

Question 3) Numerically greatest term of  $(a+b)^n$

$$\therefore T_{r+1} = {}^nC_r a^{n-r} b^r = \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} a^{n-r} b^r$$

$\therefore$  Let  $T_r$  be the greatest term

$$\therefore T_{r+1} > T_{r-1} \quad \text{and} \quad T_{r+1} \geq T_{r+2}$$

$$\therefore \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} a^{n-r} b^r > \frac{n!}{(r-1)!(n-r+1)!} a^{n-r+1} b^{r-1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{n!}{r!(n-r)!} a^{n-r} b^r \geq \frac{n!}{(r+1)!(n-r-1)!} a^{n-r-1} b^{r+1}$$

$$\therefore \frac{b}{r} > \frac{a}{n-r+1} \quad \text{and} \quad \frac{a}{n-r} \geq \frac{b}{r+1}$$

$$\therefore ar < bn - br + b \quad \text{and} \quad ar + a \geq bn - br$$

$$\therefore r < \frac{bn+b}{a+b} \quad \text{and} \quad r \geq \frac{bn-a}{a+b}$$

$$\therefore \frac{bn-a}{a+b} \leq r < \frac{bn+b}{a+b}$$

$$\therefore r \text{ takes the integer value b/w } \frac{bn-a}{a+b} \text{ and } \frac{bn+b}{a+b}$$

$\therefore T_r$  will be maximum.