

BINOMIAL THEOREM



1. BINOMIAL THEOREM

If $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ and $n \in \mathbb{N}$, then

$$(a + b)^n = {}^nC_0 a^n b^0 + {}^nC_1 a^{n-1} b^1 + {}^nC_2 a^{n-2} b^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n a^0 b^n$$

REMARKS :

1. If the index of the binomial is n then the expansion contains $n + 1$ terms.
2. In each term, the sum of indices of a and b is always n .
3. Coefficients of the terms in binomial expansion equidistant from both the ends are equal.
4. $(a-b)^n = {}^nC_0 a^n b^0 - {}^nC_1 a^{n-1} b^1 + {}^nC_2 a^{n-2} b^2 - \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_n a^0 b^n$.

2. GENERAL TERM AND MIDDLE TERMS IN EXPANSION OF $(a + b)^n$

$$t_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

t_{r+1} is called a general term for all $r \in \mathbb{W}$ and $0 \leq r \leq n$. Using this formula we can find any term of the expansion.

MIDDLE TERM(S):

1. In $(a + b)^n$ if n is even then the number of terms in the expansion is odd. Therefore there is only one middle

term and it is $\left(\frac{n+2}{2}\right)^{\text{th}}$ term.

2. In $(a + b)^n$, if n is odd then the number of terms in the expansion is even. Therefore there are two middle

terms and those are $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{\text{th}}$ and $\left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right)^{\text{th}}$ terms.

3. NUMERICALLY GREATEST TERM

The term with greatest numerical/absolute value in the expansion of $(a + b)^n$ can be found in following way

- (i) Find the value of $\frac{n+1}{1 + \left|\frac{a}{b}\right|}$
- (ii) If it equals an integer, say m , then t_m and t_{m+1} are numerically greatest terms.
- (iii) If it is not an integer, then t_{m+1} is numerically greatest

term (where m is the integral part of $\frac{n+1}{1 + \left|\frac{a}{b}\right|}$).

Also middle terms in binomial expansions have the greatest binomial coefficients. (${}^nC_0, {}^nC_1, {}^nC_2, \dots, {}^nC_n$ are called Binomial Coefficients).

4. BINOMIAL COEFFICIENTS

The coefficients ${}^nC_0, {}^nC_1, {}^nC_2, \dots, {}^nC_n$ in the expansion of $(a+b)^n$ are called the binomial coefficients and denoted by $C_0, C_1, C_2, \dots, C_n$ respectively

Now

$$(1+x)^n = {}^nC_0 x^0 + {}^nC_1 x^1 + {}^nC_2 x^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n x^n \quad \dots (i)$$

Put $x = 1$.

$$(1+1)^n = {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + {}^nC_n$$

$$\therefore 2^n = {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + {}^nC_n$$

$$\therefore {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + {}^nC_n = 2^n$$

$$\therefore C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n = 2^n$$

$\therefore$ The sum of all binomial coefficients is 2^n .

Put $x = -1$, in equation (i),

$$(1-1)^n = {}^nC_0 - {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 - \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_n$$

$$\therefore 0 = {}^nC_0 - {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 - \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_n$$

$$\therefore {}^nC_0 - {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 - {}^nC_3 + \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_n = 0$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \therefore {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_2 + {}^nC_4 + \dots &= {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_3 + {}^nC_5 + \dots \\ \therefore C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots &= C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots \\ C_0, C_2, C_4, \dots &\text{ are called as even coefficients} \\ C_1, C_3, C_5, \dots &\text{ are called as odd coefficients} \\ \text{Let } C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots &= C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots = k \\ \text{Now } C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots + C_n &= 2^n \\ \therefore (C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots) + (C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots) &= 2^n \\ \therefore k + k = 2^n \\ 2k &= 2^n \\ \therefore k &= \frac{2^n}{2} \\ \therefore k &= 2^{n-1} \\ \therefore C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots &= C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots = 2^{n-1} \\ \therefore \text{The sum of even coefficients} &= \text{The sum of odd coefficients} \\ &= 2^{n-1} \end{aligned}$$

Properties of Binomial Coefficient

- (i) $C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n = 2^n$
- (ii) $C_0 - C_1 + C_2 - \dots + (-1)^n C_n = 0$
- (iii) $C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots = C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots = 2^{n-1}$
- (iv) ${}^nC_r = {}^nC_{n-r} \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2 \text{ or } r_1 + r_2 = n$
- (v) ${}^nC_r + {}^nC_{r-1} = {}^{n+1}C_r$
- (vi) $r {}^nC_r = n {}^{n-1}C_{r-1}$

Some Important Results

- (i) Differentiating $(1+x)^n = C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_nx^n$, on both sides we have,
 $n(1+x)^{n-1} = C_1 + 2C_2x + 3C_3x^2 + \dots + nC_nx^{n-1} \dots (1)$
 Put $x = 1$
 $\Rightarrow n2^{n-1} = C_1 + 2C_2 + 3C_3 + \dots + nC_n$
 Put $x = -1$
 $\Rightarrow 0 = C_1 - 2C_2 + \dots + (-1)^{n-1}nC_n$
 Differentiating (1) again and again we will have different results.
- (ii) Integrating $(1+x)^n$, we have,

$$\frac{(1+x)^{n+1}}{n+1} + C = C_0x + \frac{C_1x^2}{2} + \frac{C_2x^3}{3} + \dots + \frac{C_nx^{n+1}}{n+1}$$
 (where C is a constant)

$$\text{Put } x = 0, \text{ we get } C = -\frac{1}{(n+1)}$$

Therefore

$$\frac{(1+x)^{n+1} - 1}{n+1} = C_0x + \frac{C_1x^2}{2} + \frac{C_2x^3}{3} + \dots + \frac{C_nx^{n+1}}{n+1} \dots (2)$$

Put $x = 1$ in (2) we get

$$\frac{2^{n+1} - 1}{n+1} = C_0 + \frac{C_1}{2} + \dots + \frac{C_n}{n+1}$$

Put $x = -1$ in (2) we get,

$$\frac{1}{n+1} = C_0 - \frac{C_1}{2} + \frac{C_2}{3} - \dots$$

5. BINOMIAL THEOREM FOR ANY INDEX

If n is any real number and $|x| < 1$ then

$$(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$$

Here there are infinite number of terms in the expansion,
The general term is given by

$$t_{r+1} = \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)\dots(n-r+1)x^r}{r!}, r \geq 0$$

NOTES :

- (i) Expansion is valid only when $-1 < x < 1$
- (ii) nC_r can not be used because it is defined only for natural number, so nC_r will be written as

$$\frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{r!}$$
- (iii) As the series never terminates, the number of terms in the series is infinite.
- (iv) If first term is not 1, then make it unity in the following way. $(a+x)^n = a^n(1+x/a)^n$ if $\left|\frac{x}{a}\right| < 1$

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NOTES :

While expanding $(a + b)^n$ where n is a negative integer or a fraction, reduce the binomial to the form in which the first term is unity and the second term is numerically less than unity.

Particular expansion of the binomials for negative index, $|x| < 1$

$$\begin{aligned} 1. \quad \frac{1}{1+x} &= (1+x)^{-1} \\ &= 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + x^4 - x^5 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 2. \quad \frac{1}{1-x} &= (1-x)^{-1} \\ &= 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + x^4 + x^5 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 3. \quad \frac{1}{(1+x)^2} &= (1+x)^{-2} \\ &= 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} 4. \quad \frac{1}{(1-x)^2} &= (1-x)^{-2} \\ &= 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots \end{aligned}$$

6. MULTINOMIAL EXPANSION

In the expansion of $(x_1 + x_2 + \dots + x_n)^m$ where $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$ are independent variables, we have

(i) Total number of terms = $m+n-1C_{n-1}$

(ii) Coefficient of $x_1^{r_1} x_2^{r_2} x_3^{r_3} \dots x_n^{r_n}$ (where $r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_n = m, r_i \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$) is $\frac{m!}{r_1! r_2! \dots r_n!}$

(iii) Sum of all the coefficients is obtained by putting all the variables x_i equal to 1.



SOLVED EXAMPLES

Example – 1

Expand

$$(i) (2x^2+3)^4 \quad (ii) \left(2x^2 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^6$$

Sol. (i) $(2x^2+3)^4 =$

$$= {}^4C_0 (2x^2)^4 (3)^0 + {}^4C_1 (2x^2)^3 (3)^1 + {}^4C_2 (2x^2)^2$$

$$(3)^2 + {}^4C_3 (2x^2)^1 (3)^3 + {}^4C_4 (2x^2)^0 (3)^4$$

$$= (1) 16x^8 (1) + 4 (8x^6) (3) + 6 (4x^4) (9) + 4 (2x^2) 27 + (1) (1) 81$$

$$\because \left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^4C_0 = {}^4C_4 = 1, {}^4C_1 = {}^4C_3 = 4 \\ {}^4C_2 = \frac{4!}{2!2!} = \frac{4 \times 3 \times 2!}{2! \times 2} = 6 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= 16x^8 + 96x^6 + 216x^4 + 216x^2 + 81$$

$$(ii) \left(2x^2 - \frac{1}{x}\right)^6 = {}^6C_0 (2x^2)^6 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^0 -$$

$${}^6C_1 (2x^2)^5 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^1 + {}^6C_2 (2x^2)^4 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 -$$

$${}^6C_3 (2x^2)^3 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + {}^6C_4 (2x^2)^2$$

$$\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^4 - {}^6C_5 (2x^2) \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^5 + {}^6C_6 (2x^2)^0 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^6$$

$$= (1) 64x^{12} (1) - (6) (32) x^{10} \times \frac{1}{x} + 15 (16) x^8 \times \frac{1}{x^2}$$

$$- 20 \times 8x^6 \times \frac{1}{x^3} + 15 (4) x^4 \times \frac{1}{x^4}$$

$$- 6 (2x^2) \times \frac{1}{x^5} + (1) (1) \frac{1}{x^6}$$

$$\because \left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^6C_0 = {}^6C_6 = 1, {}^6C_1 = {}^6C_5 = 6 \\ {}^6C_2 = \frac{6!}{2!4!} = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4!}{2 \times 4!} = 15 \\ {}^6C_3 = \frac{6!}{3!3!} = \frac{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3!}{3 \times 2 \times 3!} = 20 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= 64x^{12} - 192x^9 + 240x^6 - 160x^3 + 60 - \frac{12}{x^3} + \frac{1}{x^6}$$

Example – 2

Expand $(1+x+x^2)^3$.

Sol. Let $y = x + x^2$. Then,

$$(1+x+x^2)^3 = (1+y)^3 = {}^3C_0 + {}^3C_1 y + {}^3C_2 y^2 + {}^3C_3 y^3$$

$$= 1 + 3y + 3y^2 + y^3 = 1 + 3(x+x^2) + 3(x+x^2)^2 + (x+x^2)^3$$

$$= 1 + 3(x+x^2) + 3(x^2+2x^3+x^4) + \{ {}^3C_0 x^3 (x^2)^0 + {}^3C_1 x^{3-1} (x^2)^1$$

$$+ {}^3C_2 x^{3-2} (x^2)^2 + {}^3C_3 x^0 (x^2)^3 \}$$

$$= 1 + 3(x+x^2) + 3(x^2+2x^3+x^4) + (x^3+3x^4+3x^5+x^6)$$

$$= x^6 + 3x^5 + 6x^4 + 7x^3 + 6x^2 + 3x + 1$$

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Example – 3

Prove that $(\sqrt{5} + 1)^5 - (\sqrt{5} - 1)^5 = 352$

Sol. $(\sqrt{5} + 1)^5 - (\sqrt{5} - 1)^5 =$

$$= \left[{}^5C_0(\sqrt{5})^5 + {}^5C_1(\sqrt{5})^4(1) + {}^5C_2(\sqrt{5})^3(1)^2 + {}^5C_3(\sqrt{5})^2(1)^3 + {}^5C_4(\sqrt{5})(1)^4 + {}^5C_5(\sqrt{5})^0(1)^5 \right]$$

$$- \left[{}^5C_0(\sqrt{5})^5 - {}^5C_1(\sqrt{5})^4(1) + {}^5C_2(\sqrt{5})^3(1)^2 - {}^5C_3(\sqrt{5})^2(1)^3 + {}^5C_4(\sqrt{5})(1)^4 - {}^5C_5(\sqrt{5})^0(1)^5 \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[{}^5C_1 5^2 + {}^5C_3 \cdot 5 + {}^5C_5 \right]$$

$$= 2[5 \times 25 + 10 \times 5 + 1]$$

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} {}^5C_0 = {}^5C_5 = 1; {}^5C_4 = 5; \\ {}^5C_2 = {}^5C_3 = \frac{5 \cdot 4}{2 \cdot 1} = 10; {}^5C_1 = 5 \end{array} \right\}$$

$$= 2[125 + 51]$$

$$= 352$$

Example – 4

Using binomial theorem compute $(99)^5$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. } (99)^5 &= (100-1)^5 = {}^5C_0(100)^5 - {}^5C_1(100)^4 + {}^5C_2(100)^3 \\ &\quad - {}^5C_3(100)^2 + {}^5C_4(100)^1 - {}^5C_5(100)^0 \\ &= (100)^5 - 5 \times (100)^4 + 10 \times (100)^3 - 10 \times (100)^2 + 5 \times 100 - 1 \\ &= 10^{10} - 5 \times 10^8 + 10^7 - 10^5 + 5 \times 10^2 - 1 \\ &= (10^{10} + 10^7 + 5 \times 10^2) - (5 \times 10^8 + 10^5 + 1) \\ &= 10010000500 - 500100001 = 9509900499 \end{aligned}$$

