EXERCISE 3.4

1. Matrices A and B will be inverse of each other only if

(A)
$$AB = BA$$
 (B) $AB = BA = 0$

(C)
$$AB = 0$$
, $BA = I$ (D) $AB = BA = I$

Answer: D

We know that if A is a square matrix of order m, and if there exists another square matrix B of the same order m, such that AB = BA = I, then B is said to be the inverse of A. In this case, it is clear that A is the inverse of B.

Thus, matrices A and B will be inverses of each other only if AB = BA = I.