#### EXERCISE

#### SHORT ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

**Q1.** Find the term independent of  $x, x \neq 0$  in the expansion of  $\left(\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^{15}$ 

**Sol.** General Term  $T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_{r}x^{n-r}y^{r}$ 

$$= {}^{15}C_r \left(\frac{3x^2}{2}\right)^{15-r} \left(-\frac{1}{3x}\right)^r = {}^{15}C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{15-r} \cdot (x)^{30-2r} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r \cdot \frac{1}{x^r}$$
  
$$= {}^{15}C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{15-r} \cdot (x)^{30-2r-r} (-1)^r \cdot \frac{1}{(3)^r}$$
  
$$= {}^{15}C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{15-r} \cdot x^{30-3r} (-1)^r \cdot \frac{1}{(3)^r}$$

for getting the term independent of *x*,

$$30 - 3r = 0 \implies r = 10$$

On putting the value of *r* in the above expression, we get

$$= {}^{15}C_{10} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{15-10} (-1)^{10} \cdot \frac{1}{(3)^{10}} = {}^{15}C_{10} \frac{(3)^5}{(2)^5} \cdot \frac{1}{(3)^{10}}$$
$$= {}^{15}C_{10} \cdot \frac{1}{(2)^5 \cdot (3)^5} = {}^{15}C_{10} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^5$$
e the required term =  ${}^{15}C_{-10} \left(\frac{1}{6}\right)^5$ 

Hence, the required term =  ${}^{15}C_{10}\left(\frac{1}{6}\right)$ 

- **Q2.** If the term free from *x* in the expansion of  $\left(\sqrt{x} \frac{K}{x^2}\right)^{10}$  is 405, find the value of K.
- Sol. The given expression is  $\left(\sqrt{x} \frac{K}{x^2}\right)^{10}$ General term  $T_{r+1} = {}^n C_r x^{n-r} y^r$  $= {}^{10} C_r \left(\sqrt{x}\right)^{10-r} \left(\frac{-K}{x^2}\right)^r = {}^{10} C_r (x)^{\frac{10-r}{2}} (-K)^r \left(\frac{1}{x^{2r}}\right)$

$$= {}^{10}C_r(x)^{\frac{10-r}{2}-2r}(-K)^r = {}^{10}C_r(x)^{\frac{10-r-4r}{2}}(-K)^r$$
$$= {}^{10}C_r(x)^{\frac{10-5r}{2}}(-K)^r$$

For getting term free from x,  $\frac{10-5r}{2} = 0$  $\Rightarrow r = 2$ 

On putting the value of *r* in the above expression, we get  ${}^{10}C_2$  (–K)<sup>2</sup>

According to the condition of the question, we have

$${}^{10}C_2K^2 = 405 \implies \frac{10 \cdot 9}{2.1}K^2 = 405$$
$$45K^2 = 405 \implies K^2 = \frac{405}{45} = 9$$
$$K = \pm 3$$

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Hence, the value of  $K = \pm 3$ 

- **Q3.** Find the coefficient of x in the expansion of  $(1 3x + 7x^2)$  $(1 - x)^{16}$
- Sol. The given expression is  $(1 3x + 7x^2) (1 x)^{16}$ =  $(1 - 3x + 7x^2) [{}^{16}C_0(1)^{16}(-x)^0 + {}^{16}C_1(1)^{15}(-x) + {}^{16}C_2(1)^{14}(-x)^2 + \cdots]$ =  $(1 - 3x + 7x^2) (1 - 16x + 120x^2 \dots)$

Collecting the term containing *x*, we get -16x - 3x = -19xHence, the coefficient of x = -19

Q4. Find the term independent of x in the expansion of  $\left(3x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)^{15}$ 

Sol. Given expression is 
$$\left(3x - \frac{2}{x^2}\right)$$
  
General term  $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^{n-r}y^r$   
 $= {}^{15}C_r (3x)^{15-r} \left(-\frac{2}{x^2}\right)^r = {}^{15}C_r (3)^{15-r} \cdot x^{15-r} (-2)^r \cdot \frac{1}{x^{2r}}$   
 $= {}^{15}C_r (3)^{15-r} \cdot x^{15-r-2r} \cdot (-2)^r = {}^{15}C_r (3)^{15-r} \cdot x^{15-3r} (-2)^r$   
For gotting a term independent of x put 15 - 2x = 0  $\rightarrow$  x = 5

For getting a term independent of *x*, put  $15 - 3r = 0 \implies r = 5$  $\therefore$  The required term is  ${}^{15}C_5(3)^{15-5}(-2)^5$ 

$$= -{}^{15}C_5 (3){}^{10}(2)^5 = -\frac{15 \times 14 \times 13 \times 12 \times 11}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \cdot (3){}^{10}(2)^5$$
  
= -7 × 13 × 3 × 11. (3){}^{10} (2)^5 = -3003 (3){}^{10} (2)^5  
ce the required term = -3003 (3){}^{10} (2)^5

