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DETAILED SOLUTIONS: LINEAR EQUATIONS & COORDINATES (HOTS)

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

Section A: Multiple Choice Questions

1. (c) **0**. Since the line passes through $(0, 0)$, substitute $x = 0, y = 0 \implies a(0) + b(0) + c = 0 \implies c = 0$.
2. (c) **(0, 0)**. The equation $y = mx$ is a direct variation passing through the origin.
3. (a) $y = 2x + 3$. Shifting a graph k units up adds k to the constant term.
4. (d) **Infinite**. Through a single point, an infinite number of straight lines can be drawn.
5. (b) **8 sq. units**. The triangle has vertices $(0, 0), (4, 0)$, and $(0, 4)$. Area = $\frac{1}{2} \times 4 \times 4 = 8$.
6. (a) **3**. $x + y = 6 \implies k + (2k - 3) = 6 \implies 3k = 9 \implies k = 3$.
7. (d) **Infinitely many**. A linear equation in two variables has infinite solutions on a line.
8. (b) $x = -5$. A line parallel to Y-axis is $x = k$. 5 units left means $k = -5$.

Section B: Very Short Answer Questions

1. $3x + 4y = 12$.
For X-axis intercept, put $y = 0 \implies 3x = 12 \implies x = 4$. Point: **(4, 0)**.
For Y-axis intercept, put $x = 0 \implies 4y = 12 \implies y = 3$. Point: **(0, 3)**.
2. $2x - 3y + 5 = 0 \implies 3y = 2x + 5 \implies y = \frac{2x+5}{3}$.
For $(-1, 1)$, $LHS = 1$; $RHS = \frac{2(-1)+5}{3} = \frac{3}{3} = 1$. **Yes, it is a solution.**
3. Substitute $x = 2, y = 1$ in $(k - 2)x + 4y = 10$:
 $(k - 2)2 + 4(1) = 10 \implies 2k - 4 + 4 = 10 \implies 2k = 10 \implies k = 5$.
4. Intersection of $x = 2$ and $y = 3$ is $(2, 3)$. A line parallel to X-axis is of the form $y = k$. Since it passes through $(2, 3)$, the equation is $y = 3$.

Section C: Short Answer Questions

1. Substitute $x = 2k - 3$ and $y = k + 2$:
 $2(2k - 3) + 3(k + 2) + 15 = 0 \implies 4k - 6 + 3k + 6 + 15 = 0 \implies 7k + 15 = 0 \implies k = -15/7$.
2. Comparing $y = 2x + 1$ and $y = 2x - 3$: Both have the same slope ($m = 2$). Observation: **The lines are parallel** and will never intersect.
3. Let cost of notebook be x and pen be y . Equation: $y = x + 5$.
Solutions: $(10, 15), (20, 25), (30, 35)$.

Section D: Long Answer / HOTS Questions

1. (i) Distance = x . Fare for 1st 2 km = 50. Subsequent distance = $(x - 2)$.
Equation: $y = 50 + 15(x - 2) \implies \mathbf{y = 15x + 20}$ (for $x \geq 2$).
(iii) For $x = 10$, $y = 15(10) + 20 = \mathbf{170}$. Fare is Rs 170.
(iv) $230 = 15x + 20 \implies 210 = 15x \implies \mathbf{x = 14}$ km.
2. (i) $O(0, 0), A(0, 4), B(6, 4), C(6, 0)$.
(ii) Mid-point of OB : $(\frac{0+6}{2}, \frac{0+4}{2}) = \mathbf{(3, 2)}$.
(iii) Side AB is a horizontal line through $y = 4 \implies \mathbf{y = 4}$.
Side BC is a vertical line through $x = 6 \implies \mathbf{x = 6}$.
3. Boundary lines: $x = 1, x = 4, y = 2, y = 5$.
Vertices: $(1, 2), (4, 2), (4, 5), (1, 5)$.
Lengths: Horizontal sides = $4 - 1 = 3$ units. Vertical sides = $5 - 2 = 3$ units.
Since all sides are equal and adjacent sides are perpendicular, the figure is a **Square**.
Area = $3 \times 3 = \mathbf{9}$ sq. units.