Binomial Expansion As level Edexcel Maths Past Papers Questions

01.

(a) Find the first 3 terms, in ascending powers of x, of the binomial expansion of

$$\left(2 - \frac{x}{2}\right)^7, \text{ giving each term in its simplest form.}$$

(4)

(b) Explain how you would use your expansion to give an estimate for the value of 1.995^7

(1)

02.

. (a) Find the first 3 terms, in ascending powers of x, of the binomial expansion of

$$\left(2 - \frac{x}{16}\right)^9$$

giving each term in its simplest form.

(4)

$$f(x) = (a + bx)\left(2 - \frac{x}{16}\right)^9, \text{ where } a \text{ and } b \text{ are constants}$$

Given that the first two terms, in ascending powers of x, in the series expansion of $f(x)$ are 128 and $36x$,

(b) find the value of a,

(2)

(c) find the value of b.

(2)

03.

(a) Find the first 3 terms, in ascending powers of x, of the binomial expansion of

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

giving each term in its simplest form.

(4)

(b) Explain how you could use your expansion to estimate the value of 1.925^6
You do not need to perform the calculation.

(1)

04.

. (a) Find the first 4 terms, in ascending powers of x, in the binomial expansion of

$$(1 + kx)^{10}$$

where k is a non-zero constant. Write each coefficient as simply as possible.

(3)

Given that in the expansion of $(1 + kx)^{10}$ the coefficient x^3 is 3 times the coefficient of x,

(b) find the possible values of k.

(3)

05.

$$g(x) = (2 + ax)^8 \qquad \text{where } a \text{ is a constant}$$

Given that one of the terms in the binomial expansion of $g(x)$ is $3402x^5$

(a) find the value of a.

(4)

Using this value of a,

(b) find the constant term in the expansion of

$$\left(1 + \frac{1}{x^4}\right)(2 + ax)^8$$

(3)

06.

(a) Find the first 4 terms, in ascending powers of x, of the binomial expansion of

$$\left(3 - \frac{2x}{9}\right)^8$$

giving each term in simplest form.

(4)

$$f(x) = \left(\frac{x-1}{2x}\right)\left(3 - \frac{2x}{9}\right)^8$$

(b) Find the coefficient of x^2 in the series expansion of $f(x)$, giving your answer as a simplified fraction.

(2)

07.

Find, in simplest form, the coefficient of x^5 in the expansion of

$$(5 + 8x^2)\left(3 - \frac{1}{2}x\right)^6$$

(5)