

Important Questions - Principle of Mathematical Induction

11th Standard CBSE

Mathematics

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Time : 01:00:00 Hrs

Total Marks : 50

Section-A

- 1) Prove that $2+4+6+8+\dots+2n=n(n+1)$. 2
- 2) Prove that $1+2+2^2+\dots+2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$ for all natural numbers n . 2
- 3) Prove that $2^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 3, for all natural numbers n . 2
- 4) Prove that $\sum_{r=1}^{n-1} r = \frac{n(n-1)(n+1)}{3}$ for all natural numbers $n \geq 2$. 2
- 5) Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that $3^n > 2^n$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. 2
- 6) If $P(n) : "3 \cdot 5^{2n+1} + 2^{3n+1}$ is divisible by 3" is true, then find the value of λ . 2

Section-B

- 7) Prove that for all natural numbers n by using principle of mathematical induction. 3
- 8) Prove by principle of mathematical induction that, the sum of first n natural numbers is $\frac{n(n+1)}{2}$. 3
- 9) Prove that $(1+x)^n > 1+nx$ for all natural numbers n , where $x > -1$. 3
- 10) Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that $1+3+5+\dots+(2n-1) = n^2$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. 3
- 11) Prove the rule of exponents $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ by using principle of mathematical induction for every natural number. 3
- 12) Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that $1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots + n \times n! = (n+1)! - 1$ for all natural numbers n . 3

Section-C

- 13) Use the principle of mathematical induction to prove that n^3 is divisible by 3, for all natural numbers of n . 4
- 14) Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $4^n - 1$ when divided by 3, the remainder is always 1. 4
- 15) For all positive integer n , prove that $\frac{7}{5} + \frac{1}{5}n^2 \geq \frac{n}{105}$. 4
- 16) Prove that $(2n+7) < (n+3)^2$, for all natural numbers n . 4
- 17) Prove that $2n < (n+2)!$ for all natural numbers n . 4

Section-A

1) Consider $P(k): 2+4+6+8+\dots+2k = k(k+1)$

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Now, $P(k+1): 2+4+6+\dots+2(k+1) = 2(k+1)$

$$= k(k+1) + 2(k+1) = k^2 + 3k + 2$$

$$= (k+1)(k+1)$$

2) Consider $P(k): 1+2+2^2+\dots+2^k = 2^{k+1}-1$

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Now $P(k+1): 1+2+2^2+\dots+2^{k+1} = 2^{k+2}-1$

$$= 2^{k+1}-1 + 2^{k+1}$$

$$= 2^{(k+1)+1}-1$$

3) Consider $P(k): 2^{2k}-1 = 3\lambda$ (say)

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Now $P(k+1): 2^{2(k+1)}-1 = 2^{2k+2}-1$

$$(3\lambda + 1)4 - 1 = 12\lambda + 3$$

$$3(4\lambda + 1), \text{ which is divisible by } 3$$

4) Consider $P(k): \sum_{t=1}^{k-1} t(t+1) = \frac{k(k-1)(k+1)}{3} \quad k \geq 2$

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$$P(k): 1.2+2.3+3.4+\dots+(k-1)k = \frac{k(k-1)(k+1)}{3}$$

Now $P(k+1): 1.2+2.3+3.4+\dots+(k)k+(k+1)(k+2)$

$$= \frac{k(k-1)(k+1)}{3} + k(k+1) = \frac{k(k+1)(k+2)}{3} \quad k \geq 2$$

5)

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Step I Let $P(n)$ be the given statement.

i.e. $P(n): 3^n > 2^n$

Step II For $n=1$, we have $3^1 > 2^1$

$3 > 2$, Which is true.

Thus $P(1)$ is true.

Step III Let us assume that $P(k)$ is true.

i.e. $P(k): 3^k > 2^k$

Step IV Now, we shall prove the statement for $n=k+1$. For this, we have to show $3^{k+1} > 2^{k+1}$

from Eq.(i) we have $3^k > 2^k$

$$3^k \cdot 3 > 2^k \cdot 3 \quad [\text{multiplying both sides by } 3]$$

$$\Rightarrow 3^{k+1} > 2^k \cdot 3$$

$$2^k \cdot 3 > 2^k \cdot 2 \Rightarrow 3^k \cdot 3 > 2^k \cdot 2 = 2^{k+1}$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true. Hence, by principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

6) Here, the given statement is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

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it is true for $n=1$ and $n=2$

For $n=1$, $P(1): 3.5+2^4=3 \times 125+16$

$$= 375+16=391$$

and for $n=2$, $P(2): 3.5^5+2^7$

$$= 3 \times 3125+128$$

$$= 9375+128=9503$$

Now, the HCF of 391 and 9503 is 17. So,

$3.5^{2n+1}+2^{3n+1}$ is divisible by 17. Hence, λ is 17.

