

## DAY SEVEN

# Binomial Theorem and Mathematical Induction

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## Binomial Theorem

Binomial theorem describes the algebraic expansion of powers of a binomial. According to this theorem, it is possible to expand  $(x + y)^n$  into a sum involving terms of the form  $ax^b y^c$ , where the exponents  $b$  and  $c$  are non-negative integers with  $b + c = n$ . The coefficient  $a$  of each term is a specific positive integer depending on  $n$  and  $b$ , is known as the binomial coefficient  $\binom{n}{b}$ .

## Binomial Theorem for Positive Index

An algebraic expression consisting of two terms with (+) ve or (-)ve sign between them, is called binomial expression.

If  $n$  is any positive integer,

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

$$= \sum_{r=0}^n {}^nC_r \cdot x^{n-r} a^r, \text{ where } x \text{ and } a \text{ are real (complex) numbers.}$$

(i) The coefficient of terms equidistant from the beginning and the end, are equal.

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

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

(iv) Total number of terms in the expansion  $(x + a)^n$  is  $(n + 1)$ .

(v) If  $n$  is a positive integer, then the number of terms in  $(x + y + z)^n$  is  $\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$ .

(vi) The number of terms in the expansion of

$$(x+a)^n + (x-a)^n = \begin{cases} \frac{n+2}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

(vii) The number of terms in the expansion of

$$(x+a)^n - (x-a)^n = \begin{cases} \frac{n}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ \frac{n+1}{2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

## General Term and Middle Term

(i) Let  $(r+1)$ th term be the **general term** in the expansion of  $(x+a)^n$ .

$$T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^{n-r} a^r$$

(ii) If expansion is  $(x-a)^n$ , then the **general term** is

$$(-1)^r \cdot {}^nC_r \cdot x^{n-r} a^r.$$

(iii) The **middle term** in the expansion of  $(a+x)^n$ .

(a) **Case I** If  $n$  is even, then  $\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)$ th term is middle term.

(b) **Case II** If  $n$  is odd, then  $\frac{(n+1)}{2}$ th term and  $\frac{(n+3)}{2}$ th terms are middle terms.

(iv)  $(p+1)$ th term from end  $= (n-p+1)$ th term from beginning.

(v) For making a term independent of  $x$  we put  $r=n$  in general term of  $(x+a)^n$ , so we get  ${}^nC_n a^n$ , that is independent of  $x$ .

**NOTE** If the coefficients of  $r$ th,  $(r+1)$ th,  $(r+2)$ th term of  $(1+x)^n$  are in AP, then  $n^2 - (4r+1)n + 4r^2 = 2$

## Greatest Term

If  $T_r$  and  $T_{r+1}$  be the  $r$ th and  $(r+1)$ th terms in the expansion of  $(1+x)^n$ , then

$$\frac{T_{r+1}}{T_r} = \frac{{}^nC_r \cdot x^r}{{}^nC_{r-1} \cdot x^{r-1}} = \frac{n-r+1}{r} \cdot x$$

Let numerically,  $T_{r+1}$  be the greatest term in the above expansion. Then,  $T_{r+1} \geq T_r$  or  $\frac{T_{r+1}}{T_r} \geq 1$ .

$$\therefore \frac{n-r+1}{r} |x| \geq 1 \text{ or } r \leq \frac{(n+1)}{(1+|x|)} |x| \quad \dots(i)$$

(i) Now, substituting values of  $n$  and  $x$  in Eq. (i), we get  $r \leq m+f$  or  $r \leq m$ , where  $m$  is a positive integer and  $f$  is a fraction such that  $0 < f < 1$ .

(ii) When  $r \leq m+f$ ,  $T_{m+1}$  is the greatest term, when  $r \leq m$ ,  $T_m$  and  $T_{m+1}$  are the greatest terms and both are equal.

(iii) The coefficients of the middle terms in the expansion of  $(a+x)^n$  are called **greatest coefficients**.

## Properties of Binomial Coefficients

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

$$(1+x)^n = {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1 \cdot x + {}^nC_2 \cdot x^2 + \dots + {}^nC_r \cdot x^r + \dots + {}^nC_n \cdot x^n,$$

where,  ${}^nC_0, {}^nC_1, \dots, {}^nC_n$  are the coefficients of various powers of  $x$  are called **binomial coefficients** and it is also written as

$$C_0, C_1, \dots, C_n \text{ or } \binom{n}{0}, \binom{n}{1}, \dots, \binom{n}{n}$$

$$\bullet {}^nC_r = {}^nC_{n-r} \quad \bullet {}^nC_{r_1} = {}^nC_{r_2} \Rightarrow r_1 = r_2 \text{ or } r_1 + r_2 = n$$

$$\bullet {}^nC_r + {}^nC_{r-1} = {}^{n+1}C_r \quad \bullet \frac{{}^nC_r}{{}^nC_{r-1}} = \frac{n-r+1}{r}$$

$$\bullet r \cdot {}^nC_r = n \cdot {}^{n-1}C_{r-1} \quad \bullet \frac{{}^nC_r}{r+1} = \frac{{}^{n+1}C_{r+1}}{n+1}$$

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

$$\bullet C_0 + C_2 + C_4 + \dots = C_1 + C_3 + C_5 + \dots = 2^{n-1}$$

$$\bullet C_0 - C_1 + C_2 - C_3 + \dots + (-1)^n \cdot C_n = 0$$

$$\bullet C_0^2 + C_1^2 + C_2^2 + \dots + C_n^2 = {}^{2n}C_n = \frac{(2n)!}{(n!)^2}$$

$$\bullet C_0^2 - C_1^2 + C_2^2 - C_3^2 + \dots = \begin{cases} (-1)^{n/2} \cdot {}^nC_{n/2}, & \text{if } n \text{ is even} \\ 0, & \text{if } n \text{ is odd} \end{cases}$$

$$\bullet C_0 \cdot C_r + C_1 \cdot C_{r+1} + \dots + C_{n-r} \cdot C_n = {}^{2n}C_{n-r} = \frac{(2n)!}{(n-r)!(n+r)!}$$

$$\bullet C_1 - 2C_2 + 3C_3 - \dots = 0$$

$$\bullet C_0 + 2C_1 + 3C_2 + \dots + (n+1) \cdot C_n = (n+2) 2^{n-1}$$

$$\bullet C_0 - C_2 + C_4 - C_6 + \dots = \sqrt{2^n} \cdot \cos \frac{n\pi}{4}$$

$$\bullet C_1 - C_3 + C_5 - C_7 + \dots = \sqrt{2^n} \cdot \sin \frac{n\pi}{4}$$

## Applications of Binomial Theorem

### 1. R-f Factor Relation

Here, we are going to discuss problems involving  $(\sqrt{A} + B)^n = I + f$ , where  $I$  and  $n$  are positive integers  $0 \leq f \leq 1$ ,  $|A - B^2| = k$  and  $|\sqrt{A} - B| < 1$ .

### 2. Divisibility Problem

In the expansion,  $(1+\alpha)^n$ . We can conclude that,  $(1+\alpha)^n - 1$  is divisible by  $\alpha$ , i.e. it is a multiple of  $\alpha$ .

### 3. Differentiability Problem

Sometimes to generalise the result we use the differentiation.

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

On differentiating w.r.t.  $x$ , we get

$$n(1+x)^{n-1} = 0 + {}^nC_1 + 2 \cdot x \cdot {}^nC_2 + \dots + n \cdot {}^nC_n \cdot x^{n-1}$$

Put  $x = 1$ , we get,  $n2^{n-1} = {}^nC_1 + 2 {}^nC_2 + \dots + n {}^nC_n$

## Binomial Theorem for Negative/Rational Index

Let  $n$  be a rational number and  $x$  be a real number such that  $|x| < 1$ , then  $(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3!}x^3 + \dots$

- If  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $(1+x)^n$  contains  $(n+1)$  terms i.e. a finite number of terms. When  $n$  is any negative integer or rational number, then expansion of  $(1+x)^n$  contains infinitely many terms.
- When  $n$  is a positive integer, then expansion of  $(1+x)^n$  is valid for all values of  $x$ . If  $n$  is any negative integer or rational number, then expansion of  $(1+x)^n$  is valid for the values of  $x$  satisfying the condition  $|x| < 1$ .
  - (i)  $(1+x)^{-1} = 1 - x + x^2 - x^3 + \dots$
  - (ii)  $(1-x)^{-1} = 1 + x + x^2 + x^3 + \dots$
  - (iii)  $(1+x)^{-2} = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + \dots$
  - (iv)  $(1-x)^{-2} = 1 + 2x + 3x^2 + 4x^3 + \dots$

## Principle of Mathematical Induction

In algebra, there are certain results that are formulated in terms of  $n$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer. Such results can be proved by a specific technique, which is known as the principle of mathematical induction.

