

## 5. BINOMIAL THEOREM

### PREVIOUS EMACET BITS

1. The coefficient of  $x^{24}$  in the expansion of  $(1+x^2)^{12}(1+x^{12})(1+x^{24})$  [EAMCET 2009]

1)  ${}^{12}C_6$                       2)  ${}^{12}C_6 + 2$                       3)  ${}^{12}C_6 + 4$                       4)  ${}^{12}C_6 + 6$

Ans: 2

Sol:  $(1+x^2)^{12}(1+x^{12}+x^{24}+x^{36})$   
 $= [{}^{12}C_0 + {}^{12}C_1x^2 + {}^{12}C_2x^4 + \dots + {}^{12}C_{12}x^{24}] (1+x^{12}+x^{24}+x^{36})$

Coefficient of  $x^{24}$  is  ${}^{12}C_0 + {}^{12}C_6 + {}^{12}C_{12} = {}^{12}C_6 + 2$

2. If  $x$  is numerically so small so that  $x^2$  and higher powers of  $x$  can be neglected, then

$\left(1 + \frac{2x}{3}\right)^{3/2} (32 + 5x)^{-1/5}$  is approximately equal to [EAMCET 2009]

1)  $\frac{32+31x}{64}$                       2)  $\frac{31+32x}{64}$                       3)  $\frac{31-32x}{64}$                       4)  $\frac{1-2x}{64}$

Ans: 1

Sol:  $\left[1 + \frac{3}{2}\left(\frac{2x}{3}\right)\right] \left[32\left(1 + \frac{5x}{32}\right)\right]^{-1/5}$   
 $= [1+x](32)^{-1/5} \left(1 + \frac{5x}{32}\right)^{-1/5}$   
 $= \frac{1}{2}(1+x) \left[1 - \frac{1}{5} \times \frac{5x}{32}\right] = \frac{1}{2}(1+x) \left(1 - \frac{x}{32}\right)$   
 $= \frac{1}{2} \left(1+x - \frac{x}{32}\right) = \frac{32+31x}{64}$

3. If  $(1+x+x^2+x^3)^5 = \sum_{k=0}^{15} a_k x^k$  then  $\sum_{k=0}^7 a_{2k} = \dots$  [EAMCET 2008]

1) 128                      2) 256                      3) 512                      4) 1024

Ans: 3

Sol:  $a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + \dots + a_{15}x^{15} = (1+x+x^2+x^3)^5$

Put  $x = 1$

$a_0 + a_1 + a_2 + \dots + a_{15} = 4^{15} \dots \dots \dots (1)$

Put  $x = -1$

$a_0 - a_1 + a_2 - \dots - a_{15} = 0 \dots \dots \dots (2)$

(1) + (2)

$$2(a_0 + a_2 + a_4 + \dots + a_{14}) = 4^5$$

$$\therefore a_0 + a_2 + a_4 + \dots + a_{14} = 512$$

4. If  $a = \frac{5}{2!3} + \frac{5.7}{3!3^2} + \frac{5.7.9}{4!3^3} + \dots$  then  $a^2 + 4a =$

[EAMCET 2008]

1) 21

2) 23

3) 25

4) 27

Ans: 2

Sol:  $a = \frac{3.5}{2!3^2} + \frac{3.5.7}{3!3^3} + \dots$

$$2+a = 1 + \frac{3}{3} + \frac{3.5}{3.6} + \frac{3.5.7}{3.6.9} + \dots \text{ this one comparing with}$$

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

$$nx = 1, \frac{nx(nx-x)}{2} = \frac{3.5}{3.6}$$

$$\frac{1(1-x)}{2} = \frac{3.5}{3.6} \Rightarrow 1-x - \frac{5}{3} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$nx = 1 \Rightarrow n\left(-\frac{2}{3}\right) = 1 \Rightarrow n = -\frac{3}{2}$$

$$\therefore 2+a = (1+x)^n = \left(1-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{-3/2} \Rightarrow \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{-3/2}$$

$$2+a = 3^{3/2} \Rightarrow (2+a)^2 = 3^3 \Rightarrow a^2 + 4a = 23$$

5. If  $a_k$  is the coefficient of  $x^k$  in the expansion of  $(1+x+x^2)^n$  for  $k = 0, 1, 2, \dots, 2n$ , then

$a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 + \dots + 2na_{2n}$  is equal to