Example – 5

Use the binomial theorem to find the exact value of $(10.1)^5$.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol. } (10.1)^5 &= (10 + 0.1)^5 \\ &= 10^5 + {}^5C_1 10^4(.1) + {}^5C_2 10^3(.1)^2 + {}^5C_3 10^2(.1)^3 \\ &\quad + {}^5C_4 10(.1)^4 + {}^5C_5(.1)^5 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= 100000 + 5 \times 10^4(.1) + 10 \times (10^3)(.01) + 10 \times 10^2(.001) \\ &\quad + 5 \times 10(.0001) + 0.00001 \\ &= 100000 + 5000 + 100 + 1 + 0.005 + 0.00001 = 105101.00501 \end{aligned}$$

Example – 6

Prove that $\sum_{r=1}^5 {}^5C_r = 31$

$$\text{Sol. } \sum_{r=1}^5 {}^5C_r = {}^5C_1 + {}^5C_2 + {}^5C_3 + {}^5C_4 + {}^5C_5$$

$$= \frac{5!}{1!4!} + \frac{5!}{2!3!} + \frac{5!}{3!2!} + \frac{5!}{4!1!} + \frac{5!}{5!0!}$$

$$= \frac{5}{1} + \frac{5 \cdot 4}{2} + \frac{5 \cdot 4}{2} + \frac{5}{1} + 1$$

$$= 5 + 10 + 10 + 5 + 1 = 31$$

Example – 7

Find n, if ${}^nC_6 : {}^{n-3}C_3 = 33 : 4$.

Sol. Given, ${}^nC_6 : {}^{n-3}C_3 = 33 : 4$.

$$\therefore \frac{n!}{6!(n-6)!} \times \frac{3!(n-3-3)!}{(n-3)!} = \frac{33}{4}$$

$$\text{or } \frac{n!}{(n-3)!} \cdot \frac{3!}{6!} = \frac{33}{4} \quad \text{or } \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6 \cdot 5 \cdot 4} = \frac{33}{4}$$

$$\text{or } n(n-1)(n-2) = 6 \cdot 5 \cdot 33 = 11 \cdot 3 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 5$$

$$\text{or } n(n-1)(n-2) = 11 \cdot (3 \cdot 3) \cdot (2 \cdot 5) = 11 \cdot 10 \cdot 9 \quad \therefore n = 11$$

Example – 8

If ${}^nC_8 = {}^nC_6$ determine n and hence nC_2 .

Sol. Given, ${}^nC_8 = {}^nC_6$

We know that ${}^nC_x = {}^nC_y$ then $x = y$ or $x + y = n$

$$\Rightarrow n = 8 + 6$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 14$$

$$\text{Now } {}^nC_2 = {}^{14}C_2 = \frac{14 \times 13}{2!} = 91$$

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Example – 9

If ${}^{15}C_{3r} = {}^{15}C_{r+3}$, find r .

Sol. We know that if ${}^nC_x = {}^nC_y$, then $x = y$ or $x + y = n$

$${}^{15}C_{3r} = {}^{15}C_{r+3}$$

$$\therefore \text{Either } 3r = r + 3 \Rightarrow r = \frac{3}{2},$$

which is not possible, since r is an integer.

$$\text{or } 3r + r + 3 = 15 \Rightarrow r = 3.$$

Hence $r = 3$.

Example – 10

Find the third term in the expansion of $\left(2x^2 + \frac{3}{2x}\right)^8$

Sol. Let $a = 2x^2$, $b = \frac{3}{2x}$, $n = 8$

For third term, $r = 2$

$$t_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r$$

$$= {}^8C_2 (2x^2)^{8-2} \left(\frac{3}{2x}\right)^2$$

$$= \frac{8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6!}{2!6!} (2x^2)^6 \times \frac{9}{4x^2} \left[\because {}^nC_2 = \frac{8!}{2!6!} \right]$$

$$= \frac{8 \cdot 7}{2} \times 2^6 \times x^{12} \times \frac{9}{4x^2}$$

$$= 63 \times 64x^{10} = 4032x^{10}$$

Example – 11

Find the fifth term in the expansion of $\left(x^2 - \frac{4}{x^3}\right)^{11}$

Sol. Let, $a = x^2$, $b = -\frac{4}{x^3}$, $n = 11$

For fifth term, $r = 4$

$$\therefore t_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} \cdot b^r$$

$$\therefore t_5 = {}^{11}C_4 (x^2)^{11-4} \left(\frac{-4}{x^3}\right)^4$$

$$\therefore t_5 = \frac{11!}{4!7!} (x^2)^7 \times \frac{4^4}{x^{12}}$$

$$\therefore t_5 = \frac{11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7!}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 7!} x^{14} \times \frac{256}{x^{12}}$$

$$\therefore t_5 = 330 \times 256x^2 \Rightarrow t_5 = 84480x^2$$

Example – 12

Given that the 4th term in the expansion of $\left(px + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$

is $\frac{5}{2}$, find n and p .

Sol. Given expansion is $\left(px + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$

$$\text{Given, } T_4 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\therefore {}^nC_3 (px)^{n-3} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow {}^nC_3 p^{n-3} x^{n-3} \cdot \frac{1}{x^3} = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{3!(n-3)!} \cdot p^{n-3} x^{n-6} = \frac{5}{2} \quad \dots(1)$$

Since R.H.S. of (1) is independent of x ,

therefore $n - 6 = 0 \quad \therefore n = 6$.

$$\text{From (1), } \frac{6!}{3!3!} \cdot p^3 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow 20p^3 = \frac{5}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow p^3 = \frac{1}{8} = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^3 \quad \therefore p = \frac{1}{2}$$

Hence $n = 6$ and $p = \frac{1}{2}$.

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Example – 13

Given positive integers $r > 1$, $n > 2$ and the coefficient of $(3r)^{\text{th}}$ and $(r+2)^{\text{th}}$ terms in the binomial expansion of $(1+x)^{2n}$ are equal. Then :

- (a) $n = 2r$ (b) $n = 2r + 1$
(c) $n = 3r$ (d) none of these

Ans. (a)

Sol. In the expansion $(1+x)^{2n}$, $t_{3r} = {}^{2n}C_{3r-1} (x)^{3r-1}$

and $t_{r+2} = {}^{2n}C_{r+1} (x)^{r+1}$

Since, binomial coefficients of t_{3r} and t_{r+2} are equal.

$$\therefore {}^{2n}C_{3r-1} = {}^{2n}C_{r+1}$$

$$\Rightarrow 3r-1 = r+1 \text{ or } 2n = (3r-1) + (r+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow 2r = 2 \text{ or } 2n = 4r$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 1 \text{ or } n = 2r$$

But $r > 1$

$\therefore$ We take, $n = 2r$

Example – 14

If the coefficients of three consecutive terms in the expansion of $(1+a)^n$ are in the ratio $1 : 7 : 42$, find n .

Sol. Let the three consecutive terms in the expansion of $(1+a)^n$ be r^{th} , $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$ and $(r+2)^{\text{th}}$ terms respectively.

In the expansion of $(1+a)^n$,

coefficient of r^{th} term = ${}^nC_{r-1}$,

coefficient of $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$ term = nC_r .

coefficient of $(r+2)^{\text{th}}$ term = ${}^nC_{r+1}$

Given, ${}^nC_{r-1} : {}^nC_r : {}^nC_{r+1} = 1 : 7 : 42$.

$$\therefore \frac{{}^nC_{r-1}}{{}^nC_r} = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} \cdot \frac{r!(n-r)!}{n!} = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r}{n-r+1} = \frac{1}{7}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7r = n - r + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow n - 8r = -1$$

.....(1)

$$\text{And } \frac{{}^nC_r}{{}^nC_{r+1}} = \frac{7}{42}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} \cdot \frac{(r+1)!(n-r-1)!}{n!} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{r+1}{n-r} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow 6r + 6 = n - r$$

$$\therefore n - 7r = 6$$

.....(2)

$$\text{Now, (2) - (1)}$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 7$$

From (1), $n = 55$.

Example – 15

If in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$, the coefficients of 14th, 15th and 16th terms in A.P. find n .

Sol. The coefficients of 14th, 15th and 16th terms in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$ will be ${}^nC_{13}$, ${}^nC_{14}$ and ${}^nC_{15}$ respectively.

Given, ${}^nC_{13}$, ${}^nC_{14}$ and ${}^nC_{15}$ are in A.P.

$$\therefore {}^nC_{14} - {}^nC_{13} = {}^nC_{15} - {}^nC_{14}$$

$$\text{or } 2 \cdot {}^nC_{14} = {}^nC_{13} + {}^nC_{15}$$

$$\text{or } 2 \cdot \frac{n!}{(14)!(n-14)!} = \frac{n!}{(13)!(n-13)!} + \frac{n!}{(15)!(n-15)!}$$

Multiplying both sides by $15!(n-13)!$, we get

$$2 \cdot \frac{15!(n-13)!}{14!(n-14)!} = \frac{15!(n-13)!}{13!(n-13)!} + \frac{15!(n-13)!}{15!(n-15)!}$$

$$\text{or } 2 \cdot 15(n-13) = 15 \cdot 14 + (n-13)(n-14)$$

$$\text{or } 30n - 390 = 210 + n^2 - 27n + 182$$

$$\text{or } n^2 - 57n + 782 = 0$$

$$\text{or } (n-34)(n-23) = 0$$

Hence $n = 23$ or 34 .

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Example – 16

The term independent of x in $\left[\sqrt{\frac{x}{3}} + \sqrt{\frac{3}{2x^2}}\right]^{10}$ is:

- (a) 1 (b) $^{10}C_1$
(c) 5/12 (d) none of these

Ans. (d)

Sol. $T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{3}}\right)^{10-r} \left(\sqrt{\frac{3}{2x^2}}\right)^r$

Equating x power to zero

$$\frac{10-r}{2} - r = 0$$

$$10 - 3r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = \frac{10}{3}$$

Independent of ' x ' term is not possible

Example – 17

Find the constant term (term independent of x) in the expansion of

(i) $\left(2x + \frac{1}{3x^2}\right)^9$ (ii) $\left(x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{15}$

Sol. Let $a = 2x$, $b = \frac{1}{3x^2}$, $n = 9$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} \cdot b^r$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^9C_r (2x)^{9-r} \left(\frac{1}{3x^2}\right)^r$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^9C_r (2)^{9-r} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^r x^{-2r} \cdot x^{9-r}$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^9C_r (2)^{9-r} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^r x^{9-3r}$$

To get term independent of x , must have

$$x^{9-3r} = x^0$$

$$9 - 3r = 0 \Rightarrow -3r = -9 \Rightarrow r = 3$$

$$\therefore {}^9C_3 (2)^{9-3} \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^3$$

$$\frac{9!}{3!6!} \times 2^6 \times \frac{1}{27} = \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6!}{3 \times 2 \times 6!} \times 64 \times \frac{1}{27}$$

$$= \frac{28 \times 64}{9} = \frac{1792}{9}$$

Constant term independent of $x = \frac{1792}{9}$

(ii) Let $a = x$, $b = \frac{-2}{x^2}$, $n = 15$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} \cdot b^r$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{15}C_r (x)^{15-r} \left(\frac{-2}{x^2}\right)^r$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{15}C_r (x)^{15-r} (-2)^r x^{-2r}$$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{15}C_r (-2)^r (x)^{15-3r}$$

To get constant term independent of x ,

$$x^{15-3r} = x^0$$

$$15 - 3r = 0 \Rightarrow -3r = -15 \Rightarrow r = 5$$

$$\therefore {}^{15}C_5 (-2)^5 = \frac{15!}{5!10!} (-32)$$

$$= \frac{15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12 \times 11 \times 10!}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 10!} \times -32$$

$$= -77 \times 39 \times 32 = -96096$$

Constant term independent of $x = -96096$

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Example – 18

Find the middle term (s) in the expansion of

(i) $\left(\frac{x}{y} + \frac{y}{x}\right)^{12}$ (ii) $\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{11}$

Sol. (i) Let $a = \frac{x}{y}$, $b = \frac{y}{x}$, $n = 12$

n is even.

$$\therefore \left(\frac{n+2}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{12+2}{2}\right) = \frac{14}{2} = 7$$

7th term is middle term,

$$t_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} \cdot b^r$$

For 7th term, $r = 6$

$$t_7 = {}^{12}C_6 \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^{12-6} \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^6$$

$$t_7 = \frac{12!}{6!6!} \times \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^6 \times \left(\frac{y}{x}\right)^6$$

$$t_7 = \frac{12 \times 11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6!}{6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 6!}$$

$$t_7 = 77 \times 12 = 924$$

$\therefore$ Middle term = 924

(ii) Let $a = x^4$, $b = \frac{-1}{x^3}$, $n = 11$

$$n \text{ is odd. } \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{11+1}{2}\right) = 6,$$

$$\left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{11+3}{2}\right) = 7$$

