

PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

1. For all positive integral values of n , $3^{2n} - 2n + 1$ is divisible by
 a) 2 b) 4 c) 8 d) 12
2. $3 + 13 + 29 + 51 + 79 + \dots$ to n terms =
 a) $2n^2 + 7n^3$ b) $n^2 + 5n^3$ c) $n^3 + 2n^2$ d) None of these
3. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ and $I = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$, then which one of the following holds for all $n \geq 1$, by the principle of mathematical induction?
 a) $A^n = 2^{n-1}A + (n-1)I$ b) $A^n = nA + (n-1)I$
 c) $A^n = 2^{n-1}A - (n-1)I$ d) $A^n = nA - (n-1)I$
4. If $(n): 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$ is
 a) True for all $n \in N$ b) True for $n > 1$ c) True for no n d) None of these
5. For a positive integer n , Let $a(n) = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{4} + \dots + \frac{1}{(2^n)-1}$. Then
 a) $a(100) \leq 100$ b) $a(100) > 100$ c) $a(200) \leq 100$ d) None of these
6. If $A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$, then for $n \in N$, A^n is equal to
 a) $\begin{bmatrix} \cos^n \theta & \sin^n \theta \\ -\sin^n \theta & \cos^n \theta \end{bmatrix}$ b) $\begin{bmatrix} \cos n \theta & \sin n \theta \\ -\sin n \theta & \cos n \theta \end{bmatrix}$ c) $\begin{bmatrix} n \cos \theta & n \sin \theta \\ -n \sin \theta & n \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$ d) None of the above
7. The sum of the cubes of three consecutive natural numbers is divisible by
 a) 7 b) 9 c) 25 d) 26
8. For all $n \in N$, $\sum n$
 a) $< \frac{(2n+1)^2}{8}$ b) $> \frac{(2n+1)^2}{8}$ c) $= \frac{(2n+1)^2}{8}$ d) None of these
9. The product of three consecutive natural numbers is divisible by
 a) 5 b) 7 c) 6 d) 4
10. For all $n \in N$, $5^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by
 a) 6 b) 11 c) 24 d) 26
11. $7^{2n} + 3^{n-1} \cdot 2^{3n-3}$ is divisible by
 a) 24 b) 25 c) 9 d) 13
12. For $n \in N$, $10^{n-2} \geq 81n$ is
 a) $n > 5$ b) $n \geq 5$ c) $n < 5$ d) $n > 8$
13. For all $n \in N$, $\frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{7}{15n}$ is
 a) An integer b) A natural number c) A positive fraction d) None of these
14. Let $S(k) = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = 3 + k^2$. Then, which of the following is true?
 a) $S(1)$ is correct b) $S(k) \Rightarrow S(k+1)$
 c) $S(k) \not\Rightarrow S(k+1)$ d) Principle of mathematical induction can be used to prove the formula
15. The smallest positive integer n for which $n! < \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$ holds, is
 a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4
16. The remainder when 5^{99} is divided by 13, is
 a) 6 b) 8 c) 9 d) 10