### First Principle of Mathematical Induction

It consists of the following three steps

- Step I** Actual verification of the proposition for the starting value of  $i$ .
- Step II** Assuming the proposition to be true for  $k$ ,  $k \geq i$  and proving that it is true for the value  $(k+1)$  which is next higher integer.
- Step III** To combine the above two steps. Let  $p(n)$  be a statement involving the natural number  $n$  such that
- (i)  $p(1)$  is true i.e.  $p(n)$  is true for  $n = 1$ .
  - (ii)  $p(m+1)$  is true, whenever  $p(m)$  is true i.e.  $p(m)$  is true  $\Rightarrow p(m+1)$  is true. Then,  $p(n)$  is true for all natural numbers  $n$ .
- Product of  $r$  consecutive integers is divisible by  $r!$

## DAY PRACTICE SESSION 1

# FOUNDATION QUESTIONS EXERCISE

- If  $(1+ax)^n = 1 + 8x + 24x^3 + \dots$ , then the values of  $a$  and  $n$  are  
 (a) 2, 4 (b) 2, 3 (c) 3, 6 (d) 1, 2
- The coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{2n}$  and  $(1+x)^{2n-1}$  are in the ratio  $\rightarrow$  NCERT Exemplar  
 (a) 1 : 2 (b) 1 : 3  
 (c) 3 : 1 (d) 2 : 1
- The value of  $(1.002)^{12}$  upto fourth place of decimal is  
 (a) 1.0242 (b) 1.0245  
 (c) 1.0004 (d) 1.0254
- The coefficient of  $x^4$  in the expansion of  $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^n$  is  
 (a)  ${}^nC_4$  (b)  ${}^nC_4 + {}^nC_2$   
 (c)  ${}^nC_4 + {}^nC_2 + {}^nC_2$  (d)  ${}^nC_4 + {}^nC_2 + {}^nC_1 \cdot {}^nC_2$
- If the middle term of  $\left(\frac{1}{x} + x \sin x\right)^{10}$  is equal to  $7\frac{7}{8}$ , then the value of  $x$  is  $\rightarrow$  NCERT Exemplar  
 (a)  $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$  (b)  $n\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$   
 (c)  $n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}$  (d)  $n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{3}$
- If the 7th term in the binomial expansion of  $\left(\frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{84}} + \sqrt{3} \ln x\right)^9$ ,  $x > 0$  is equal to 729, then  $x$  can be  $\rightarrow$  JEE Mains 2013  
 (a)  $e^2$  (b)  $e$  (c)  $e/2$  (d)  $2e$
- If the number of terms in the expansion of  $\left(1 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2}\right)^n$ ,  $x \neq 0$  is 28, then the sum of the coefficients of all the terms in this expansion, is  $\rightarrow$  JEE Mains 2016  
 (a) 64 (b) 2187 (c) 243 (d) 729
- In the binomial expansion of  $(a-b)^n$ ,  $n \geq 5$ , the sum of 5th and 6th terms is zero, then  $\frac{a}{b}$  is equal to  
 (a)  $\frac{5}{n-4}$  (b)  $\frac{6}{n-5}$   
 (c)  $\frac{n-5}{6}$  (d)  $\frac{n-4}{5}$
- In the expansion of the following expression  $1 + (1+x) + (1+x)^2 + \dots + (1+x)^n$ , the coefficient of  $x^4$  ( $0 \leq k \leq n$ ) is  
 (a)  ${}^{n+1}C_{k+1}$  (b)  ${}^nC_k$   
 (c)  ${}^nC_{n-k-1}$  (d) None of these

- 10** The coefficient of  $t^{24}$  in the expansion of  $(1+t^2)^{12}(1+t^{12})(1+t^{24})$  is  
 (a)  $^{12}C_6 + 2$  (b)  $^{12}C_5$  (c)  $^{12}C_6$  (d)  $^{12}C_7$
- 11** The coefficient of  $x^{53}$  in the following expansion  $\sum_{m=0}^{100} {}^{100}C_m (x-3)^{100-m} \cdot 2^m$  is  
 (a)  $^{100}C_{47}$  (b)  $^{100}C_{53}$  (c)  $-^{100}C_{53}$  (d)  $-^{100}C_{100}$
- 12** If  $p$  is a real number and if the middle term in the expansion of  $\left(\frac{p}{2} + 2\right)^8$  is 1120, then the value of  $p$  is  
 (a)  $\pm 3$  (b)  $\pm 1$   
 (c)  $\pm 2$  (d) None of these  
**→ NCERT Exemplar**
- 13** The constant term in the expansion of  $\left(1 + x + \frac{2}{x}\right)^6$ , is  
 (a) 479 (b) 517 (c) 569 (d) 581
- 14** If in the expansion of  $(1+x)^m(1-x)^n$ , the coefficient of  $x$  and  $x^2$  are 3 and  $-6$  respectively, then  $m$  is  
 (a) 6 (b) 9 (c) 12 (d) 24
- 15** If  $n$  is a positive integer, then  $(\sqrt{3}+1)^{2n} - (\sqrt{3}-1)^{2n}$  is  
 (a) an irrational number  
 (b) an odd positive integer  
 (c) an even positive integer  
 (d) a rational number other than positive integers  
**→ AIEEE 2012**
- 16** If the  $(r+1)$ th term in the expansion of  $\left(\sqrt[3]{\frac{a}{b}} + \sqrt{\frac{b}{3a}}\right)^{21}$  has the same power of  $a$  and  $b$ , then the value of  $r$  is  
 (a) 9 (b) 10 (c) 8 (d) 6
- 17** If  $x^{2k}$  occurs in the expansion of  $\left(x + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{n-3}$ , then  
 (a)  $n-2k$  is a multiple of 2 (b)  $n-2k$  is a multiple of 3  
 (c)  $k=0$  (d) None of these
- 18** The ratio of the coefficient of  $x^{15}$  to the term independent of  $x$  in the expansion of  $\left(x^2 + \frac{2}{x}\right)^{15}$ , is  
 (a) 7 : 16 (b) 7 : 64 (c) 1 : 4 (d) 1 : 32  
**→ JEE Mains 2013**
- 19** The greatest term in the expansion of  $\sqrt{3}\left(1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^{20}$  is  
 (a)  $\binom{20}{7} \frac{1}{27}$  (b)  $\binom{20}{6} \frac{1}{81}$   
 (c)  $\frac{1}{9} \binom{20}{9}$  (d) None of these
- 20** The largest term in the expansion of  $(3+2x)^{50}$ , where  $x = \frac{1}{5}$  is  
 (a) 5th (b) 3th (c) 7th (d) 6th
- 21** If the sum of the coefficients in the expansion of  $(x-2y+3z)^n$  is 128, then the greatest coefficient in the expansion of  $(1+x)^n$  is  
 (a) 35 (b) 20 (c) 10 (d) None of these
- 22** If for positive integers  $r > 1, n > 2$ , the coefficient of the  $(3r)$ th and  $(r+2)$ th powers of  $x$  in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{2n}$  are equal, then  
 (a)  $n = 2r$  (b)  $n = 3r$   
 (c)  $n = 2r + 1$  (d) None of these
- 23** If  $a_n = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{1}{n C_r}$ , then  $\sum_{r=0}^n \frac{r}{n C_r}$  is equal to  
 (a)  $(n-1)a_n$  (b)  $na_n$   
 (c)  $\frac{1}{2}na_n$  (d) None of these
- 24**  $\sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \binom{n}{r} \frac{1+rx}{1+nx}$  is equal to  
 (a) 1 (b)  $-1$  (c)  $n$  (d) 0
- 25**  $\binom{30}{0}\binom{30}{10} - \binom{30}{1}\binom{30}{11} + \dots + \binom{30}{20}\binom{30}{30}$  is equal to  
 (a)  $^{30}C_{11}$  (b)  $^{60}C_{10}$  (c)  $^{30}C_{10}$  (d)  $^{65}C_{55}$
- 26** The value of  $(^{21}C_1 - ^{10}C_1) + (^{21}C_2 - ^{10}C_2) + (^{21}C_3 - ^{10}C_3) + (^{21}C_4 - ^{10}C_4) + \dots + (^{21}C_{10} - ^{10}C_{10})$  is  
 (a)  $2^{21} - 2^{11}$  (b)  $2^{21} - 2^{10}$  (c)  $2^{20} - 2^9$  (d)  $2^{20} - 2^{10}$   
**→ JEE Mains 2017**
- 27** The sum of the series  $^{20}C_0 - ^{20}C_1 + ^{20}C_2 - ^{20}C_3 + \dots + ^{20}C_{10}$  is  
 (a)  $-^{20}C_{10}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{2} ^{20}C_{10}$  (c) 0 (d)  $^{20}C_{10}$   
**→ AIEEE 2007**
- 28** If  $(1+x)^n = C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_nx^n$ , then the value of  $C_0 + 2C_1 + 3C_2 + \dots + (n+1)C_n$  will be  
 (a)  $(n+2)2^{n-1}$  (b)  $(n+1)2^n$   
 (c)  $(n+1)2^{n-1}$  (d)  $(n+2)2^n$
- 29** If  $n > (8+3\sqrt{7})^{10}, n \in N$ , then the least value of  $n$  is  
 (a)  $(8+3\sqrt{7})^{10} - (8-3\sqrt{7})^{10}$   
 (b)  $(8+3\sqrt{7})^{10} + (8-3\sqrt{7})^{10}$   
 (c)  $(8+3\sqrt{7})^{10} - (8-3\sqrt{7})^{10} + 1$   
 (d)  $(8+3\sqrt{7})^{10} - (8-3\sqrt{7})^{10} - 1$
- 30**  $49^n + 16n - 1$  is divisible by  
 (a) 3 (b) 19 (c) 64 (d) 29
- 31** If  $A = 1000^{1000}$  and  $B = (1001)^{999}$ , then  
 (a)  $A > B$  (b)  $A = B$   
 (c)  $A < B$  (d) None of these
- 32** If  $^{n-1}C_r = (k^2 - 3) \cdot ^nC_{r+1}$ , then  $k$  belongs to  
 (a)  $(-\infty, -2]$  (b)  $[2, \infty)$  (c)  $[-\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{3}]$  (d)  $(\sqrt{3}, 2]$
- 33** The remainder left out when  $8^{2n} - (62)^{2n+1}$  is divided by 9, is  
 (a) 0 (b) 2 (c) 7 (d) 8