6th and 7th term are middle term,

$$t_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} \cdot b^r$$

For t_6 , $r = 5$

$$t_6 = {}^{11}C_5 (x^4)^{11-5} \left(\frac{-1}{x^3}\right)^5$$

$$t_6 = \frac{11!}{5!6!} x^{24} \left(\frac{-1}{x^{15}}\right)$$

$$t_6 = \frac{11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6!}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 6!} (-x^9)$$

$$= -462 x^9$$

For t_7 , $r = 6$

$$t_7 = {}^{11}C_6 (x^4)^{11-6} \left(\frac{-1}{x^3}\right)^6$$

$$t_7 = \frac{11!}{6!5!} x^{20} \times \frac{1}{x^{18}}$$

$$t_7 = \frac{11 \times 10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6!}{6! \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2} x^2$$

$$t_7 = 11 \times 3 \times 2 \times 7 = 462 x^2$$

Example – 19

The middle term in expansion of $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2\right)^n$ is :

(a) $\frac{n!}{[(n/2)!]^2}$

(b) $\frac{2n!}{[(n/2)!]^2}$

(c) $\frac{1.3.5 \dots (2n+1)}{n!} 2^n$

(d) $\frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}$

Ans. (d)

Sol. Middle term in expansion of

$$\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^2} + 2\right)^n = \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$$

So, $(n+1)$ th term

$$\Rightarrow {}^{2n}C_n = \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}$$

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Example – 20

Find the middle terms(s) in the expansion of $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^7$

Sol. Let $a = x^2$, $b = \frac{1}{x}$, $n = 7$

n is odd.

$$\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{7+1}{2}\right) = 4 \text{ and } \left(\frac{n+3}{2}\right) = \left(\frac{7+3}{2}\right) = 5$$

4th and 5th terms are middle terms,

for t_4 , $r = 3$

$$t_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} \cdot b^r$$

$$t_4 = {}^7C_3 (x^2)^{7-3} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^3$$

$$t_4 = \frac{7!}{4!3!} \times (x^2)^4 \times \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$t_4 = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4! \times 3 \times 2} \times x^8 \times \frac{1}{x^3}$$

$$t_4 = 35x^5$$

For t_5 , $r = 4$

$$t_5 = {}^7C_4 (x^2)^{7-4} \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^4$$

$$t_5 = \frac{7!}{4!3!} \times x^6 \times \frac{1}{x^4}$$

$$t_5 = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4! \times 3 \times 2} \times x^2 = 35x^2$$

Example – 21

Find the coefficient of x^9 in $(1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3)^{15}$.

Sol. $(1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3)^{15} = [(1 + x)^3]^{15} = (1 + x)^{45}$

$\therefore$ Coefficient of x^9 in $(1 + 3x + 3x^2 + x^3)^{15}$

= coefficient of x^9 in $(1 + x)^{45}$

= ${}^{45}C_9$ [Since in the expansion of $(1 + x)^n$,
coefficient of $x^r = {}^nC_r$]

$$= \frac{45!}{9!36!}$$

Example – 22

Find the value of the expression ${}^{47}C_4 + \sum_{j=1}^5 {}^{52-j}C_3$.

Sol. Given expression = ${}^{47}C_4 + \sum_{j=1}^5 {}^{52-j}C_3$.

$$\begin{aligned} &= {}^{47}C_4 + ({}^{51}C_3 + {}^{50}C_3 + {}^{49}C_3 + {}^{48}C_3 + {}^{47}C_3) \\ &= {}^{47}C_4 + ({}^{47}C_3 + {}^{48}C_3 + {}^{49}C_3 + {}^{50}C_3 + {}^{51}C_3) \\ &= ({}^{47}C_4 + {}^{47}C_3) + ({}^{48}C_3 + {}^{49}C_3 + {}^{50}C_3 + {}^{51}C_3) \\ &= {}^{48}C_4 + {}^{48}C_3 + {}^{49}C_3 + {}^{50}C_3 + {}^{51}C_3 \quad [\because {}^nC_r + {}^nC_{r-1} = {}^{n+1}C_r] \\ &= ({}^{48}C_4 + {}^{48}C_3) + ({}^{49}C_3 + {}^{50}C_3 + {}^{51}C_3) \\ &= ({}^{49}C_4 + {}^{49}C_3) + ({}^{50}C_3 + {}^{51}C_3) \\ &= ({}^{50}C_4 + {}^{50}C_3) + {}^{51}C_3 = {}^{51}C_4 + {}^{51}C_3 = {}^{52}C_4. \end{aligned}$$

Example – 23

The sum of coefficient in $(1 + x - 3x^2)^{2134}$ is

- (a) -1 (b) 1
(c) 0 (d) 2^{2134}

Ans. (b)

Sol. Sum of co-efficients can be obtained by substituting $x = 1$

$$\therefore \text{Sum of co-efficients} = (1 + 1 - 3)^{2134} = (-1)^{2134} = 1$$

Example – 24

The sum of the coefficients in the expansion of $(6a - 5b)^n$, where n is a positive integer, is

- (a) 1 (b) -1
(c) 2^n (d) 2^{n-1}

Ans. (a)

Sol. Sum of coefficients we get when $a = b = 1$

$$(6 - 5)^n = 1$$

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Example – 25

Prove that $\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r \cdot {}^nC_r = 4^n$.

Sol. $(1+x)^n = {}^nC_0 x^0 + {}^nC_1 x + {}^nC_2 x^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n x^n$
 $\therefore {}^nC_0 x^0 + {}^nC_1 x + {}^nC_2 x^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n x^n = (1+x)^n \quad \dots(1)$

Now $\sum_{r=0}^n 3^r \cdot {}^nC_r$
 $= {}^nC_0 3^0 + {}^nC_1 3^1 + {}^nC_2 3^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n 3^n$
 $= (1+3)^n$
 $= 4^n$.

Example – 26

Numerically greatest term, in the expansion of $(8-5x)^{18}$, (where $x=2/5$) is :

- (a) 1623×2^{24} (b) 1623×2^{22}
 (c) 1623×2^{23} (d) none of these

Ans. (d)

Sol. $(8-5x)^{18} = 8^{18} \left(1 - \frac{5x}{8}\right)^{18}$, $a=1$, $b = -\frac{5}{8} \times \frac{2}{5} = -\frac{1}{4}$

$$\frac{(n+1)|b|}{|b|+|a|} = \frac{19 \times \frac{1}{4}}{\frac{5}{4}} = 3.8$$

T_4 is greatest term

$T_4 = {}^{18}C_3 8^{15} (-2)^3$, so it is negative

Example – 27

Show that $2^{4n} - 2^n (7n+1)$ is some multiple of the square of 14, where n is a positive integer.

Sol. $2^{4n} - 2^n (7n+1) = (16)^n - 2^n (7n+1)$
 $= (2+14)^n - 2^n \cdot 7n - 2^n$
 $= (2^n + {}^nC_1 2^{n-1} \cdot 14 + {}^nC_2 2^{n-2} \cdot 14^2 + \dots + 14^n) - 2^n \cdot 7n - 2^n$
 $= 14^2 ({}^nC_2 2^{n-2} + {}^nC_3 2^{n-3} \cdot 14 + \dots + 14^{n-2})$
 $\quad + (2^n + {}^nC_1 \cdot 2^{n-1} \cdot 14 - 2^n \cdot 7n - 2^n)$
 $= 14^2 ({}^nC_2 2^{n-2} + {}^nC_3 2^{n-3} \cdot 14 + \dots + 14^{n-2})$

$$+ (2^n + {}^nC_1 \cdot 2^{n-1} \cdot 14 - 2^n \cdot 7n - 2^n)$$

$$= 14^2 ({}^nC_2 \cdot 2^{n-2} + {}^nC_3 \cdot 2^{n-3} \cdot 14 + \dots + 14^{n-2})$$

This is divisible by 14^2 i.e. by 196 for all positive integral value of n .

Note : If $n=1$, ${}^nC_2=0$, ${}^nC_3=0$ etc.

$\therefore$ Given expression $= 14^2 \times 0 = 0$, which is divisible by 196.

Example – 28

Using binomial theorem, prove that $6^n - 5n$ always leaves the remainder 1 when divided by 25 for all positive integers n .

Sol. $6^n - 5n = (1+5)^n - 5n$
 $= (1 + {}^nC_1 5 + {}^nC_2 5^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n 5^n) - 5n$
 $= (1 + n \cdot 5 + {}^nC_2 \cdot 5^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n 5^n) - 5n$
 $= 1 + {}^nC_2 5^2 + {}^nC_3 5^3 + \dots + {}^nC_n 5^n$
 $= 1 + 25 ({}^nC_2 \cdot 5 + \dots + {}^nC_n 5^{n-2})$
 $= 1 + 25.k$ where k is a positive integer.

$\therefore$ When $6^n - 5n$ is divided by 25, remainder will be 1 for all positive integer n .

Example – 29

Which number is larger, $(1.2)^{4000}$ or 800 ?

Sol. $(1.2)^{4000} = (1+0.2)^{4000}$
 $= {}^{4000}C_0 + {}^{4000}C_1 (0.2) + \text{sum of positive terms}$
 $= 1 + 4000 (0.2) + \text{a positive number}$
 $= 1 + 800 + \text{a positive number}$
 > 800
 Hence $(1.2)^{4000} > 800$.

Example – 30

The coefficient of x^n in expansion of $(1+x)(1-x)^n$ is

- (a) $(n-1)$ (b) $(-1)^n (1-n)$
 (c) $(-1)^{n-1} (n-1)^2$ (d) $(-1)^{n-1} n$

Ans. (b)

Sol. $(1+x)(1-x)^n = (1-x)^n + x(1-x)^n$
 $\therefore$ Coefficient of x^n is $= (-1)^n + (-1)^{n-1} {}^nC_1$
 $= (-1)^n [1-n]$

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Example – 31

The coefficient of x^7 in the expansion of $(1 - x - x^2 + x^3)^6$ is

- (a) -132 (b) -144
(c) 132 (d) 144

Ans. (b)

Sol. $(1 - x - x^2 + x^3)^6 = ((1 - x)(1 - x^2))^6 = (1 - x)^6 (1 - x^2)^6$
 $= (1 - {}^6C_1 x + {}^6C_2 x^2 - {}^6C_3 x^3 + {}^6C_4 x^4 - {}^6C_5 x^5 + {}^6C_6 x^6)$
 $(1 - {}^6C_1 x^2 + {}^6C_2 x^4 - {}^6C_3 x^6 + {}^6C_4 x^8 - {}^6C_5 x^{10} + {}^6C_6 x^{12})$
 Coeff. of $x^7 = (-{}^6C_1)(-{}^6C_3) + (-{}^6C_3)({}^6C_2) + (-{}^6C_5)(-{}^6C_1)$
 $= 6 \cdot 20 - 20 \cdot 15 + 6 \cdot 6 = 120 - 300 + 36 = -144$

Example – 32

If the coefficients of x^3 and x^4 in the expansion of $(1 + ax + bx^2)(1 - 2x)^{18}$ in powers of x are both zero, then (a, b) is equal to :

- (a) $\left(16, \frac{272}{3}\right)$ (b) $\left(16, \frac{251}{3}\right)$
(c) $\left(14, \frac{251}{3}\right)$ (d) $\left(14, \frac{272}{3}\right)$

Ans. (a)

Sol. On expanding the given expression we get,

$$\Rightarrow (1 + ax + bx^2)(1 - {}^{18}C_1(2x) + {}^{18}C_2(2x)^2 - {}^{18}C_3(2x)^3 + \dots + {}^{18}C_{18}(2x)^{18})$$

Coefficient of x^3 ,

$$\Rightarrow -{}^{18}C_1(2b) + {}^{18}C_2(4a) - 8 \cdot {}^{18}C_3 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 51a = 3b + 544 \quad \dots(1)$$

Similarly coefficient of x^4 ,

$$\Rightarrow {}^{18}C_4(2)^4 - {}^{18}C_3 \cdot 8a + {}^{18}C_2 4b = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 32a = 3b + 240 \quad \dots(2)$$

On solving (1) and (2) we get,

$$\Rightarrow a = 16 \text{ and } b = \frac{272}{3}$$

Example – 33

Find the term independent of x in $(1 + x)^m \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$

Sol. Given expression $= (1 + x)^m \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n = (1 + x)^m \left(\frac{x+1}{x}\right)^n$

$$= \frac{(1+x)^{m+n}}{x^n} = x^{-n} (1+x)^{m+n}$$

$\therefore$ Required term independent of x

$$= \text{coefficient of } x^0 \text{ in } x^{-n} (1+x)^{m+n}$$

$$= \text{coefficient of } x^n \text{ in } (1+x)^{m+n}$$

$$= {}^{m+n}C_n = \frac{(m+n)!}{n!m!}$$

[Since in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$, co-efficient of $x^r = {}^nC_r$]

Example – 34

Find the coefficient of x^5 in the expansion of the product $(1 + 2x)^6(1 - x)^7$.