Hence, the required term =  $-3003 (3)^{10} (2)^{5}$ 

Q5. Find the middle term (Terms) in the expansion of

(i) 
$$\left(\frac{x}{a} - \frac{a}{x}\right)^{10}$$
 (ii)  $\left(3x - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^9$   
Sol. (*i*) Given expression is  $\left(\frac{x}{a} - \frac{a}{x}\right)^{10}$   
Number of terms = 10 + 1 = 11 (odd)  
 $\therefore$  Middle term =  $\left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^{1h}$  term =  $\frac{11+1}{2} = \frac{12}{2} = 6$ th term  
General Term  $T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_{r}x^{n-r}y^{r}$   
 $\Rightarrow T_{5+1} = {}^{10}C_{5}\left(\frac{x}{a}\right)^{10-5}\left(-\frac{a}{x}\right)^{5} = -{}^{10}C_{5}\frac{x^5}{a^5} \cdot \frac{a^5}{x^5} = -{}^{10}C_{5}$   
 $= -\frac{10 \times 9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} = -9 \times 7 \times 4 = -252$   
Hence, the required middle term =  $-252$   
(*ii*) Given expression is  $\left(3x - \frac{x^3}{6}\right)^9$   
Number of terms =  $9 + 1 = 10$  (even)  
 $\therefore$  Middle terms are  $\frac{n}{2}$ <sup>th</sup> term and  $\left(\frac{n}{2} + 1\right)$ <sup>th</sup> term  
 $= \frac{10}{2}$ <sup>th</sup> = 5<sup>th</sup> term and  $(5 + 1) = 6^{th}$  term  
General Term  $T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_{r}x^{n-r}y^{r}$   
 $\therefore T_5 = T_{4+1} = {}^{9}C_4(3x)^{9-4}\left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^4$   
 $= {}^{9}C_4(3)^5 \cdot x^5\left(-\frac{1}{6}\right)^4 \cdot x^{12}$   
 $= \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} \times \frac{3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3 \times 3}{6 \times 6 \times 6 \times 6} x^{17}$   
 $= \frac{189}{8} x^{17}$   
Now,  $T_6 = T_{5+1} = {}^{9}C_5(3x)^{9-5}\left(-\frac{x^3}{6}\right)^5$ 

$$= \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5}{5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1} (3)^4 \left(-\frac{1}{6}\right)^5 \cdot x^{19} = -\frac{21}{16} x^{15}$$
Hence, the required middle terms are  $\frac{189}{8} x^{17}$  and  $-\frac{21}{16} x^{19}$   
Q6. Find the coefficient of  $x^{15}$  in the expansion of  $(x - x^2)^{10}$ .  
Sol. The given expression is  $(x - x^2)^{10}$   
General Term  $T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_r x^{n-r} y^r$   
 $= {}^{10}C_r (x)^{10-r} (-x^2)^r = {}^{10}C_r (x)^{10-r} (-1)^r \cdot (x^2)^r$   
 $= (-1)^r \cdot {}^{10}C_r (x)^{10-r+2r} = (-1)^r \cdot {}^{10}C_r (x)^{10+r}$   
To find the coefficient of  $x^{15}$ , Put  $10 + r = 15 \implies r = 5$   
 $\therefore$  Coefficient of  $x^{15} = (-1)^5 {}^{10}C_5 = {}^{-10}C_5 = {}^{-252}$   
Hence, the required coefficient  $= {}^{-252}$   
Q7. Find the coefficient of  $\frac{1}{x^{17}}$  in the expansion of  $\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{15}$   
Sol. The given expression is  $\left(x^4 - \frac{1}{x^3}\right)^{15}$   
General Term  $T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_r x^{n-r} y^r = {}^{15}C_r (x^4)^{15-r} \left(-\frac{1}{x^3}\right)^r$   
 $= {}^{15}C_r (x)^{60-4r} (-1)^r \cdot \frac{1}{x^{3r}} = {}^{15}C_r (-1)^r \cdot \frac{1}{x^{3r-60+4r}}$   
 $= {}^{15}C_r (-1)^r \cdot \frac{1}{x^{7r-60}}$   
To find the coefficient of  $\frac{1}{x^{17}}$ , Put  $7r - 60 = 17$   
 $\Rightarrow 7r = 60 + 17 \Rightarrow 7r = 77$   
 $\therefore r = 11$   
Putting the value of  $r$  in the above expression, we get  
 $= {}^{15}C_{11} (-1)^{11} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{17}} = {}^{-15}C_4 \cdot \frac{1}{x^{17}}$   
 $= {}^{15}C_{11} (-1)^{11} \cdot \frac{1}{x^{17}} = {}^{-13}C_5 \cdot \frac{1}{x^{17}}$ 

Hence, the coefficient of  $\frac{1}{x^{17}} = -1365$ 

- **Q8.** Find the sixth term of the expansion  $(y^{1/2} + x^{1/3})^n$ , if the binomial coefficient of the third term from the end is 45.
- **Sol.** The given expression is  $(y^{1/2} + x^{1/3})^n$ , since the binomial coefficient of third term from the end = Binomial coefficient of third term from the beginning =  ${}^{n}C_{2}$

$$\begin{array}{ll} \ddots & {}^{n}C_{2} = 45 \\ \Rightarrow & \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = 45 \Rightarrow n^{2} - n = 90 \\ \Rightarrow & n^{2} - n - 90 = 0 \Rightarrow n^{2} - 10n + 9n - 90 = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & n^{2} - n - 90 = 0 \Rightarrow (n - 10)(n + 9) = 0 \\ \Rightarrow & n = 10, n = -9 \Rightarrow n = 10, n \neq -9 \\ \text{So, the given expression becomes } (y^{1/2} + x^{1/3})^{10} \\ \text{Sixth term is this expression} \\ T_{6} = T_{5+1} = {}^{10}C_{5}(y^{1/2})^{10-5}(x^{1/3})^{5} = {}^{10}C_{5}y^{5/2} \cdot x^{5/3} \\ = 252 y^{5/2}x^{5/3} \\ \text{Hence, the required term } = 252 y^{5/2} \cdot x^{5/3} \\ \text{Q9. Find the value of r if the coefficients of } (2r + 4)^{\text{th}} \text{ and } (r - 2)^{\text{th}} \\ \text{terms in the expansion of } (1 + x)^{18} \text{ are equal} \\ \text{Sol. General Term } T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_{r}x^{n-r}y^{r} \\ \text{For coefficient of } (2r + 4)^{\text{th term, we have} \\ T_{2r+4} = T_{2r+3+1} = {}^{18}C_{2r+3}(1)^{18-r+3} \cdot x^{r-3} \\ \therefore & \text{Coefficient of } (2r + 4)^{\text{th term}} = {}^{18}C_{r+3} \\ \text{As per the condition of the questions, we have } {}^{18}C_{2r+3} = {}^{18}C_{r-3} \\ \Rightarrow & 2r + 3 + r - 3 = 18 \Rightarrow 3r = 18 \Rightarrow r = 6 \\ \text{Q10. If the coefficient of second, third and fourth terms in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$  are in A.P., show that  $2n^{2} - 9n + 7 = 0 \\ \text{Sol. Given expression =  $(1 + x)^{2n} \\ \text{Coefficient of third term } = {}^{2n}C_{3} \\ \text{As the given condition  ${}^{2n}C_{1} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{1} - {}^{2n}C_{2} \\ \text{and coefficient of fourth term } = {}^{2n}C_{3} \\ \text{As the given condition  ${}^{2n}C_{1} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{1} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{1} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{1} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{1} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{3n}C_{2} \\ \Rightarrow & 2 \cdot {}^{2n}C_{2} - {}^{2n}C_{2$$$$$$

