

# Edexcel AS Mathematics The binomial expansion

## Section 1: Finding binomial expansions

### Exercise level 2

1. Find

- (i) the coefficient of  $x^4$  in the expansion of  $(1+2x)^{15}$
- (ii) the coefficient of  $x^{23}$  in the expansion of  $(3-x)^{25}$
- (iii) the coefficient of  $x^2$  in the expansion of  $\left(x+\frac{1}{x}\right)^{10}$ .

2. Without using a calculator, evaluate

- (i)  ${}_{19}C_{10} - {}_{19}C_9$
- (ii)  ${}_{10}C_1 - {}_9C_1$
- (iii)  ${}_9C_7 \div {}_9C_6$

3. Write out fully  $f(x) = (\sin x + \cos x)^4$  and hence find  $f(45^\circ)$ .

4. Expand the expression

$$(1+x)^4(1-x)^7$$

up to and including the term in  $x^2$ .

5. (i) Write down the first three terms in the binomial expansion of  $(1-x)^{15}$ .  
(ii) By substituting  $x = 0.01$ , find an approximate value for  $0.99^{15}$ .  
(iii) Find the percentage error in using this approximate value instead of the true value.

6. (i) Write down the first four terms in the binomial expansion of  $\left(1+\frac{x}{2}\right)^9$ .  
(ii) By substituting  $x = 0.1$ , find an approximate value for  $1.05^9$ .  
(iii) Find the percentage error in using this approximate value instead of the true value.

7. Expand  $f(x) = (2-x)^3\left(1-\frac{1}{x}\right)^2$  and check your answer by finding  $f(1)$ .



8. (i) Write out the first 4 terms of the expansion of  $(1+x^2)^8$ .  
(ii) Use your expansion to find an approximation to  $(1.01)^8$  to three decimal places.