Sol. $(1 + 2x)^6 = [1 + {}^6C_1(2x) + {}^6C_2(2x)^2 + {}^6C_3(2x)^3 + {}^6C_4(2x)^4 + {}^6C_5(2x)^5 + {}^6C_6(2x)^6] \quad \dots(1)$

$$\text{Again, } (1 - x)^7 = 1 - {}^7C_1 x + {}^7C_2 x^2 - {}^7C_3 x^3 + {}^7C_4 x^4 - {}^7C_5 x^5 + {}^7C_6 x^6 - {}^7C_7 x^7$$

$$= 1 - 7x + 21x^2 - 35x^3 + 35x^4 - 21x^5 + 7x^6 - x^7 \quad \dots(2)$$

Now $(1 + 2x)^6(1 - x)^7$

$$= (1 + 12x + 60x^2 + 160x^3 + 240x^4 + 192x^5 + \dots)$$

$$\times (1 - 7x + 21x^2 - 35x^3 + 35x^4 - 21x^5 + \dots)$$

$\therefore$ Required coefficient of x^5 in the product

$$= 1 \times (-21) + 12 \times 35 + 60 \times (-35)$$

$$+ 160 \times 21 + 240 \times (-7) + 192 \times 1$$

$$= -21 + 420 - 2100 + 3360 - 1680 + 192 = 171$$

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Example – 35

Simplify first three terms in the expansion of the following

(i) $(1+2x)^{-4}$ (ii) $(5+4x)^{-1/2}$

Sol. (i) $(1+2x)^{-4} =$

$$1 + (-4)(2x) + \frac{(-4)(-4-1)}{2!}(2x)^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 - 8x + \frac{(-4)(-5)}{2}(4x^2) + \dots$$

$$= 1 - 8x + 40x^2 + \dots$$

(ii) $(5+4x)^{-1/2} = 5^{-1/2} \left[1 + \frac{4x}{5} \right]^{-1/2}$

$$= 5^{-1/2} \left[1 + \left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{4x}{5} \right) + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{-1}{2} - 1 \right)}{2!} \left(\frac{4x}{5} \right)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$= 5^{-1/2} \left[1 - \frac{2x}{5} + \frac{\left(\frac{-1}{2} \right) \left(\frac{-3}{2} \right)}{2} \times \frac{16x^2}{25} + \dots \right]$$

$$= 5^{-1/2} \left[1 - \frac{2x}{5} + \frac{6x^2}{25} + \dots \right]$$

Example – 36

Find the coefficient of x^4 in the expansion of

$$\frac{1+x}{1-x} \text{ if } |x| < 1$$

Sol. $\frac{1+x}{1-x} = (1+x)(1-x)^{-1}$

$$= (1+x) \left[1 + \frac{(-1)}{1!}(-x) + \frac{(-1)(-1-1)}{2!}(-x)^2 + \dots \right]$$

$$+ \frac{(-1)(-1-1)(-1-2)}{3!}(-x)^3 + \dots \text{to } \infty$$

$$= (1+x)(1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+\dots \text{to } \infty)$$

$$= [1+x+x^2+x^3+x^4+\dots \text{to } \infty] + [x+x^2+x^3+x^4+\dots \text{to } \infty]$$

$$= 1 + 2x + 2x^2 + 2x^3 + 2x^4 + 2x^5 + \dots \text{to } \infty$$

Hence coefficient of $x^4 = 2$

Example – 37

Find the square root of 99 correct to 4 places of decimal.

Sol. $(99)^{1/2} = (100-1)^{1/2} = \left[100 \left(1 - \frac{1}{100} \right) \right]^{1/2}$

$$= \left[100 \left(1 - \frac{1}{100} \right) \right]^{1/2}$$

$$= (100)^{1/2} [1 - 0.01]^{1/2}$$

$$= 10 \left[1 + \frac{\frac{1}{2}}{1!}(-0.01) + \frac{\frac{1}{2} \left(\frac{1}{2} - 1 \right)}{2!}(-0.01)^2 + \dots \text{to } \infty \right]$$

$$= 10 [1 - 0.005 - 0.0000125 + \dots \text{to } \infty]$$

$$= 10(.9949875) = 9.94987 = 9.9499$$

Example – 38

The number of terms in the expansion of $(2x+3y-4z)^n$, is

(a) $n+1$

(b) $n+3$

(c) $\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$

(d) none of these

Ans. (c)

Sol. Number of terms $= {}^{n+r-1}C_{r-1}$

$$= {}^{n+3-1}C_{3-1}$$

$$= \frac{(n+2)(n+1)}{2}$$

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Example – 39

The coefficient of $(a^3 b^6 c^8 d^9 e f)$ in the expansion of $(a + b + c - d - e - f)^{31}$ is :

- (a) 123210 (b) 23110
(c) 3110 (d) none of these

Ans. (d)

Sol. The coefficient of $a^3 b^6 c^8 d^9 e f$ in expansion of $(a + b + c - d - e - f)^{31}$ is zero as that term is not possible in expansion as sum of powers is not 31.

Example – 40

Find the total number of terms in the expansion of $(1 + a + b)^{10}$ and coefficient of $a^2 b^3$.

Sol. Total number of terms = $^{10+3-1}C_{3-1} = {}^{12}C_2 = 66$

Coefficient of $a^2 b^3 = \frac{10!}{2! \times 3! \times 5!} = 2520$



EXERCISE - 1 : BASIC OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

Binomial theorem for positive integral index

- If $\frac{1}{8} + \frac{1}{9} = \frac{x}{10}$, then x is equal to
(a) 100 (b) 90
(c) 170 (d) none of these
- The expansion $(x+a)^n = {}^nC_0 x^n + {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} a^1 + \dots + {}^nC_n a^n$ is valid when n is
(a) an integer (b) a natural number
(c) a rational number (d) none of these
- $(x + \sqrt{x^3 - 1})^5 + (x - \sqrt{x^3 - 1})^5$ is a polynomial of degree
(a) 5 (b) 6
(c) 7 (d) 8
- $(1.003)^4$ is nearly equal to
(a) 1.012 (b) 1.0012
(c) 0.988 (d) 1.003
- The number of non-zero terms in the expansion of $\left[(1 + 3\sqrt{2}x)^9 + (1 - 3\sqrt{2}x)^9 \right]$ is
(a) 9 (b) 10
(c) 5 (d) None of these
- 5th term from the end in the expansion of $\left(\frac{x^3}{2} - \frac{2}{x^2} \right)^{12}$ is
(a) $-7920 x^{-4}$ (b) $7920 x^4$
(c) $7920 x^{-4}$ (d) $-7920 x^4$
- If the coefficients of $(r+4)$ th term and $(2r+1)$ th term in the expansion of $(1+x)^{18}$ are equal, then r =
(a) 3 (b) 5
(c) 3 or 5 (d) none of these
- The term independent of x in the expansion of $\left(2x - \frac{3}{x^2} \right)^9$ is
(a) $3^3 \cdot {}^9C_3$ (b) $2^6 \cdot 3^3 \cdot {}^9C_3$
(c) $-3^3 \cdot {}^9C_3$ (d) $-2^6 \cdot 3^3 \cdot {}^9C_3$
- In the expansion of $\left(\frac{1}{2} x^{\frac{1}{3}} + x^{-\frac{1}{5}} \right)^8$, the term independent of x is
(a) T_5 (b) T_7
(c) T_6 (d) T_8
- The term independent of x in the expansion of $\left[(t^{-1} - 1)x + (t^{-1} + 1)x^{-1} \right]^8$ is :
(a) $56 \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right)^3$ (b) $56 \left(\frac{1+t}{1-t} \right)^3$
(c) $70 \left(\frac{1-t}{1+t} \right)^4$ (d) $70 \left(\frac{1+t}{1-t} \right)^4$

General term of binomial expansion

- The term void of x in the expansion of $\left(x - \frac{3}{x^2} \right)^{18}$ is
(a) ${}^{18}C_6$ (b) ${}^{18}C_6 3^6$
(c) ${}^{18}C_{12}$ (d) ${}^{18}C_6 3^{12}$
- If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and the coefficients of x^{-7} and x^{-8} to the expansion of $\left(2 + \frac{1}{3x} \right)^n$ are equal then n =
(a) 56 (b) 15
(c) 45 (d) 55
- If $n, p \in \mathbb{N}$ and in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$ the coefficient of x^p and $(p+1)$ th terms are respectively p and q. The $p+q =$
(a) $n+3C_p$ (b) $n+1C_1$
(c) $n+2C_1$ (d) nC_p
- The greatest value of the term independent of x, as α varies over $\mathbb{R}$, in the expansion of $\left(x \cos \alpha + \frac{\sin \alpha}{x} \right)^{20}$ is :
(a) ${}^{20}C_{10}$ (b) ${}^{20}C_{19}$
(c) ${}^{20}C_6$ (d) ${}^{20}C_{10} \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^{10}$
- The coefficient of $x^8 y^{10}$ in the expansion of $(x+y)^{18}$ is
(a) ${}^{18}C_8$ (b) ${}^{18}P_{10}$
(c) 2^{18} (d) None of these

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16. If the term independent of x in the expansion of $\left(\sqrt{x} - \frac{\lambda}{x^2}\right)^{10}$ is 405, then λ equals
- (a) -3 (b) 3
(c) 3 or -3 (d) None of these
17. If $(1+ax)^m = 1 + 8x + 24x^2 + \dots$, then the value of a and m are respectively.
- (a) 4, 2 (b) 2, 4
(c) 1, 8 (d) None of these

Application of binomial theorem

18. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $49^n + 16n - 1$ is divisible by
- (a) 3 (b) 19
(c) 64 (d) 29
19. Remainder when 7^{100} is divided by 25 is
- (a) 1 (b) 24
(c) 18 (d) none of these
20. The co-efficient of x^4 in the expansion of $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^n$ is
- (a) nC_4 (b) ${}^nC_4 + {}^nC_2$
(c) ${}^nC_4 + {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_4 \cdot {}^nC_2$ (d) ${}^nC_4 + {}^nC_2 + {}^nC_1 \cdot {}^nC_2$
21. Co-efficient of x^5 in the expansion of $(x^2 - x - 2)^5$ is:
- (a) -83 (b) -82
(c) -81 (d) 0
22. The number of integral terms in the expansion of $(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{2})^{500}$ is:
- (a) 128 (b) 129
(c) 251 (d) 512
23. The coefficient of x^{99} in $(x+1)(x+3)(x+5) \dots (x+199)$ is
- (a) $1+2+3+\dots+99$ (b) $1+3+5+\dots+199$
(c) $1.3.5 \dots 199$ (d) None of these
24. The coefficient of x^{17} in the expansion of $(x-1)(x-2) \dots (x-18)$ is
- (a) 342 (b) -171
(c) $\frac{171}{2}$ (d) 684

25. The coefficient of x^{50} in the binomial expansion of $(1+x)^{1000} + x(1+x)^{999} + x^2(1+x)^{998} + \dots + x^{1000}$ is:

- (a) $\frac{(1000)!}{(50)!(950)!}$ (b) $\frac{(1000)!}{(49)!(951)!}$
(c) $\frac{(1001)!}{(51)!(950)!}$ (d) $\frac{(1001)!}{(50)!(951)!}$

Binomial coefficient problems

26. If ${}^nC_3 = {}^nC_2$, then n is equal to
- (a) 2 (b) 3
(c) 5 (d) none of these
27. If ${}^{n+1}C_4 = 9 \cdot {}^nC_2$, then $n =$
- (a) 10 (b) 9
(c) 12 (d) 11
28. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $(1+x)^n = 1 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_nx^n$. If a_1, a_2 and a_3 are in A.P., then the value of n is
- (a) 4 (b) 5
(c) 6 (d) 7
29. The sum ${}^rC_r + {}^{r+1}C_r + {}^{r+2}C_r + \dots + {}^nC_r$ ($n \geq r$) equals
- (a) ${}^nC_{r+1}$ (b) ${}^{n+1}C_{r+1}$
(c) ${}^{n+1}C_{r-1}$ (d) ${}^{n+1}C_r$
30. The sum of coefficient in the expansion of $(1+x-3x^2)^{3148}$ is
- (a) 8 (b) 7
(c) 1 (d) -1
31. If the sum of the coefficients in the expansion of $(a^2x^2 - 6ax + 11)^{10}$, where a is constant, is 1024, then the value of a is:
- (a) 5 (b) 1
(c) 2 (d) 3
32. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $(1-x+x^2)^n = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{2n}x^{2n}$, then $a_0 + a_2 + a_4 + \dots + a_{2n}$ is equal to:
- (a) $\frac{3^n+1}{2}$ (b) $\frac{3^n-1}{2}$
(c) $3^n - \frac{1}{2}$ (d) $3^n + \frac{1}{2}$

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33. The sum of the numerical coefficients in the expansion of

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{3} + \frac{2y}{3}\right)^{12}, \text{ is}$$

- (a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 2^{12} (d) none of these
34. In the expansion of $(1+x)^{50}$, the sum of the coefficient of odd powers of x is
- (a) 0 (b) 2^{49}
(c) 2^{50} (d) 2^{51}

35. Sum of the last 30 coefficients in the expansion of $(1+x)^{59}$, when expanded in ascending powers of x is

- (a) 2^{59} (b) 2^{58}
(c) 2^{30} (d) 2^{29}

36. ${}^{10}C_1 + {}^{10}C_2 + {}^{10}C_3 + \dots + {}^{10}C_{10} =$

- (a) 512 (b) 511
(c) 1024 (d) none of these

37. The value of ${}^nC_0 - {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 - \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_n$ is

- (a) 1 (b) n
(c) 2^n (d) 0

38. $\sum_{r=0}^n {}^{2n+1}C_{2r+1}$ is equal to

- (a) $2^{2n}-1$ (b) 2^{2n}
(c) $2^{2n+1}-1$ (d) 2^{2n+1}

39. Let $S_1 = \sum_{j=1}^{10} j(j-1) {}^{10}C_j$, $S_2 = \sum_{j=1}^{10} j {}^{10}C_j$ and

$$S_3 = \sum_{j=1}^{10} j^2 {}^{10}C_j$$

Statement I : $S_3 = 55 \times 2^9$.