**34** If  $x$  is positive, the first negative term in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{27/5}$  is **→ AIEEE 2003**

- (a) 7th term (b) 5th term (c) 8th term (d) 6th term

**35** Let  $P(n) : n^2 + n + 1$  ( $n \in N$ ) is an even integer. Therefore,  $P(n)$  is true

- (a) for  $n > 1$  (b) for all  $n$  (c) for  $n > 2$  (d) None of these

**36** For all  $n \in N, 1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots + n \times n!$  is equal to **→ NCERT Exemplar**

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

**37** For each  $n \in N, 2^{3n} - 1$  is divisible by

- (a) 8 (b) 16  
(c) 32 (d) None of these

**38** Let  $S(k) = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = 3 + k^2$ .

Then, which of the following is true? **→ AIEEE 2004**

- (a)  $S(1)$  is correct  
(b)  $S(k) \Rightarrow S(k+1)$   
(c)  $S(k) \nRightarrow S(k+1)$   
(d) Principle of mathematical induction can be used to prove the formula

## DAY PRACTICE SESSION 2

# PROGRESSIVE QUESTIONS EXERCISE

**1** The coefficient of  $x^{2m+1}$  in the expansion of  $E = \frac{1}{(1+x)(1+x^2)(1+x^4)(1+x^8)\dots(1+x^{2^m})}, |x| < 1$  is

- (a) 3 (b) 2 (c) 1 (d) 0

**2**  $C_1 - \frac{C_2}{2} + \frac{C_3}{3} - \dots + (-1)^{n-1} \frac{C_n}{n}$  is equal to

- (a)  $1 - \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{n}$  (b)  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$   
(c)  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n-1}$  (d) None of these

**3** If the coefficient of  $x^5$  in  $\left[ax^2 + \frac{1}{bx}\right]^{10}$  is  $a$  times and equal to the coefficient of  $x^{-5}$  in  $\left[ax - \frac{1}{b^2x^2}\right]^{10}$ , then the value of  $ab$  is

- (a)  $(b)^{-3}$  (b)  $-(b)^6$  (c)  $(b)^{-1}$  (d) None of these

**4** The sum of coefficients of integral powers of  $x$  in the binomial expansion of  $(1 - 2\sqrt{x})^{50}$ , is **→ JEE Mains 2015**

- (a)  $\frac{1}{2}(3^{50} + 1)$  (b)  $\frac{1}{2}(3^{50})$   
(c)  $\frac{1}{2}(3^{50} - 1)$  (d)  $\frac{1}{2}(2^{50} + 1)$

**5** The term independent of  $x$  in expansion of  $\left(\frac{x+1}{x^{2/3}-x^{1/3}+1} - \frac{x-1}{x-x^{1/2}}\right)$  is **→ JEE Mains 2013**

- (a) 4 (b) 120 (c) 210 (d) 310

**6** If  $(1+x)^n = C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_nx^n$ , then  $C_0^2 + C_1^2 + C_2^2 + C_3^2 + \dots + C_n^2$  is equal to

- (a)  $\frac{n!}{n!n!}$  (b)  $\frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}$   
(c)  $\frac{(2n)!}{n!}$  (d) None of these

**7** If  $a$  and  $d$  are two complex numbers, then the sum to  $(n+1)$  terms of the following series

$$aC_0 - (a+d)C_1 + (a+2d)C_2 - \dots + \dots$$

- (a)  $\frac{a}{2^n}$  (b)  $na$   
(c) 0 (d) None of these

**8**  $\sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{m=p}^n \binom{n}{m} \binom{m}{p}$  is equal to

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

**9** The sum of the series

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

- (a)  $\frac{2^{mn} - 1}{2^{mn}(2^n - 1)}$  (b)  $\frac{2^{mn} - 1}{2^n - 1}$   
(c)  $\frac{2^{mn} + 1}{2^n + 1}$  (d) None of these

**10** The value of  $x$ , for which the 6th term in the expansion of

$$\left\{ 2^{\log_2 \sqrt{9^{x-1}+7}} + \frac{1}{2^{(1/5)\log_2(3^{x-1}+1)}} \right\}^7$$

- is 84, is equal to  
(a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) 5

**11** If the last term in the binomial expansion of  $\left(2^{1/3} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^n$

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

- (a) 210 (b) 420  
(c) 105 (d) None of these

**12** The sum of the coefficients of all odd degree terms in the expansion of

$$(x + \sqrt{x^3 - 1})^5 + (x - \sqrt{x^3 - 1})^5, (x > 1) \text{ is } \rightarrow \text{JEE Mains 2018}$$

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

- 13** The greatest value of the term independent of  $x$ , as  $\alpha$  varies over  $R$ , in the expansion of  $\left(x \cos \alpha + \frac{\sin \alpha}{x}\right)^{20}$  is
- (a)  ${}^{20}C_{10}$  (b)  ${}^{20}C_{15}$  (c)  ${}^{20}C_{19}$  (d) None of these

- 14 Statement I** For each natural number  $n$ ,  $(n+1)^7 - n^7 - 1$  is divisible by 7.

**Statement II** For each natural number  $n$ ,  $n^7 - n$  is divisible by 7.

**→ AIEEE 2011**

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

- 15** If the ratio of the fifth term from the beginning to the fifth term from the end in the expansion of  $\left(\sqrt[4]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}}\right)^n$  is  $\sqrt{6} : 1$ , then

**Statement I** The value of  $n$  is 10.

**Statement II**  $\frac{2^{\frac{n-4}{4}} \cdot 3^{-1}}{2 \cdot 3^{\frac{4+n}{4}}} = \sqrt{6}$

**→ NCERT Exemplar**

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

## ANSWERS

### SESSION 1

|               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|
| <b>1</b> (a)  | <b>2</b> (d)  | <b>3</b> (a)  | <b>4</b> (d)  | <b>5</b> (c)  | <b>6</b> (b)  | <b>7</b> (d)  | <b>8</b> (d)  | <b>9</b> (a)  | <b>10</b> (a) |
| <b>11</b> (c) | <b>12</b> (c) | <b>13</b> (d) | <b>14</b> (c) | <b>15</b> (a) | <b>16</b> (a) | <b>17</b> (b) | <b>18</b> (d) | <b>19</b> (a) | <b>20</b> (c) |
| <b>21</b> (a) | <b>22</b> (c) | <b>23</b> (c) | <b>24</b> (d) | <b>25</b> (c) | <b>26</b> (d) | <b>27</b> (b) | <b>28</b> (a) | <b>29</b> (b) | <b>30</b> (c) |
| <b>31</b> (a) | <b>32</b> (d) | <b>33</b> (b) | <b>34</b> (c) | <b>35</b> (d) | <b>36</b> (c) | <b>37</b> (d) | <b>38</b> (b) |               |               |