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$$\Rightarrow 12n - 6 = 6 + 4n^{2} - 4n - 2n + 2 \Rightarrow 12n - 12 = 4n^{2} - 6n + 2 \Rightarrow 4n^{2} - 6n - 12n + 2 + 12 = 0 \Rightarrow 4n^{2} - 18n + 14 = 0 \Rightarrow 2n^{2} - 9n + 7 = 0$$

Hence proved.

**Q11.** Find the coefficient of 
$$x^4$$
 in the expansion of  $(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)^{11}$ .  
**Sol.** Given expression is  $(1 + x + x^2 + x^3)^{11}$ 

$$= [(1 + x) + x^{2} (1 + x)]^{11} = [(1 + x) (1 + x^{2})]^{11}$$
$$= (1 + x)^{11} \cdot (1 + x^{2})^{11}$$

Expanding the above expression, we get  $\binom{11}{C_0} + \binom{11}{C_1}x + \binom{11}{C_2}x^2 + \binom{11}{C_3}x^3 + \binom{11}{C_4}x^4 + \cdots) \cdot \binom{11}{C_0} + \binom{11}{C_1}x^2 + \binom{11}{C_2}x^4 + \binom{11}{2}x^4 + \binom{11}{2}x^4 + \binom{11}{2}x^2 + \binom{11}{2}x^4 + \binom{1$ 

# LONG ANSWER TYPE QUESTIONS

Q12. If P is a real number and if the middle term in the expansion  
of 
$$\left(\frac{P}{2}+2\right)^8$$
 is 1120, find P.  
Sol. Given expression is  $\left(\frac{P}{2}+2\right)^8$   
Number of terms =  $8 + 1 = 9$  (odd)  
 $\therefore$  Middle term =  $\frac{9+1}{2}$  th term = 5th term  
 $\therefore$  T<sub>5</sub> = T<sub>4+1</sub> =  ${}^8C_4\left(\frac{P}{2}\right)^{8-4}$  (2)<sup>4</sup>  
 $= {}^8C_4\frac{P^4}{2^4} \times 2^4 = {}^8C_4P^4$   
Now  ${}^8C_4P^4 = 1120 \Rightarrow \frac{8 \times 7 \times 6 \times 5}{4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1}P^4 = 1120$   
 $\Rightarrow$  70P<sup>4</sup> = 1120  
 $\Rightarrow$  P<sup>4</sup> =  $\frac{1120}{70} = 16 \Rightarrow P^4 = 2^4 \Rightarrow P = \pm 2$   
Hence, the required value of P =  $\pm 2$ 

**Q13.** Show that the middle term in the expansion of  $\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2^n}$  is  $\frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \cdots (2n-1)}{n!} \times (-2)^n$ 

**Sol.** Given expression is  $\left(x - \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$ Number of terms = 2n + 1 (odd) Middle term =  $\frac{2n+1+1}{2}$  th term i.e., (n+1)<sup>th</sup> term *.*.. General Term  $T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_{r}(x)^{n-r}(y)^{r}$  $\therefore T_{n+1} = {}^{2n}C_n(x)^{2n-n} \left(-\frac{1}{x}\right)^n = {}^{2n}C_n(x)^n (-1)^n \cdot \frac{1}{x^n}$  $= (-1)^n \cdot {}^{2n}C_n = (-1)^n \cdot \frac{2n!}{n!(2n-n)!}$  $= (-1)^{n} \cdot \frac{2n!}{n!n!} = (-1)^{n} \cdot \frac{2n(2n-1)(2n-2)(2n-3)\cdots 1}{n!n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)\cdots 1}$  $= (-1)^{n} \frac{2n \cdot (2n-1) \cdot 2(n-1) (2n-3) \cdots 1}{n! n(n-1) (n-2) (n-3) \cdots 1}$  $=\frac{(-1)^{n}\cdot 2^{n}\cdot [n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots]\cdot [(2n-1)\cdot (2n-3)\cdots 5\cdot 3\cdot 1]}{n!\cdot n(n-1)(n-2)\cdots 1}$  $= \frac{(-2)^{n} [(2n-1)(2n-3)\cdots 5\cdot 3\cdot 1]}{n!}$  $= \frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots (2n-1)}{n!} \times (-2)^{n}$ Hence, the middle term  $= \frac{1 \times 3 \times 5 \times \dots (2n-1)}{n!} \times (-2)^{n}$ 

- **Q14.** Find *n* in the binomial  $\left(\sqrt[3]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^n$  if the ratio of 7th term from the beginning to the 7th term from the end is 1/6.
- Sol. The given expression is  $\left(\sqrt[3]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^n$ =  $\left(2^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3^{1/3}}\right)^n$

General Term  $T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_{r}x^{n-r}y^{r}$ 

$$T_{7} = T_{6+1} = {}^{n}C_{6} \left(2^{1/3}\right)^{n-6} \left(\frac{1}{3^{1/3}}\right)^{6}$$
$$= {}^{n}C_{6} \left(2\right)^{n-6/3} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3^{2}}\right) = {}^{n}C_{6} \left(2\right)^{n-6/3} \cdot \left(3\right)^{-2}$$

