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$$8x^2+4x+3 = 16x^2+5x+6$$

Since  $8 = 2^3$  and  $16=2^4$

$$\text{LHS} = 2 \cdot 3x^2+12x+9$$

$$\text{RHS} = 2 \cdot 4x^2+20x+24$$

$$\text{Hence } 3x^2+12x+9 = 4x^2+20x+24$$

Re-arranging gives  $x^2+8x+15 = 0$

The product of the 2 roots to this equation is therefore **15**

(You can factorise and solve to get  $x=-3$  and  $x=-5$  but this is unnecessary for this problem!)