Statement II : $S_1 = 90 \times 2^8$ and $S_2 = 10 \times 2^8$.

- (a) Statement I is false, Statement II is true
(b) Statement I is true, Statement II is true;
Statement II is a correct explanation for Statement I
(c) Statement I is true, Statement II is true;
Statement II is not a correct explanation for Statement I
(d) Statement I is true, Statement II is false

40. **Statement I :** $\sum_{r=0}^n (r+1) \cdot {}^nC_r = (n+2) 2^{n-1}$

Statement II : $\sum_{r=0}^n (r+1) {}^nC_r \cdot x^r = (1+x)^n + nx(1+x)^{n-1}$

- (a) Statement I is false, Statement II is true
(b) Statement I is true, Statement II is true;
Statement II is a correct explanation for Statement I
(c) Statement I is true, Statement II is true;
Statement II is not a correct explanation for Statement I
(d) Statement I is true, Statement II is false
41. a, b, c, d are any four consecutive co-efficients of any

binomial expansion, then $\frac{a+b}{a}, \frac{b+c}{b}, \frac{c+d}{c}$ are in :

- (a) A.P.
(b) G.P.
(c) H.P.
(d) arithmetico geometric progression

42. The value of

$$({}^7C_0 + {}^7C_1) + ({}^7C_1 + {}^7C_2) + \dots + ({}^7C_6 + {}^7C_7) \text{ is}$$

- (a) $2^7 - 1$ (b) $2^8 - 2$
(c) $2^8 - 1$ (d) 2^8

Numerical Value Type Questions

43. If $\lfloor \frac{n+2}{2} \rfloor = 210$ and $\lfloor \frac{n-1}{2} \rfloor$, then the value of n is equal to
44. The total number of terms in the expansion of $(x+a)^{100} + (x-a)^{100}$ after simplification is
45. If ${}^{2n}C_3 : {}^nC_2 :: 44 : 1$, then the value of n is
46. If ${}^{32}C_{2n-1} = {}^{32}C_{n-3}$, then n =
47. The coefficient of x^3 in $\left(\sqrt{x^5} + \frac{3}{\sqrt{x^3}}\right)^6$ is :
48. If the last term in the binomial expansion of $\left(2^{1/3} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^n$ is

$$\left(\frac{1}{3^{5/3}}\right)^{\log_3 8}, \text{ then the 5th term from the beginning is :}$$

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49. If r th term in the expansion of $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{12}$ is independent of x , then $r =$
50. The middle term in the expansion of $\left(\frac{2x^2}{3} + \frac{3}{2x^2}\right)^{10}$ is
51. If T_2/T_3 in the expansion of $(a + b)^n$ and T_3/T_4 in the $(a + b)^{n+3}$ are equal, then $n =$
52. If $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and second, third and fourth terms in the expansion of $(x + a)^n$ are 240, 720 and 1080 respectively, then the value of n is
53. If the sum of binomial coefficients in the expansion $\left(2x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$ is 256, then term independent of x is
54. Coefficient of x^5 in the expansion of $(1 + x^2)^5(1 + x)^4$ is
55. The number of irrational terms in the expansion of $\left(4^{1/5} + 7^{1/10}\right)^{45}$ is



EXERCISE - 2 : PREVIOUS YEAR JEE MAIN QUESTIONS

- If the number of terms in the expansion of $\left(1 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{4}{y}\right)^n$, $x \neq 0$, is 28, then the sum of the coefficients of all the terms in this expansion, is : **(2016)**
 (a) 2187 (b) 243
 (c) 729 (d) 64
- For $x \in \mathbb{R}$, $x \neq -1$, if $(1+x)^{2016} + x(1+x)^{2015} + x^2(1+x)^{2014} + \dots + x^{2016} = \sum_{i=0}^{2016} a_i x^i$, then a_{17} is equal to : **(2016/Online Set-1)**
 (a) $\frac{2017!}{17! 2000!}$ (b) $\frac{2016!}{17! 1999!}$
 (c) $\frac{2017!}{2000!}$ (d) $\frac{2016!}{16!}$
- If the coefficients of x^{-2} and x^{-4} in the expansion of $\left(x^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{1}{2x^{\frac{1}{3}}}\right)^{18}$, $(x > 0)$, are m and n respectively, then $\frac{m}{n}$ is equal to : **(2016/Online Set-2)**
 (a) 182 (b) $\frac{4}{5}$
 (c) $\frac{5}{4}$ (d) 27
- The value of $\left({}^{21}C_1 - {}^{10}C_1\right) + \left({}^{21}C_2 - {}^{10}C_2\right) + \left({}^{21}C_3 - {}^{10}C_3\right) + \left({}^{21}C_4 - {}^{10}C_4\right) + \dots + \left({}^{21}C_{10} - {}^{10}C_{10}\right)$ is: **(2017)**
 (a) $2^{21} - 2^{11}$ (b) $2^{21} - 2^{10}$
 (c) $2^{20} - 2^9$ (d) $2^{20} - 2^{10}$
- The coefficient of x^{-5} in the binomial expansion of $\left(\frac{x+1}{x^{\frac{2}{3}} - x^{\frac{1}{3}} + 1} - \frac{x-1}{x - x^{\frac{1}{2}}}\right)^{10}$, where $x \neq 0, 1$, is : **(2017/Online Set-2)**
 (a) 1 (b) 4
 (c) -4 (d) -1
- The sum of the co-efficients of all odd degree terms in the expansion of $\left(x + \sqrt{x^3 - 1}\right)^5 + \left(x - \sqrt{x^3 - 1}\right)^5$, $(x > 1)$ is : **(2018)**
 (a) 2 (b) -1
 (c) 0 (d) 1
- If n is the degree of the polynomial $\left[\frac{2}{\sqrt{5x^3+1} - \sqrt{5x^3-1}}\right]^8 + \left[\frac{2}{\sqrt{5x^3+1} + \sqrt{5x^3-1}}\right]^8$ and m is the coefficient of x^n in it, then the ordered pair (n, m) is equal to : **(2018/Online Set-1)**
 (a) $(24, (10)^8)$ (b) $(8, 5(10)^4)$
 (c) $(12, (20)^4)$ (d) $(12, 8(10)^4)$
- The coefficient of x^{10} in the expansion of $(1+x)^2(1+x^2)^3(1+x^3)^4$ is equal to : **(2018/Online Set-2)**
 (a) 52 (b) 56
 (c) 50 (d) 44
- The coefficient of x^2 in the expansion of the product $(2-x^2) \cdot ((1+2x+3x^2)^6 + (1-4x^2)^6)$ is : **(2018/Online Set-3)**
 (a) 107 (b) 106
 (c) 108 (d) 155
- The sum of the series $2 \cdot {}^{20}C_0 + 5 \cdot {}^{20}C_1 + 8 \cdot {}^{20}C_2 + 11 \cdot {}^{20}C_3 + \dots + 62 \cdot {}^{20}C_{20}$ is equal to: **(8-04-2019/Shift-1)**
 (a) 2^{26} (b) 2^{25}
 (c) 2^{23} (d) 2^{24}

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11. The sum of the co-efficient of all even degree terms in x in the expansion of $(x + \sqrt{x^3 - 1})^6 + (x - \sqrt{x^3 - 1})^6, (x > 1)$ is equal to :
(8-04-2019/Shift-1)
12. If the fourth term in the binomial expansion of $\left(\sqrt{x^{\frac{1}{1+\log_{10} x}} + x^{\frac{1}{12}}}\right)^6$ is equal to 200, and $x > 1$, then the value of x is:
(8-04-2019/Shift-2)
- (a) 100 (b) 10
(c) 10^3 (d) 10^4
13. If the fourth term in the Binomial expansion of $\left(\frac{2}{x} + x^{\log_8 x}\right)^6 (x > 0)$ is 20×8^7 , then a value of x is :
(9-04-2019/Shift-1)
- (a) 8^3 (b) 8^{-2}
(c) 8 (d) 8^2
14. If some three consecutive coefficients in the binomial expansion of $(x+1)^n$ in powers of x are in the ratio 2:15:70, then the average of these three coefficients is:
(9-04-2019/Shift-2)
- (a) 964 (b) 232
(c) 227 (d) 625
15. If the coefficients of x^2 and x^3 are both zero, in the expansion of the expression $(1+ax+bx^2)(1-3x)^{15}$ in powers of x , then the ordered pair (a, b) is equal to :
(10-04-2019/Shift-1)
- (a) (28, 861) (b) (-54, 315)
(c) (28, 315) (d) (-21, 714)
16. The smallest natural number n , such that the coefficient of x in the expansion of $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^n$ is ${}^nC_{23}$, is:
(10-4-2019/Shift-2)
- (a) 38 (b) 58
(c) 23 (d) 35
17. The coefficient of x^{18} in the product $(1+x)(1-x)^{10}(1+x+x^2)^9$ is (12-04-2019/Shift-1)
18. If ${}^{20}C_1 + (2^2) {}^{20}C_2 + (3^2) {}^{20}C_3 + \dots + (20^2) {}^{20}C_{20} = A(2^\beta)$, then the ordered pair (A, β) is equal to _____.
(12-04-2019/Shift-2)
- (a) (420, 19) (b) (420, 18)
(c) (380, 18) (d) (380, 19)
19. The term independent of x in the expansion of $\left(\frac{1}{60} - \frac{x^8}{81}\right) \cdot \left(2x^2 - \frac{3}{x^2}\right)^6$ is equal to _____.
(12-04-2019/Shift-2)
- (a) -72 (b) 36
(c) -36 (d) -108
20. If the fractional part of the number $\frac{2^{403}}{15}$ is $\frac{k}{15}$, then k is equal to:
(9-01-2019/Shift-1)
21. The coefficient of t^4 in the expansion of $\left(\frac{1-t^6}{1-t}\right)^3$ is:
(9-01-2019/Shift-2)
- (a) 14 (b) 15
(c) 10 (d) 12
22. If the third term in the binomial expansion of $(1+x^{\log_2 x})^5$ equals 2560, then a possible value of x is:
(10-1-2019/Shift-1)
- (a) $\frac{1}{4}$ (b) $4\sqrt{2}$
(c) $\frac{1}{8}$ (d) $2\sqrt{2}$
23. If $\sum_{i=1}^{20} \left(\frac{{}^{20}C_{i-1}}{{}^{20}C_i + {}^{20}C_{i-1}}\right)^3 = \frac{k}{21}$, then k equals:
(10-1-2019/Shift-1)

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24. The positive value of λ for which the co-efficient of x^2 in

the expression $x^2 \left(\sqrt{x} + \frac{\lambda}{x^2} \right)^{10}$ is 720, is:

(10-01-2019/Shift-2)

- (a) 4 (b) $2\sqrt{2}$
(c) $\sqrt{5}$ (d) 3

25. If $\sum_{r=0}^{25} \left\{ {}^{50}C_r \cdot {}^{50-r}C_{25-r} \right\} = K \left({}^{50}C_{25} \right)$, then K is equal to:

(10-01-2019/Shift-2)

- (a) $(25)^2$ (b) $2^{25} - 1$
(c) 2^{24} (d) 2^{25}

26. The sum of the real values of x for which the middle term

in the binomial expansion of $\left(\frac{x^3}{3} + \frac{3}{x} \right)^8$ equals 5670 is,

(11-01-2019/Shift-1)

27. Let $(x+10)^{50} + (x-10)^{50} = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{50}x^{50}$, for

all $x \in R$, then $\frac{a_2}{a_0}$ is equal to :

(11-01-2019/Shift-2)

- (a) 12.50 (b) 12.00
(c) 12.25 (d) 12.75

28. Let $S_n = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^n$ and

$$T_n = 1 + \left(\frac{q+1}{2} \right) + \left(\frac{q+1}{2} \right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{q+1}{2} \right)^n \text{ where } q \text{ is a}$$

real number and $q \neq 1$.

$$\text{If } {}^{101}C_1 + {}^{101}C_2 \cdot S_1 + \dots + {}^{101}C_{101} \cdot S_{100} = \alpha T_{100},$$

then α is equal to :