Section-B

7) **Step I** Let $P(n)$ be the given statement.

i.e $P(n); 2n + 1 < 2^n$

Step II For $n = 3$, we have

$$(2 \times 3 + 1) < 2^3 \Rightarrow 7 < 8, \text{ which is true.}$$

Thus $P(1)$ is true.

Step III Let us assume that $P(k)$ is true.

i.e $P(k); 2k + 1 < 2^k$

Step IV Now, we shall prove the statement for $n = k + 1$.

for this, we have to show that $2(k + 1) + 1 < 2^{k+1}$

from Eq.(i), $2k + 1 < 2^k$

So, $(2k + 1) + 2 < 2^k + 2$ [adding 2 on both sides]

$$2k + 3 < 2^k + 2 \quad [2^k + 2 < 2^{k+1}]$$

$$2k + 3 < 2^{k+1} \quad 2(k + 1) + 1 < 2^{k+1}$$

thus, $P(k + 1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true.

hence, by principle of mathematical induction $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers, $n \geq 3$

8)

Step I Let $P(n)$ be the given statement, i.e.

$$P(n) : 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$$

Step II For $n = 1$, we have; LHS = 1 and

$$RHS = \frac{1 \cdot (1+1)}{2} = \frac{1 \times 2}{2} = 1$$

\therefore LHS = RHS $P(1)$ is true

Step III Let us assume that $P(n)$ is true for $n = k$. Then we have

$$P(k): 1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + K = \frac{k(k+1)}{2} \quad \dots (1)$$

Step IV Now, we shall prove the statement for $n = k + 1$

For this we have to show that

$$1 + 2 + \dots + (k + 1) = \frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)}{2}$$

Consider, LHS = $1 + 2 + \dots + k + (k + 1)$

$$= \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (k + 1) \quad [\text{using Eq.(i)}]$$

$$= (k + 1) \left(\frac{k}{2} + 1 \right) \quad [\text{taking common } (k+1)]$$

$$= \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} = \frac{(k+1)(k+1+1)}{2} = RHS$$

Thus, $P(k + 1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true. Hence, by principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers n .

9)

Step I Let $P(n)$ be the given statement.

i.e. $P(n) : (1+x)^n \geq (1+nx)$

Step II for $n=1$, we have $(1+x) \geq (1+x)$, which is true. Thus $P(1)$ is true.

Step III Let us assume that $P(k)$ is true.

i.e. $P(k) : (1+x)^k \geq (1+kx)$ (i)

Step IV Now, we shall prove the statement for $n=k+1$. For this, we have to show that

$$(1+x)^{k+1} \geq (1+(k+1)x)$$

from Wq (i) we have $(1+x)^k \geq (1+kx)$ (ii)

$$\because x > 1 \Rightarrow x+1 > 0$$

So, on multiplying both sides of Eq.(ii) by $(x+1)$, we get

$$(1+x)^k(1+x) \geq (1+kx)(1+x)$$

$$(1+x)^{k+1} \geq 1+x+kx+kx^2$$
(iii)

Here, k is a natural number and $x^2 \geq 0$, therefore $kx^2 \geq 0$ and so, $(1+x+kx+kx^2) \geq (1+x+kx)$

Then, from Eq(iii), we have

$$(1+x)^{k+1} \geq (1+x+kx)$$

$$\text{or } (1+x)^{k+1} \geq [1+(1+k)x]$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true whenever $P(k)$ is true. Hence, by the principle mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers.

10)

Step I Let $P(n)$ be the given statement.

i.e. $P(n) : 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{n-1} = \frac{3^n - 1}{2}$

Step II For $n=1$, we have

$$\text{LHS} = 3^{1-1} = 3^0 = 1 \text{ and } \text{RHS} = \frac{3^1 - 1}{2} = 1$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

$$\therefore P(1) \text{ is true.}$$

Step III Let us assume that $P(n)$ is true for $n=k$

Then, we have

$$P(k) : 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{k-1} = \frac{3^k - 1}{2} \dots (i)$$

Step IV Now, we shall prove the statement for $n=k+1$ For this,

we have to show

$$1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{k-1} + 3^k = \frac{3^{k+1} - 1}{2}$$

$$\text{Then, LHS} = 1 + 3 + 3^2 + \dots + 3^{k-1} + 3^k$$

$$= \frac{3^k - 1}{2} + 3^k \quad [\text{from Eq. (i)}]$$

$$= \frac{3^k - 1 + 2 \cdot 3^k}{2} = \frac{3^k(1+2) - 1}{2}$$

$$= \frac{3^k \cdot 3 - 1}{2} = \frac{3^{k+1} - 1}{2} = \text{RHS}$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true. Hence, by principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

11)

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Step I Let $P(n)$ be the given statement,

$$\text{i.e. } P(n) : (ab)^n = a^n b^n$$

Step II For $n=1$, $(ab)^1 = ab = a^1 b^1$

So, $P(1)$ is true.

