

2 JEE Main 2021 (Online) 17th March Evening Shift

MCQ (Single Correct Answer)

If  $x, y, z$  are in arithmetic progression with common difference  $d$ ,  $x \neq 3d$ , and

the determinant of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 4 & 5\sqrt{2} & y \\ 5 & k & z \end{bmatrix}$  is zero, then the value of  $k^2$  is :

A 72

B 12

C 36

D 6

### Explanation

$$\begin{vmatrix} 3 & 4\sqrt{2} & x \\ 4 & 5\sqrt{2} & y \\ 5 & k & z \end{vmatrix} = 0$$

$$R_1 \rightarrow R_1 + R_3 - 2R_2$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{vmatrix} 0 & 4\sqrt{2} - k - 10\sqrt{2} & 0 \\ 4 & 5\sqrt{2} & y \\ 5 & k & z \end{vmatrix} = 0 \quad \{ \because 2y = x + z \}$$

$$\Rightarrow (k - 6\sqrt{2})(4z - 5y) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow k = 6\sqrt{2} \text{ or } 4z = 5y \text{ (Not possible } \because x, y, z \text{ in A.P.)}$$

$$\text{So, } k^2 = 72$$

$\therefore$  Option (A)