(11-01-2019/Shift-2)

- (a) 2^{99} (b) 202
(c) 200 (d) 2^{100}

29. A ratio of the 5th term from the beginning to the 5th term

from the end in the binomial expansion of $\left(2^{\frac{1}{3}} + \frac{1}{2(3)^{\frac{1}{3}}} \right)^{10}$

is

(12-01-2019/Shift-1)

- (a) $1 : 2(6)^{\frac{1}{3}}$ (b) $1 : 4(16)^{\frac{1}{3}}$

- (c) $4(36)^{\frac{1}{3}} : 1$ (d) $2(36)^{\frac{1}{3}} : 1$

30. The total number of irrational terms in the binomial

expansion of $\left(7^{\frac{1}{5}} - 3^{\frac{1}{10}} \right)^{60}$ is

(12-01-2019/Shift-2)

- (a) 55 (b) 49
(c) 48 (d) 54

31. If nC_4 , nC_5 , and nC_6 are in A.P., then n can be:

(12-01-2019/Shift-2)

- (a) 9 (b) 14
(c) 11 (d) 12

32. Let $\alpha > 0$, $\beta > 0$ be such that $\alpha^3 + \beta^2 = 4$. If the maximum value of the term independent of x in the binomial

expansion of $\left(\alpha x^{\frac{1}{9}} + \beta x^{-\frac{1}{6}} \right)^{10}$ is $10k$, then k is equal to :

(2-9-2020/Shift-1)

- (a) 176 (b) 336
(c) 352 (d) 84

33. For a positive integer n , $\left(1 + \frac{1}{x} \right)^n$ is expanded in increasing powers of x . If three consecutive coefficients in this expansion are in the ratio, 2:5:12, then n is equal to

(2-09-2020/Shift-2)

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- 34.** If the number of integral terms in the expansion of $\left(3^{\frac{1}{2}} + 5^{\frac{1}{8}}\right)^n$ is exactly 33, then the least value of n is :
(3-09-2020/Shift-1)
(a) 128 (b) 248
(c) 256 (d) 264
- 35.** If the term independent of x in the expansion of $\left(\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^9$ is k , then $18k$ is equal to :
(3-09-2020/Shift-2)
(a) 5 (b) 9
(c) 7 (d) 11
- 36.** Let $(2x^2 + 3x + 4)^{10} = \sum_{r=0}^{20} a_r x^r$. Then $\frac{a_7}{a_{13}}$ is equal to
(4-09-2020/Shift-1)
(a) 792 (b) 252
(c) 462 (d) 330
- 37.** If for some positive integer n , the coefficients of three consecutive terms in the binomial expansion of $(1+x)^{n+5}$ are in the ratio 5:10:14, then the largest coefficient in this expansion is :
(4-9-2020/Shift-2)
(a) 792 (b) 252
(c) 462 (d) 330
- 38.** The natural number m , for which the coefficient of x in the binomial expansion of $\left(x^m + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{22}$ is 1540, is
(5-09-2020/Shift-1)
- 39.** The coefficient of x^4 in the expansion of $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^6$ in powers of x , is ____
(5-09-2020/Shift-2)
- 40.** If $\{p\}$ denotes the fractional part of the number p , then $\left\{\frac{3^{200}}{8}\right\}$ is equal to:
(6-09-2020/Shift-1)
(a) $\frac{5}{8}$ (b) $\frac{1}{8}$
(c) $\frac{7}{8}$ (d) $\frac{3}{8}$
- 41.** If the constant term in the binomial expansion of $\left(\sqrt{x} - \frac{k}{x^2}\right)^{10}$ is 405, then $|k|$ equals:
(6-09-2020/Shift-2)
(a) 1 (b) 9
(c) 2 (d) 3
- 42.** If the sum of the coefficients of all even powers of x in the product $(1+x+x^2+x^3+\dots+x^{2n})$ $(1-x+x^2-x^3+\dots+x^{2n})$ is 61, then n is equal to
(7-01-2020/Shift-1)
- 43.** The coefficient of x^7 in the expression $(1+x)^{10} + x(1+x)^9 + x^2(1+x)^8 + \dots + x^{10}$ is :
(7-01-2020/Shift-2)
(a) 420 (b) 330
(c) 210 (d) 120
- 44.** If α and β be the coefficients of x^4 and x^2 respectively in the expansion of $(x+\sqrt{x^2-1})^6 + (x-\sqrt{x^2-1})^6$, then
(8-01-2020/Shift-2)
(a) $\alpha + \beta = -30$ (b) $\alpha - \beta = -132$
(c) $\alpha + \beta = 60$ (d) $\alpha - \beta = 60$
- 45.** The coefficient of x^4 in the expansion of $(1+x+x^2)^{10}$ is
(9-01-2020/Shift-1)
- 46.** In the expansion of $\left(\frac{x}{\cos \theta} + \frac{1}{x \sin \theta}\right)^{16}$, if l_1 is the least value of the term independent of x when $\frac{\pi}{8} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{4}$ and l_2 is the least value of the term independent of x when $\frac{\pi}{16} \leq \theta \leq \frac{\pi}{8}$, then the ratio $l_2 : l_1$ is equal to :
(9-1-2020/Shift-2)
(a) 16 : 1 (b) 8 : 1
(c) 1 : 8 (d) 1 : 16

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47. If $C_r = {}^{25}C_r$ and $C_0 + 5.C_1 + 9.C_2 + \dots + 101.C_{25} = 2^{25} \cdot k$ then k is equal to **(9-1-2020/Shift-2)**
48. The coefficient of x^{256} in the expansion of $(1-x)^{101}(x^2+x+1)^{100}$ is: **(20-07-2021/Shift-1)**
- (a) $-{}^{100}C_{16}$ (b) ${}^{100}C_{16}$
(c) ${}^{100}C_{15}$ (d) $-{}^{100}C_{15}$
49. The number of rational terms in the binomial expansion of $\left(4^{\frac{1}{4}} + 5^{\frac{1}{6}}\right)^{120}$ is _____. **(20-07-2021/Shift-1)**
50. For the natural numbers m, n, if $(1-y)^m(1+y)^n = 1 + a_1y + a_2y^2 + \dots + a_{m+n}y^{m+n}$ and $a_1 = a_2 = 10$, then the value of $(m+n)$ is equal to **(20-07-2021/Shift-2)**
- (a) 88 (b) 64
(c) 100 (d) 80
51. If b is very small as compared to the value of a, so that the cube and other higher powers of $\frac{b}{a}$ can be neglected in the identity
- $$\frac{1}{a-b} + \frac{1}{a-2b} + \frac{1}{a-3b} + \dots + \frac{1}{a-nb} = \alpha n + \beta n^2 + \gamma n^3,$$
- then the value of γ is? **(25-07-2021/Shift-1)**
- (a) $\frac{b^2}{3a^3}$ (b) $\frac{a+b}{3a^2}$
(c) $\frac{a^2+b}{3a^3}$ (d) $\frac{a+b^2}{3a^3}$
52. The term independent of 'x' in the expansion of $\left(\frac{x+1}{x^{2/3}-x^{1/3}+1} - \frac{x-1}{x-x^{1/2}}\right)^{10}$, where $x \neq 0, 1$ is equal to _____? **(25-07-2021/Shift-1)**
53. The ratio of the coefficient of the middle term in the expansion of $(1+x)^{20}$ and the sum of the coefficients of two middle terms in expansion of $(1+x)^{19}$ is? **(25-07-2021/Shift-1)**
54. The probability that a randomly selected 2 digit number belongs to the set $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : (2^n - 2) \text{ is a multiple of } 3\}$ is equal to : **(27-07-2021/Shift-1)**
- (a) $\frac{1}{2}$ (b) $\frac{1}{3}$
(c) $\frac{2}{3}$ (d) $\frac{1}{6}$
55. If the coefficients of x^7 in $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{bx}\right)^{11}$ and x^{-7} in $\left(x - \frac{1}{bx^2}\right)^{11}$, $b \neq 0$, are equal, then the value of b is equal to: **(27-07-2021/Shift-1)**
- (a) -1 (b) 2
(c) -2 (d) 1
56. A possible value of 'x', for which the ninth term in the expansion of $\left\{3^{\log_3 \sqrt{25^{x-1}+7}} + 3^{\left(-\frac{1}{8}\right)\log_3(5^{x-1}+1)}\right\}^{10}$ in the increasing powers of $3^{\left(\frac{1}{8}\right)\log_3(5^{x-1}+1)}$ is equal to 180, is: **(27-07-2021/Shift-2)**
- (a) 2 (b) 1
(c) 0 (d) -1
57. The number of elements in the set $\{n \in \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 100\} : (11)^n > (10)^n + (9)^n\}$ is _____. **(22-07-2021/Shift-2)**
58. If the constant term, in binomial expansion of $\left(2x^r + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{10}$ is 180, then r is equal to _____. **(22-07-2021/Shift-2)**
59. The sum of all those terms which are rational numbers in the expansion of $\left(2^{\frac{1}{3}} + 3^{\frac{1}{4}}\right)^{12}$ is: **(25-07-2021/Shift-2)**
- (a) 27 (b) 89
(c) 35 (d) 43

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60. If the greatest value of the term independent of 'x' in the expansion of $\left(x \sin \alpha + a \frac{\cos \alpha}{x}\right)^{10}$ is $\frac{10!}{(5!)^2}$, then the value of 'a' is equal to: (25-07-2021/Shift-2)
 (a) 2 (b) -1
 (c) 1 (d) -2
61. The lowest integer which is greater than $\left(1 + \frac{1}{10^{100}}\right)^{10^{100}}$ is _____. (25-07-2021/Shift-2)
 (a) 3 (b) 4
 (c) 2 (d) 1
62. If the coefficients of x^7 and x^8 in the expansion of $\left(2 + \frac{x}{3}\right)^n$ are equal, then the value of n is equal to _____. (25-07-2021/Shift-2)
63. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $[x]$ denote the greatest integer less than or equal to x. If the sum of $(n+1)$ terms of ${}^nC_0, 3 \cdot {}^nC_1, 5 \cdot {}^nC_2, 7 \cdot {}^nC_3, \dots$ is equal to $2^{100} \cdot 101$, then $2 \left[\frac{n-1}{2} \right]$ is equal to _____. (25-07-2021/Shift-2)
64. If the sum of the coefficients in the expansion of $(x+y)^n$ is 4096, then greatest coefficient in the expansion is _____. (01-09-2021/Shift-2)
65. Let $\binom{n}{k}$ denote nC_k and $\left[\begin{matrix} n \\ k \end{matrix} \right] = \begin{cases} \binom{n}{k}, & \text{if } 0 \leq k \leq n \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$
 If $A_k = \sum_{i=0}^9 \binom{9}{i} \left[\begin{matrix} 12 \\ 12-k+i \end{matrix} \right] + \sum_{i=0}^8 \binom{8}{i} \left[\begin{matrix} 13 \\ 13-k+i \end{matrix} \right]$ and $A_4 - A_3 = 190p$, then p is equal to _____. (26-08-2021/Shift-2)
66. $\sum_{k=0}^{20} \binom{20}{k}^2$ is equal to: (27-08-2021/Shift-1)
 (a) ${}^{41}C_{20}$ (b) ${}^{40}C_{20}$
 (c) ${}^{40}C_{21}$ (d) ${}^{40}C_{19}$
67. If ${}^{20}C_r$ is the co-efficient of x^r in the expansion of $(1+x)^{20}$, then the value of $\sum_{r=0}^{20} r^2 \cdot {}^{20}C_r$ is equal to : (26-08-2021/Shift-1)
 (a) 420×2^{19} (b) 420×2^{18}
 (c) 380×2^{18} (d) 380×2^{19}
68. $3 \times 7^{22} + 2 \times 10^{22} - 44$ when divided by 18 leaves the remainder _____. (27-08-2021/Shift-2)
69. If $\left(\frac{3^6}{4^4}\right)^k$ is the term independent of x in the binomial expansion of $\left(\frac{x}{4} - \frac{12}{x^2}\right)^{12}$, then k is equal to _____. (31-08-2021/Shift-1)
70. If the coefficient of a^7b^8 in the expansion of $(a+2b+4ab)^{10}$ is $K \cdot 2^{16}$, then K is equal to _____. (31-08-2021/Shift-2)
71. Let n be a positive integer. Let $A = \sum_{k=0}^n (-1)^k \cdot {}^nC_k \left[\left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^k + \left(\frac{3}{4}\right)^k + \left(\frac{7}{8}\right)^k + \left(\frac{15}{16}\right)^k + \left(\frac{31}{32}\right)^k \right]$
 If $63A = 1 - \frac{1}{2^{30}}$, then n is equal to _____. (16-03-2021/Shift-2)
72. If n is the number of irrational terms in the expansion of $\left(3^{\frac{1}{4}} + 5^{\frac{1}{8}}\right)^{60}$, then (n-1) is divisible by _____. (16-03-2021/Shift-1)
 (a) 8 (b) 26
 (c) 7 (d) 30
73. The value of $\sum_{r=0}^6 \left({}^6C_r \cdot {}^6C_{6-r} \right)$ is equal to : (17-03-2021/Shift-2)
 (a) 1024 (b) 1124
 (c) 1324 (d) 924

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74. Let the coefficients of third, fourth and fifth terms in the expansion of $\left(x + \frac{a}{x^2}\right)^n$, $x \neq 0$, be in the ratio $12 : 8 : 3$.