Step III Let $P(k)$ be true.

$$\text{Then, we have } (ab)^k = a^k b^k \quad \dots(i)$$

Step IV Now, we shall prove the statement for $n=k+1$.

For this, we have to show that

$$(ab)^{k+1} = a^{k+1} b^{k+1}$$

$$\text{Then, LHS} = (ab)^{k+1} = (ab)^k (ab)$$

$$= (a^k b^k) (ab) \quad [\text{using Eq.(i)}]$$

$$= (a^k \cdot a^1) (b^k \cdot b^1) = a^{k+1} b^{k+1}$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is also true, whenever $P(k)$ is true. Hence, by principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

12)

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Step I Let $P(n)$ be the given statement

$$\text{i.e. } P(n) : 1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots + n \times n! = (n+1)! - 1$$

Step II For $n=1$, we have

$$\text{LHS} = 1 \times 1! = 1$$

$$\text{and RHS} = (1+1)! - 1 = 2! - 1 = 2 - 1 = \text{LHS}$$

$$\therefore \text{LHS} = \text{RHS}$$

$$\therefore P(1) \text{ is true}$$

Step III Let us assume that $P(n)$ is true for $n=k$

Then, we have

$$P(k) : 1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots + k \times k! + (k+1)! - 1 \quad \dots(i)$$

Step IV Now, we shall prove the statement for $n=k+1$. For this we have to show that

$$1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots + k \times k! + (k+1) \times (k+1)! = (k+1+1)! - 1$$

$$\text{Then, LHS} = 1 \times 1! + 2 \times 2! + 3 \times 3! + \dots + k \times k! + (k+1) \times (k+1)!$$

$$= (k+1)! - 1 + (k+1)! \times (k+1) \quad [\text{from Eq.(1)}]$$

$$= (k+1+1)(k+1)! - 1 = (k+2)(k+1)! - 1$$

$$= (k+2)! - 1 \quad [\because n(n-1)! = n!]$$

Thus, $P(k+1)$ is true, whenever $P(k)$ is true. Hence, by the principle of mathematical induction, $P(n)$ is true for all natural numbers n .

Section-C

13) Consider $P(k) : k^3 - 7k + 3 = 3\lambda$

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$$\text{Now, } P(k+1) : (k+1)^3 - 7(k+1) + 3$$

$$= k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1 - 7k - 4$$

$$= (3\lambda - 3) + 3k^2 + 3k - 3 = 3(k^2 + k - 2)$$

14) Consider $P(k) : 4^k = 3\lambda + 1$

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$$\text{Now, } P(k+1) : 4^{k+1} = 4^k \cdot 4 = (3\lambda + 1)4$$

$$= 12\lambda + 4 = 3(4\lambda + 1) + 1$$

15) Consider $P(k): \frac{k^7}{7} + \frac{k^5}{5} + \frac{2}{3}k^3 - \frac{k}{105} \lambda \in I$

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Now, $P(k+1): \frac{(k+1)^7}{7} + \frac{(k+1)^5}{5} + \frac{2}{3}(k+1)^3 - \frac{k+1}{105}$

$$= \frac{1}{7}(k^7 + 7k^6 + 21k^5 + 35k^4 + 35k^3 + 21k^2 + 7k + 1) + \frac{1}{5}(k^5 + 5k^4 + 10k^3 + 10k^2 + 5k) + 1$$

$$+ \frac{2}{3}(k^3 + 3k^2 + 3k + 1) - \frac{k+1}{105}$$

$$= +\lambda + (k^6 + 3k^5 + 6k^4 + 7k^3 + 7k^2 + 4k) = \text{Integer}$$

16) Consider $P(k): (2k+7) < (k+3)^2$

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$$\Rightarrow (2k+7)+2 < (k+3)^2 + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow 2(k+1)+7 < (k+4)^2 \quad [(k+3)^2 + 2 < (k+4)^2]$$

17) $2k < (k+2)! \Rightarrow 2k+2 < (k+2)! + 2$

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$$\Rightarrow (k+1)^2 < 2^k + 2^k \quad [(2k+1) < 2^k \text{ for } k \leq 3]$$

$$\Rightarrow (k+1)^2 < 2^{k+1}$$

