

Conic Section: Ellipse - Class XI

Past Year JEE Questions

Questions

Question: 01

Let an ellipse $E : \frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1, a^2 > b^2$, passes through $(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2}}, 1)$ and has eccentricity $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$. If a circle, centered at focus $F(\alpha, 0), \alpha > 0$, of E and radius $\frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}$, intersects E at two points P and Q ,

then PQ^2 is equal to :

- A. $\frac{8}{3}$
- B. $\frac{4}{3}$
- C. $\frac{16}{3}$
- D. 3

Solutions

Solution: 01

Explanation

$$\frac{3}{2a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} = 1 \text{ and } 1 - \frac{b^2}{a^2} = \frac{1}{3}$$

$$\Rightarrow a^2 = 3b^2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{x^2}{3} + \frac{y^2}{2} = 1 \dots\dots (i)$$

Its focus is $(1, 0)$

Now, eqn of circle is

$$(x - 1)^2 + y^2 = \frac{4}{3} \dots\dots (ii)$$

Solving (i) and (ii) we get

$$y = \pm \frac{2}{\sqrt{3}}, x = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow PQ^2 = \left(\frac{4}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^2 = \frac{16}{3}$$