[EAMCET 2007]

1)  $-a_0$

2)  $3^n$

3)  $n.3^{n+1}$

4)  $n.3^n$

Ans: 4

Sol: We have  $(1+x+x^2)^n = a_0 + a_1x + a_2x^2 + a_3x^3 + \dots + a_{2n}x^{2n}$  on differentiating both sides, we get

$$n(1+x+x^2)^{n-1}(1+2x) = a_1 + 2a_2x + 3a_3x^2 + \dots + 2na_{2n}x^{2n-1}$$

Put  $x = 1$

$$a_1 + 2a_2 + 3a_3 + \dots + 2na_{2n} = n.3^n$$

6. The sum of the series  $\frac{3}{4.8} - \frac{3.5}{4.8.12} + \frac{3.5.7}{4.8.12.16} - \dots =$

[EAMCET 2007]

$$1) \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{3}{4}} \quad 2) \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{4}} \quad 3) \sqrt{\frac{3}{2} - \frac{1}{4}} \quad 4) \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{1}{4}}$$

Ans: 2

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Sol: } & \frac{3}{4.8} - \frac{3.5}{4.8.12} + \frac{3.5.7}{4.8.12.16} - \dots + \frac{3}{4} - \frac{3}{4} \\ & = \frac{3}{4} + \frac{3}{4.8} - \frac{3.5}{4.8.12} + \dots - \frac{3}{4} \\ & = 1 - \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1.3}{2.4.4} - \frac{1.3.5}{4.4.2.4.3} + \dots - \frac{3}{4} \\ & = \left[ 1 + 1 \left( -\frac{1}{4} \right) + \frac{1(1+2)}{2!} \left( -\frac{1}{4} \right)^2 + \dots \right] - \frac{3}{4} \\ & = \left( 1 - \frac{1}{4} \right)^{-1/2} - \frac{3}{4} = \sqrt{\frac{2}{3} - \frac{3}{4}} \end{aligned}$$

$$7. \quad 1 + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2.5}{4.8} + \frac{2.5.8}{4.8.12} + \dots \text{ is equal to}$$

[EAMCET 2006]

$$1) 4^{-2/3} \quad 2) \sqrt[3]{16} \quad 3) \sqrt[3]{4} \quad 4) 4^{3/2}$$

Ans: 2

$$\text{Sol: Let } s = 1 + \frac{2}{4} + \frac{2.5}{4.8} + \dots \text{ on comparing with}$$

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

$$\text{We get, } nx = \frac{2}{4}, \frac{nx(nx-x)}{2} = \frac{2.5}{4.8}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{2}{4} \left( \frac{2}{4} - x \right)}{2} = \frac{2.5}{4.8} \Rightarrow x = \frac{-3}{4}$$

$$n \left( -\frac{3}{4} \right) = \frac{2}{4} \Rightarrow n = -\frac{2}{3}$$

$$\therefore s = (1+x)^n = \left( 1 - \frac{3}{4} \right)^{-2/3} = \left( \frac{1}{4} \right)^{-2/3} = \sqrt[3]{16}$$

$$8. \quad \text{The correct matching of List- I from List - II is}$$

[EAMCET 2006]

List - I

List - II

A)  $(1-x)^{-n}$

(i)  $\frac{x}{x+1}$

B)  $(1+x)^{-n}$

(ii)  $1 - nx + \frac{n(n+1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$  if  $|x| < 1$

C) If  $x > 1$  then  $1 + \frac{1}{x} + \frac{1}{x^2} + \dots$  is

(iii)  $1 + nx + \frac{n(n+1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$  if  $|x| < 1$

D) If  $|x| > 1$  then  $1 - \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{3}{x^4} - \frac{4}{x^6} + \dots$  is