17. $10^n + 3(4^{n+2}) + 5$ is divisible by ($n \in N$)
 a) 7 b) 5 c) 9 d) 17
18. For all $n \in N$, $n^3 + 2n$ is divisible by
 a) 3 b) 8 c) 9 d) 11
19. For all $n \in N$, $7^{2n} - 48n - 1$ is divisible by
 a) 25 b) 26 c) 1234 d) 2304
20. $10^n + 3(4^{n+2}) + 5$ is divisible by ($n \in N$)
 a) 7 b) 5 c) 9 d) 17
21. The n th term of the series $4 + 14 + 30 + 52 + 80 + 114 + \dots$ is
 a) $5n - 1$ b) $2n^2 + 2n$ c) $3n^2 + n$ d) $2n^2 + 2$
22. If $P(n)$ is a statement ($n \in N$) such that, if $P(k)$ is true, $P(k + 1)$ is true for $k \in N$, then $p(n)$ is true
 a) For all n b) For all $n > 1$ c) For all $n > 2$ d) Nothing can be said
23. Using mathematical induction, then numbers a_n 's are defined by
 $a_0 = 1, a_{n+1} = 3n^2 + n + a_n, (n \geq 0)$ Then, a_n is equal to
 a) $n^3 + n^2 + 1$ b) $n^3 - n^2 + 1$ c) $n^3 - n^2$ d) $n^3 + n^2$
24. $\frac{(n+2)!}{(n-1)!}$ is divisible by
 a) 6 b) 11 c) 24 d) 26
25. If $P(n) = 2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n, n \in N$, then $P(k) = k(k + 1) + 2 \Rightarrow P(k + 1) = (k + 1)(k + 2) + 2$ for all $k \in N$. So, we can conclude that $P(n) = n(n + 1) + 2$ for
 a) All $n \in N$ b) $n > 1$ c) $n > 2$ d) Nothing can be said
26. For all $n \in N, 2 \cdot 4^{2n+1} + 3^{3n+1}$ is divisible by
 a) 2 b) 9 c) 3 d) 11
27. For all $n \in N, n^4$ is less than
 a) 10^n b) 4^n c) 5^n d) 10^{10}
28. The number $a^n - b^n$ (a, b are distinct rational numbers and $n \in N$) is always divisible by
 a) $a - b$ b) $a + b$ c) $2a - b$ d) $a - 2b$
29. If $n \in N$, then $3^{2n} + 7$ is divisible by
 a) 3 b) 8 c) 9 d) 11
30. For each, $n \in N, 10^{2n-1} + 1$ is divisible by
 a) 11 b) 13 c) 9 d) None of these
31. If $10^n + 3 \cdot 4^{n+2} + \lambda$ is exactly divisible by 9 for all $n \in N$, then the least positive integral value of λ is
 a) 5 b) 3 c) 7 d) 1
32. For all $n \in N, \cos \theta \cos 2\theta \cos 4\theta \dots \cos 2^{n-1} \theta$ equals to
 a) $\frac{\sin 2^n \theta}{2^n \sin \theta}$ b) $\frac{\sin 2^n \theta}{\sin \theta}$ c) $\frac{\cos 2^n \theta}{2^n \cos 2\theta}$ d) $\frac{\cos 2^n \theta}{2^n \sin \theta}$
33. The inequality $n! > 2^{n-1}$ is true for
 a) $n > 2$ b) $n \in N$ c) $n > 3$ d) None of these
34. If $P(n): 2 + 4 + 6 \dots + (2n), n \in N$, then
 $P(k) = k(k + 1) + 2$ implies
 $P(k) = (k + 1)(k + 2) + 2$
 is true for all $k \in N$. So, statement $P(n) = n(n + 1) + 2$ is true for
 a) $n \geq 1$ b) $n \geq 2$ c) $n \geq 3$ d) None of these
35. If $P(n): 3^n < n!, n \in N$, then $P(n)$ is true
 a) For $n \geq 6$ b) For $n \geq 7$ c) For $n \geq 3$ d) For all n
36. Let $P(n)$ denotes the statement that $n^2 + n$ is odd. It is seen that $P(n) \Rightarrow P(n + 1), P(n)$ is true for all
 a) $n > 1$ b) n c) $n > 2$ d) None of these
37. The sum to n terms of the series $1^3 + 3^3 + 5^3 + \dots$ is
 a) $n^2(n^2 - 1)$ b) $n^2(2n^2 - 1)$ c) $n^2(2n^2 + 1)$ d) $n^2(n^2 + 1)$
38. If $n \in N$, then $11^{n+2} + 12^{2n+1}$ is divisible by

