

Binomial theorem

[Solutions](#)[Main Menu](#)

- 73 What is the sixth term in the expansion of $(2x-3y)^9$?
- (A) ${}^9C_3 \times 2^6 \times (-3)^3 x^6 y^3$
 (B) ${}^9C_4 \times 2^5 \times (-3)^4 x^5 y^4$
 (C) ${}^9C_5 \times 2^4 \times (-3)^5 x^4 y^5$
 (D) ${}^9C_6 \times 2^3 \times (-3)^6 x^3 y^6$
- 74 What is the term independent of x in the expansion of $(x^2 - \frac{2}{x})^9$?
- (A) ${}^9C_3 (-2)^3$
 (B) ${}^9C_6 (-2)^6$
 (C) ${}^9C_3 (2)^3$
 (D) ${}^9C_6 (2)^6$
- 75 What is the coefficient of x^8 in the expansion of $(2x^3 - \frac{1}{x})^{12}$?
- (A) $-{}^{12}C_8 \times 2^4$
 (B) ${}^{12}C_8 \times 2^4$
 (C) ${}^{12}C_8 \times 2^5$
 (D) $-{}^{12}C_7 \times 2^5$
- 76 What is the coefficient of x^{-5} in the expansion of $(2x^2 - \frac{1}{x})^{20}$?
- (A) $-{}^{20}C_{16} \times 2^4$
 (B) $-{}^{20}C_{16} \times 2^5$
 (C) $-{}^{20}C_{15} \times 2^4$
 (D) $-{}^{20}C_{15} \times 2^5$

- 77 In the expansion of $(2x+k)^6$ the coefficients of x and x^2 are equal. What is the value of k ?
- (A) 5 (B) 6
 (C) 11 (D) 12
- 78 In the expansion $(1+x+kx^2)^9$ the coefficient of x^2 is zero. What is the value of k ?
- (A) -4 (B) -1
 (C) 1 (D) 4
- 79 What is the coefficient of x^5 in the expansion of $(1-3x+2x^3)(1-2x)^6$?
- (A) -792 (B) -720
 (C) 120 (D) 312
- 80 What is the greatest coefficient in the expansion of $(5+2x)^{12}$?
- (A) ${}^{12}C_3 \times 5^9 \times 2^3$ (B) ${}^{12}C_4 \times 5^8 \times 2^4$
 (C) ${}^{12}C_5 \times 5^7 \times 2^5$ (D) ${}^{12}C_6 \times 5^6 \times 2^6$
- 81 Consider the binomial expansion $(1+x)^n = 1 + {}^nC_1 x + {}^nC_2 x^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n x^n$. Which of the following expressions is correct?
- (A) ${}^nC_1 + 2{}^nC_2 + \dots + n{}^nC_n = n2^{n-1}$
 (B) ${}^nC_1 + 2{}^nC_2 + \dots + n{}^nC_n = n2^{n+1}$
 (C) ${}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + {}^nC_n = 2^{n-1}$
 (D) ${}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + {}^nC_n = 2^{n+1}$
- 82 Consider the binomial expansion $(1+x)^{2n} = {}^{2n}C_0 x^0 + {}^{2n}C_1 x + {}^{2n}C_2 x^2 + \dots + {}^{2n-1}C_{2n-1} x^{2n-1} + {}^{2n}C_{2n} x^{2n}$. Which of the following expressions is correct?
- (A) $\sum_{r=0}^n {}^{2n}C_r = 2^{2n-2} + \frac{(2n)!}{2(n!)^2}$
 (B) $\sum_{r=0}^n {}^{2n}C_r = 2^{2n-2} + \frac{(2n-1)!}{2(n!)^2}$
 (C) $\sum_{r=0}^n {}^{2n}C_r = 2^{2n-1} + \frac{(2n)!}{2(n!)^2}$
 (D) $\sum_{r=0}^n {}^{2n}C_r = 2^{2n-1} + \frac{(2n-1)!}{2(n!)^2}$