7th term from the end =  $(n - 7 + 2)^{\text{th}}$  term from the beginning

So

b, 
$$T_{n-6+1} = {}^{n}C_{n-6}(2^{1/3})^{n-n+6} \left(\frac{1}{3^{1/3}}\right)^{n-6}$$
  
=  ${}^{n}C_{n-6}(2)^{2} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{3^{n-6/3}}\right) = {}^{n}C_{n-6}(2)^{2} (3)^{6-n/3}$ 

=  $(n-5)^{\text{th}}$  term from the beginning

According to the question, we get

$$\frac{{}^{n}C_{6}(2)^{\frac{n-6}{3}}(3)^{-2}}{{}^{n}C_{n-6}(2)^{2}(3)^{\frac{6-n}{3}}} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad \frac{{}^{n}C_{n-6}(2)^{2}(3)^{\frac{6-n}{3}}}{{}^{n}C_{n-6}(2)^{2}(3)^{\frac{6-n}{3}}} = \frac{1}{6} \quad \Rightarrow \quad (2)^{\frac{n-6}{3}-2} \cdot (3)^{-2-\frac{6-n}{3}} = \frac{1}{6}$$

$$\Rightarrow \quad (2)^{\frac{n-6-6}{3}} \cdot (3)^{\frac{-6-6+n}{3}} = \frac{1}{6} \quad \Rightarrow \quad (2)^{\frac{n-12}{3}} \cdot (3)^{\frac{n-12}{3}} = (6)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad (6)^{\frac{n-12}{3}} = (6)^{-1}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad n-12 = -3 \quad \Rightarrow \quad n = 12 - 3 = 9$$

Hence, the required value of *n* is 9.

- **Q15.** In the expansion of  $(x + a)^n$  if the sum of odd terms is denoted by O and the sum of even terms by E then prove that (*i*)  $O^2 - E^2 = (x^2 - a^2)^n$  (*ii*)  $4OE = (x + a)^{2n} - (x - a)^{2n}$
- **Sol.** Given expression is  $(x + a)^n$  $(x + a)^n = {^nC_0x^na^0 + {^nC_1x^{n-1}a} + {^nC_2x^{n-2}a^2} + {^nC_3x^{n-3}a^3} + \dots + {^nC_na^n}$ Sum of odd terms,

$$O = {}^{n}C_{0}x^{n} + {}^{n}C_{2}x^{n-2}a^{2} + {}^{n}C_{4}x^{n-4}a^{4} + \cdots$$

and the sum of even terms,

$$E = {}^{n}C_{1}x^{n-1} \cdot a + {}^{n}C_{3}x^{n-3}a^{3} + {}^{n}C_{5}x^{n-5}a^{5} + \cdots$$
Now  $(x + a)^{n} = O + E$  ...(*i*)  
Similarly  $(x - a)^{n} = O - E$  ...(*ii*)  
Multiplying eq. (*i*) and eq. (*ii*), we get,  
 $(x + a)^{n} (x - a)^{n} = (O + E) (O - E)$   
 $\Rightarrow (x^{2} - a^{2})^{n} = O^{2} - E^{2}$   
Hence  $O^{2} - E^{2} = (x^{2} - a^{2})^{n}$   
(*ii*)  $4OE = (O + E)^{2} - (O - E)^{2}$   
 $= [(x + a)^{n}]^{2} - [(x - a)^{n}]^{2}$   
 $= [x + a]^{2n} - [x - a]^{2n}$   
Hence,  $4OE = (x + a)^{2n} - (x - a)^{2n}$ 

**Q16.** If  $x^p$  occurs in the expansion of  $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$ , then prove that its coefficient is  $\frac{2n}{\left(\frac{4n-p}{2}\right)!\left(\frac{2n+p}{2}\right)!}$ **Sol.** Given expression is  $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$ General terms,  $T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_{r}x^{n-r}y^{r}$  $= {}^{2n}C_r(x^2)^{2n-r} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{r}\right)^r = {}^{2n}C_r(x)^{4n-2r} \cdot \frac{1}{r^r}$  $= {}^{2n}C_{..}(x)^{4n-2r-r} = {}^{2n}C_{.r}(x)^{4n-3r}$ If  $x^p$  occurs in  $\left(x^2 + \frac{1}{x}\right)^{2n}$ then  $4n - 3r = p \Rightarrow 3r = 4n - p$  $r = \frac{4n-p}{2}$  $\Rightarrow$  $\therefore \quad \text{Coefficient of } x^p = {}^{2n}\text{C}_r = {}^{2n}\text{C}_{\underline{4n-p}}$  $=\frac{(2n)!}{\left(\frac{4n-p}{2}\right)!\left(2n-\frac{4n-p}{2}\right)!}=\frac{(2n)!}{\left(\frac{4n-p}{2}\right)!\left(\frac{6n-4n+p}{2}\right)!}$  $=\frac{(2n)!}{\left(\frac{4n-p}{2}\right)!\left(\frac{2n+p}{2}\right)!}$ 

Hence, the coefficient of  $x^p = \frac{(2n)!}{\left(\frac{4n-p}{3}\right)! \left(\frac{2n+p}{3}\right)!}$ 

**Q17.** Find the term independent of *x* in the expansion of  $(1 + x + 2x^3) \left(\frac{3}{2}x^2 - \frac{1}{3x}\right)^9$ 

**Sol.** Given expression is  $(1+x+2x^3)\left(\frac{3}{2}x^2-\frac{1}{3x}\right)^9$ Let us consider  $\left(\frac{3}{2}x^2-\frac{1}{3x}\right)^9$ General Term  $T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r x^{n-r} y^r$ 

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{9}C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}x^2\right)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{1}{3x}\right)^r$$
  
=  ${}^{9}C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r} (x)^{18-2r} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r \cdot \frac{1}{(x)^r}$   
=  ${}^{9}C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r} (x)^{18-2r-r} \cdot \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r$   
=  ${}^{9}C_r \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r \cdot x^{18-3r}$ 

