

## Chapter 8




## PARABOLA VERTEX AT ORIGIN



## Formula:

Length of latus rectum $=4 a$

## MCQ-1 :

What is the focus of parabola $x^{2}=12 y$ ?
(a) $(0,3)$
(b) $(3,0)$
(c) $(0,-3)$
(d) $(-3,0)$

Solution:


There are only two terms, so vertex at origin. The power of $y$ is 1 , so axis of parabola is along $y$-axis.
The coefficient of $y$ is positive (i.e. 12) so it is open up.

Standard equation of parabola
$x^{2}=4 a y$
$4 a=12$
$a=3$
Focus at $(0, a)=(0,3)$
The answer is (a).
MCQ- 2:
What is the focus of parabola $y^{2}+18 x=0$ ?
(a) $\left(0, \frac{9}{2}\right)$
(b) $\left(0,-\frac{9}{2}\right)$
(c) $\left(\frac{9}{2}, 0\right)$
(d) $\left(-\frac{9}{2}, 0\right)$

Solution:

$$
\begin{aligned}
& y^{2}=-18 x
\end{aligned}
$$

Vertex at origin, axis of parabola is along $x$-axis and open left because the coefficient of $x$ is negative (i.e. -18 ).


Focus at $(-a, 0))=\left(-\frac{9}{2}, 0\right)$
The answer is (d).
MCQ- 3:
What is the length of latus rectum of parabola $x^{2}=-28 y$ ?
(a) 7
(b) 28
(c) 192
(d) -7

Solution:


Standard equation of parabola $x^{2}=-4 a y$
Length of latus rectum $=4 a$

$$
4 a=28
$$

The answer is (b).

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(1) What are the coordinates of focus of the parabola $x^{2}=-20 y$ ?
(a) $(-20,0)$
(b) $(0,-20)$
(c) $(-5,0)$
(d) $(0,-5)$
(2) What is the length of the latus rectum of the parabola $y^{2}=-24 x$ ?
(a) 24
(b) 6
(c) 4
(d) 12
(3) What is the equation of the directrix of the parabola $x^{2}+32 y=0$ ?
(a) $y=32$
(b) $y=8$
(c) $x=8$
(d) $x=-8$
(4) What is the equation of the directrix of the parabola $x^{2}=4 a y$ ?
(a) $y-a=0$
(b) $x-a=0$
(c) $y+a=0$
(d) $x+a=0$
(5) $e$ is the eccentricity of a parabola. What is the value of $e$ ?
(a) 0.5
(b) 1.5
(c) 0
(d) 1

## PARABOLA VERTEX AT ORIGIN

| S.No. | Axis of <br> parabola | Open | Equation | Focus | Directrix |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | x-axis | Right | $y^{2}=4 a x$ | $(a, 0)$ | $x=-a$ |
| 2 | x-axis | Left | $y^{2}=-4 a x$ | $(-a, 0)$ | $x=a$ |
| 3 | $y$-axis | Right | $x^{2}=4 a y$ | $(0, a)$ | $y=-a$ |
| 4 | $y$-axis | Left | $x^{2}=-4 a y$ | $(0,-a)$ | $y=a$ |

PARABOLA VERTEX AT (h,k)

| S.No. | Axis of <br> parabola | Open | Equation | Focus | Directrix |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :--- | :--- | :--- |
| 1 | x-axis | Right | $(y-k)^{2}=4 a(x-h)$ | $(a+h, k)$ | $x=-a+h$ |
| 2 | x-axis | Left | $(y-k)^{2}=-4 a(x-h)$ | $(-a+h, k)$ | $x=a+h$ |
| 3 | y-axis | Right | $(x-h)^{2}=4 a(y-k)$ | $(h, a+k)$ | $y=-a+k$ |
| 4 | $y$-axis | Left | $(x-h)^{2}=-4 a(y-k)$ | $(h,-a+k)$ | $y=a+k$ |

MCQ-4:
What is the vertex of parabola $y^{2}-4 y-6 x-20=0$ ?
(a) $(0,0)$
(b) $(-2,-3)$
(c) $(-4,2)$
(d) $(2,-3)$

Solution:

$$
\begin{gathered}
y^{2}-4 y=6 x+20 \\
\left(y-\frac{4}{2}\right)^{2}=6 x+20+\left(\frac{4}{2}\right)^{2} \\
(y-2)^{2}=6 x+20+2^{2} \\
(y-2)^{2}=6 x+24 \\
(y-2)^{2}=6(x+4) \\
h=-4 \quad, \quad k=2
\end{gathered}
$$

Vertex at $(h, k)=(-4,2)$
The answer is (c).

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The answer is (d).