(iv)  $\frac{x}{x-1}$

(v)  $\frac{x^4}{(x^2+1)^2}$

(vi)  $\frac{x^4}{(x^2-1)^2}$

	A	B	C	D		A	B	C	D
1)	i	iii	iv	v	2)	ii	iii	iv	v
3)	iii	ii	iv	v	4)	ii	iii	i	v

Ans:

Sol: We know that (i)  $(1-x)^{-n} = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n+1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$  if  $|x| < 1$

(ii)  $(1+x)^{-n} = 1 - nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$  if  $|x| < 1$

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

(iv)  $1 - \frac{2}{x^2} + \frac{3}{x^4} - \dots = \frac{x^4}{(x^2+1)^2}$

9. If  $(1+x)^{15} = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{15}x^{15}$ , then  $\sum_{r=1}^{15} r \frac{a_r}{a_r - 1}$  is equal to

[EAMCET 2005]

- 1) 110                      2) 115                      3) 120                      4) 135

Ans: 3

Sol:  $\sum_{r=1}^{15} r \frac{a_r}{a_r - 1} = \sum_{r=1}^{15} r \frac{n - (r-1)}{r}$   
 $= \sum_{r=1}^{15} [(n+1) - r] = \sum_{r=1}^{15} (16 - r)$   
 $= 15 + 14 + \dots + 1$   
 $= \frac{15 \times 16}{2} = 120$

10. If  $|x| < \frac{1}{2}$ , then the coefficient of  $x^r$  in the expansion of  $\frac{1+2x}{(1-2x)^2}$ , is **[EAMCET 2005]**

- 1)  $r2^r$                       2)  $(2r-1)2^r$                       3)  $r2^{2r+1}$                       4)  $(2r+1)2^r$

Ans: 4

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

$$= (1+2x) \left[ 1 + \frac{2}{1!}(2x) + \frac{2.3}{2!}(2x)^2 + \dots + \frac{2.3\dots r}{(r-1)!}(2x)^{r-1} + \frac{2.3.4\dots(r+1)(2x)^r}{r!} \right]$$

The coefficient of  $x^r = 2 \frac{r!}{(r-1)!} \cdot 2^{r-1} + \frac{(r+1)!}{r!} \cdot 2^r$   
 $= r \cdot 2^r + (r+1) \cdot 2^r = 2^r(2r+1)$

11. The coefficient of  $x^3y^4z^5$  in the expansion of  $(xy + yz + zx)^6$  is **[EAMCET 2005]**

- 1) 70                      2) 60                      3) 50                      4) none of these

Ans: 2

Sol: If the general term in the above expansion contains  $x^3y^4z^5$  then  $r + t = 3$ ,  $r + s = 4$  and  $s + t = 5$

Also,  $r + s + t = 6$

Solving these equation, we get  $r = 1$ ,  $s = 3$ ,  $t = 2$

Coefficient  $x^3y^4z^5 = \frac{6!}{1!3!2!} = 60$

12. The binomial coefficients which are in decreasing order are **[EAMCET 2004]**

- 1)  ${}^{15}C_5, {}^{15}C_6, {}^{15}C_7$     2)  ${}^{15}C_{10}, {}^{15}C_9, {}^{15}C_8$     3)  ${}^{15}C_6, {}^{15}C_7, {}^{15}C_8$     4)  ${}^{15}C_7, {}^{15}C_6, {}^{15}C_5$

Ans: 4

Sol: The series of binomial coefficient is

${}^{15}C_0, {}^{15}C_1, {}^{15}C_2, \dots, {}^{15}C_7, {}^{15}C_8, {}^{15}C_9, \dots, {}^{15}C_{14}, {}^{15}C_{15}$   
decreasing value                      greatest value                      decreasing value

From the above discussion, we can say that decreasing series is  ${}^{15}C_7, {}^{15}C_6, {}^{15}C_5$

∴ Option (4) is correct

13. If the coefficient  $(2r + 1)^{th}$  term and  $(r + 2)^{th}$  term in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{42}$  are equal, then r is equal to : **[EAMCET 2003]**

