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# SOLUTIONS: LINEAR EQUATIONS IN TWO VARIABLES

Mathematics | Class IX (2026/LINEQ/09/001)

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## Section A (Multiple Choice Questions)

1. **(c) Infinitely many solutions.** A linear equation in two variables represents a straight line on a Cartesian plane, and every point on that line is a solution.
2. **(a)  $(a, a)$ .** Since  $y = x$ , the x-coordinate and y-coordinate must be identical.
3. **(d)  $(0, 2)$ .** To find the Y-intercept, put  $x = 0$ :  $2(0) + 3y = 6 \implies 3y = 6 \implies y = 2$ .
4. **(b)  $1.x + 0.y = 7$ .** The variable  $y$  is missing, which means its coefficient is 0.
5. **(a) 4.** Substitute  $x = 2, y = 0$ :  $2(2) + 3(0) = k \implies 4 + 0 = k \implies k = 4$ .
6. **(a) Parallel to X-axis...** Equations of the form  $y = k$  are horizontal lines.
7. **(c) Infinitely many.** Through a single point  $(1, 2)$ , an infinite number of lines can pass.
8. **(b) Remains the same.** This is a fundamental property of equality (Euclid's Axioms).

## Section B (Very Short Answer Questions)

1. Rearranging  $\sqrt{2}x - 4 = 3y$ :  $\sqrt{2}x - 3y - 4 = 0$ .  
Comparing with  $ax + by + c = 0$ :  $a = \sqrt{2}, b = -3, c = -4$ .
2.  $4x + 3y = 12$ .  
Let  $x = 0 \implies 3y = 12 \implies y = 4$ . Solution:  **$(0, 4)$** .  
Let  $y = 0 \implies 4x = 12 \implies x = 3$ . Solution:  **$(3, 0)$** .
3. For  $(-1, 4)$ :  $3(-1) + 4 = -3 + 4 = 1$ . Since LHS = RHS, **it is a solution**.  
For  $(0, k)$ :  $3(0) + k = 1 \implies k = 1$ .
4. A line parallel to X-axis is of the form  $y = k$ . Since it passes through  $(-3, -4)$ , the y-value must be  $-4$ . Equation:  $y = -4$ .

## Section C (Short Answer Questions)

1. For  $2x + y = 4$ , points are  $(0, 4), (2, 0), (1, 2)$ . Plotting these gives a straight line.  
When  $x = 3$ :  $2(3) + y = 4 \implies 6 + y = 4 \implies y = -2$ .
2. Let distance =  $x$  and fare =  $y$ .  
First km fare = 8. Remaining distance =  $(x - 1)$ . Remaining fare =  $5(x - 1)$ .  
Total fare:  $y = 8 + 5(x - 1) \implies y = 5x + 3$ .
3.  $2x + 1 = x - 3 \implies 2x - x = -3 - 1 \implies x = -4$ .  
(i) **Number line:** A point at  $-4$  on a horizontal scale.  
(ii) **Cartesian plane:** A vertical line passing through  $x = -4$  parallel to the Y-axis.

## Section D (Long Answer Questions)

- (i) Solving  $x - y = 1$  and  $2x + y = 8$ :  
Adding equations:  $3x = 9 \implies x = 3$ .  
Substitute  $x = 3$  in  $x - y = 1 \implies 3 - y = 1 \implies y = 2$ . **Intersection: (3, 2).**

(ii) Triangle vertices on X-axis:  $y = 0$  for both.  $x - 0 = 1 \implies (1, 0)$  and  $2x + 0 = 8 \implies (4, 0)$ .  
Base length =  $4 - 1 = 3$  units. Height ( $y$ -coordinate of intersection) = 2 units.  
Area =  $\frac{1}{2} \times 3 \times 2 = 3$  sq. units.
- (i) Let contribution of Yamini be  $x$  and Fatima be  $y$ .  $x + y = 100$ .

(ii) [Graph is a line passing through  $(0, 100)$  and  $(100, 0)$ ].

(iii) If  $x = 60$ , then  $60 + y = 100 \implies y = 40$ . Fatima contributed **Rs 40**.

## Section E (Case Study)

- (b) **14 liters.**  $y = 3(4) + 2 = 12 + 2 = 14$ .
- (a) **2.**  $3x - y + 2 = 0$ . Here  $c = 2$ .
- (b) **(0, 2).** When  $x = 0, y = 2$ .
- (a) **5 minutes.**  $17 = 3x + 2 \implies 15 = 3x \implies x = 5$ .
- (c) **(2, 9).** If  $x = 2, y = 3(2) + 2 = 8$ . So  $(2, 9)$  is not on the line.