

Question 1:

An arithmetic sequence has a common difference of -7 . If the first term is 50 , what is the 15th term?

The n -th term of an arithmetic sequence is given by:

$$a_n = a + (n - 1)d$$

where:

- a is the first term,
- d is the common difference,
- n is the term number.

Given:

- $a = 50$,
- $d = -7$,
- $n = 15$.

Substitute these values into the formula:

$$a_{15} = 50 + (15 - 1)(-7)$$

$$a_{15} = 50 + 14(-7)$$

$$a_{15} = 50 - 98$$

$$a_{15} = -48$$

So, the 15th term is -48 .



Question 2:

Find the coefficient of x^5 in the expansion of $(2x + 3)^8$ using the binomial theorem.

The binomial theorem states:

$$(a + b)^n = \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} a^{n-k} b^k$$

We need to find the term containing x^5 in the expansion of $(2x + 3)^8$.

Here, $a = 2x$ and $b = 3$, and we need the term where the power of x is 5. So, we need:

$$(2x)^5 \cdot 3^{8-5} = (2x)^5 \cdot 3^3$$

The general term in the expansion is given by:

$$\binom{8}{k} (2x)^{8-k} 3^k$$

Setting $8 - k = 5$:

$$k = 3$$

Thus, the required term is:

$$\begin{aligned} & \binom{8}{3} (2x)^5 3^3 \\ &= \binom{8}{3} 2^5 x^5 3^3 \end{aligned}$$

Calculate each part:

$$\binom{8}{3} = \frac{8!}{3!(8-3)!} = \frac{8!}{3!5!} = 56$$

$$2^5 = 32$$

$$3^3 = 27$$

So, the coefficient of x^5 is:

$$56 \times 32 \times 27 = 48384$$

Question 3:

Write the equation $2x - 3y = 6$ in slope-intercept form and determine its slope and y-intercept.

The slope-intercept form of a line is:

$$y = mx + b$$

where:

- m is the slope,
- b is the y-intercept.

Starting from:

$$2x - 3y = 6$$

Solve for y :

$$-3y = -2x + 6$$

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$$

So, the equation in slope-intercept form is:

$$y = \frac{2}{3}x - 2$$

Here:

- The slope (m) is $\frac{2}{3}$.
- The y-intercept (b) is -2 .



Question 4:

A point $P(x, y)$ on the unit circle makes an angle θ with the positive x-axis. If $\theta = 120^\circ$, find the coordinates of P .

For a point on the unit circle at an angle θ :

$$x = \cos \theta$$

$$y = \sin \theta$$

Given $\theta = 120^\circ$:

$$\cos 120^\circ = -\frac{1}{2}$$

$$\sin 120^\circ = \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}$$

Therefore, the coordinates of P are:

$$P\left(-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{\sqrt{3}}{2}\right)$$