

1. **Answer:** 0. Write  $f(x) = 2x^3 - hx + k$ . Then  $f(-2) = -16 + 2h + k = 0$  and  $f(1) = 2 - h + k = 0$ . Hence  $h = 6, k = 4$  and  $|2h - 3k| = 0$ .
2. **Answer (C):** The length of side  $AD$  is  $2r$  as are the distances from the midpoint of the diagonal  $AC$  to  $AD$  and  $BC$ . Hence the length of  $AB$  is  $4r$  and the area of the rectangle is  $(2r)(4r) = 8r^2$ .
3. **Answer (D):**  $(a * b)^n = a^{bn}$  and  $a * (bn) = a^{bn}$ .
4. **Answer (A):** The roots are  $\frac{1}{2}(-p + \sqrt{p^2 - 4q})$  and  $\frac{1}{2}(-p - \sqrt{p^2 - 4q})$ . The difference is  $\sqrt{p^2 - 4q} = 1$ . Hence  $p^2 = 4q + 1$  and  $p = \sqrt{4q + 1}$ .
5. **Answer (E):** The trisection points are  $(-1, 3)$  and  $(2, 1)$ . The slopes of lines joining these points to the point  $(3, 4)$  are  $\frac{1}{4}$  and  $3$ . Only the line of (E) has slope  $\frac{1}{4}$  and none of the lines has slope  $3$ .
6. **Answer:** 7. Substitution yields  $F(4) = 2, F(5) = 3$ , and finally  $F(6) = 7$ .
7. **Answer (E):** Choices (A) and (B) are both false when  $p$  and  $q$  are 2 and 1 respectively, and choices (C) and (D) are both false when  $p$  and  $q$  are 1 and  $-2$  respectively. Hence none of these holds for all values of  $p$  and  $q$ .
8. **Answer (A):** The required difference is 2 because it is positive and its square is 4.
9. **Answer:** 5. Let  $a$  be the first term of the infinite series. Using the formula for the sum, we have  $\frac{a}{1-r} = 15$ . Also  $\frac{a^2}{1-r^2} = 45$ . Dividing gives  $\frac{a}{1+r} = 3$ . Therefore  $a = 3 + 3r$  and  $a = 15 - 15r$ , therefore  $a = 5$ .
10. **Answer (A):** Regardless of how the diagram is drawn,  $M$  lies on the perpendicular bisector of  $HK$  so that  $MH = MK$  always.