- a) 113 b) 123 c) 133 d) None of these
39. For natural number n , $2^n(n-1)! < n^n$, if
a) $n < 2$ b) $n > 2$ c) $n \geq 2$ d) never
40. If $n \in N$, then $n(n^2 - 1)$ is divisible by
a) 6 b) 16 c) 36 d) 24
41. $(2^{3n} - 1)$ will be divisible by $(\forall n \in N)$
a) 25 b) 8 c) 7 d) 3
42. If $n \in N$, then $x^{2n-1}y^{2n-1}$ is divisible by
a) $x + y$ b) $x - y$ c) $x^2 + y^2$ d) None of these
43. If $x^{2n-1} + y^{2n-1}$ is divisible by $x + y$, if n is
a) A positive integer b) An even positive integer
c) An odd positive integer d) None of the above
44. If m, n are any two odd positive integer with $n < m$, then the largest positive integers which divides all the numbers of the type $m^2 - n^2$ is
a) 4 b) 6 c) 8 d) 9
45. If $x^n - 1$ is divisible by $x - k$, then the least positive integral value of k is
a) 1 b) 2 c) 3 d) 4
46. If n is a positive integer, then $5^{2n+2} - 24n - 25$ is divisible by
a) 574 b) 575 c) 675 d) 576
47. For all $n \in N$, $3^{3n} - 26^n - 1$ is divisible by
a) 24 b) 64 c) 17 d) 676
48. Matrix A is such that $A^2 = 2A - I$ where I is the identity matrix, then for $n \geq 2$, A^n is equal to
a) $nA - (n-1)I$ b) $nA - I$ c) $2^{n-1}A - (n-1)I$ d) $2^{n-1}A - I$
49. If $a_1 = 1$ and $a_n = na_{n-1}$ for all positive integer $n \geq 2$, then a_5 is equal to
a) 125 b) 120 c) 100 d) 24
50. For all $n \in N$, $1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$ is
a) Equal to \sqrt{n}
b) Less than or equal to \sqrt{n}
c) Greater than or equal to \sqrt{n}
d) None of these
51. Let $P(n): n^2 + n + 1$ is an even integer. If $P(k)$ is assumed true $\Rightarrow P(k+1)$ is true. Therefore, $P(n)$ is true
a) For $n > 1$ b) For all $n \in N$ c) For $n > 2$ d) None of these
52. $2^{3n} - 7n - 1$ is divisible by
a) 64 b) 36 c) 49 d) 25
53. For all $n \in N$, $3n^5 + 5n^3 + 7n$ is divisible by
a) 3 b) 5 c) 10 d) 15
54. If n is a positive integer, then $n^3 + 2n$ is divisible by
a) 2 b) 6 c) 15 d) 3
55. For all $n \in N$, $49^n + 16n - 1$ is divisible by
a) 64 b) 8 c) 16 d) 4
56. If $P(n)$ is a statement such that $P(3)$ is true. Assuming $P(k)$ is true $\Rightarrow P(k+1)$ is true for all $k \geq 3$, then $P(n)$ is true
a) For all n b) For $n \geq 3$ c) For $n > 4$ d) None of these
57. If n is an odd positive integer, then $a^n + b^n$ is divisible by
a) $a + b$ b) $a - b$ c) $a^2 + b^2$ d) None of these
58. The n th terms of the series $3 + 7 + 13 + 21 + \dots$ is
a) $4n - 1$ b) $n^2 + 2n$ c) $n^2 + n + 1$ d) $n^2 + 2$
59. If a, b are distinct rational numbers, then for all $n \in N$ the number $a^n - b^n$ is divisible by
a) $a - b$ b) $a + b$ c) $2a - b$ d) $a - 2b$

60. $x(x^{n-1} - n\alpha^{n-1}) + \alpha^n(n-1)$ is divisible by $(x - \alpha)^2$ for
 a) $n > 1$ b) $n > 2$ c) All $n \in N$ d) None of these
61. $2^{3n} - 7n - 1$ is divisible by
 a) 64 b) 36 c) 49 d) 25
62. The sum of n terms of the series $1 + (1 + a) + (1 + a + a^2) + (1 + a + a^2 + a^3) + \dots$, is
 a) $\frac{n}{1-a} - \frac{a(1-a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$ b) $\frac{n}{1-a} + \frac{a(1-a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$ c) $\frac{n}{1-a} + \frac{a(1+a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$ d) $-\frac{n}{1-a} + \frac{a(1-a^n)}{(1-a)^2}$
63. For each $n \in N$, $3^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by
 a) 8 b) 16 c) 32 d) None of these
64. If n is an even positive integer, then $a^n + b^n$ is divisible by
 a) $a + b$ b) $a - b$ c) $a^2 - b^2$ d) None of these
65. The greatest positive integer, which divides $(n + 2)(n + 3)(n + 4)(n + 5)(n + 6)$ for all $n \in N$, is
 a) 4 b) 120 c) 240 d) 24
66. If $3 + 5 + 9 + 17 + 33 + \dots$ to n terms $= 2^{n+1} + n - 2$, then n th term of LHS is
 a) $3^n - 1$ b) $2n + 1$ c) $2^n + 1$ d) $3n - 1$
67. For all $n \in N$, $10^n + 3 \cdot 4^{n+2} + 5$ is divisible by
 a) 23 b) 3 c) 9 d) 207
68. For all $n \in N$, $4^n - 3n - 1$ is divisible by
 a) 3 b) 8 c) 9 d) 11