- 1) 12                      2) 14                      3) 16                      4) 18

Ans: 2

Sol: Given that coefficient of  $(2r + 1)^{th}$  term = coefficient of  $(r + 2)^{th}$  term

${}^{42}C_{2r} = {}^{42}C_{r+1} \Rightarrow 43 = 2r + (r + 1)$  (or)  $2r = r + 1$

$$\Rightarrow r = 14 \text{ (or) } r = 1$$

Thus  $r = 14$

14. The coefficient of  $x^5$  in the expansion of  $(1+x^2)^5(1+x)^4$  is **[EAMCET 2003]**  
 1) 60                      2) 50                      3) 40                      4) 56

Ans : 1

Sol: We have  $(1+x^2)^5(1+x)^4 = \left[ 1 + {}^5C_1x^2 + {}^5C_2x^4 + \dots + (x^2)^5 \right]$   
 $\left[ 1 + {}^4C_1x + {}^4C_2x^2 + {}^4C_3x^3 + x^4 \right]$

Coefficient to  $x^5$

$$= {}^5C_1 \cdot {}^4C_3 + {}^5C_2 \cdot {}^4C_1 = 20 + 40 = 60$$

15. If the coefficient of  $x$  in the expansion of  $\left(x^2 + \frac{k}{x}\right)^5$  is 270 then  $k$  is equal to **[EAMCET 2002]**  
 1) 1                      2) 2                      3) 3                      4) 4

Ans: 3

Sol: General term in the expansion of  $\left(x^2 + \frac{k}{x}\right)^5$  is

$$T_{r+1} = {}^5C_r (x^2)^{5-r} \left(\frac{k}{x}\right)^r = {}^5C_r k^r x^{10-3r}$$

Let this term contains  $x$  then  $10 - 3r = 1 \Rightarrow r = 3$  then

$$\text{Coefficient } x = {}^5C_3 k^3 = 10k^3$$

$$10k^3 = 270$$

$$k^3 = 27 \therefore k = 3$$

16. The sum of the coefficients in the expansion of  $(1+x+x^2)^n$  is **[EAMCET 2002]**  
 1) 2                      2)  $2^n$                       3)  $3^n$                       4)  $4^n$

Ans: 3

Sol: we have  $(1+x+x^2)^n$ , put  $x = 1$

$$= (1+1+1)^n = 3^n$$

17. In the expansion of  $(1+x)^n$  the coefficients of  $p^{\text{th}}$  and  $(p+1)^{\text{th}}$  terms are respectively  $p$  and  $q$ , then  $p+q$  is equal to **[EAMCET 2002]**  
 1)  $n$                       2)  $n+1$                       3)  $n+2$                       4)  $n+3$

Ans: 2

Sol:  $T_p = {}^nC_{p-1} = P$

$$T_{p+1} = {}^n C_p = q$$

$$\therefore \frac{p}{q} = \frac{{}^n C_{p-1}}{{}^n C_p} \Rightarrow \frac{p}{q} = \frac{p}{n-p+1} \Rightarrow p+q = n+1$$

18.  $1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1.3}{4.8} + \frac{1.3.5}{4.8.12} + \dots =$

[EAMCET 2001]

1)  $\sqrt{2}$                       2)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$                       3)  $\sqrt{3}$                       4)  $\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}}$

Ans: 1

Sol: This one comparing with  $(1+x)^n = 1 + nx + \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 + \dots$

$$nx = \frac{1}{4}, \quad \frac{n(n-1)}{2!}x^2 = \frac{1.3}{4.8}$$

$$\frac{nx(nx-x)}{2} = \frac{1.3}{4.8} \Rightarrow \frac{\frac{1}{4}\left(\frac{1}{4}-x\right)}{2} = \frac{1.3}{4.8}$$

$$\Rightarrow \frac{1}{4} - x = \frac{3}{4} \Rightarrow x = -\frac{1}{2} = nx = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$n\left(-\frac{1}{2}\right) = \frac{1}{4} \Rightarrow n = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$1 + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1.3}{4.8} + \dots = \left(1 - \frac{1}{2}\right)^{-1/2} = \sqrt{2}$$

