The circle passing through (1, -2) and touching the axis of x at (3, 0) also passes through the point:

(a) (-5, 2) (b) (2, -5) (c) (5, -2) (d) (-2, 5)

Answer: (c)

**Solution:** The equation of circle passing through the point (p,q) and having radius r is  $(x - p)^2 + (y - q)^2 = r^2$ 

Since given circle touches the x-axis at (3, 0) and passes through the point (1, -2).

So,  $(1 - 3)^2 + (r + 2)^2 = r^2$   $4 + r^2 + 4 + 4r - r^2 = 0$  => r = 2So, circle is  $(x - 3)^2 + (y + 2)^2 = 4$ Point (5, -2) satisfy the equation.