### SESSION 2

|               |               |               |               |               |              |              |              |              |               |
|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|---------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|---------------|
| <b>1</b> (c)  | <b>2</b> (b)  | <b>3</b> (b)  | <b>4</b> (a)  | <b>5</b> (c)  | <b>6</b> (b) | <b>7</b> (c) | <b>8</b> (d) | <b>9</b> (a) | <b>10</b> (c) |
| <b>11</b> (a) | <b>12</b> (d) | <b>13</b> (d) | <b>14</b> (b) | <b>15</b> (c) |              |              |              |              |               |

## Hints and Explanations

- 1** Given that,  $(1+ax)^n = 1 + 8x + 24x^2 + \dots$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 + \frac{n}{1}ax + \frac{n(n-1)}{1 \cdot 2}a^2x^2 + \dots$

$$= 1 + 8x + 24x^2 + \dots$$

On comparing the coefficients of  $x, x^2$ , we get

$$na = 8, \frac{n(n-1)}{1 \cdot 2}a^2 = 24$$

$$\Rightarrow na(n-1)a = 48$$

$$\Rightarrow 8(8-a) = 48 \Rightarrow 8-a = 6$$

$$\Rightarrow a = 2 \Rightarrow n = 4$$

- 2** Coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $(1+x)^{2n} = {}^{2n}C_n$

and coefficient of  $x^n$

in  $(1+x)^{2n-1} = {}^{2n-1}C_n$

$\therefore$  Required ratio

$$= \frac{{}^{2n}C_n}{{}^{2n-1}C_n} = \frac{\frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}}{\frac{(2n-1)!}{n!(n-1)!}} = 2:1$$

- 3** We have,  $(1.002)^{12}$  or it can be rewritten as  $(1+0.002)^{12}$

$$\Rightarrow (1.002)^{12} = 1 + {}^{12}C_1(0.002)$$

$$+ {}^{12}C_2(0.002)^2 + {}^{12}C_3(0.002)^3 + \dots$$

We want the answer upto 4 decimal places and as such we have left further expansion.

$$\therefore (1.002)^{12} = 1 + 12(0.002)$$

$$+ \frac{12 \cdot 11}{1 \cdot 2}(0.002)^2 + \frac{12 \cdot 11 \cdot 10}{1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3}(0.002)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + 0.024 + 2.64 \times 10^{-4} + 1.76 \times 10^{-6} + \dots$$

$$= 1.0242$$

- 4**  $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^n = \{(1+x)^n(1+x^2)^n\}$   
 $= (1 + {}^nC_1x + {}^nC_2x^2 + {}^nC_3x^3 + {}^nC_4x^4 + \dots + {}^nC_nx^n)$   
 $(1 + {}^nC_1x^2 + {}^nC_2x^4 + \dots + {}^nC_nx^{2n})$

Therefore, the coefficient of  $x^4$

$$= {}^nC_2 + {}^nC_2 \cdot {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_4$$

$$= {}^nC_4 + {}^nC_2 + {}^nC_1 \cdot {}^nC_2$$

- 5**  $\left(\frac{1}{x} + x \sin x\right)^{10}$

Here,  $n = 10$  [even]

$$\Rightarrow \text{Middle term} = \left(\frac{10}{2} + 1\right)\text{th} = 6\text{th}$$

$$T_6 = {}^{10}C_5 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{10-5} (x \sin x)^5$$

$$\Rightarrow 252(\sin x)^5 = 7 \cdot \frac{7}{8} = \frac{63}{8}$$

$$\Rightarrow (\sin x)^5 = \frac{1}{32} \Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \sin x = \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$$

$$\therefore x = n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{6}$$

- 6**  $T_7 = {}^9C_6 \left(\frac{3}{\sqrt[3]{84}}\right)^3 (\sqrt{3} \ln x)^6 = 729$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{84 \times 3^3}{84} \times 3^3 \times (\ln x)^6 = 729$$

$$= (\ln x)^6 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x = e$$

- 7** Clearly number of terms in the expansion of

$$\left(1 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2}\right)^n \text{ is } \frac{(n+2)(n+1)}{2} \text{ or } {}^{n+2}C_2.$$

[assuming  $\frac{1}{x}$  and  $\frac{1}{x^2}$  distinct]

$$\therefore \frac{(n+2)(n+1)}{2} = 28$$

$$\Rightarrow (n+2)(n+1) = 56 = (6+1)(6+2)$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 6$$

$$\text{Hence, sum of coefficients} = (1-2+4)^6 = 3^6 = 729$$

- 8** Since, in a binomial expansion of  $(a-b)^n$ ,  $n \geq 5$ , the sum of 5th and 6th terms is equal to zero.

$$\therefore {}^nC_4 a^{n-4}(-b)^4 + {}^nC_5 a^{n-5}(-b)^5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{(n-4)!4!} a^{n-4} \cdot b^4 - \frac{n!}{(n-5)!5!} a^{n-5} b^5 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n!}{(n-5)!4!} a^{n-5} \cdot b^4 \left(\frac{a}{n-4} - \frac{b}{5}\right) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{a}{b} = \frac{n-4}{5}$$

- 9** The given expression is  $1 + (1+x) + (1+x)^2 + \dots + (1+x)^n$  being in GP.

$$\text{Let, } S = 1 + (1+x) + (1+x)^2 + \dots + (1+x)^n$$

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

$$\therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^k \text{ in } S = \frac{\text{The coefficient of } x^{k+1} \text{ in } [(1+x)^{n+1} - 1]}{1} = {}^{n+1}C_{k+1}$$

- 10** We have,  $(1+t^2)^{12}(1+t^{12})(1+t^{24})$
- $$= (1 + {}^{12}C_1 t^2 + {}^{12}C_2 t^4 + \dots + {}^{12}C_{12} t^{24} + \dots)(1 + t^{12} + t^{24} + t^{36})$$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } t^{24} \text{ in } (1+t^2)^{12}(1+t^{12})(1+t^{24}) = {}^{12}C_6 + {}^{12}C_{12} + 1 = {}^{12}C_6 + 2$$

- 11** The given sigma expansion

$$\sum_{m=0}^{100} {}^{100}C_m (x-3)^{100-m} \cdot 2^m \text{ can be written as } [(x-3) + 2]^{100} = (x-1)^{100} = (1-x)^{100}$$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^{53} \text{ in } (1-x)^{100} = (-1)^{53} {}^{100}C_{53} = -{}^{100}C_{53}$$

- 12** Given expression is  $\left(\frac{p}{2} + 2\right)^8$

$$\text{Here, } n = 8 \text{ [even]}$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{Middle term} = \left(\frac{8}{2} + 1\right)\text{th term}$$

$$= 5\text{th term}$$

$$T_5 = {}^8C_4 (p/2)^{8-4} (2^4)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \times \frac{p^4}{2^4} \times 2^4 = 1120$$

$$\Rightarrow p^4 = 16$$

$$\Rightarrow p = \pm 2$$

$$\mathbf{13} \left(1 + x + \frac{2}{x}\right)^6 = 1 + \binom{6}{1} \left(x + \frac{2}{x}\right) + \binom{6}{2} \left(x + \frac{2}{x}\right)^2 + \dots + \binom{6}{6} \left(x + \frac{2}{x}\right)^6$$

$$\therefore \text{Constant term} = 1 + \binom{6}{2} \binom{2}{1} 2^1 + \binom{6}{4} \binom{4}{2} 2^2 + \binom{6}{6} \binom{6}{3} 2^3$$

$$= 1 + 60 + 360 + 160 = 581$$

$$\mathbf{14} (1+x)^m (1-x)^n = \left\{1 + mx + \frac{m(m-1)x^2}{2!} + \dots\right\} \left\{1 - nx + \frac{n(n-1)x^2}{2!} - \dots\right\}$$

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

Given,  $m-n=3 \Rightarrow n=m-3$

and  $\frac{n^2-n}{2} - mn + \frac{m^2-m}{2} = -6$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(m-3)(m-4)}{2} - m(m-3) + \frac{m^2-m}{2} = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow m^2 - 7m + 12 - 2m^2 + 6m + \frac{m^2-m}{2} = -6$$

$$\Rightarrow -2m + 24 = 0 \Rightarrow m = 12$$

$$\mathbf{15} (\sqrt{3} + 1)^{2n} = {}^{2n}C_0 (\sqrt{3})^{2n} + {}^{2n}C_1 (\sqrt{3})^{2n-1} + {}^{2n}C_2 (\sqrt{3})^{2n-2} + \dots + {}^{2n}C_{2n} (\sqrt{3})^{2n-2n}$$

$$(\sqrt{3} - 1)^{2n} = {}^{2n}C_0 (\sqrt{3})^{2n} (-1)^0 + {}^{2n}C_1 (\sqrt{3})^{2n-1} (-1)^1 + {}^{2n}C_2 (\sqrt{3})^{2n-2} (-1)^2 + \dots + {}^{2n}C_{2n} (\sqrt{3})^{2n-2n} (-1)^{2n}$$

Adding both the binomial expansions above, we get

$$(\sqrt{3} + 1)^{2n} - (\sqrt{3} - 1)^{2n} = 2[{}^{2n}C_1 (\sqrt{3})^{2n-1} + {}^{2n}C_3 (\sqrt{3})^{2n-3} + {}^{2n}C_5 (\sqrt{3})^{2n-5} + \dots + {}^{2n}C_{2n-1} (\sqrt{3})^{2n-(2n-1)}]$$

which is most certainly an irrational number because of odd powers of  $\sqrt{3}$  in each of the terms.