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(1) What is the vertex of the parabola $x^{2}-6 x-12 y-51=0$ ?
[Hint: Find turning point, putting $d y / d x=0$ ]
(a) $(5,-3)$
(b) $(-3,5)$
(c) $(3,-5)$
(d) $(-5,3)$
(2) What is the vertex of the parabola $y^{2}+4 y+4 x-12=0$ ?
(a) $(-2,4)$
(b) $(4,-2)$
(c) $(2,-4)$
(d) $(-2,-4)$
(3) What are the coordinates of the vertex of the parabola
$(y+3)^{2}=-4(x-7) ?$
(a) $(-7,3)$
(b) $(-3,7)$
(c) $(7,-3)$
(d) $(-1,-3)$
(4) What are the coordinates of focus of the parabola $(y-k)^{2}=-4 a(x-h)$ ?
(a) $(-a+h, k)$
(b) $(a+h, k)$
(c) $(a+k, h)$
(d) $(-a+h, 0)$
(5) What are the coordinates of focus of the parabola $(y-2)^{2}=8(x-3)$ ?
(a) $(5,2)$
(b) $(2,3)$
(c) $(2,0)$
(d) $(4,3)$
(6) What are the coordinates of focus of the parabola $(y-5)^{2}=-12(x+2)$ ?
(a) $(-1,5)$
(b) $(-3,5)$
(c) $(-5,5)$
(d) $(2,-2)$
(7) What are the coordinates of focus of the parabola $(x+6)^{2}=20(y-4)$ ?
(a) $(-6,5)$
(b) $(-1,4)$
(c) $-6,9)$
(d) $(3,2)$
(8) What are the coordinates of focus of the parabola $(x-5)^{2}=-8(y-7)$ ?
(a) $(5,5)$
(b) $(5,7)$
(c) $(-2,7)$
(d) $(3,7)$
(9) What is the equation of the directrix of the parabola $(x-h)^{2}=4 a(y-k)$ ?
(a) $x+a=h$
(b) $y+a=k$
(c) $y-a=k$
(d) $y=-a$
(10) What is the equation of the directrix of the parabola $(y-k)^{2}=4 a(x-h)$ ?
(a) $x=h+a$
(b) $x=h-a$
(c) $y=k-a$
(d) $y=h+a$
(11) What is the equation of the directrix of the parabola

$$
(x-h)^{2}=-4 a(y-k) ?
$$

(a) $y=k+a$
(b) $x=h+a$
(c) $y=k-a$
(d) $x=k-a$
(12) What is the equation of the directrix of the parabola $(y-2)^{2}=16(x-5) ?$
(a) $x=5$
(b) $x=-2$
(c) $x=1$
(d) $y+2=0$
(13) What is the equation of the directrix of the parabola $(x+7)^{2}=-4(y-6) ?$
(a) $y=7$
(b) $y=5$
(c) $y=1$
(d) $y=-8$
(14) Which is the equation of the directrix of the parabola $(x-h)^{2}=4 a(y-k) ?$
(a) $x+a=h$
(b) $y+a=k$
(c) $y-a=k$
(d) $y=-a$

## EQUATION OF PARABOLA

## MCQ-7 :

What is the equation of parabola vertex at origin and focus $(-8,0)$ ?
(a) $x^{2}=-8 y$
(b) $y^{2}=-8 x$
(c) $x^{2}=-32 y$
(d) $y^{2}=-32 x$

Solution:

$$
y^{2}=-4 a x
$$

The answer is (d).

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$$
\begin{aligned}
4 a & =16 \\
a & =4
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{array}{|l}
\hline \text { Equation of tangent } \\
\qquad \begin{array}{c}
x x_{1}=2 a\left(y+y_{1}\right) \\
-4 x=8(y+1) \\
-x=2(y+1) \\
x+2 y+2=0
\end{array}
\end{array}
$$

The answer is (b).
Note: Tangent at the vertex of the parabola is parallel to $x$-axis (if axis of parabola is along $y$-axis) or parallel to y -axis (if axis of parabola is along x -axis).
Vertex at ( $h, k$ ):
i) Equation of tangent, axis of of parabola is along $x$-axis.

$$
x=h
$$

ii) Equation of tangent, axis of of parabola is along $y$-axis.

$$
y=k
$$

## 

(1) What is the equation of tangent of the parabola $y^{2}=32 x$ at $(3,-5)$ ?
(a) $32 x-5 y+36=0$
(b) $16 x+5 y+48=0$
(c) $8 x+5 y+24=0$
(d) $32 x+5 y+96=0$
(2) A tangent is drawn to parabola $y^{2}=8 x$. What is the equation of tangent at vertex?
(a) $y=0$
(b) $x=0$
(c) $x=2$
(d) $y=-2$
(3) A tangent is drawn at vertex to the parabola $(x-8)^{2}=12(y-3)$. What is the equation of tangent?
(a) $y=6$
(b) $y=3$
(c) $y=-3$
(d) $x=8$

## CONDITION OF TANGENCY

| S. NO. | EQ. OF PARABOLA | EQ. OF STRAIGHT LINE | CONDITION OF TANGENCY |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| i | $y^{2}=4 a x$ | $y=m x+c$ | $c=a / m$ |
| ii | $x^{2}=4 a y$ | $y=m x+c$ | $c=-a m^{2}$ |

MCQ- 10:
$k=$ ?, if the line $y=k x-2$ is tangent to the parabola $x^{2}=8 \mathrm{y}$ ?
(a) 1
(b) 2
(c) 4
(d) 8

Solution:

$m=k, c=-2$

$$
\begin{array}{|l}
\text { Condition of tangency } \\
\qquad \begin{aligned}
c & =-a m^{2} \\
-2 & =-2 k^{2} \\
k^{2} & =1 \\
k & = \pm 1
\end{aligned}
\end{array}
$$

The answer is (a).

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(1) $k=$ ?, if the line $y=3 x+k$ is tangent of the parabola $y^{2}=36 x$ ?
(a) 9
(b) 8
(c) 6
(d) 3

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