

# SAT PREP

## Binomial Theorem

Question 1

Expand and simplify  $\left(\frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}\right)^4$ .

Question 2

Expand and simplify  $\left(x^2 - \frac{2}{x}\right)^4$ .

Question 3

Expand and simplify  $\left(x - \frac{2}{x}\right)^4$ .

Question 4

Find the term in  $x^2$  in  $(2 + x)^4 \left(1 + \frac{1}{x^2}\right)$ .

Question 5

Find the coefficient of  $x^8$  in the expansion of  $\left(x^2 - \frac{2}{x}\right)^7$ .

Question 6

Determine the first three terms in the expansion of  $(1 - 2x)^5(1 + x)^7$  in ascending powers of  $x$ .

Question 7

The third term in the expansion of  $(2x + p)^6$  is  $60x^4$ . Find the possible values of  $p$ .

Question 8

Find the coefficient of  $x^{-2}$  in the expansion of  $(x - 1)^3 \left(\frac{1}{x} + 2x\right)^6$ .

Question 9

Consider the expansion of  $\left(\frac{x^3}{2} + \frac{p}{x}\right)^8$ . The constant term is 5103. Find the possible values of  $p$ .

Question 10

Consider the expansion of  $x^2 \left(3x^2 + \frac{k}{x}\right)^8$ . The constant term is 16 128.

Find  $k$ .

## Answers

### Question 1

$$\left(\frac{x}{y} - \frac{y}{x}\right)^4 = \left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^4 + 4\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^3\left(-\frac{y}{x}\right) + 6\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)^2\left(-\frac{y}{x}\right)^2 + 4\left(\frac{x}{y}\right)\left(-\frac{y}{x}\right)^3 + \left(-\frac{y}{x}\right)^4$$

### Question 2

$$x^8 - 8x^5 + 24x^2 - \frac{32}{x} + \frac{16}{x^4}$$

### Question 3

$$32 - 240x + 720x^2 - 1080x^3 + 810x^4 - 243x^5$$

### Question 4

$$(2 + x)^4 = 16 + 32x + 24x^2 + 8x^3 + x^4$$

term is  $25x^2$

### Question 5

$$3247695$$

### Question 6

$$1 - 3x - 9x^2 + \dots$$

### Question 7

$$p = \pm\frac{1}{2} (p = \pm 0.5)$$

### Question 8

coefficient  $x^{-2}$  is  $-96$

### Question 9

$$p = \pm 3$$

### Question 10

$$k = \pm 2$$