- 16**  $\therefore$  General term is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{21}C_r \left(3\sqrt{\frac{a}{b}}\right)^{21-r} \left(\sqrt{\frac{b}{3a}}\right)^r$$

$$= {}^{21}C_r a^{7-\frac{r}{2}} \cdot b^{\frac{2r}{3}-\frac{7}{2}}$$

$$\therefore \text{Power of } a = \text{Power of } b \text{ [given]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 7 - \frac{r}{2} = \frac{2}{3}r - \frac{7}{2}$$

$$\therefore r = 9$$

- 17** The general term in the expansion of

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{n-3} \text{ is given by}$$

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

$$= {}^{n-3}C_r x^{n-3-3r}$$

As  $x^{2k}$  occurs in the expansion of

$$\left(x + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{n-3}, \text{ we must have}$$

$n-3-3r = 2k$  for some non-negative integer  $r$ .

$$\Rightarrow 3(1+r) = n-2k$$

$$\Rightarrow n-2k \text{ is a multiple of } 3.$$

$$\mathbf{18} T_{r+1} = {}^{15}C_r (x^2)^{15-r} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{x}\right)^r$$

$$= {}^{15}C_r x^{30-2r} \cdot 2^r \cdot x^{-r}$$

$$= {}^{15}C_r \cdot x^{30-3r} \cdot 2^r \quad \dots(i)$$

For coefficient of  $x^{15}$ , put  $30-3r = 15$

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

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^{15} = {}^{15}C_5 \cdot 2^5$$

For coefficient of independent of  $x$

$$\text{i.e. } x^0 \text{ put } 30-3r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 10$$

$$\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^0 = {}^{15}C_{10} \cdot 2^{10}$$

$$\text{By condition } \Rightarrow \frac{\text{Coefficient of } x^{15}}{\text{Coefficient of } x^0}$$

$$= \frac{{}^{15}C_5 \cdot 2^5}{{}^{15}C_{10} \cdot 2^{10}} = \frac{{}^{15}C_5 \cdot 2^5}{{}^{15}C_{10} \cdot 2^{10}} = 1:32$$

- 19** Greatest term in the expansion of

$$(1+x)^n \text{ is } T_{r+1}$$

$$\text{where, } r = \left\lfloor \frac{(n+1)x}{1+x} \right\rfloor$$

$$\text{Here, } n = 20, x = \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$$

$$\therefore r = \left\lfloor \frac{21}{\sqrt{3}+1} \right\rfloor$$

$$= [10.5(\sqrt{3}-1)] = (7.69) \approx 7$$

Hence, greatest term is

$$\sqrt{3} \binom{20}{7} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}\right)^7 = \binom{20}{7} \frac{1}{27}$$

$$\mathbf{20} \therefore (3+2x)^{50} = 3^{50} \left(1 + \frac{2x}{3}\right)^{50}$$

$$\text{Here, } T_{r+1} = 3^{50} {}^{50}C_r \left(\frac{2x}{3}\right)^r$$

$$\text{and } T_r = 3^{50} {}^{50}C_{r-1} \left(\frac{2x}{3}\right)^{r-1}$$

$$\text{But } x = \frac{1}{5} \text{ (given)}$$

$$\therefore \frac{T_{r+1}}{T_r} \geq 1 \Rightarrow \frac{{}^{50}C_r}{{}^{50}C_{r-1}} \cdot \frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{1}{5} \geq 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 102-2r \geq 15r \Rightarrow r \leq 6$$



**21** Sum of the coefficients in the expansion of

$$(x - 2y + 3z)^n \text{ is } (1 - 2 + 3)^n = 2^n$$

$$\therefore 2^n = 128 \Rightarrow n = 7$$

Therefore, the greatest coefficient in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^7$  is  ${}^7C_3$  or  ${}^7C_4$  because both are equal to 35.

**22** In the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$ , the general term  $= {}^{2n}C_k x^k, 0 \leq k \leq 2n$

As given for  $r > 1, n > 2$ ,

$${}^{2n}C_{3r} = {}^{2n}C_{r+2}$$

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

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

$$(\because {}^nC_x = {}^nC_y \Rightarrow x + y = n \text{ or } x = y)$$

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

We take the relation only

$$n = 2r + 1 \quad (\because r > 1)$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{23} \text{ Let } b &= \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{r}{{}^nC_r} = \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{n - (n - r)}{{}^nC_r} \\ &= n \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{1}{{}^nC_r} - \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{n - r}{{}^nC_r} \\ &= na_n - \sum_{r=0}^n \frac{n - r}{{}^nC_{n-r}} \quad (\because {}^nC_r = {}^nC_{n-r}) \\ &= na_n - b \Rightarrow 2b = na_n \Rightarrow b = \frac{n}{2} a_n \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{24} \text{ Let } E &= \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r {}^nC_r \left( \frac{1 + rx}{1 + nx} \right) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{1 + nx} \right) \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r {}^nC_r (1 + rx) \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{1 + nx} \right) \left\{ \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \cdot {}^nC_r \right. \\ &\quad \left. + x \sum_{r=0}^n r(-1)^r {}^nC_r \right\} \\ &= \left( \frac{1}{1 + nx} \right) (0 + 0) = 0 \\ &[\because {}^nC_0 - {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 - {}^nC_3 + \dots + (-1)^n {}^nC_n = 0] \end{aligned}$$

**25** Let

$$\begin{aligned} A &= \binom{30}{0} \binom{30}{10} - \binom{30}{1} \binom{30}{11} \\ &\quad + \binom{30}{2} \binom{30}{12} - \dots + \binom{30}{20} \binom{30}{30} \\ \text{or } A &= {}^{30}C_0 \cdot {}^{30}C_{10} - {}^{30}C_1 \cdot {}^{30}C_{11} \\ &\quad + {}^{30}C_2 \cdot {}^{30}C_{12} - \dots + {}^{30}C_{20} \cdot {}^{30}C_{30} \\ &= \text{Coefficient of } x^{20} \text{ in } (1 + x)^{30} (1 - x)^{30} \\ &= \text{Coefficient of } x^{20} \text{ in } (1 - x^2)^{30} \\ &= \text{Coefficient of } x^{20} \text{ in } \sum_{r=0}^{30} (-1)^r {}^{30}C_r (x^2)^r \\ &= (-1)^{10} {}^{30}C_{10} \\ &\quad (\text{for coefficient of } x^{20}, \text{ let } r = 10) \\ &= {}^{30}C_{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{26} \quad &({}^{21}C_1 - {}^{10}C_1) + ({}^{21}C_2 - {}^{10}C_2) \\ &\quad + ({}^{21}C_3 - {}^{10}C_3) + \dots + ({}^{21}C_{10} - {}^{10}C_{10}) \\ &= ({}^{21}C_1 + {}^{21}C_2 + \dots + {}^{21}C_{10}) \\ &\quad - ({}^{10}C_1 + {}^{10}C_2 + \dots + {}^{10}C_{10}) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ({}^{21}C_1 + {}^{21}C_2 + \dots + {}^{21}C_{20}) - (2^{10} - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} ({}^{21}C_1 + {}^{21}C_2 + \dots + {}^{21}C_{21} - 1) - (2^{10} - 1) \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (2^{21} - 2) - (2^{10} - 1) = 2^{20} - 1 - 2^{10} + 1 \\ &= 2^{20} - 2^{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{27} \text{ We know that,} \\ (1 + x)^{20} &= {}^{20}C_0 + {}^{20}C_1 x + \dots \\ &\quad + {}^{20}C_{10} x^{10} + \dots + {}^{20}C_{20} x^{20} \end{aligned}$$