Mathematical induction		Main Menu
	Solution	Criteria
68	Step 2: Assume the result true for $n = k$ $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2k-1)^2 = \frac{1}{3}k(2k+1)(2k-1)$	1 Mark: B
69	$\sum_{r=1}^n \frac{r^2}{(2r-1)(2r+1)} = \frac{1^2}{1 \times 3} + \frac{2^2}{3 \times 5} + \dots + \frac{n^2}{(2n-1)(2n+1)}$ Step 1: To prove the statement true for $n = 1$ $\text{LHS} = \frac{1^2}{1 \times 3} = \frac{1}{3} \quad \text{RHS} = \frac{1(2)}{2(3)} = \frac{1}{3}$ Result is true for $n = 1$	1 Mark: A
70	Step 2: Assume the result true for $n = k$ $\frac{2}{1 \times 2} + \frac{2}{2 \times 3} + \frac{2}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{2}{k \times (k+1)} = \frac{2k}{k+1}$ To prove the result is true for $n = k+1$ $\frac{2}{1 \times 2} + \frac{2}{2 \times 3} + \frac{2}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{2}{k \times (k+1)} + \frac{2}{(k+1)(k+2)} = \frac{2(k+1)}{(k+2)}$ $\text{LHS} = \frac{2}{1 \times 2} + \frac{2}{2 \times 3} + \frac{2}{3 \times 4} + \dots + \frac{2}{k \times (k+1)} + \frac{2}{(k+1)(k+2)}$ $= \frac{2k}{k+1} + \frac{2}{(k+1)(k+2)}$	1 Mark: C
71	$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= 3^{2(k+1)} - 1 \\ &= 3^{2k+2} - 1 \\ &= 3^{2k} \times 3^2 - 1 \\ &= (8P+1) \times 3^2 - 1 \\ &= 72P + 9 - 1 \\ &= 72P + 8 \\ &= 8(9P+1) \\ &= 8Q = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$ Line 4 contains the error	1 Mark: D
72	$\begin{aligned} \text{LHS} &= (k+1)^3 + (k+2)^3 + (k+3)^3 \\ &= 9P - (k)^3 + (k+3)^3 \text{ from (1)} \\ &= 9P - k^3 + (k+3)(k^2 + 6k + 9) \\ &= 9P - k^3 + k^3 + 6k^2 + 9k + 3k^2 + 18k + 27 \\ &= 9(P + k^2 + 3k + 3) \\ &= 9Q = \text{RHS} \end{aligned}$	1 Mark: D

Binomial theorem		Main Menu
	Solution	Criteria
73	$\begin{aligned} T_6 &= {}^9C_5 (2x)^{9-5} (-3y)^5 \\ &= {}^9C_5 \times 2^4 \times x^4 (-3)^5 y^5 \\ &= {}^9C_5 \times 2^4 \times (-3)^5 x^4 y^5 \end{aligned}$	1 Mark: C
74	$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= {}^9C_r (x^2)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{2}{x}\right)^r \\ &= {}^9C_r x^{18-2r} (-2)^r x^{-r} \\ &= {}^9C_r (-2)^r x^{18-3r} \end{aligned}$ Term independent of x $18 - 3r = 0$ $r = 6$ $T_7 = {}^9C_6 (-2)^6 x^{18-3 \times 6} = {}^9C_6 (-2)^6$	1 Mark: B
75	$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= {}^{12}C_r (2x^3)^{12-r} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^r \\ &= {}^{12}C_r \times 2^{12-r} \times (-1)^r \times x^{36-3r} \times x^{-r} \\ &= {}^{12}C_r \times 2^{12-r} \times (-1)^r \times x^{36-4r} \end{aligned}$ Term with a coefficient of x^8 $36 - 4r = 8$ $4r = 28$ $r = 7$ $T_8 = {}^{12}C_7 \times 2^{12-7} \times (-1)^7 \times x^{36-4 \times 7}$ $= -{}^{12}C_7 \times 2^5 \times x^8$ Coefficient of x^8 is $-{}^{12}C_7 \times 2^5$	1 Mark: D
76	$\begin{aligned} T_{r+1} &= {}^{20}C_r (2x^2)^{20-r} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^r \\ &= {}^{20}C_r \times 2^{20-r} \times (-1)^r \times x^{40-2r} \times x^{-r} \\ &= {}^{20}C_r \times 2^{20-r} \times (-1)^r \times x^{40-3r} \end{aligned}$ Term with a coefficient of x^{-5} $40 - 3r = -5$ $3r = 45$ $r = 15$ $T_{16} = {}^{20}C_{15} \times 2^{20-15} \times (-1)^{15} \times x^{40-3 \times 15}$ $= -{}^{20}C_{15} \times 2^5 \times x^{-5}$ Coefficient of x^8 is $-{}^{20}C_{15} \times 2^5$	1 Mark: D

