



MATHS

BOOKS - NCERT MATHS (ENGLISH)

PRINCIPLE OF MATHEMATICAL INDUCTION

Short Answer Type Question

1. Given an example of a statement $P(n)$ which is true for all $n \geq 4$ but $P(1)$, $P(2)$ and $P(3)$ are not true. Justify your answer.



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2. Given an example of a statement $P(n)$ such that it is true of all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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3. prove that $4^n - 1$ is divisible by 3, for each natural number n .

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4. Using the principle of mathematical induction, prove that $(2^{3n} - 1)$ is divisible by 7 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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5. Prove the following by the principle of mathematical induction: $n^3 - 7n + 3$ is divisible 3 for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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6. prove that $3^{2n} - 1$ is divisible by 8, for all natural numbers n .

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7. Prove that for any natural numbers n , $7^n - 2^n$ is divisible by 5.

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8. If $x \neq y$, then for every natural number n , $x^n - y^n$ is divisible by

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9. If n be any natural number then by which largest number $(n^3 - n)$ is always divisible? 3 (b) 6 (c) 12 (d) 18

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10. prove that $n(n^2 + 5)$ is divisible by 6, for each natural number n .

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11. prove that $n^2 < 2^n$, for all natural number $n \geq 5$.

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12. prove that $2n < (n + 2)!$ for all natural numbers n .

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13. Using principle of mathematical induction prove that

$$\sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{1}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} + \dots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} \quad \text{for all natural}$$

numbers $n \geq 2$.

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14. prove that $2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n = n^2 + n$, for all natural numbers n .

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15. Prove that $1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^n = 2^{n+1} - 1$, for all natural number n .

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16. prove that $1+5+9+ \dots +(4n-3)=n(2n-1)$, for all natural number n .

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Long Answer Type Question

1. A sequence a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots is defined by letting $a_1 = 3$ and $a_k = 7a_{k-1}$, for all natural numbers $k \geq 2$. Show that $a_n = 3 \cdot 7^{n-1}$ for natural numbers.

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2. A sequence b_0, b_1, b_2, \dots is defined by letting $b_0 = 5$ and $b_k = 4 + b_{k-1}$, for all natural number k . Show that $b_n = 5 + 4n$, for all natural number n using mathematical induction.

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3. A sequence d_1, d_2, d_3, \dots is defined by letting $d_1 = 2$ and

$d_k = \frac{d_{k-1}}{k}$, for all natural numbers, $k \geq 2$. Show that

$d_n = \frac{2}{n!}$, for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

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4. Prove that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$

$\cos \alpha + \cos(\alpha + \beta) + \cos(\alpha + 2\beta) + \dots + \cos[\alpha + (n - 1)\beta]$

$$= \frac{\cos \left[\alpha + \left(\frac{n-1}{2} \right) \beta \right] \sin \left(\frac{n\beta}{2} \right)}{\sin \frac{\beta}{2}}$$

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5. Using induction, prove that

$$\cos \theta \cdot \cos 2\theta \cdot \cos 2^2\theta \cdot \dots \cdot \cos 2^{n-1}\theta = \frac{\sin 2^n \theta}{2^n \sin \theta}$$



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6. Prove that,

$$\sin \theta + \sin 2\theta + \sin 3\theta + \dots + \sin n\theta = \frac{\sin \frac{n\theta}{2} \sin \frac{(n+1)\theta}{2}}{\sin \frac{\theta}{2}} \quad \text{for}$$

all $n \in \mathbb{N}$.



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7. Prove that $\frac{n^5}{5} + \frac{n^3}{3} + \frac{7n}{15}$ is a natural number.



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9. The number of subsets of a set containing n elements is :



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Objective Type Questions

1. If $10^n + 3 \times 4^{n+2} + \lambda$ is divisible by 9 or all natural numbers, then the least positive integral value of λ is

a. 5 b. 3 c. 7 d. 1

A. 5

B. 3

C. 7

D. 1

Answer: A



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2. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $3 \cdot 5^{2n+1} + 2^{3n+1}$ is divisible by (A) 19 (B) 17 (C) 23 (D) 25

A. 19

B. 17

C. 23

D. 25

Answer: B::C



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3. 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

A. 1

B. 2

C. 3

D. 4

Answer: A



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4. If $P(n) : 2n < n!$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$ then $P(n)$ is true for all $n \geq \dots$

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5. State whether the following statement is true or false.

Justify If $P(n)$ is a statement ($n \in \mathbb{N}$) such that if $P(k)$ is true,

$P(k + 1)$ is true for $k \in \mathbb{N}$, then $P(n)$ is true.



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