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: ANSWER KEY :

1)	a	2)	c	3)	d	4)	a	41)	c	42)	a	43)	a	44)	c
5)	a	6)	b	7)	b	8)	a	45)	a	46)	d	47)	d	48)	a
9)	c	10)	c	11)	b	12)	b	49)	b	50)	b	51)	d	52)	c
13)	b	14)	b	15)	b	16)	b	53)	d	54)	d	55)	a	56)	b
17)	c	18)	a	19)	d	20)	c	57)	a	58)	c	59)	a	60)	c
21)	c	22)	d	23)	b	24)	a	61)	c	62)	a	63)	a	64)	d
25)	d	26)	d	27)	a	28)	a	65)	b	66)	c	67)	c	68)	c
29)	b	30)	a	31)	a	32)	a								
33)	a	34)	d	35)	b	36)	d								
37)	b	38)	c	39)	b	40)	a								



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: HINTS AND SOLUTIONS :

1 (a)

On putting $n = 2$ in $3^{2n} - 2n + 1$, we get

$$3^{2 \times 2} - 2 \times 2 + 1 = 81 - 4 + 1 = 78$$

Which is divisible by 2

2 (c)

Clearly, $n^3 + 2n^2$ gives the sum of the series for $n = 1, 2, 3$ etc.

3 (d)

$$A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^3 = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$A^n = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ can be verified by induction. Now, taking option

$$(b) \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ n & 1 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 \\ n & n \end{bmatrix} + \begin{bmatrix} n-1 & 0 \\ 0 & n-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\Rightarrow \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ n & 1 \end{bmatrix} \neq \begin{bmatrix} 2n-1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2n-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$(d) nA - (n-1)I = \begin{bmatrix} n & 0 \\ n & n \end{bmatrix} - \begin{bmatrix} n-1 & 0 \\ 1 & n-1 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ n & 1 \end{bmatrix} = A^n$$

4 (a)

Given, $(n): 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2n-1) = n^2$

$P(1): 1 = 1$ (true)

Let $P(k) = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = k^2$

$$\therefore P(k+1) = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) + 2k + 1 = k^2 + 2k + 1 = (k+1)^2$$

So, it holds for all n .

5 (a)

It can be proved with the help of mathematical induction that $\frac{n}{2} < a(n) \leq n$.

$$\therefore \frac{200}{2} < a(200) \Rightarrow a(200) > 100$$

and $a(100) \leq 100$

6 (b)

$$\text{Given, } A = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\text{Now, } A^2 = \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} \cos \theta & \sin \theta \\ -\sin \theta & \cos \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta & 2 \sin \theta \cos \theta \\ -2 \sin \theta \cos \theta & \cos^2 \theta - \sin^2 \theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$= \begin{bmatrix} \cos 2\theta & \sin 2\theta \\ -\sin 2\theta & \cos 2\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

$$\therefore \text{By induction, } A^n = \begin{bmatrix} \cos n\theta & \sin n\theta \\ -\sin n\theta & \cos n\theta \end{bmatrix}$$

9 (c)

Let $P(n) \equiv n(n+1)(n+2)$

$$P(1) \equiv 1 \cdot 2 \cdot 3 = 6$$

$$P(2) \equiv 2 \cdot 3 \cdot 4 = 24$$

Hence, it is divisible by 6.

10 (c)

We have,

$$5^{2n} - 1 = (5^2)^n - 1 = (1 + 24)^n - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{2n} - 1 = {}^n C_1 \times 24 + {}^n C_2 \times 24^2 + \dots + {}^n C_n \times 24^n$$

$$\Rightarrow 5^{2n} - 1 = 24({}^n C_1 + {}^n C_2 \times 24 + \dots + {}^n C_n \times 24^{n-1})$$

$\Rightarrow 5^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 24 for all $n \in N$

12 (b)

Let $P(n): 10^{n-2} \geq 81n$

For $n = 4, 10^2 \not\geq 81 \times 4$

For $n = 5, 10^3 \geq 81 \times 5$

Hence, by mathematical induction for $n \geq 5$, the proposition is true.

