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1) If A and B are the points (5, 3) and (15, -7) respectively. Find co-ordinates of the points which divides  $\overline{AB}$  externally in the ratio

Solution

Given  $x_1 = 5, x_2 = 15, y_1 = 3, y_2 = -7, k = 3, l = 1$

$x = ?$   $y = ?$

$k : l = 3 : 1$

Find  $(x, y)$

$x = \frac{lx_2 - kx_1}{l - k}$  for external division

$$x = \frac{1(15) - 3(5)}{1 - 3} = \frac{-40}{-2} = 20 //$$

$$y = \frac{ly_2 - ky_1}{l - k} = \frac{1(-7) - 3(3)}{1 - 3} = \frac{-3 - 9}{-2}$$

$$y = \frac{-12}{-2} = 6 //$$

$$(x, y) = (20, -12)$$

$\therefore$  The co-ordinates of the point AB externally in the ratio of 3:1 is (20, -12)