On putting  $x = -1$  in the above expansion, we get

$$\begin{aligned} 0 &= {}^{20}C_0 - {}^{20}C_1 + \dots - {}^{20}C_9 + {}^{20}C_{10} \\ &\quad - {}^{20}C_{11} + \dots + {}^{20}C_{20} \\ \Rightarrow 0 &= {}^{20}C_0 - {}^{20}C_1 + \dots - {}^{20}C_9 + {}^{20}C_{10} \\ &\quad - {}^{20}C_9 + \dots + {}^{20}C_0 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow 0 &= 2({}^{20}C_0 - {}^{20}C_1 + \dots - {}^{20}C_9) + {}^{20}C_{10} \\ \Rightarrow {}^{20}C_{10} &= 2({}^{20}C_0 - {}^{20}C_1 + \dots + {}^{20}C_{10}) \\ \Rightarrow {}^{20}C_0 - {}^{20}C_1 + \dots + {}^{20}C_{10} &= \frac{1}{2} {}^{20}C_{10} \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{28} \text{ Since, } x(1 + x)^n &= xC_0 + C_1 x^2 \\ &\quad + C_2 x^3 + \dots + C_n x^{n+1} \end{aligned}$$

On differentiating w.r.t.  $x$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} (1 + x)^n + nx(1 + x)^{n-1} \\ = C_0 + 2C_1 x + 3C_2 x^2 \\ \quad + \dots + (n + 1)C_n x^n \end{aligned}$$

Put  $x = 1$ , we get

$$\begin{aligned} C_0 + 2C_1 + 3C_2 + \dots + (n + 1)C_n \\ = 2^n + n2^{n-1} = 2^{n-1}(n + 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{29} \text{ Let } f &= (8 - 3\sqrt{7})^{10}, \text{ here } 0 < f < 1 \\ \therefore (8 + 3\sqrt{7})^{10} + (8 - 3\sqrt{7})^{10} &\text{ is an integer,} \\ \text{hence this is the value of } n. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{30} \text{ We have,} \\ 49^n + 16n - 1 &= (1 + 48)^n + 16n - 1 \\ &= 1 + {}^nC_1(48) + {}^nC_2(48)^2 + \dots \\ &\quad + {}^nC_n(48)^n + 16n - 1 \\ &= (48n + 16n) + {}^nC_2(48)^2 + {}^nC_3(48)^3 + \dots \\ &\quad + {}^nC_n(48)^n \\ &= 64n + 8^2[{}^nC_2 \cdot 6^2 + {}^nC_3 \cdot 6^3 \cdot 8 \\ &\quad + {}^nC_4 \cdot 6^4 \cdot 8^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n \cdot 6^n \cdot 8^{n-2}] \\ \text{Hence, } 49^n + 16n - 1 &\text{ is divisible by } 64. \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{31} \text{ Since, } \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)^n &< 3 \text{ for } \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \\ \text{Now, } \frac{(1001)^{999}}{(1000)^{1000}} &= \frac{1}{1001} \left(\frac{1001}{1000}\right)^{1000} \\ &= \frac{1}{1001} \left(1 + \frac{1}{1000}\right)^{1000} < \frac{1}{1001} \cdot 3 < 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$(1001)^{999} < (1000)^{1000}$$

$$\therefore B < A$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{32} \text{ Since, } {}^{n-1}C_r &= (k^2 - 3) \frac{n}{r + 1} {}^{n-1}C_r \\ \Rightarrow k^2 - 3 &= \frac{r + 1}{n} \\ \Rightarrow 0 < k^2 - 3 &\leq 1 \\ \left[ \because n \geq r \Rightarrow \frac{r + 1}{n} \leq 1 \text{ and } n, r > 0 \right] \\ \Rightarrow 3 < k^2 &\leq 4 \\ \text{Hence, } k &\in [-2, -\sqrt{3}] \cup (\sqrt{3}, 2) \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{33} \quad &8^{2n} - (62)^{2n+1} = (1 + 63)^n - (63 - 1)^{2n+1} \\ &= (1 + 63)^n + (1 - 63)^{2n+1} \\ &= [1 + {}^nC_1 \cdot 63 + {}^nC_2 \cdot (63)^2 + \dots + (63)^n] \\ &\quad + [1 - {}^{2n-1}C_1 \cdot 63 + {}^{(2n+1)}C_2 \cdot (63)^2 - \dots \\ &\quad + (-1)(63)^{(2n+1)}] \\ &= 2 + 63[{}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2(63) + \dots \\ &\quad + (63)^{n-1} - (2n+1)C_1 \\ &\quad + (2n+1)C_2(63) - \dots + (-1)(63)^{2n}] \end{aligned}$$

Hence, remainder is 2.

$$\begin{aligned} \textbf{34} \text{ Since, } (r + 1)\text{th term in the expansion of} \\ (1 + x)^{27/5} \\ = \frac{27}{5} \left( \frac{27}{5} - 1 \right) \dots \left( \frac{27}{5} - r + 1 \right) x^r \\ = \frac{27}{5} \left( \frac{27}{5} - 1 \right) \dots \left( \frac{27}{5} - r + 1 \right) x^r \end{aligned}$$

Now, this term will be negative, if the last factor in numerator is the only one negative factor.

$$\begin{aligned} \Rightarrow \frac{27}{5} - r + 1 < 0 \Rightarrow \frac{32}{5} < r \\ \Rightarrow 6.4 < r \Rightarrow \text{least value of } r \text{ is } 7. \\ \text{Thus, first negative term will be 8th.} \end{aligned}$$

$$\textbf{35} \text{ Given, } P(n) : n^2 + n + 1$$

At  $n = 1, P(1) : 3$ , which is not an even integer.

Thus,  $P(1)$  is not true.

Also,  $n(n + 1) + 1$  is always an odd integer.

**36** Let the statement  $P(n)$  be defined as

$$\begin{aligned} P(n) : 1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! \dots \\ \quad + n \times n! = (n + 1)! - 1 \end{aligned}$$

for all natural numbers  $n$ .

Note that  $P(1)$  is true, since

$$P(1) : 1 \times 1! = 1 = 2 - 1 = 2! - 1$$

Assume that  $P(n)$  is true for some natural number  $k$ , i.e.

$$\begin{aligned} P(k) : 1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots \\ \quad + k \times k! = (k + 1)! - 1 \quad \dots(i) \end{aligned}$$

To prove  $P(k + 1)$  is true, we have

$$\begin{aligned} P(k + 1) : 1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! \\ \quad + 3 \times 3! + \dots + k \times k! \\ \quad + (k + 1) \times (k + 1)! \\ = (k + 1)! - 1 + (k + 1)! \times (k + 1) \\ \quad [\text{by Eq. (i)}] \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= (k + 1 + 1)(k + 1)! - 1 \\ &= (k + 2)(k + 1)! - 1 = (k + 2)! - 1 \end{aligned}$$



Thus,  $P(k+1)$  is true, whenever  $P(k)$  is true. Therefore, by the principle of mathematical induction,  $P(n)$  is true for all natural numbers  $n$ .

**37** Now,  $2^{3n} - 1 = (2^3)^n - 1 = (1 + 7)^n - 1$   
 $= 1 + {}^nC_1 \cdot 7 + {}^nC_2 \cdot 7^2 + \dots$   
 $\quad \quad \quad + {}^nC_n \cdot 7^n - 1$   
 $= 7[{}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 \cdot 7 + \dots + {}^nC_n \cdot 7^{n-1}]$   
Hence, 7 divides  $2^{3n} - 1$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

**38**  $S(k) = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = 3 + k^2$   
Put  $k = 1$  in both sides, we get  
LHS = 1 and RHS =  $3 + 1 = 4$   
 $\Rightarrow$  LHS  $\neq$  RHS  
Put  $(k+1)$  in both sides in the place of  $k$ , we get  
LHS =  $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) + (2k+1)$   
RHS =  $3 + (k+1)^2 = 3 + k^2 + 2k + 1$   
Let LHS = RHS  
 $1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) + (2k+1)$   
 $= 3 + k^2 + 2k + 1$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = 3 + k^2$   
If  $S(k)$  is true, then  $S(k+1)$  is also true.  
Hence,  $S(k) \Rightarrow S(k+1)$

## SESSION 2

- 1** Multiplying the numerator and denominator by  $1-x$ , we have

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

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

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

$$= \frac{1-x}{(1-x^{2^{m+1}})} = (1-x)(1-x^{2^{m+1}})^{-1}$$

$$= (1-x)(1+x^{2^{m+1}} + x^{2^{m+2}} + \dots)$$

$\therefore$  Coefficient of  $x^{2^{m+1}}$  is 1.

**2** Since,  $(1-x)^n = C_0 - C_1 \cdot x + C_2 \cdot x^2 - C_3 \cdot x^3 + \dots$   
 $\Rightarrow 1 - (1-x)^n = C_1 \cdot x - C_2 \cdot x^2 + C_3 \cdot x^3 - \dots$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{1 - (1-x)^n}{x} = C_1 - C_2 \cdot x + C_3 \cdot x^2 - \dots$   
 $\Rightarrow \int_0^1 (C_1 - C_2 \cdot x + C_3 \cdot x^2 - \dots) dx$   
 $= \int_0^1 \frac{1 - (1-x)^n}{1 - (1-x)} dx$   
 $\Rightarrow \frac{C_1}{1} - \frac{C_2}{2} + \frac{C_3}{3} - \dots = \int_0^1 \frac{1 - x^n}{1-x} dx$   
 $\left[ \because \int_0^1 f(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(1-x) dx \right]$

$$= \int_0^1 (1 + x + x^2 + \dots + x^{n-1}) dx$$

$$= \left[ x + \frac{x^2}{2} + \dots + \frac{x^n}{n} \right]_0^1 = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$$

- 3** General term is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r \cdot (a \cdot x^2)^{10-r} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{bx}\right)^r$$

$$= {}^{10}C_r \cdot (a)^{10-r} \left(\frac{1}{b}\right)^r (x)^{20-3r}$$

Since,  $x^5$  occurs in  $T_{r+1}$ .

$$\therefore 20 - 3r = 5$$

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

So, the coefficient of  $x^5$  is  ${}^{10}C_5(a)^5(b)^{-5}$ .

Again, let  $x^{-5}$  occurs in  $T_{r+1}$  of

$$\left[ a \cdot x - \frac{1}{b^2 \cdot x^2} \right]^{10} \text{ is } {}^{10}C_r (ax)^{10-r} \left( -\frac{1}{b^2 x^2} \right)^r$$

$$= {}^{10}C_r (a)^{10-r} \left( -\frac{1}{b^2} \right)^r (x)^{10-3r}$$

$$10 - 3r = -5 \Rightarrow 15 = 3r \Rightarrow r = 5$$

So, the coefficient of  $x^{-5}$  is  $-{}^{10}C_5 \frac{a^5}{b^{10}}$ .

According to the given condition,

$${}^{10}C_5 \frac{a^5}{b^5} = -a {}^{10}C_5 \frac{a^5}{b^{10}}$$

$$\Rightarrow -b^5 = a \Rightarrow -b^6 = ab$$

- 4** Let  $T_{r+1}$  be the general term in the expansion of  $(1 - 2\sqrt{x})^{50}$ .

$$\therefore T_{r+1} = {}^{50}C_r (1)^{50-r} (-2x^{1/2})^r$$

$$= {}^{50}C_r \cdot 2^r \cdot x^{r/2} (-1)^r$$

For the integral power of  $x$  and  $r$  should be even integer.

$$\therefore \text{Sum of coefficients} = \sum_{r=0}^{25} {}^{50}C_{2r} (2)^{2r}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2} [(1+2)^{50} + (1-2)^{50}] = \frac{1}{2} [3^{50} + 1]$$

### Alternate Method

We have,

$$(1 - 2\sqrt{x})^{50} = C_0 - C_1 \cdot 2\sqrt{x} + C_2(2\sqrt{x})^2 + \dots + C_{50}(2\sqrt{x})^{50} \quad \dots (i)$$

$$(1 + 2\sqrt{x})^{50} = C_0 + C_1 \cdot 2\sqrt{x} + C_2(2\sqrt{x})^2 + \dots + C_{50}(2\sqrt{x})^{50} \quad \dots (ii)$$

On adding Eqs. (i) and (ii), we get

$$(1 - 2\sqrt{x})^{50} + (1 + 2\sqrt{x})^{50}$$

$$= 2[C_0 + C_2(2\sqrt{x})^2 + \dots + C_{50}(2\sqrt{x})^{50}]$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(1 - 2\sqrt{x})^{50} + (1 + 2\sqrt{x})^{50}}{2}$$

$$= C_0 + C_2(2\sqrt{x})^2 + \dots + C_{50}(2\sqrt{x})^{50}$$

On putting  $x = 1$ , we get

$$\frac{(1 - 2\sqrt{1})^{50} + (1 + 2\sqrt{1})^{50}}{2}$$

$$= C_0 + C_2(2)^2 + \dots + C_{50}(2)^{50}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{(-1)^{50} + (3)^{50}}{2}$$

$$= C_0 + C_2(2)^2 + \dots + C_{50}(2)^{50}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1 + 3^{50}}{2} = C_0 + C_2(2)^2 + \dots + C_{50}(2)^{50}$$

**5**  $\left[ \frac{x+1}{x^{2/3} - x^{1/3} + 1} - \frac{(x-1)}{x - x^{1/2}} \right]^{10}$

$$= \left[ \frac{(x^{1/3})^3 + 1^3}{x^{2/3} - x^{1/3} + 1} - \frac{\{(\sqrt{x})^2 - 1\}}{\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x} - 1)} \right]^{10}$$

$$= \left[ \frac{(x^{1/3} + 1)(x^{2/3} + 1 - x^{1/3})}{x^{2/3} - x^{1/3} + 1} - \frac{\{(\sqrt{x})^2 - 1\}}{\sqrt{x}(\sqrt{x} - 1)} \right]^{10}$$

$$= \left[ (x^{1/3} + 1) - \frac{(\sqrt{x} + 1)}{\sqrt{x}} \right]^{10} = (x^{1/3} - x^{-1/2})^{10}$$

$\therefore$  The genreal term is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{10}C_r (x^{1/3})^{10-r} (-x^{-1/2})^r$$

$$= {}^{10}C_r (-1)^r x^{\frac{10-r}{3} - \frac{r}{2}}$$

For independent for  $x$ , put

$$\frac{10-r}{3} - \frac{r}{2} = 0 \Rightarrow 20 - 2r - 3r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow 20 = 5r \Rightarrow r = 4$$

$$\therefore T_5 = {}^{10}C_4 = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = 210$$

- 6** We have,

$$(1+x)^n = C_0 + C_1 x + C_2 x^2 + \dots + C_n x^n \quad \dots (i)$$

$$\text{and} \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n = C_0 + C_1 \frac{1}{x} + C_2 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^2 + \dots + C_n \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^n \quad \dots (ii)$$

On multiplying Eqs. (i) and (ii) and taking coefficient of constant terms in right hand side =  $C_0^2 + C_1^2 + C_2^2 + \dots + C_n^2$

In right hand side  $(1+x)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$  or in

$\frac{1}{x^n} (1+x)^{2n}$  or term containing  $x^n$  in  $(1+x)^{2n}$ . Clearly, the coefficient of  $x^n$  in  $(1+x)^{2n}$  is equal to  ${}^{2n}C_n = \frac{(2n)!}{n!n!}$ .

- 7** We can write,

$$aC_0 - (a+d)C_1 + (a+2d)C_2 - \dots$$

upto  $(n+1)$  terms

$$= a(C_0 - C_1 + C_2 - \dots)$$

$$+ d(-C_1 + 2C_2 - 3C_3 + \dots) \quad \dots (i)$$

We know,

$$(1-x)^n = C_0 - C_1 x + C_2 x^2 - \dots + (-1)^n C_n x^n \quad \dots (ii)$$

On differentiating Eq. (ii) w.r.t.  $x$ ,

$$\text{we get } -n(1-x)^{n-1} = -C_1 + 2C_2 x - \dots + (-1)^n n C_n x^{n-1} \quad \dots (iii)$$

On putting  $x = 1$  in Eqs. (ii) and (iii), we get

$$C_0 - C_1 + C_2 - \dots + (-1)^n C_n = 0 \quad \dots (iv)$$

$$\text{and } -C_1 + 2C_2 - \dots + (-1)^n C_n = 0 \quad \dots (v)$$

From Eq. (i),

$$aC_0 - (a+d)C_1 + (a+2d)C_2 - \dots + \text{upto } (n+1) \text{ terms} \\ = a \cdot 0 + d \cdot 0 = 0$$

[from Eqs. (iv) and (v)]

$$\mathbf{8} \text{ Since, } \binom{n}{m} \binom{m}{p} = \frac{n!}{(n-m)! p! (m-p)!} \\ = \binom{n}{p} \binom{n-p}{m-p}$$

$\therefore$  Given series can be rewritten as

$$\sum_{p=1}^n \sum_{m=p}^n \binom{n}{p} \binom{n-p}{m-p} \\ = \sum_{p=1}^n \binom{n}{p} \sum_{m=p}^n \binom{n-p}{m-p} \\ = \sum_{p=1}^n \binom{n}{p} \sum_{t=0}^{n-p} \binom{n-p}{t} \\ = \sum_{p=1}^n \binom{n}{p} 2^{n-p} \quad [\text{put } m-p=t] \\ = 2^n \sum_{p=1}^n \binom{n}{p} \cdot \frac{1}{2^p} = 2^n \left[ \left(1 + \frac{1}{2}\right)^n - 1 \right] \\ = 3^n - 2^n$$

$$\mathbf{9} \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \\ {}^nC_r \left\{ \frac{1}{2^r} + \frac{3^r}{2^{2r}} + \frac{7^r}{2^{3r}} + \dots \text{upto } m \text{ terms} \right\} \\ = \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r {}^nC_r \cdot \frac{1}{2^r} + \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r \cdot {}^nC_r \frac{3^r}{2^{2r}} \\ + \sum_{r=0}^n (-1)^r {}^nC_r \frac{7^r}{2^{3r}} + \dots \\ = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{3}{4}\right)^n + \left(1 - \frac{7}{8}\right)^n + \dots \\ \text{upto } m \text{ terms} \\ = \frac{1}{2^n} + \frac{1}{2^{2n}} + \frac{1}{2^{3n}} \dots \text{upto } m \text{ terms} \\ = \frac{1}{2^n} \left\{ 1 - \left(\frac{1}{2^n}\right)^m \right\} \\ = \frac{2^{mn} - 1}{\left(1 - \frac{1}{2^n}\right)} = \frac{2^{mn}(2^n - 1)}{2^n}$$

**10** We have,

$$\left[ 2^{\log_2 \sqrt{9^{x-1}+7}} + \frac{1}{2^{(1/5)\log_2(3^{x-1}+1)}} \right]^7 \\ = \left[ \sqrt{9^{x-1}+7} + \frac{1}{(3^{x-1}+1)^{1/5}} \right]^7 \\ \therefore T_6 = {}^7C_5 (\sqrt{9^{x-1}+7})^7 \cdot \left[ \frac{1}{(3^{x-1}+1)^{1/5}} \right]^5 \\ = {}^7C_5 (9^{x-1}+7) \frac{1}{(3^{x-1}+1)} \\ \Rightarrow 84 = {}^7C_5 \frac{(9^{x-1}+7)}{(3^{x-1}+1)} \\ \Rightarrow 9^{x-1}+7 = 4(3^{x-1}+1)$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{3^{2x}}{9} + 7 = 4 \left( \frac{3^x}{3} + 1 \right) \\ \Rightarrow 3^{2x} - 12(3^x) + 27 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow y^2 - 12y + 27 = 0 \quad (\text{put } y = 3^x) \\ \Rightarrow (y-3)(y-9) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow y = 3, 9 \\ \Rightarrow 3^x = 3, 9 \\ \Rightarrow x = 1, 2$$

**11** Last term of  $\left(2^{1/3} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^n$  is

$$T_{n+1} = {}^nC_n (2^{1/3})^{n-n} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^n \\ = {}^nC_n (-1)^n \frac{1}{2^{n/2}} = \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n/2}}$$

Also, we have

$$\left(\frac{1}{3^{5/3}}\right)^{\log_3 8} = 3^{-(5/3)\log_3 2^3} = 2^{-5}$$

$$\text{Thus, } \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n/2}} = 2^{-5} \Rightarrow \frac{(-1)^n}{2^{n/2}} = \frac{(-1)^{10}}{2^5}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n}{2} = 5 \Rightarrow n = 10$$

$$\text{Now, } T_5 = T_{4+1} = {}^{10}C_4 (2^{1/3})^{10-4} \left(-\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}\right)^4 \\ = \frac{10!}{4!6!} (2^{1/3})^6 (-1)^4 (2^{-1/2})^4 \\ = 210(2)^2(1)(2^{-2}) = 210$$

**12 Key idea**  $= (a+b)^n + (a-b)^n$   
 $= 2({}^nC_0 a^n + {}^nC_2 a^{n-2} b^2 + {}^nC_4 a^{n-4} b^4 \dots)$   
 We have  
 $(x + \sqrt{x^3-1})^5 + (x - \sqrt{x^3-1})^5, x > 1$   
 $= 2({}^5C_0 x^5 + {}^5C_2 x^3 (\sqrt{x^3-1})^2$   
 $+ {}^5C_4 x (\sqrt{x^3-1})^4)$   
 $= 2(x^5 + 10x^3(x^3-1) + 5x(x^3-1)^2)$   
 $= 2(x^5 + 10x^6 - 10x^3 + 5x^7 - 10x^4 + 5x)$   
 Sum of coefficients of all odd degree terms is  
 $2(1 - 10 + 5 + 5) = 2$

**13** The general term in the expansion of

$$\left(x \cos \alpha + \frac{\sin \alpha}{x}\right)^{20} \text{ is}$$

$${}^{20}C_r (x \cos \alpha)^{20-r} \left(\frac{\sin \alpha}{x}\right)^r \\ = {}^{20}C_r x^{20-2r} (\cos \alpha)^{20-r} (\sin \alpha)^r$$

For this term to be independent of x, we get

$$20 - 2r = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow r = 10$$

Let  $\beta$  = Term independent of x

$$= {}^{20}C_{10} (\cos \alpha)^{10} (\sin \alpha)^{10}$$

$$= {}^{20}C_{10} (\cos \alpha \sin \alpha)^{10}$$

$$= {}^{20}C_{10} \left(\frac{\sin 2\alpha}{2}\right)^{10}$$

Thus, the greatest possible value of  $\beta$  is  
 ${}^{20}C_{10} \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{10}$ .

**14** Let  $P(n) = (n)^7 - n$

By mathematical induction

For  $n = 1$ ,

$P(1) = 0$ , which is divisible by 7.

For  $n = k$

$$P(k) = k^7 - k$$

Let  $P(k)$  be divisible by 7.

$\therefore k^7 - k = 7\lambda$ , for some  $\lambda \in \mathbb{N}$  ... (i)

For  $n = k + 1$ ,

$$P(k+1) = (k+1)^7 - (k+1)$$

$$= ({}^7C_0 k^7 + {}^7C_1 k^6 + {}^7C_2 k^5 + \dots + {}^7C_6 \cdot k + {}^7C_7) - (k+1)$$

$$= (k^7 - k) + 7\{k^6 + 3k^5 + \dots + k\}$$

$$= 7\lambda + 7\{k^6 + 3k^5 + \dots + k\} [\text{Using Eq. (i)}]$$

$\Rightarrow$  Divisible by 7.

So, both statements are true and Statement II is correct explanation of Statement I.

**15** We know that, in the expansion of

$(a+b)^n$ ,  $p$ th term from the end is

$(n-p+2)$ th term from the beginning.

So, 5th term from the end is

$= (n-5+2)$ th term from the beginning

$= (n-3)$ th term from the beginning

$= (n-4+1)$ th term from the beginning ... (i)

$\therefore$  We have,

$$\left(\sqrt[4]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{3}}\right)^n = \left(2^{1/4} + \frac{1}{3^{1/4}}\right)^n$$

Now, 5th term from the beginning is

$$T_{4+1} = {}^nC_4 (2^{1/4})^{n-4} (3^{-1/4})^4 \\ = {}^nC_4 2^{\frac{n-4}{4}} 3^{-1} \dots (ii)$$

And 5th term from the end is

$$T_{(n-4)+1} = {}^nC_{n-4} (2^{1/4})^{n-n+4} (3^{1/4})^{n-4} \\ = {}^nC_4 2 \cdot 3^{-\frac{n+4}{4}} \\ [\because {}^nC_r = {}^nC_{n-r}] \dots (iii)$$

So, from the given condition, we have

$$\frac{\text{Fifth term from the beginning}}{\text{Fifth term from the end}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{{}^nC_4 \cdot 2^{\frac{n-4}{4}} \cdot 3^{-1}}{{}^nC_4 \cdot 2 \cdot 3^{-\frac{n+4}{4}}} = \frac{\sqrt{6}}{1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2^{\frac{n-4}{4}-1} \cdot 3^{-1-\left(\frac{4-n}{4}\right)}}{2^{\frac{n-8}{4}} \cdot 3^{\frac{n-8}{4}}} = \sqrt{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{2^{\frac{n-8}{4}} \cdot 3^{\frac{n-8}{4}}}{2^{\frac{n-8}{4}} \cdot 3^{\frac{n-8}{4}}} = 6^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow (2 \times 3)^{\frac{n-8}{4}} = (2 \cdot 3)^{1/2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{n-8}{4} = 1/2$$

$$\Rightarrow n = 2 + 8 \quad \therefore n = 10$$