14 (b)

$$S(k) = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = 3 + k^2$$

Put $k = 1$ in both sides, we get

$$\text{LHS} = 1 \text{ and } \text{RHS} = 3 + 1 = 4$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{LHS} \neq \text{RHS}$$

Put $(k+1)$ in both sides in the place of k , we get

$$\text{LHS} = 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) + (2k+1)$$

$$\text{RHS} = 3 + (k+1)^2 = 3 + k^2 + 2k + 1$$

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

$$\text{Then, } 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) + (2k+1)$$

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

$$\Rightarrow 1 + 3 + 5 + \dots + (2k-1) = 3 + k^2$$

If $S(k)$ is true, then $S(k+1)$ is also true.

Hence, $S(k) \Rightarrow S(k+1)$

15 (b)

$$\text{Given, } n! < \left(\frac{n+1}{2}\right)^n$$

At $n = 1$,

$$1! < 1$$

At $n = 2$,

$$2! < \left(\frac{3}{2}\right)^2$$

$\Rightarrow 2 < 2.25$ which is true.

16 (b)

$$5^{99} = 5(5^2)^{49} = 5(25)^{49}$$

$$= 5(26 - 1)^{49}$$

$$= 5 \times 26 \times (\text{Positive term}) - 5$$

So, when it is divided by 13, it gives the remainder -5 or 8.

17 (c)

On putting $n = 2$ in $10^n + 3(4^{n+2}) + 5$, we get

$$10^2 + 3 \times 4^4 + 5 = 100 + 768 + 5 = 873$$

Which is divisible by 9

18 (a)

For $n = 1, 2, 3$, we find that $n^3 + 2n$ takes values 3, 12 and 33, which are divisible by 3

19 (d)

We have,

$$7^{2n} - 48n - 1 = (1 + 48)^n - 48n - 1$$

$$\Rightarrow 7^{2n} - 48n - 1$$

$$= {}^nC_2 \times 48^2 + {}^nC_3 \times 48^3 + \dots \\ + {}^nC_n \times 48^n$$

$\Rightarrow 7^{2n} - 48n - 1$ divisible by 48^2 i.e., 2304

20 (c)

For $n = 1, 10^n + 3 \cdot 4^{n+2} + 5$

$$= 10 + 3 \cdot 4^3 + 5 = 207 \text{ which is divisible by 9.}$$

\therefore By induction, the result is divisible by 9.

21 (c)

We observe that $3n^2 + n$ gives various terms of the series by putting $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

22 (d)

Unless we prove $P(1)$ is true, nothing can be said.

23 (b)

Given, $a_0 = 1, a_{n+1} = 3n^2 + n + a_n$

$$\Rightarrow a_1 = 3(0) + 0 + a_0 = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow a_2 = 3(1)^2 + 1 + a_1 = 3 + 1 + 1 = 5$$

From option (b),

$$\text{Let } P(n) = n^3 - n^2 + 1$$

$$\therefore P(0) = 0 - 0 + 1 = 1 = a_0$$

$$P(1) = 1^3 - 1^2 + 1 = 1 = a_1$$

$$\text{and } P(2) = (2)^3 - (2)^2 + 1 = 5 = a_2$$

25 (d)

It is obvious, nothing can be said.

26 (d)

$$\text{Let } P(n) = 2 \cdot 4^{2n+1} + 3^{3n+1}$$

$$P(1) \equiv 128 + 81 = 209 (\text{divisible by 11 only})$$

28 (a)

$$\text{Let } P(n) \equiv a^n - b^n$$

$$P(1) \equiv a - b$$

$$P(2) \equiv a^2 - b^2$$

Hence, it is divisible by $a - b$.

29 (b)

$3^{2n} + 7$ is divisible by 8. This can be checked by putting $n = 1, 2, 3$ etc.

30 (a)

$$\text{Let } P(n) = 10^{2n-1} + 1$$

$$P(1) = 10 + 1 = 11$$

$$\text{Let } P(k) \equiv 10^{2k-1} + 1 = 11I \text{ is true}$$

$$\text{Now, } P(k+1) = 10^{2k+1} + 1$$

$$= (11I - 1)100 + 1$$

$$= 1100I - 99 = 11I_1$$

So, $P(k+1)$ is true.