Then the term independent of x in the expansion, is equal to

(Round off the answer to nearest integer)

(17-03-2021/Shift-2)

75. If $(2021)^{3762}$ is divided by 17, then the remainder is

(17-03-2021/Shift-1)

76. The term independent of x in the expansion of

$$\left[\frac{x+1}{x^{2/3} - x^{1/3} + 1} - \frac{x-1}{x - x^{1/2}} \right]^{10}, \quad x \neq 1, \text{ is equal to}$$

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(18-03-2021/Shift-2)

77. Let nC_r denote the binomial coefficient of x^r in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$. If

$$\sum_{k=0}^{10} (2^2 + 3k) {}^nC_k = \alpha \cdot 3^{10} + \beta \cdot 2^{10}, \quad \alpha, \beta \in \mathbb{R}, \text{ then } \alpha + \beta$$

is equal to

(18-03-2021/Shift-2)

78. Let $(1+x+2x^2)^{20} = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{40}x^{40}$.

Then, $a_1 + a_3 + a_5 + \dots + a_{37}$ is equal to :

(18-03-2021/Shift-1)

(a) $2^{20} (2^{20} - 21)$ (b) $2^{19} (2^{20} + 21)$

(c) $2^{19} (2^{20} - 21)$ (d) $2^{20} (2^{20} + 21)$

79. If $n \geq 2$ is a positive integer, then the sum of the series

$${}^{n+1}C_2 + 2({}^2C_2 + {}^3C_2 + {}^4C_2 + \dots + {}^nC_2) \text{ is}$$

(24-02-2021/Shift-2)

(a) $\frac{n(n+1)^2(n+2)}{12}$

(b) $\frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$

(c) $\frac{n(n-1)(2n+1)}{6}$

(d) $\frac{n(2n+1)(3n+1)}{6}$

80. For integers n and r , let $\binom{n}{r} = \begin{cases} {}^nC_r, & \text{if } n \geq r \geq 0 \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$

The maximum value of k for which the sum

$$\sum_{i=0}^k \binom{10}{i} \binom{15}{k-i} + \sum_{i=0}^{k+1} \binom{12}{i} \binom{13}{k+1-i} \text{ is maximum, is}$$

equal to

(24-02-2021/Shift-2)

81. The value of

$$-{}^{15}C_1 + 2{}^{15}C_2 - 3{}^{15}C_3 + \dots - 15{}^{15}C_{15}$$

$$+ {}^{14}C_1 + {}^{14}C_3 + {}^{14}C_5 + \dots + {}^{14}C_{11}$$

(24-02-2021/Shift-1)

(a) 2^{14} (b) $2^{13} - 13$

(c) 2^{16} (d) $2^{13} - 14$

82. If the remainder when x is divided by 4 is 3, then the remainder when $(2020+x)^{2022}$ is divided by 8 is

(25-02-2021/Shift-2)

83. The maximum value of the term independent of ' t ' in the

$$\text{expansion of } \left(tx^{\frac{1}{5}} + \frac{(1-x)^{\frac{1}{10}}}{t} \right)^{10} \text{ where } x \in (0,1) \text{ is}$$

(26-02-2021/Shift-1)

(a) $\frac{10!}{3(5!)^2}$

(b) $\frac{2 \cdot 10!}{3\sqrt{3}(5!)^2}$

(c) $\frac{10!}{\sqrt{3}(5!)^2}$

(d) $\frac{2 \cdot 10!}{3(5!)^2}$

84. Let $m, n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $\gcd(2, n) = 1$. If

$$30\binom{30}{0} + 29\binom{30}{1} + \dots + 2\binom{30}{28} + 1\binom{30}{29} = n \cdot 2^m, \text{ then}$$

$$n+m \text{ is equal to } \dots \left(\text{Here } \binom{n}{k} = {}^nC_k \right)$$

(26-02-2021/Shift-1)

85. If the fourth term in the expansion of $(x + x^{\log_2 x})^7$ is 4480, then the value of x where $x \in \mathbb{N}$ is equal to :

(17-03-2021/Shift-1)

(a) 4

(b) 2

(c) 3

(d) 1



EXERCISE - 3 : ADVANCED OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

Objective Questions I [Only one correct option]

- The ratio of the coefficient of x^{10} in $(1-x^2)^{10}$ and the term independent of x in $\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)^{10}$, is
 - 1 : 16
 - 1 : 32
 - 1 : 64
 - none of these
- If the fourth term in the expansion of $\left(px + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$ is independent of x , then the value of term is
 - $5p^3$
 - $10p^3$
 - $20p^3$
 - none of these
- The greatest coefficient in the expansion of $(1+x)^{2n}$ is
 - ${}^{2n}C_n$
 - ${}^{2n}C_{n-1}$
 - ${}^{2n}C_{n-2}$
 - none of these
- Which of the following expression is divisible by 1225 ?
 - $6^{2n} - 35n - 1$
 - $6^{2n} - 35n + 1$
 - $6^{2n} - 35n$
 - $6^{2n} - 35n + 2$
- The number of distinct terms in the expansion of $(x+y-z)^{16}$ is
 - 136
 - 153
 - 16
 - 17
- The total number of terms in the expansion of $(a+b+c+d)^n$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ is
 - $\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{6}$
 - $\frac{n(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{6}$
 - $\frac{(n+1)(n+2)(n+3)}{6}$
 - none of these
- If r th and $(r+1)$ th term in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$ are equal, then $n =$
 - $\frac{(1+x)r-x}{4x}$
 - $\frac{(1+x)r-x}{3x}$
 - $\frac{(1+x)r-x}{x}$
 - $\frac{(1+x)r-x}{r}$
- In the binomial expansion of $(a-b)^n$, $n \geq 5$, the sum of the 5^{th} and 6^{th} terms is zero. Then, a/b equals
 - $\frac{n-5}{6}$
 - $\frac{n-4}{5}$
 - $\frac{5}{n-4}$
 - $\frac{6}{n-5}$
- The greatest value of the term independent of x in the expansion of $(x \sin \alpha + x^{-1} \cos \alpha)^{10}$, $\alpha \in \mathbb{R}$, is
 - 2^5
 - $\frac{10!}{(5!)^2}$
 - $\frac{10!}{2^5 \times (5!)^2}$
 - none of these
- If the ratio of 7th term from the beginning to the seventh term from the end in the expansion of $\left(\sqrt[3]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^x$ is $\frac{1}{6}$ then x , is
 - 9
 - 6, 15
 - 12, 9
 - none of these
- The sum of coefficients of the two middle terms in the expansions of $(1+x)^{2n-1}$ is equal to :
 - ${}^{(2n-1)}C_n$
 - ${}^{(2n-1)}C_{n+1}$
 - ${}^{2n}C_{n-1}$
 - ${}^{2n}C_n$
- The greatest term (numerically) in the expansion of $(2+3x)^9$, when $x = \frac{3}{2}$, is
 - $\frac{5 \times 3^{11}}{2}$
 - $\frac{5 \times 3^{13}}{2}$
 - $\frac{7 \times 3^{13}}{2}$
 - none of these
- The greatest term (numerically) in the expansion of $(3-5x)^{11}$, when $x = \frac{1}{5}$ is
 - 55×3^9
 - 46×3^9
 - 55×3^6
 - none of these

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14. If 7^{103} is divided by 25, then the remainder is
 (a) 20 (b) 16
 (c) 18 (d) 15
15. The last digit of the number $(32)^{32}$ is
 (a) 4 (b) 6
 (c) 8 (d) none of these
16. $9^7 + 7^9$ is divisible by
 (a) 6 (b) 24
 (c) 64 (d) 72
17. The number $5^{25} - 3^{25}$ is divisible by :
 (a) 2 (b) 3
 (c) 5 (d) 7
18. If $0 \leq r \leq n$, then the coefficient of x^r in the expansion of $P = 1 + (1+x) + (1+x)^2 + \dots + (1+x)^n$ is
 (a) nC_r (b) ${}^{n+1}C_{r+1}$
 (c) ${}^nC_{r+1}$ (d) none of these
19. The coefficient of x^{20} in the expansion of $(1+x^2)^{40} \cdot \left(x^2 + 2 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{-5}$ is
 (a) ${}^{30}C_{10}$ (b) ${}^{30}C_{25}$
 (c) 1 (d) none of these
20. The integral part of $(\sqrt{2} + 1)^6$ is:
 (a) 198 (b) 197
 (c) 196 (d) 163
21. If $\frac{1}{1-2x+x^2} = 1 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots$, then the value of a_r is
 (a) $2r$ (b) $r+1$
 (c) r (d) $r-1$
22. The value of ${}^{50}C_4 + \sum_{r=1}^6 {}^{56-r}C_3$ is
 (a) ${}^{56}C_4$ (b) ${}^{56}C_3$
 (c) ${}^{55}C_3$ (d) ${}^{55}C_4$
23. If n is a positive integer greater than 1, then $a - {}^nC_1(a-1) + {}^nC_2(a-2) - \dots + (-1)^n(a-n)$ is equal to
 (a) n (b) a
 (c) 0 (d) none of these
24. If $(1+x)^{15} = C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_{15}x^{15}$, then ${}^{15}C_0 - {}^{15}C_1 + {}^{15}C_2 - {}^{15}C_3 + \dots + {}^{15}C_{15}$ is equal to
 (a) 0 (b) 1
 (c) -1 (d) none of these
25. The sum $1 \cdot {}^{20}C_1 - 2 \cdot {}^{20}C_2 + 3 \cdot {}^{20}C_3 - \dots - {}^{20}C_{20}$ is equal to
 (a) 2^{19} (b) 0
 (c) $2^{20} - 1$ (d) none of these
26. $1 \cdot {}^nC_1 + 2 \cdot {}^nC_2 + 3 \cdot {}^nC_3 + \dots + n \cdot {}^nC_n$ is equal to
 (a) $\frac{n(n+1)}{4} \cdot 2^n$ (b) $2^{n+1} - 3$
 (c) $n2^{n-1}$ (d) none of these
27. If C_r stands for nC_r , then the sum of the series $\frac{2\left(\frac{n}{2}\right)! \left(\frac{n}{2}\right)!}{n!} [C_0^2 - 2C_1^2 + 3C_2^2 - \dots + (-1)^n(n+1)C_n^2]$ where n is an even positive integer, is equal to :
 (a) $(-1)^{n/2}(n+2)$ (b) $(-1)^n(n+1)$
 (c) $(-1)^{n/2}(n+1)$ (d) none of these
28. If $A = {}^{2n}C_0 \cdot {}^{2n}C_1 + {}^{2n}C_1 \cdot {}^{2n}C_2 + {}^{2n}C_2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_3 + \dots$, then A is
 (a) 0 (b) 2^n
 (c) $n2^{2n}$ (d) 1
29. The coefficient of x^{50} in the expansion : $(1+x)^{1000} + 2x(1+x)^{999} + 3x^2(1+x)^{998} + \dots + 1001$ terms
 (a) ${}^{1002}C_{50}$ (b) ${}^{1002}C_{51}$
 (c) ${}^{1005}C_{50}$ (d) ${}^{1005}C_{48}$
30. If $s_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{1}{{}^nC_r}$ and $t_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{r}{{}^nC_r}$ then $\frac{t_n}{s_n}$ is equal to
 (a) $\frac{n}{2}$ (b) $\frac{n}{2} - 1$
 (c) $n-1$ (d) $\frac{2n-1}{2}$
31. If 7 divides $32^{32^{32}}$, the remainder is :
 (a) 1 (b) 0
 (c) 4 (d) 6
32. The term independent of x in the expansion of $(1+x)^n$ $\left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$ is :
 (a) $C_0^2 + 2C_1^2 + 3C_2^2 + \dots + (n+1)C_n^2$
 (b) $(C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n)^2$
 (c) $C_0^2 + C_1^2 + \dots + C_n^2$
 (d) none of these

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33. The number of terms in the expansion of $\left(x^2 + 1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^n$,

$n \in \mathbb{N}$ is.

- (a) $2n$ (b) $3n$
(c) $2n + 1$ (d) $3n + 1$

34. Integral part of $(7 + 4\sqrt{3})^n$ is ($n \in \mathbb{N}$)

- (a) an even number
(b) an odd number
(c) an even or an odd number depending upon the of n
(d) none of these

Objective Questions II [One or more than one correct option]

35. In the expansion of $(x + y + z)^{25}$

- (a) every term is of the form ${}^{25}C_r \cdot {}^rC_k \cdot x^{25-r} \cdot y^{r-5} \cdot z^k$
(b) the coefficient of $x^8y^9z^9$ is 0
(c) the number of term is 325
(d) none of these.

