}$

15.  $\frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc}{a + b + c} = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 - ab - bc - ca)$

(a)  $\Rightarrow \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc}{(a + b + c)} = \frac{1}{2} [(a - b)^2 + (b - c)^2 + (c - a)^2]$

$\Rightarrow \frac{a^3 + b^3 + c^3 - 3abc}{a + b + c} = \frac{1}{2} [3^2 + 5^2 + 1^2] \Rightarrow \boxed{17.5}$

16. (a)  $(ax + by)^2 + (bx - ay)^2 = 40$   $\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2) = \frac{40}{(x^2 + y^2)}$

$\Rightarrow a^2x^2 + b^2y^2 + b^2x^2 + a^2y^2 = 40$   $= \frac{40}{4}$

$\Rightarrow (x^2 + y^2)(a^2 + b^2) = 40$   $= \boxed{10}$

17. (c)  $a + \frac{1}{a} = 1 \Rightarrow a^2 + 1 - a = 0 \Rightarrow (a + 1)(a - a + 1) = 0$

$\therefore a^3 + 1 = 0 \Rightarrow a^3 = \boxed{-1}$

18. (a)  $a + \frac{1}{(a+2)} = 2 \Rightarrow (a+2) + \frac{1}{(a+2)} = 2$

Now;  $(a+2)^3 + \frac{1}{(a+2)^3} \Rightarrow [(a+2) + \frac{1}{(a+2)}]^3 - 3[(a+2) + \frac{1}{(a+2)}]$

$\therefore (a+2)^3 + \frac{1}{(a+2)^3} \Rightarrow [(2)^3 - 3 \cdot 2] \Rightarrow \boxed{2}$

19. (c)  $a = \sqrt{2} + 1$  ;  $b = \sqrt{2} - 1$  ; then  $ab = 1$

let put  $a = 1$  ;  $b = 1$

$\therefore \frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \Rightarrow (\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}) = \boxed{1}$

## ALGEBRA (ANSWERS) (25)

$$20. (b) a^4 + a^2b^2 + b^4 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2)^2 + 2a^2b^2 + (b^2)^2 - a^2b^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2)^2 - (ab)^2 = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2 + ab)(a^2 + b^2 - ab) = 8$$

$$\Rightarrow (a^2 + b^2 + ab) = 4$$

$$\therefore (a^2 + b^2 - ab) = 2$$

! Now  $(a^2 + b^2) + ab = 4$

$$(a^2 + b^2) - ab = 2$$

$$2ab = 2$$

$$\boxed{ab = 1}$$

ALGEBRA (ANSWERS) (20)

22 (b)  $x = 3 + 2\sqrt{2}$   
 $\Rightarrow x = 3 + 2\sqrt{2} \cdot 1$   
 $\Rightarrow z = (\sqrt{2})^2 + (1)^2 + 2 \cdot \sqrt{2} \cdot 1$   
 $\Rightarrow z = (\sqrt{2} + 1)^2$

$$\left. \begin{array}{l} \Rightarrow \sqrt{z} = \sqrt{2} + 1 \\ \Rightarrow \frac{1}{\sqrt{z}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2} + 1} = \frac{\sqrt{2} - 1}{\sqrt{2} + 1 - \sqrt{2} + 1} \\ \Rightarrow = \boxed{2} \end{array} \right\}$$

22 (a)  $x^2 + y^2 - z^2 + 2xy = (x+y+z)(x+y-z)$   
 $= (x^2 + y^2 + 2xy) - z^2$  putting the values of  $x, y$  and  $z$   
 $= (2+y)^2 - (z)^2$  then we get  $(x+y+z) = 0$   
 $\therefore$  Required answer is  $\boxed{0}$

23 (a)  $x^2 + y^2 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{y} = 4$   
 $\Rightarrow (x^2 + \frac{1}{x} - 2) + (y^2 + \frac{1}{y} - 2) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (x^2 + \frac{1}{x} - 2x \cdot \frac{1}{x}) + (y^2 + \frac{1}{y} - 2 \cdot y \cdot \frac{1}{y}) = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow (x - \frac{1}{x})^2 + (y - \frac{1}{y})^2 = 0$   
 $\therefore x - \frac{1}{x} = 0 \quad | \quad y - \frac{1}{y} = 0$   
 $\Rightarrow x^2 = 1 \quad | \quad \Rightarrow y^2 = 1$   
 $\therefore x + y = \boxed{2}$

24 (a)  $\frac{x-y}{x+y} = \frac{2+y}{7} = \frac{xy}{4}$   
 $\therefore x-y = K$  and  $x+y = 7K$   
 $\therefore x = 4K$  and  $y = 3K$   
 $\left. \begin{array}{l} xy = 4K \cdot 3K = 12K^2 = 4K \\ \Rightarrow 12K^2 = 4K \\ \Rightarrow K = \frac{1}{3} \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow \frac{xy}{4} = \frac{4K}{4} = \frac{1}{3}$

25 (c)  $ax^2 + bx + c = a(x-p)^2$   
 $\Rightarrow ax^2 + bx + c = a(x^2 + p^2 - 2xp)$   
 $\Rightarrow ax^2 + bx + c = ax^2 + ap^2 - 2axp$   
 Comparing the corresponding coefficients  
 $b = -2ap$  ;  $c = ap^2$   
 $\Rightarrow b^2 = 4a^2p^2 \Rightarrow p^2 = \frac{c}{a}$   
 $\Rightarrow p^2 = \frac{b^2}{4a^2} \Rightarrow \frac{b^2}{4a^2} = \frac{c}{a}$   
 $\Rightarrow \boxed{b^2 = 4ac}$