19. The coefficient of  $x^4$  in the expansion of  $\frac{(1-3x)^2}{1-2x}$  is equal to

[EAMCET 2001]

1) 1                      2) 2                      3) 3                      4) 4

Ans: 4

Sol: we have  $\frac{(1-3x)^2}{1-2x} = (1+9x^2-6x)(1-2x)^{-1}$

$$= (1+9x^2-6x)[1+2x+(2x)^2+(2x)^3+(2x)^4+\dots]$$

$$\text{Coefficient of } x^4 = 16+9(4)-6(8) = 4$$

20. If  $(1+x)^n = C_0 + C_1x + C_2x^2 + \dots + C_nx^n$  then  $C_0 + 2C_1 + 3C_2 + \dots + (n+1)C_n$  is equal to

[EAMCET 2001]

1)  $2^n + n.2^{n-1}$                       2)  $2^{n-1} + n.2^n$                       3)  $2^n + (n+1)2^n$                       4)  $2^{n-1} + (n-1)2^n$

Ans: 1

Sol:  $\left(\frac{n+1+1}{2}\right).2^n = (n+2).2^{n-1}$

=  $n.2^{n-1} + 2^n$  (or)

Let  $S = C_0 + 2C_1 + 3C_2 + \dots + (n+1)C_n \dots\dots\dots(1)$

$S = C_n + 2C_{n-1} + 3C_{n-2} + \dots + (n+1)C_0$

$S = {}^{(n+1)}C_0 + {}^nC_1 + \dots + C_n \dots\dots\dots(2)$

(1) + (2)

$\Rightarrow 2S = C_0(1+n+1) + C_1(2+n) + \dots + C_n(n+1+1)$

$2S = (n+2)(C_0 + C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n) = (n+2).2^n$

$S = (n+2).2^{n-1} = n.2^{n-1} + 2^n$

21. If  $C_0, C_1, C_2, \dots$  are binomial coefficient, then  $C_1 + C_2 + C_3 + \dots + C_r + \dots + C_n$  is equal to **[EAMCET 2000]**

- 1)  $2^n$                       2)  $2^{n-1}$                       3)  $2^n - 1$                       4)  $2^{2n}$

Ans: 3

Sol: we have  $(1+x)^n = 1 + {}^nC_1x + {}^nC_2x^2 + \dots + {}^nC_nx^n$

Put  $x = 1$

$1 + {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_2 + \dots + {}^nC_n = 2^n$

$C_1 + C_2 + \dots + C_n = 2^n - 1$

22. The coefficient of  $x^{-n}$  in  $(1+x)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n$  **[EAMCET 2000]**

- 1) 0                      2) 1                      3)  $2^n$                       4)

Ans: 2

Sol:  $(1+x)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^n = \frac{(1+x)^{2n}}{x^n}$   
 $= x^{-n} [ {}^{2n}C_0 + {}^{2n}C_1x + \dots + {}^{2n}C_nx^{2n} ]$

Coefficient of  $x^{-n} = {}^{2n}C_0 = 1$

23. If the coefficient of  $r^{\text{th}}$  term and  $(2+1)^{\text{th}}$  term in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{3n}$  are in the ratio 1 : 2 the r is equal to **[EAMCET 2000]**

- 1)  $\frac{6}{5}(n+1)$                       2)  $\frac{1}{3}(3n+1)$                       3)  $\frac{1}{4}(n+2)$                       4)  $\frac{1}{3}(3n+2)$

Ans: 2

Sol: coefficient of  $r^{\text{th}}$  term =  $T_r = {}^{3n}C_{r-1}$



Coefficient of  $(r+1)^{\text{th}}$  term =  $T_{r+1} = {}^{3n}C_r$

$$\text{Given } \frac{T_r}{T_{r+1}} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{{}^{3n}C_{r-1}}{{}^{3n}C_r} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow \frac{r}{3n-r+1} = \frac{1}{2} \Rightarrow r = \frac{1}{3}(3n+1)$$

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