So, the general term in the expansion of

$$(1+x+2x^3)\left(\frac{3}{2}x^2-\frac{1}{3x}\right)^9$$
  
=  ${}^9C_r\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r}\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r \cdot (x)^{18-3r} + {}^9C_r\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r}\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r \cdot (x)^{19-3r}$   
+  $2 \cdot {}^9C_r\left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-r}\left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^r \cdot (x)^{21-3r}$ 

For getting the term independent of x, Put 18 - 3r = 0, 19 - 3r = 0 and 21 - 3r = 0, we get

$$r = 6, r = \frac{19}{3}$$
 and  $r = 7$   
The possible value of *r* are 6 and 7  $\left( \because r \neq \frac{19}{3} \right)$ 

 $\therefore$  The term independent of *x* is

$$= {}^{9}C_{6} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-6} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{6} + 2 \cdot {}^{9}C_{7} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^{9-7} \left(-\frac{1}{3}\right)^{7}$$
$$= \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7 \times 6!}{3 \times 2 \times 1 \times 6!} \cdot \frac{3^{3}}{2^{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{3^{6}} - 2 \cdot \frac{9 \times 8 \times 7!}{7!2 \times 1} \cdot \frac{3^{2}}{2^{2}} \cdot \frac{1}{3^{7}}$$
$$= \frac{84}{8} \cdot \frac{1}{3^{3}} - \frac{36}{4} \cdot \frac{2}{3^{5}} = \frac{7}{18} - \frac{2}{27} = \frac{21-4}{54} = \frac{17}{54}$$
Hence, the required term =  $\frac{17}{54}$ 

## **OBJECTIVE TYPE QUESTIONS**

- **Q18.** The total number of terms in the expansion of  $(x + a)^{100} + (x a)^{100}$  after simplification is (a) 50 (b) 202 (c) 51 (d) None of these
- **Sol.** Number of terms in the expansion of  $(x + a)^{100} = 101$ Number of terms in the expansion of  $(x - a)^{100} = 101$

Now 50 terms of expansion will cancel out with negative 50 terms of  $(x - a)^{100}$ So, the remaining 51 terms of first expansion will be added to 51 terms of other. Therefore, the number of terms = 51

Hence, the correct option is (*c*).

**Q19.** If the integers r > 1, n > 2 and coefficients of  $(3r)^{\text{th}}$  and  $(r + 2)^{\text{th}}$  terms in the Binomial expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$  are equal, then (a) n = 2r (b) n = 3r

(c) 
$$n = 2r + 1$$
 (d) none of these

Sol. Given that r > 1 and n > 2then  $T_{3r} = T_{3r-1+1} = {}^{2n}C_{3r-1} \cdot x^{3r-1}$ and  $T_{r+2} = T_{r+1+1} = {}^{2n}C_{r+1}x^{r+1}$ As per the question, we have  ${}^{2n}C_{3r-1} = {}^{2n}C_{r+1}$   $\Rightarrow 3r - 1 + r + 1 = 2n$  [::  ${}^{n}C_{p} = {}^{n}C_{q} \Rightarrow n = p + q$ ]  $\Rightarrow 4r = 2n$ n = 2r

Hence, the correct option is (*a*).

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- **Q20.** The two successive terms in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{24}$  whose coefficients are in the ratio 1 : 4 are
  - (a)  $3^{rd}$  and  $4^{th}$  (b)  $4^{th}$  and  $5^{th}$
  - (c)  $5^{\text{th}}$  and  $6^{\text{th}}$  (d)  $6^{\text{th}}$  and  $7^{\text{th}}$
- **Sol.** Let  $r^{\text{th}}$  and  $(r + 1)^{\text{th}}$  be two successive terms in the expansion  $(1 + x)^{24}$

$$T_{r+1} = {}^{24}C_r \cdot x^r$$
  
$$T_{r+2} = T_{r+1+1} = {}^{24}C_{r+1}x^{r+1}$$

As per the question, we have  $\frac{{}^{24}C_r}{{}^{24}C_{r+1}} = \frac{1}{4}$ 

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{\frac{24!}{r!(24-r)!}}{\frac{24!}{(r+1)!(24-r-1)!}} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{24!}{r!(24-r)!} \times \frac{(r+1)!(24-r-1)!}{24!} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{(r+1)\cdot r!(24-r-1)!}{r!(24-r)(24-r-1)!} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \frac{r+1}{24-r} = \frac{1}{4}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 4r+4 = 24-r$$

 $5r = 20 \implies r = 4$  $\Rightarrow$  $T_{4+1} = T_5$  and  $T_{4+2} = T_6$ ... Hence, the correct option is (*c*). **Q21.** The coefficient of  $x^n$  in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$  and  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$ are in the ratio. (a) 1:2 (b) 1:3 (c) 3:1 **Sol.** General Term  $T_{r+1} = {}^{n}C_{r} x^{n-r} y^{r}$ (*d*) 2:1 In the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$ , we get  $T_{r+1} = {}^{2n}C_r x^r$ To get the coefficient of  $x^n$ , put r = nCoefficient of  $x^n = {}^{2n}C_n$ .... In the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$ , we get  $T_{r+1} = {}^{2n-1}C_r x^r$ :. Coefficient of  $x^n$  is  ${}^{2n-1}C_{n-1}$ The required ratio is  $\frac{n}{2n-1}C_{n-1}$  $= \frac{\frac{2n!}{n!(n!)}}{(2n-1)!} = \frac{\frac{2n!}{n! \cdot n!}}{(2n-1)!}$  $\frac{1}{(n-1)!(2n-1-n+1)!} \qquad \frac{1}{(n-1)!(n!)}$  $= \frac{2n!}{n!n!} \times \frac{(n-1)! \cdot n!}{(2n-1)!} = \frac{2n(2n-1)!}{n!n(n-1)!} \times \frac{(n-1)! \cdot n!}{(2n-1)!}$  $=\frac{2}{4}=2:1$ Hence, the correct option is (*d*).

