

Let α and β be the roots of equation $x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0$. If $a_n = \alpha^n - \beta^n$, for $n \geq 1$,

then the value of $\frac{a_{10} - 2a_8}{2a_9}$ is equal to :

- (1) 3
- (2) -3
- (3) 6
- (4) -6

$$x^2 - 6x - 2 = 0 \quad (\alpha, \beta)$$

$$\alpha + \beta = 6 \quad ; \quad \alpha\beta = -2$$

$$\frac{a_{10} - 2a_8}{2a_9} = \frac{(\alpha^{10} - \beta^{10}) - 2(\alpha^8 - \beta^8)}{2(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)}$$

$$= \frac{(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)(\alpha + \beta) + \alpha\beta^9 - \alpha^9\beta - 2(\alpha^8 - \beta^8)}{2(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)}$$

$$= \frac{(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)(\alpha + \beta) - \alpha\beta(\alpha^8 - \beta^8) - 2(\alpha^8 - \beta^8)}{2(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)}$$

$$= \frac{6(\alpha^9 - \beta^9) + 2(\alpha^8 - \beta^8) - 2(\alpha^8 - \beta^8)}{2(\alpha^9 - \beta^9)}$$

$$= 3$$

Correct option is (1)