33 (a)

$$\text{Let } P(n) \equiv n! > 2^{n-1}$$

$$P(3) \equiv 6 > 4$$

Let $P(k) \equiv k! > 2^{k-1}$ is true.

$$\therefore P(k+1) = (k+1)! = (k+1)k!$$

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

$$> 2^k \quad (\text{as } k+1 > 2)$$

34 (d)

Here, $P(1) = 2$ and from the equation

$$P(k) = k(k+1) + 2$$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = 4$$

So, $P(1)$ is not true

Hence, mathematical induction is not applicable.

35 (b)

Given that, $P(n): 3^n < n!$

Now, $P(7): 3^7 < 7!$ is true

Let $P(k): 3^k < k!$

$$\Rightarrow P(k+1): 3^{k+1} = 3 \cdot 3^k < 3 \cdot k! < (k+1)! \quad ($$

$$\because k+1 > 3)$$

36 (d)

$$P(n) = n^2 + n$$

It is always odd but square of any odd number is always odd and also sum of two odd number is always even. So, for no any n for which this statement is true.

37 (b)

$n^2(2n^2 - 1)$ gives the sum of the series for $n = 1, 2, \dots$

38 (c)

On putting $n = 1$ in $11^{n+2} + 12^{2n+1}$, we get

$$11^{1+2} + 12^{2 \times 1 + 1} = 11^3 + 12^3 = 3059$$

Which is divisible by 133

39 (b)

The condition $2^n(n-1)! < n^n$ is satisfied for $n > 2$

40 (a)

We have,
 $n(n^2 - 1) = (n-1)(n+1)$, which is product of three consecutive natural numbers and hence divisible by 6

41 (c)

$$\begin{aligned} 2^{3n} - 1 &= (2^3)^n - 1 \\ &= 8^n - 1 = (1+7)^n - 1 \\ &= 1 + {}^n C_1 7 + {}^n C_2 7^2 + \dots + {}^n C_n 7^n - 1 \\ &= 7[{}^n C_1 + {}^n C_2 7 + \dots + {}^n C_n 7^{n-1}] \\ \therefore 2^{3n} - 1 &\text{ is divisible by } 7 \end{aligned}$$

43 (a)

Let $P(n) \equiv x^{2n-1} + y^{2n-1} = \lambda(x+y)$
 $P(1) \equiv x + y = \lambda_1(x+y)$
 $P(2) \equiv x^3 + y^3 = \lambda_2(x+y)$
Hence, for $\forall n \in N, P(n)$ is true.

44 (c)

Let $m = 2k + 1, n = 2k - 1 (k \in N)$
 $\therefore m^2 - n^2 = 4k^2 + 1 + 4k - 4k^2 + 4k - 1 = 8k$
Hence, All the numbers of the form $m^2 - n^2$ are always divisible by 8.

46 (d)

Let $P(n) = 5^{2n+2} - 24n - 25$

For $n = 1$

$$P(1) = 5^4 - 24 - 25 = 576$$

$$\begin{aligned} P(2) &= 5^6 - 24(2) - 25 = 15552 \\ &= 576 \times 27 \end{aligned}$$

Here, we see that $P(n)$ is divisible by 576

47 (d)

We have,
 $3^{3n} - 26n - 1 = 27^n - 26n - 1$
 $\Rightarrow 3^{3n} - 26n - 1 = (1+26)^n - 26n - 1$
 $\Rightarrow 3^{3n} - 26n - 1$

$$= {}^n C_2 \times 26^2 + {}^n C_3 \times 26^3 + \dots + {}^n C_n \times 26^n$$

Clearly, RHS is divisible 26^2 i.e. 676

48 (a)

As we have $A^2 = 2A - I$
 $\Rightarrow A^2 A = (2A - I)A = 2A^2 - IA$
 $\Rightarrow A^3 = 2(2A - I) - IA = 3A - 2I$
Similarly, $A^4 = 4A - 3I$
 $A^5 = 5A - 4I$
 $A^n = nA - (n-1)I$

49 (b)

Given, $a_n = na_{n-1}$
For $n = 2$
 $a_2 = 2a_1 = 2 (\because a_1 = 1 \text{ given})$
 $a_3 = 3a_2 = 3(2) = 6$

$$a_4 = 4(a_3) = 4(6) = 24$$

$$a_5 = 5(a_4) = 5(24) = 120$$

51 (d)

Given, $P(n): n^2 + n + 1$

At $n = 1, P(1) : 3$, which is not an even integer.

$\therefore P(1)$ is not true (Principle of Induction is not applicable).

Also, $n(n+1) + 1$ is always an odd integer.

52 (c)

Let $P(n) = 2^{3n} - 7n - 1$

$$\therefore P(1) = 0, P(2) = 49$$

$P(1)$ and $P(2)$ are divisible by 49.

$$\text{Let } P(k) \equiv 2^{3k} - 7k - 1 = 49I$$

$$\begin{aligned} \therefore P(k+1) &\equiv 2^{3k+3} - 7k - 8 \\ &= 8(49I + 7k + 1) - 7k - 8 \\ &= 49(8I) + 49k = 49I_1 \end{aligned}$$

Alternate

$$\begin{aligned} P(n) &= (1+7)^n - 7n - 1 \\ &= 1 + 7n + 7^2 \frac{n(n-1)}{2!} + \dots - 7n - 1 \\ &= 7^2 \left(\frac{n(n-1)}{2!} + \dots \right) \end{aligned}$$

53 (d)

Putting $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$, it can be checked that $3n^5 + 5n^3 + 7n$ is divisible by 15

54 (d)

Let $P(n) = n^3 + 2n$

$$\Rightarrow P(1) = 1 + 2 = 3$$

$$\Rightarrow P(2) = 8 + 4 = 12$$

$$\Rightarrow P(3) = 27 + 6 = 33$$

Here, we see that all these number are divisible by 3

55 (a)

We observe that $49^n + 16n - 1$ takes values 64

Hence, $49^n + 16n - 1$ is divisible by 64

56 (b)

Since, $P(3)$ is true.

Assume $P(k)$ is true $\Rightarrow P(k+1)$ is true means, if $P(3)$ is true $\Rightarrow P(4)$ is true $\Rightarrow P(5)$ is true and so on. So, statement is true for all $n \geq 3$.

58 (c)

Putting $n = 1, 2, 3 \dots$, we observe that $4n - 1$ is the n th term

60 (c)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Let } P(n) &= x(x^{n-1} - n\alpha^{n-1}) + \alpha^n(n-1) = \\ &= (x-\alpha)^2 g(x) \end{aligned}$$

$P(1) \equiv 0$ is true.

Let $P(k)$ is true.

$$\text{ie, } x(x^{k-1} - k\alpha^{k-1}) + \alpha^k(k-1) = (x-\alpha)^2 g(x)$$

$$\text{Now, } P(k+1) \equiv x[x^k - (k+1)\alpha^k] + \alpha^{k+1}(k)$$



$$\equiv (x - \alpha)^2 [xg(x) + k\alpha^{k-1}] \quad (\text{True})$$

So, holds for all $n \in N$.

61 **(c)**

$$\text{Let } P(n) = 2^{3n} - 7n - 1$$

$$\therefore P(1) = 0$$

$$P(2) = 49$$

$P(1)$ and $P(2)$ are divisible by 49.

$$\text{Let } P(k) \equiv 2^{3k} - 7k - 1 = 49I$$

$$\therefore P(k+1) \equiv 2^{3k+3} - 7k - 8$$

$$= 8(49I + 7k + 1) - 7k - 8$$

$$= 49(8I) + 49k = 49I_1$$

Hence, by mathematical induction $2^{3n} - 7n - 1$ is divisible by 49.

63 **(a)**

$$\text{Let } P(n) = 3^{2n} - 1$$

At $n = 1, P(1) = 8$ which is divisible by 8.

$\therefore P(1)$ is true.

Let $P(k)$ is true, then

$$P(k) \equiv 3^{2k} - 1 = 8I$$

$$\therefore P(k+1) \equiv 3^{2k+2} - 1 = (8I + 1)9 - 1$$

$$= 72I + 8 = 8I_1$$

$\therefore P(n)$ is divisible by 8, $\forall n \in N$.

68 **(c)**

It can be checked that $4^n - 3n - 1$ is divisible by 9 for $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$