Q22. If the coefficients of 2nd, 3rd and the 4th terms in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^n$  are in A.P. Then value of *n* is (a) 2 (b) 7 (c) 1 (d) 14 Sol. Given expression is  $(1 + x)^n$  $(1 + x)^n = {}^nC_0 + {}^nC_1x + {}^nC_2x^2 + {}^nC_3x^3 + \dots {}^nC_nx^n$ Here, coefficient of 2nd term =  ${}^nC_1$ Coefficient of 3rd term =  ${}^nC_2$ and coefficient of 4th term =  ${}^nC_3$ Given that  ${}^nC_1$ ,  ${}^nC_2$  and  ${}^nC_3$  are in A.P.  $\therefore$  2.  ${}^nC_2 = {}^nC_1 + {}^nC_3$ 

$$\Rightarrow \qquad 2 \cdot \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = n + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad n(n-1) = n + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{n(n-1)(n-2)}$$

$$\Rightarrow \qquad n-1 = 1 + \frac{(n-1)(n-2)}{6}$$

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 $6n - 6 = 6 + n^2 - 3n + 2$  $\Rightarrow n^2 - 3n - 6n + 14 = 0 \Rightarrow n^2 - 9n + 14 = 0$  $\Rightarrow n^2 - 7n - 2n + 14 = 0 \Rightarrow n(n-7) - 2(n-7) = 0$  $(n-2)(n-7) = 0 \implies n = 2, 7 \implies n = 7$  $\Rightarrow$ whereas n = 2 is not possible Hence, the correct option is (*b*). **Q23.** If A and B are coefficient of  $x^n$  is the expansions of  $(1 + x)^{2n}$  and  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$  respectively, then A/B equals (*a*) 1 (b) 2 (d) 1/n(c) 1/2 **Sol.** Given expression is  $(1 + x)^{2n}$  $T_{r+1} = 2^n C_r x^r$ Coefficient of  $x^n = {}^{2n}C_n = A$  (Given) ·. In the expression  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$  $T_{r+1} = {}^{2n-1}C_r x^r$   $\therefore \text{Coefficient of } x^n = {}^{2n-1}C_n = B \quad \text{(Given)}$ So,  $\frac{A}{B} = \frac{{}^{2n}C_n}{{}^{2n-1}C_n} = \frac{{}^{2n}C_n}{{}^{2n-1}C_n} = \frac{2}{1}$ [from Q. no. 21] Hence, the correct option is (*b*). **Q24.** If the middle term of  $\left(\frac{1}{x} + x \sin x\right)^{10}$  is equal to  $7\frac{7}{8}$ , then value of *x* is (b)  $n\pi + \frac{\pi}{6}$ (a)  $2n\pi + \frac{\pi}{c}$ (c)  $n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{\epsilon}$ (d)  $n\pi + (-1)^n \frac{\pi}{2}$ **Sol.** Given expression is  $\left(\frac{1}{x} + x \sin x\right)^{1/2}$ Number of terms = 10 + 1 = 11 odd Middle term =  $\frac{11+1}{2}$ th term = 6th term *.*..  $T_6 = T_{5+1} = {}^{10}C_5 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^{10-5} (x \sin x)^5$  $\therefore {}^{10}C_5 \left(\frac{1}{x}\right)^5 \cdot x^5 \cdot \sin^5 x = 7 \frac{7}{8} \implies {}^{10}C_5 \cdot \sin^5 x = \frac{63}{8}$  $\Rightarrow \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7 \cdot 6}{5 \cdot 4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \cdot \sin^5 x = \frac{63}{8} \Rightarrow 252 \cdot \sin^5 x = \frac{63}{8}$  $\sin^5 x = \frac{63}{8 \times 252} \quad \Rightarrow \quad \sin^5 x = \frac{1}{32}$  $\Rightarrow$ 

$$\Rightarrow \qquad \sin^5 x = \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^5 \Rightarrow \sin x = \frac{1}{2}$$
$$\Rightarrow \qquad \sin x = \sin \frac{\pi}{6}$$
$$\therefore \qquad x = n\pi + (-1)^n \cdot \frac{\pi}{6}$$

Hence, the correct option is (*c*).

### **FILL IN THE BLANKS**

**Q25.** The largest coefficient in the expansion of 
$$(1 + x)^{30}$$
 is

- **Sol.** Here n = 30 which is even  $\therefore$  the largest coefficient in  $(1 + x)^n = {}^nC_{n/2}$ So, the largest coefficient in  $(1 + x)^{30} = {}^{30}C_{15}$ Hence, the value of the filler is  ${}^{30}C_{15}$ .
- **Q26.** The number of terms in the expansion of  $(x + y + z)^n$
- **Sol.** The expression  $(x + y + z)^n$  can be written a  $[x + (y + z)]^n$ ∴  $[x + (y + z)]^n = {}^nC_0x^n (y + z)^0 + {}^nC_1(x)^{n-1} (y + z) + {}^nC_2(x)^{n-2} (y + z)^2 + \dots + {}^nC_n(y + z)^n$ ∴ Number of terms  $1 + 2 + 3 + 4 + \dots (n + 1)$ (n + 1) (n + 2)

Hence, the value of the filler is 
$$\frac{(n+1)(n+2)}{2}$$

- **Q27.** In the expansion of  $\left(x^2 \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{16}$ , the value of constant term is
- **Sol.** Let  $T_{r+1}$  be the constant term in the expansion of  $\left(x^2 \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{16}$

$$\therefore \qquad T_{r+1} = {}^{16}C_r(x^2)^{16-r} \left(\frac{-1}{x^2}\right)^r = {}^{16}C_r(x)^{32-2r}(-1)^r \cdot \frac{1}{x^{2r}} \\ = (-1)^r \cdot {}^{16}C_r(x)^{32-2r-2r} \implies (-1)^r \cdot {}^{16}C_r(x)^{32-4r} \\ \text{For getting constant term, } 32 - 4r = 0 \\ \implies \qquad = r = 8 \\ \therefore \qquad T_{r+1} = (-1)^8 \cdot {}^{16}C_8 = {}^{16}C_8 \\ \text{Hence, the value of the filler is } {}^{16}C_8. \end{cases}$$

**Q28.** If the seventh transform the beginning and the end in the expansion of 
$$\left(\sqrt[3]{2} + \frac{1}{\sqrt[3]{3}}\right)^n$$
 are equal, then *n* equals \_\_\_\_\_.

