

**CBSE Test Paper 01**  
**CH-04 Principle of Mathematical Induction**

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1.  $\frac{3}{4} + \frac{15}{16} + \frac{63}{64} + \dots$  to  $n$  terms is equal to
  - a.  $n + \frac{4^n}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$
  - b.  $n + \frac{4^{-n}}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$
  - c.  $n - \frac{4^n}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$
  - d.  $n + \frac{4^{-n}}{3} + \frac{1}{3}$
2. The greatest positive integer , which divides  $n ( n + 1 ) ( n + 2 ) ( n + 3 )$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  , is
  - a. 120
  - b. 6
  - c. 24
  - d. 2
3. For all positive integers  $n$ , the number  $4^n + 15n - 1$  is divisible by :
  - a. 16
  - b. 24
  - c. 9
  - d. 36
4. If  $49^n + 16n + \lambda$  is divisible by 64 for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  , then the least negative integral value of  $\lambda$  is
  - a. -1
  - b. -3

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c. -4

d. -2

5. For  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $x^{n+1} + (x+1)^{2n-1}$  is divisible by :

a.  $x^2 + x + 1$

b.  $x^2 + x - 1$

c.  $x + 1$

d.  $x$

6. Fill in the blanks:

If  $a_1 = 2$  and  $a_n = 5 a_{n-1}$ , then the value of  $a_3$  in the sequence is \_\_\_\_\_.

7. Fill in the blanks:

If  $x^n - 1$  is divisible by  $x - k$ , then the least positive integral value of  $k$  is \_\_\_\_\_.

8. Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $3^{2n}$  when divided by 8, the remainder is always 1.

9. Prove by Mathematical Induction that the sum of first  $n$  odd natural numbers is  $n^2$ .

10. Let  $U_1 = 1$ ,  $U_2 = 1$  and  $U_{n+2} = U_{n+1} + U_n$  for  $n \geq 1$ . Use mathematical induction to show that:

$$U_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right\} \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

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**Solution**

1. (b)  $n + \frac{4^{-n}}{3} - \frac{1}{3}$

**Explanation:** When  $n = 1$  we get  $3/4$ , and the subsequent terms when  $n$  is replaced by 2,3,4...

2. (c) 24

**Explanation:** If  $n = 1$  then the statement becomes  $1 \times 2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24$  : the consecutive natural numbers when substituted will be multiples of 24.

3. (c) 9

**Explanation:** Replace  $n = 1$  we get 18  $n = 2$  we get 45.... By the principle of mathematical induction it is divisible by 9.

4. (a) -1

**Explanation:** When  $n = 1$  we have the value of the expression as 65 . Given that the expression is divisible by 64. Hence the value is -1.

5. (a)  $x^2 + x + 1$

**Explanation:** When  $n = 1$  we get  $x^2 + x + 1$

6. 50

7. 1

8. Let  $P(n)$  be the statement given by

$P(n) : 3^{2n}$  when divided by 8, the remainder is 1

or,  $P(n) : 3^2 = 8\lambda + 1$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$

$P(1) : 3^2 = 8\lambda + 1$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$ .

$\therefore 3^2 = 8 \times 1 + 1 = 8\lambda + 1$ , where  $\lambda = 1$

$P(1)$  is true

Let  $P(m)$  be true. Then,  $3^{2m} = 8\lambda + 1$  for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$  ...(i)

We shall now show that  $P(m + 1)$  is true for which we have to show that  $3^{2(m+1)}$  when

divided by 8, the remainder is 1 i.e.  $3^{2(m+1)} = 8\mu + 1$  for some  $\mu \in \mathbb{N}$ .

Now,  $3^{2(m+1)} = 3^{2m} \times 3^2 = (8\lambda + 1) \times 9$  [Using (i)]

$= 72\lambda + 9 = 72\lambda + 8 + 1 = 8(9\lambda + 1) + 1 = 8\mu + 1$ , where  $\mu = 9\lambda + 1 \in \mathbb{N}$

$\Rightarrow P(m+1)$  is true

Thus,  $P(m)$  is true  $\Rightarrow P(m+1)$  is true.

Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  i.e.

$3^{2n}$  when divided by 8 the remainder is always 1.

9. **Step I** Let  $P(n)$  denotes the given statement, i.e.,

$$P(n) : 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + n(\text{terms}) = n^2$$

$$\text{i.e., } P(n) : 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n - 1) = n^2$$

Since,

$$\text{First term} = 2 \times 1 - 1 = 1$$

$$\text{Second term} = 2 \times 2 - 1 = 3$$

$$\text{Third term} = 2 \times 3 - 1 = 5 \dots\dots$$

$$\therefore n^{\text{th}} \text{ term} = 2n - 1$$

**Step II** For  $n = 1$ , we have

$$\text{LHS} = 2 \cdot 1 - 1 = 1$$

$$\text{RHS} = 1^2 = 1 = \text{LHS}$$

Thus,  $P(1)$  is true.

**Step III** For  $n = k$ , let us assume that  $P(k)$  is true,

$$\text{i.e., } P(k) : 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) = k^2 \dots(i)$$

**Step IV** For  $n = k + 1$ , we have to show that  $P(k + 1)$  is true, whenever  $P(k)$  is true i.e.,

$$P(k + 1) : 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) + [2(k + 1) - 1] = (k + 1)^2$$

$$\text{LHS} = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k - 1) + [2(k + 1) - 1]$$

$$= k^2 + 2(k + 1) - 1 \text{ [from Eq. (i)]}$$

$$= k^2 + 2k + 1 = (k + 1)^2 = \text{RHS}$$

So,  $P(k + 1)$  is true, whenever,  $P(k)$  is true.

Hence, by Principle of Mathematical Induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

10. Let  $P(n)$  be the statement given by

$$P(n) : U_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right\}$$

We have,

$$U_1 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^1 - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^1 \right\} = 1$$

and,

$$U_2 = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 \right\} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+5+2\sqrt{5}}{4} \right) - \left( \frac{1+5-2\sqrt{5}}{4} \right) \right\} = 1$$

$\therefore P(1)$  and  $P(2)$  are true.

Let  $P(n)$  be true for all  $n \leq m$

$$\text{i.e. } U_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right\} \text{ for all } n \leq m \dots (i)$$

We shall now show that  $P(n)$  is true for  $n = m + 1$ .

$$\text{i.e. } U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1} - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1} \right\}$$

We have,

$$U_{n+2} = U_{n+1} + U_n \text{ for } n \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = U_m + U_{m-1} \text{ for } m \geq 2 \text{ [On replacing } n \text{ by } (m-1)]$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^m - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^m \right\} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \right\} \text{ [Using (i)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^m + \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \right\} - \left\{ \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^m + \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \right\} \right]$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} + 1 \right) - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} + 1 \right) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left( \frac{3+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left( \frac{3-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left( \frac{6+2\sqrt{5}}{4} \right) - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left( \frac{6-2\sqrt{5}}{4} \right) \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m-1} \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^2 \right\}$$

$$\Rightarrow U_{m+1} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left\{ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1} - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{m+1} \right\}$$

$\therefore P(m + 1)$  is true.

Thus,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \leq m \Rightarrow P(n)$  is true for all  $n \leq m + 1$ .

Hence,  $P(n)$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .