

CBSE Test Paper 02
CH-08 Binomial Theorem

1. The greatest term in the expansion of $(3 + 2x)^9$, when $x = 1$, is
 - a. 5th
 - b. 7th
 - c. 4th
 - d. 6th
2. The index of the power of x that occurs in the 7th term from the end in the expansion of $\left(\frac{2x}{3} - \frac{3}{2x}\right)^9$ is
 - a. -5
 - b. 3
 - c. -3
 - d. 5
3. $(\sqrt{3} + 1)^{2n} + (\sqrt{3} - 1)^{2n}$ is
 - a. negative real number
 - b. an even positive integer
 - c. an odd positive integer
 - d. irrational number
4. In the expansion of $(1 + x)^{60}$, the sum of coefficients of odd powers of x is
 - a. 2^{58}
 - b. 2^{60}
 - c. 2^{61}
 - d. 2^{59}
5. The index of the power of x that occurs in the 6th term in the expansion of $\left(\frac{4x}{5} - \frac{8}{5x}\right)^9$ is
 - a. 2
 - b. 1
 - c. 3
 - d. -1
6. Fill in the blanks:

The coefficients of 2nd, 3rd, and 4th terms in the binomial expansion of $(1 + x)^n$ are ${}^n C_1$, ${}^n C_2$ and ${}^n C_3$, respectively.

7. Fill in the blanks:

The number of terms in the binomial expansion of $(1 + \sqrt{5}x)^7 + (1 - \sqrt{5}x)^7$ is _____.

8. Write the general term in the expansion of $(x^2 - y)^6$

9. Using binomial theorem, write down the expansion: $(x - \frac{1}{x})^6$

10. Write the general term in the expansion of $(x^2 - yx)^{12}$

11. Find the number of terms in the expansion of $(1 + 2x + x^2)^{14}$

12. Find the term independent of x in the expansion of $(3x - \frac{2}{x^2})^{15}$

13. Find the 4th term in the expansion of $(x - 2y)^{12}$.

14. Find the coefficients of x^5 in $(x + 3)^8$

15. If O be the sum of odd terms and E that of even terms in the expansion of $(x + a)^n$, prove that:

i. $O^2 - E^2 = (x^2 - a^2)^n$

ii. $4 OE = (x + a)^{2n} - (x - a)^{2n}$

iii. $2(O^2 + E^2) = (x + a)^{2n} + (x - a)^{2n}$

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Solution

1. (a) 5th

Explanation:

We have the general term in the expansion of $(3 + 2x)^9$ is given by

$$T_{r+1} = {}^9C_r (3)^{9-r} (2x)^r$$
$$\text{Now } \frac{T_{r+1}}{T_r} = \frac{{}^9C_r (3)^{9-r} (2x)^r}{{}^9C_{r-1} (3)^{10-r} (2x)^{r-1}}$$
$$= \frac{9!(3)^{9-r} (2x)^r}{(9-r)! \cdot r!} \times \frac{(10-r)!(r-1)!}{9!(3)^{10-r} (2x)^{r-1}}$$
$$= \frac{(10-r) \cdot 2x}{3r}$$
$$= \frac{2(10-r)}{3r} \text{ since given } x=1$$

$$\text{Now } \frac{T_{r+1}}{T_r} \geq 1$$
$$\Rightarrow \frac{(20-2r)}{3r} \geq 1$$
$$\Rightarrow 20 - 2r \geq 3r$$
$$\Rightarrow r \leq \frac{20}{5}$$
$$\Rightarrow r \leq 4$$

Hence the maximum value of r is 4

$$\text{Now } T_5 = T_{4+1} = {}^9C_4 (3)^{9-4} (2x)^4 = 126 \times 243 \times 16(x)^4 = 489888$$

2. (c) -3

Explanation:

We have the general term of $(x + a)^n$ is $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r (x)^{n-r} a^r$

$$\text{Now consider } \left(\frac{2x}{3} - \frac{3}{2x}\right)^9$$

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

We have 7th term from the end = (12-7+2)th term from the beginning

$$\text{Required term is } T_7 = T_{6+1} = {}^9C_6 \left(\frac{2x}{3}\right)^{9-6} \left(-\frac{3}{2x}\right)^6 = {}^9C_6 \times$$
$$(2x)^{3-6} 3^{6-3} = {}^9C_6 \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^3 x^{-3}$$

3. (b) an even positive integer

Explanation:

We have $(a + b)^n + (a - b)^n$

$$= \left[{}^n C_0 a^n + {}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b + {}^n C_2 a^{n-2} b^2 + {}^n C_3 a^{n-3} b^3 + \dots + {}^n C_n \right]^n$$

$$+ \left[{}^n C_0 a^n - {}^n C_1 a^{n-1} b + {}^n C_2 a^{n-2} b^2 - {}^n C_3 a^{n-3} b^3 + \dots + (-1)^n {}^n C_n \right]^n$$

$$= 2 \left[{}^n C_0 a^n + {}^n C_2 a^{n-2} b^2 + \dots \right]$$

Let $a = \sqrt{3}$ and $b=1$ and $n=2n$

$$(\sqrt{3} + 1)^{2n} + (\sqrt{3} - 1)^{2n} = 2 \left[{}^{2n} C_0 (\sqrt{3})^{2n} + {}^{2n} C_2 (\sqrt{3})^{2n-2} 1^2 + {}^{2n} C_4 (\sqrt{3})^{2n-4} 1^4 + \dots \right]$$

$$= 2 \left[{}^{2n} C_0 (3)^n + {}^{2n} C_2 (3)^{n-1} + {}^{2n} C_4 (3)^{n-2} + \dots \right]$$

= 2(a positive integer)

Hence we have $(\sqrt{3} + 1)^{2n} + (\sqrt{3} - 1)^{2n}$ is always an even positive integer

4. (d) 2^{59}

Explanation:

We have

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

Also

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

Now

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

Let $x=1$ and $n=60$

From equation (i), we get

$$2^{60} = {}^{60} C_0 + {}^{60} C_1 + {}^{60} C_2 + \dots + {}^{60} C_{60}$$

$\Rightarrow 2^{60} =$ (sum of coefficients of even powers of x) + (sum of coefficients of odd powers of x)(iii)

From equation (ii), we get

$$0 = \left[{}^{60} C_0 + {}^{60} C_2 + {}^{60} C_4 + \dots \right] - \left[{}^{60} C_1 + {}^{60} C_3 + {}^{60} C_5 + \dots \right]$$

$\Rightarrow 0 =$ (sum of coefficients of even powers of x) - (sum of coefficients of odd powers of x)(iii)

Now subtract equation (iv) from equation (iii), we get

$$2^{60} - 0 = 2 \text{ (sum of coefficients of odd powers of } x)$$

$$\Rightarrow (\text{sum of coefficients of odd powers of } x \text{ } x = 2^{59})$$

5. (d) -1

Explanation:

We have the general term of

$$(x + a)^n \text{ is } T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r (x)^{n-r} a^r$$

$$\text{Now consider } \left(\frac{4x}{5} - \frac{8}{5x}\right)^9$$

$$\text{Here } T_{r+1} = {}^9 C_r \left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{8}{5x}\right)^r$$

Required term is

$$\begin{aligned} T_6 &= T_{5+1} = {}^9 C_5 \left(\frac{4x}{5}\right)^{9-5} \left(-\frac{8}{5x}\right)^5 = -{}^9 C_5 \times \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{8}{5}\right)^5 x^{4-5} \\ &= -{}^9 C_5 \times \left(\frac{4}{5}\right)^4 \times \left(\frac{8}{5}\right)^5 \times x^{-1} \end{aligned}$$

Hence the power of $x = -1$

6. True

7. 4

8. Here general term in the expansion of $(x^2 - y)^6$ is

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= {}^6 C_r (x^2)^{6-r} (-y)^r \\ &= (-1)^r {}^6 C_r x^{12-2r} y^r \end{aligned}$$

$$9. x^6 - 6x^4 + 15x^2 - 20 + \frac{15}{x^2} - \frac{6}{x^4} + \frac{1}{x^6}$$

10. Here general term in the expansion of $(x^2 - yx)^{12}$ is

$$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= {}^{12} C_r (x^2)^{12-r} (-yx)^r \\ &= (-1)^r {}^{12} C_r x^{24-2r} \cdot y^r x^r = (-1)^r {}^{12} C_r x^{24-r} \cdot y^r \end{aligned}$$

11. Here $(1 + 2x + x^2)^{14} = [(1 + x)^2]^{14} = (1 + x)^{28}$

The number of terms in the expansion of $(1 + 2x + x^2)^{14} = 28 + 1 = 29$

12. The general term of $\left(3x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{15}$ is

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

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

For term independent of x, put $15 - 3r = 0 \Rightarrow r = 5$

\therefore The term independent of x = ${}^{15}C_5 (3)^{15-5} (-2)^5 = -3003 (3^{10}) (2^5)$

13. Here general term in the expansion of $(x - 2y)^{12}$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{12}C_r (x)^{12-r} \cdot (-2y)^r$$

$$= (-1)^r {}^{12}C_r 2^r \cdot x^{12-r} \cdot y^r$$

Putting $r = 3$

$$\therefore T_3 = (-1)^3 {}^{12}C_3 2^3 x^{12-3} \cdot y^3 = -{}^{12}C_3 \cdot 8x^9 y^3$$

$$= -220 \times 8x^9 y^3 = -1760x^9 y^3$$

14. Here general term of the expansion $(x + 3)^8$ is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^8C_r (x)^{8-r} (3)^r \dots (1)$$

Now $8 - r = 5 \Rightarrow r = 8 - 5 = 3 \dots$

\therefore Putting $r = 3$ in (1)

$$T_4 = {}^8C_3 x^5 (3)^3$$

Coefficient of x^5 on the expansion $(x + 3)^8 = {}^8C_3 \cdot (3)^3 = 1512$

15. We have,

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

$$\Rightarrow (x + a)^n = \{{}^nC_0 x^n a^0 + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} a^2 + \dots\} + \{{}^nC_1 x^{n-1} a^1 + {}^nC_3 x^{n-3} a^3 + \dots\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x + a)^n = O + E \dots (a)$$

$$\text{and, } (x - a)^n = {}^nC_0 x^n - {}^nC_1 x^{n-1} a^1 + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} a^2 - {}^nC_3 x^{n-3} a^3 + \dots + {}^nC_{n-1} x (-1)^{n-1} a^{n-1}$$

$$+ {}^nC_n (-1)^n a^n$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - a)^n = \{{}^nC_0 x^n + {}^nC_2 x^{n-2} a^2 + \dots\} - \{{}^nC_1 x^{n-1} a^1 + {}^nC_3 x^{n-3} a^3 + \dots\}$$

$$\Rightarrow (x - a)^n = O - E \dots (b)$$

i. Multiplying (a) and (b), we get

$$(x + a)^n (x - a)^n = (O + E) (O - E)$$

$$\Rightarrow (x^2 - a^2)^n = O^2 - E^2$$

ii. We have,

$$4 OE = (O+E)^2 - (O - E)^2$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 OE = \{(x + a)^{2n}\} - \{(x - a)^{2n}\} \text{ [Using (a) and (b)]}$$

$$\Rightarrow 4 OE = (x + a)^{2n} - (x - a)^{2n}$$

iii. Squaring (a) and (b) and then adding, we get

$$(x + a)^{2n} + (x - a)^{2n} = (O + E)^2 + (O - E)^2 = 2 (O^2 + E^2).$$