**Sol.** The given expansion is  $\left(\sqrt[3]{2} + \frac{1}{3/2}\right)^n$  $\therefore \quad T_7 = T_{6+1} = {}^{n}C_6 (2^{1/3})^{n-6} \cdot \frac{1}{(3^{1/3})^6} = {}^{n}C_6 (2)^{\frac{n-6}{3}} \cdot \frac{1}{(3^{1/3})^2}$ Now the  $T_7$  from the end =  $T_7$  from the beginning in  $\left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \sqrt[3]{2}\right)^n$ .  $T_7 = T_{6+1} = {}^{n}C_6 \left(\frac{1}{2^{1/3}}\right)^{n-6} \cdot (2^{1/3})^6$ As per the questions, we get  ${}^{n}C_{6}(2)^{\frac{n-6}{3}} \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2^{2}}\right) = {}^{n}C_{6}\frac{1}{n-6} \cdot (2)^{2}$  $(2)^{\frac{n-6}{3}} \cdot (3)^{-2} = (3)^{-\left(\frac{n-6}{3}\right)} \cdot (2)^2$  $\Rightarrow$  $\Rightarrow \quad (2)^{\frac{n-6}{3}-2} \cdot (3)^{-2+\frac{n-6}{3}} = 1$  $\Rightarrow \qquad 2^{\frac{n-12}{3}} \cdot (3)^{\frac{n-12}{3}} = 1$  $(6)^{\frac{n-12}{3}} = (6)^0$  $\Rightarrow$  $\frac{n-12}{3} = 0 \implies n = 12$  $\Rightarrow$ Hence, the value of the filler is 12. **Q29.** The coefficient of  $a^{-6}b^4$  in the expansion of  $\left(\frac{1}{a} - \frac{2b}{2}\right)^{10}$  is **Sol.** The given expansion is  $\left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{2b}{2}\right)^{t}$ from  $a^{-6}b^4$ , we can take r = 4 $\therefore \qquad T_5 = T_{4+1} = {}^{10}C_4 \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^{10-4} \left(-\frac{2b}{a}\right)^4 = {}^{10}C_4 \left(\frac{1}{a}\right)^6 \left(\frac{-2}{a}\right)^4 \cdot b^4$  $= \frac{10 \cdot 9 \cdot 8 \cdot 7}{4 \cdot 3 \cdot 2 \cdot 1} \times \frac{16}{81} \cdot a^{-6} b^4 = 210 \times \frac{16}{81} a^{-6} b^4$  $=\frac{1120}{27}a^{-6}b^4$ Hence, the value of the filler =  $\frac{1120}{27}$ 

- **Q30.** Middle term in the expansion of  $(a^3 + ba)^{28}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Sol.** Number of term in the expansion  $(a^3 + ba)^{28} = 28 + 1 = 29$  (odd)
  - Middle term =  $\frac{29+1}{2} = 15$ th term ÷

$$\therefore \qquad \mathsf{T}_{15} = \mathsf{T}_{14+1} = {}^{28}\mathsf{C}_{14} \, (a^3)^{28-14} \cdot (ba)^{14} = {}^{28}\mathsf{C}_{14} \, (a)^{42} \cdot b^{14} \cdot a^{14} \\ = {}^{28}\mathsf{C}_{14} a^{56} b^{14}$$

Hence, the value of the filler is  ${}^{28}C_{14} a^{56} b^{14}$ .

- **Q31.** The ratio of the coefficient of  $x^p$  and  $x^q$  in the expansion of  $(1+x)^{p+q}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Sol.** Given expansion is  $(1 + x)^{p+q}$ 
  $$\begin{split} \mathbf{T}_{r+1} &= {}^{p+q}\mathbf{C}_r \, x^r \\ &= {}^{p+q}\mathbf{C}_p x^p \end{split}$$

Put r = p

:. the coefficient of  $x^p = p^{p+q}C_p$ 

Similarly, coefficient of  $x^q = {}^{p+q}C_q$ 

$${}^{p+q}C_{p} = \frac{(p+q)!}{p!(p+q-p)!} = \frac{(p+q)!}{p!q!}$$
$${}^{p+q}C_{q} = \frac{(p+q)!}{q!(p+q-q)!} = \frac{(p+q)!}{p!q!}$$

and

So, the ratio is 1:1.

- **Q32.** The position of the term independent of *x* in the expansion of  $\left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{3}} + \frac{3}{2x^2}\right)^{10}$  is \_\_\_\_\_.
- **Sol.** The given expansion is  $\left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{3}} + \frac{3}{2x^2}\right)^{10}$

$$\begin{split} \mathbf{T}_{r+1} &= \ {}^{10}\mathbf{C}_r \left(\sqrt{\frac{x}{3}}\right)^{10-r} \left(\frac{3}{2x^2}\right)^r = \ {}^{10}\mathbf{C}_r \left(\frac{x}{3}\right)^{\frac{10-r}{2}} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^r \cdot \frac{1}{x^{2r}} \\ &= \ {}^{10}\mathbf{C}_r \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{\frac{10-r}{2}} \cdot x^{\frac{10-r}{2}} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^r \cdot \frac{1}{x^{2r}} \\ &= \ {}^{10}\mathbf{C}_r \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{\frac{10-r}{2}} \cdot x^{\frac{10-r}{2}-2r} \cdot \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^r \\ &= \ {}^{10}\mathbf{C}_r \left(\frac{1}{3}\right)^{\frac{10-r}{2}} \cdot x^{\frac{10-r-4r}{2}-2r} \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^r \end{split}$$