36. Element in set of values of r for which,

$${}^{18}C_{r-2} + 2 \cdot {}^{18}C_{r-1} + {}^{18}C_r \geq {}^{20}C_{13} \text{ is :}$$

- (a) 9 (b) 5
(c) 7 (d) 10

37. The expansion of $(3x + 2)^{-1/2}$ is valid in ascending powers of x , if x lies in the interval

- (a) $(0, 2/3)$ (b) $(-3/2, 3/2)$
(c) $(-2/3, 2/3)$ (d) $(-\infty, -3/2) \cup (3/2, \infty)$

Numerical Value Type Questions

38. If ${}^nC_{r-1} = 36$, ${}^nC_r = 84$ and ${}^nC_{r+1} = 126$, then $r =$

39. Let the co-efficients of x^n in $(1 + x)^{2n}$ & $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$ be P & Q

respectively, then $\left(\frac{P+Q}{P}\right)^4 =$

40. Sum of square of all possible values of ' r ' satisfying the equation

$${}^{39}C_{3r-1} - {}^{39}C_{r^2} = {}^{39}C_{r^2-1} - {}^{39}C_{3r} \text{ is :}$$

41. If $\frac{1}{1!10!} + \frac{1}{2!9!} + \frac{1}{3!8!} + \dots + \frac{1}{10!1!} = \frac{(2^{10} - 1)}{k10!}$ then find the value of k .

42. The coefficient of x^{99} in the polynomial $(x-1)(x-2) \dots (x-100)$ is

Match the Following

Each question has two columns. Four options are given representing matching of elements from Column-I and Column-II. Only one of these four options corresponds to a correct matching. For each question, choose the option corresponding to the correct matching.

43. Match the entries in Column-I representing in n with their values given in Column-II.

Column I

Column II

(A) ${}^{16}C_n + {}^{16}C_{n+1} +$ (P) 15

$${}^{17}C_{n+2} \geq {}^{18}C_{2n-1}$$

(B) ${}^{16}C_{n+5} \leq {}^{17}C_{n+6}$ (Q) 6

(C) $12 \times ({}^nC_6)^2 \leq 7 \times$ (R) 7

$$({}^{n+1}C_5) \times ({}^{n+1}C_7)$$

(D) $2 \times ({}^{n-1}C_4 - {}^{n-1}C_3)$ (S) 12

$$< 5 \times ({}^{n-2}C_2)$$

The correct matching is

- (a) A-Q, R ; B-Q, R ; C-P, Q, R, S ; D-Q, R
(b) A-Q ; B-Q, R ; C-P, Q, R, S ; D-Q, R
(c) A-Q, R ; B-Q ; C-P, Q, R, S ; D-Q, R
(d) A-Q, R ; B-Q, R ; C-P, Q, S ; D-Q, R

44. Match the following with their no. of terms.

Column-I

Column-II

(A) $(x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + \dots + x_n)^3$ (P) infinite

(B) $(x_1 + x_2 + x_3)^n$ (Q) $n+2C_3$

(C) $(1-x)^{-3} (|x| < 1)$ (R) $\leq 2n+1$

(D) $(1+x+x^2)^n$ (S) $n+2C_2$

The correct matching is

- (a) A-Q ; B-S ; C-R ; D-Q
(b) A-S ; B-S ; C-P ; D-R
(c) A-Q ; B-S ; C-R ; D-R
(d) A-Q ; B-S ; C-P ; D-R

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45. Let n be a positive integer and
 $(1+x+x^2)^n = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{2n}x^{2n}$.

Show that $a_0^2 - a_1^2 + \dots + a_{2n}^2 = a_n$.

46. Given $s_n = 1 + q + q^2 + \dots + q^n$

$$S_n = 1 + \frac{q+1}{2} + \left(\frac{q+1}{2}\right)^2 + \dots + \left(\frac{q+1}{2}\right)^n, q \neq 1.$$

Prove that ${}^{n+1}C_1 + {}^{n+1}C_2s_1 + {}^{n+1}C_3s_2 + \dots + {}^{n+1}C_{n+1}s_n = 2^n s_n$

47. Find the sum of the series :

$$\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r {}^nC_r \left[\frac{1}{2^r} + \frac{3^r}{2^{2r}} + \frac{7^r}{2^{3r}} + \frac{15^r}{2^{4r}} \dots \text{upto } m \text{ terms} \right]$$

48. Prove that $C_0 - 2^2 \cdot C_1 + 3^2 \cdot C_2 - \dots + (-1)^n (n+1)^2 \cdot C_n = 0$,
 $n > 2$ where $C_r = {}^nC_r$.

49. Prove that : $({}^{2n}C_0)^2 - ({}^{2n}C_1)^2 + ({}^{2n}C_2)^2 - \dots + ({}^{2n}C_{2n})^2$
 $= (-1)^n {}^{2n}C_n$.

50. Prove that :

$$C_1^2 - 2 \cdot C_2^2 + 3 \cdot C_3^2 - \dots - 2n \cdot C_{2n}^2 = (-1)^n n \cdot {}^{2n}C_n$$



EXERCISE - 4 : PREVIOUS YEAR JEE ADVANCED QUESTIONS

Objective Questions I [Only one correct option]

1. For $2 \leq r \leq n$, $\binom{n}{r} + 2\binom{n}{r-1} + \binom{n}{r-2}$ is equal to : **(2000)**

(a) $\binom{n+1}{r-1}$ (b) $2\binom{n+1}{r-1}$

(c) $2\binom{n+2}{r}$ (d) $\binom{n+2}{r}$

2. In the binomial expansion of $(a-b)^n$, $n \geq 5$ the sum of the 5th and 6th terms is zero. Then a/b equals : **(2001)**

(a) $\frac{n-5}{6}$ (b) $\frac{n-4}{5}$

(c) $\frac{5}{n-4}$ (d) $\frac{6}{n-5}$

3. The sum $\sum_{i=0}^m \binom{10}{i} \binom{20}{m-i}$, where $\binom{p}{q} = 0$ if $p < q$, is maximum when m is : **(2002)**

(a) 5 (b) 10
(c) 15 (d) 20

4. Coefficient of t^{24} in $(1+t^2)^{12} (1+t^{12}) (1+t^{24})$ is : **(2003)**

(a) $^{12}C_6 + 3$ (b) $^{12}C_6 + 1$
(c) $^{12}C_6$ (d) $^{12}C_6 + 2$

5. If $^{n-1}C_r = (k^2 - 3) ^nC_{r+1}$, then k belong to : **(2004)**

(a) $(-\infty, -2]$ (b) $[2, \infty)$
(c) $[-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}]$ (d) $(\sqrt{3}, 2]$

6. $\binom{30}{0}\binom{30}{10} - \binom{30}{1}\binom{30}{11} + \dots + \binom{30}{20}\binom{30}{30}$ is equal to

(a) $^{30}C_{11}$ (b) $^{60}C_{10}$
(c) $^{30}C_{10}$ (d) $^{65}C_{55}$

(2005)

7. For $r = 0, 1, \dots, 10$, let A_r, B_r and C_r denote, respectively, the coefficient of x^r in the expansions of $(1+x)^{10}, (1+x)^{20}$ and

$(1+x)^{30}$. Then $\sum_{r=1}^{10} A_r (B_{10}B_r - C_{10}A_r)$ is equal to **(2010)**

(a) $B_{10} - C_{10}$ (b) $A_{10} (B_{10}^2 - C_{10} A_{10})$

(c) 0 (d) $C_{10} - B_{10}$

8. Coefficient of x^{11} in the expansion of $(1+x^2)^4 (1+x^3)^7 (1+x^4)^{12}$ is **(2014)**

(a) 1051 (b) 1106
(c) 1113 (d) 1120

Numerical Value Type Questions

9. The coefficient of three consecutive terms $(1+x)^{n+5}$ are in the ratio 5 : 10 : 14. Then, n is equal to **(2013)**

10. The coefficient of x^9 in the expansion of $(1+x)(1+x^2)(1+x^3) \dots (1+x^{100})$ is **(2015)**

11. Let m be the smallest positive integer such that the coefficient of x^2 in the expansion of $(1+x)^2 + (1+x)^3 + \dots + (1+x)^{49} + (1+mx)^{50}$ is $(3n+1) ^{51}C_3$ for some positive integer n . Then the value of n is **(2016)**

12. Let $X = (^{10}C_1)^2 + 2(^{10}C_2)^2 + 3(^{10}C_3)^2 + \dots + 10(^{10}C_{10})^2$, where $^{10}C_r, r \in \{1, 2, \dots, 10\}$ denote binomial coefficients. Then,

the value of $\frac{1}{1430} X$ is **(2018)**

13. Suppose $\det \begin{bmatrix} \sum_{k=0}^n C_k & \sum_{k=0}^n C_k k^2 \\ \sum_{k=0}^n C_k k & \sum_{k=0}^n C_k 3^k \end{bmatrix} = 0$ holds for some

positive integer n . Then $\sum_{k=0}^n \frac{C_k}{k+1}$ equals. **(2019)**

BINOMIAL THEOREM



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14. For any positive integers m, n (with $n \geq m$),

let $\binom{n}{m} = {}^nC_m$. Prove that

$$\binom{n}{m} + \binom{n-1}{m} + \binom{n-2}{m} + \dots + \binom{m}{m} = \binom{n+1}{m+1}$$

Hence, or otherwise, prove that

$$\binom{n}{m} + 2\binom{n-1}{m} + 3\binom{n-2}{m} + \dots + (n-m+1)\binom{m}{m} = \binom{n+2}{m+2}$$

(2000)

15. Prove that

$$2^k \binom{n}{0} \binom{n}{k} - 2^{k-1} \binom{n}{1} \binom{n-1}{k-1} + 2^{k-2} \binom{n}{2} \binom{n-2}{k-2} - \dots + (-1)^k \binom{n}{k} \binom{n-k}{0} = \binom{n}{k} \quad (2003)$$

Answer Key



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EXERCISE - 1: BASIC OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

1. (a)	2. (b)	3. (c)	4. (a)	5. (c)
6. (b)	7. (d)	8. (b)	9. (c)	10. (c)
11. (d)	12. (c)	13. (c)	14. (d)	15. (a)
16. (c)	17. (b)	18. (c)	19. (a)	20. (d)
21. (c)	22. (c)	23. (b)	24. (b)	25. (d)
26. (c)	27. (d)	28. (d)	29. (b)	30. (c)
31. (d)	32. (a)	33. (c)	34. (b)	35. (b)
36. (d)	37. (d)	38. (b)	39. (d)	40. (b)
41. (c)	42. (b)	43. (5)	44. (51)	45. (17)
46. (12)	47. (540)	48. (210)	49. (9)	50. (252)
51. (5)	52. (5)	53. (1120)	54. (60)	55. (41)

EXERCISE - 2: PREVIOUS YEAR JEE MAIN QUESTIONS

1. (c)	2. (a)	3. (a)	4. (d)	5. (a)
6. (a)	7. (c)	8. (a)	9. (b)	10. (b)
11. (24)	12. (b)	13. (d)	14. (b)	15. (c)
16. (a)	17. (84)	18. (b)	19. (c)	20. (8)
21. (b)	22. (a)	23. (100)	24. (a)	25. (d)
26. (0)	27. (c)	28. (d)	29. (c)	30. (d)
31. (b)	32. (b)	33. (118)	34. (c)	35. (c)
36. (8)	37. (c)	38. (13)	39. (120)	40. (b)
41. (d)	42. (30)	43. (b)	44. (b)	45. (615)
46. (a)	47. (51)	48. (c)	49. (21)	50. (d)
51. (a)	52. (210)	53. (1)	54. (a)	55. (d)
56. (b)	57. (96)	58. (8)	59. (d)	60. (a)
61. (a)	62. (55)	63. (98)	64. (924)	65. (49)
66. (b)	67. (b)	68. (15)	69. (55)	70. (315)
71. (6)	72. (b)	73. (d)	74. (4)	75. (4)
76. (210)	77. (19)	78. (c)	79. (b)	80. (12)
81. (d)	82. (1)	83. (b)	84. (45)	85. (b)

ANSWER KEY

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EXERCISE - 3 : ADVANCED OBJECTIVE QUESTIONS

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| 1. (b) | 2. (c) | 3. (a) | 4. (a) | 5. (b) |
| 6. (c) | 7. (c) | 8. (b) | 9. (c) | 10. (a) |
| 11. (d) | 12. (c) | 13. (a) | 14. (c) | 15. (b) |
| 16. (c) | 17. (a) | 18. (b) | 19. (b) | 20. (b) |
| 21. (b) | 22. (a) | 23. (c) | 24. (a) | 25. (b) |
| 26. (c) | 27. (a) | 28. (c) | 29. (a) | 30. (a) |
| 31. (c) | 32. (c) | 33. (c) | 34. (b) | 35. (a,b) |
| 36. (a,c,d) | 37. (a,c) | 38. (3) | 39. (5.06) | 40. (34) |
| 41. (5.50) | 42. (-5050) | 43. (a) | 44. (d) | |

47. $\frac{2^{mn} - 1}{2^{mn}(2^n - 1)}$

EXERCISE - 4 : PREVIOUS YEAR JEE ADVANCED QUESTIONS

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| 1. (d) | 2. (b) | 3. (c) | 4. (d) | 5. (d) |
| 6. (c) | 7. (d) | 8. (c) | 9. (6) | 10. (8) |
| 11. (5) | 12. (646) | 13. (6.20) | | |