77	${}^6C_1 \times (2x)^1 \times k^5 = 12k^5x$ ${}^6C_2 \times (2x)^2 \times k^4 = 60k^4x^2$ <p>Therefore $12k^5 = 60k^4$ $k = 5$</p>	1 Mark: A
78	$(1+x+kx^2)^n = 1 + {}^nC_1(x+kx^2) + {}^nC_2(x+kx^2)^2 + \dots$ $= 1 + 9x + 9kx^2 + 36(x^2 + 2kx^3 + k^2x^4) + \dots$ <p>Therefore $9k + 36 = 0$ $k = -4$</p>	1 Mark: A
79	$(1-3x+2x^3)(1-2x)^6$ $= (1-3x+2x^3)[1 + {}^6C_1(-2x) + {}^6C_2(-2x)^2 + {}^6C_3(-2x)^3 + {}^6C_4(-2x)^4 + {}^6C_5(-2x)^5 + {}^6C_6(-2x)^6]$ <p>The terms for x^5 ${}^6C_5(-2x)^5 - 3x \times {}^6C_4(-2x)^4 + 2x^3 \times {}^6C_3(-2x)^3 = -792x^5$</p>	1 Mark: A
80	$T_{r+1} = {}^{12}C_r(5)^{12-r}(2x)^r \quad T_r = {}^{12}C_{r-1}(5)^{13-r}(2x)^{r-1}$ $= {}^{12}C_r(5)^{12-r} \times 2^r \times x^r \quad = {}^{12}C_{r-1}(5)^{13-r} \times 2^{r-1} \times x^{r-1}$ $\frac{T_{r+1}}{T_r} = \frac{{}^{12}C_r(5)^{12-r} \times 2^r \times x^r}{{}^{12}C_{r-1}(5)^{13-r} \times 2^{r-1} \times x^{r-1}}$ <p>Ratio of terms = $\frac{(13-r) \times 2}{r \times 5}$ $= \frac{26-2r}{5r}$</p> <p>Greatest coefficient: $26 - 2r \geq 5r$ $r \leq 3\frac{5}{7}$</p> <p>Greatest coefficient when $r = 3$ $T_4 = {}^{12}C_3 \times 5^9 \times 2^3 \times x^3$ hence greatest coefficient is ${}^{12}C_3 \times 5^9 \times 2^3$</p>	1 Mark: A
81	<p>Differentiate both sides of the identity</p> $n(1+x)^{n-1} = {}^nC_1 + 2{}^nC_2x + \dots + n{}^nC_nx^{n-1}$ <p>Substitute $x = 1$</p> $n(1+1)^{n-1} = {}^nC_1 + 2{}^nC_2 + \dots + n{}^nC_n1^{n-1}$ $n2^{n-1} = {}^nC_1 + 2{}^nC_2 + \dots + n{}^nC_n$ ${}^nC_1 + 2{}^nC_2 + \dots + n{}^nC_n = n2^{n-1}$	1 Mark: A

82	$(1+x)^{2n} = {}^{2n}C_0x^0 + {}^{2n}C_1x^1 + {}^{2n}C_2x^2 + \dots + {}^{2n-1}C_{2n-1}x^{2n-1} + {}^{2n}C_{2n}x^{2n}$ <p>Substitute $x = 1$</p> $(2)^{2n} = {}^{2n}C_0 + {}^{2n}C_1 + {}^{2n}C_2 + \dots + {}^{2n}C_n + \dots + {}^{2n-1}C_{2n-1} + {}^{2n}C_{2n}$ $= 2^{2n}C_0 + 2^{2n}C_1 + 2^{2n}C_2 + \dots + 2^{2n}C_n \text{ (since } {}^nC_r = {}^nC_{n-r}\text{)}$ $= 2^{2n}C_0 + 2^{2n}C_1 + 2^{2n}C_2 + \dots + 2^{2n}C_n - 2^{2n}C_n$ $2^{2n} + 2^{2n}C_n = 2 \times \sum_{r=0}^n {}^{2n}C_r$ $\sum_{r=0}^n {}^{2n}C_r = \frac{2^{2n} + 2^{2n}C_n}{2} = 2^{2n-1} + \frac{(2n)!}{2n!n!} = 2^{2n-1} + \frac{(2n)!}{2(n!)^2}$	1 Mark: C
----	---	-----------