For independent of *x*, we get  

$$\frac{10 - r - 4r}{2} = 0$$

$$10 - 5r = 0$$

$$r = 2$$

So, the position of the term independent of x is 3rd term. Hence, the value of the filler is Third term

Q33. If 
$$25^{15}$$
 is divided by 13, the remainder is \_\_\_\_\_.  
Sol. Let  $25^{15} = (26-1)^{15}$   
 $= {}^{15}C_0(26)^{15}(-1)^0 + {}^{15}C_1(26)^{14}(-1)^1$   
 $+ {}^{15}C_2(26)^{13}(-1)^2 + \dots + {}^{15}C_{15}(-1)^{15}$   
 $= 26^{15} - 15(26)^{14} + \dots - 1 - 13 + 13$   
 $= 26^{15} - 15 \cdot (26)^{14} + \dots - 13 + 12$   
 $= 13\lambda + 12$   
 $\therefore$  The remainder = 12

Hence, the value of the filler is 12.

### **TRUE OR FALSE**

Q34. The sum of the series 
$$\sum_{r=0}^{10} {}^{20}C_r \text{ is } 2^{19} + \frac{{}^{20}C_{10}}{2}$$
  
Sol. 
$$\sum_{r=0}^{10} {}^{20}C_r = {}^{20}C_0 + {}^{20}C_1 + {}^{20}C_2 + {}^{20}C_3 + \dots + {}^{20}C_{10}$$
$$= {}^{20}C_0 + {}^{20}C_1 + \dots + {}^{20}C_{10} + {}^{20}C_{11} + \dots + {}^{20}C_{20}$$
$$- ({}^{20}C_{11} + \dots + {}^{20}C_{20})$$
$$= {}^{2^{20}} - ({}^{20}C_{11} + \dots + {}^{20}C_{20})$$

Hence, the given statement is **False**.

**Q35.** The expression  $7^9 + 9^7$  is divisible by 64.

Sol.  

$$7^{9} + 9^{7} = (1+8)^{7} - (1-8)^{9}$$

$$= [^{7}C_{0} + ^{7}C_{1} \cdot 8 + ^{7}C_{2}(8)^{2} + ^{7}C_{3}(8)^{3} + \dots + ^{7}C_{7}(8)^{7}]$$

$$- [^{9}C_{0} - ^{9}C_{1}8 + ^{9}C_{2}(8)^{2} - ^{9}C_{3}(8)^{3} + \dots + ^{9}C_{9}(8)^{9}]$$

$$= (7 \times 8 + 9 \times 8) + (21 \times 8^{2} - 36 \times 8^{2}) + \dots$$

$$= (56 + 72) + (21 - 36)8^{2} + \dots = 128 + 64 (21 - 36) + \dots$$

$$= 64[2 + (21 - 36) + \dots]$$

which is divisible by 64

Hence, the given statement is **True**.

- **Q36.** The number of terms in the expansion of  $[(2x + 3y)^4]^7$  is 8. **Sol.** Given expression is  $[(2x + 3y)^4]^7 = (2x + 3y)^{28}$
- **Sol.** Given expression is  $[(2x + 3y)^4]^7 = (2x + 3y)$ So, the number of terms = 28 + 1 = 29Hence, the given statement is **False**.

- Q37. The sum of coefficients of the two middle terms in the expansion of  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$  is equal to  ${}^{2n-1}C_n$ .
- **Sol.** The given expression is  $(1 + x)^{2n-1}$ Number of terms = 2n - 1 + 1 = 2n (even)
  - Middle terms are  $\frac{2n}{2}$ th term and  $\left(\frac{2n}{2}+1\right)^{\text{th}}$  terms *.*.. = nth terms and (n + 1)th terms Coefficient of *n*th term =  ${}^{2n-1}C_{n-1}$ and the coefficient of (n + 1)th term =  ${}^{2n-1}C_n$ Sum of the coefficients =  ${}^{2n'-1}C_{n-1} + {}^{2n-1}C_n$ =  ${}^{2n-1}C_{n-1} + {}^{2n-1}C_n = {}^{2n-1+1}C_n = {}^{2n}C_n$
- Hence, the statement [::  ${}^{n}C_{r} + {}^{n}C_{r-1} = {}^{n+1}C_{r}$ ] is **False**. **Q38.** The last two digits of the numbers  $3^{400}$  are 01.
- **Sol.** Given that  $3^{400} = (9)^{200} = (10 1)^{200}$ 
  - $\therefore \quad (10-1)^{200} = {}^{200}C_0(10)^{200} {}^{200}C_1(10)^{199}$  $= 10^{200} - 200 \times 10^{199} + \dots - 10 \times 200 + 1$

So, it is clear that last two digits are 01. Hence, the given statement is **True**.

**Q39.** If the expansion of  $\left(x - \frac{1}{r^2}\right)^{2n}$  contains a term independent of *x*, then *n* is a multiple of 2.

Sol. The given expression is 
$$\left(x - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)^{2n}$$
  
 $T_{r+1} = {}^{2n}C_r(x)^{2n-r} \left(-\frac{1}{x^2}\right)^r = {}^{2n}C_r(x)^{2n-r}(-1)^r \cdot \frac{1}{x^{2r}}$   
 $= {}^{2n}C_r(x)^{2n-r-2r}(-1)^r = {}^{2n}C_r(x)^{2n-3r}(-1)^r$ 

For the term independent of x, 2n - 3r = 0

 $\therefore$   $r = \frac{2n}{3}$  which not an integer and the expression is not possible to be true

Hence, the given statement is **False**.

- **Q40.** The number of terms in the expansion of  $(a + b)^n$  where  $n \in N$ is one less than the power *n*.
- **Sol.** Since, the number of terms in the given expression  $(a + b)^n$  is 1 more than *n* i.e., *n* + 1

Hence, the given statement is **False**.