

## Infinite Series - Class XI

### Past Year JEE Questions

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#### Questions

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##### Question: 01

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If  $x$  is so small that  $x^3$  and higher powers of  $x$  may be neglected, then  $\frac{(1+x)^{\frac{3}{2}} - (1+\frac{1}{2}x)^3}{(1-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$  may be approximated as

- A.  $1 - \frac{3}{8}x^2$
- B.  $3x + \frac{3}{8}x^2$
- C.  $-\frac{3}{8}x^2$
- D.  $\frac{x}{2} - \frac{3}{8}x^2$

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#### Solutions

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##### Solution: 01

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#### Explanation

$$(1+x)^{\frac{3}{2}} = 1 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{\frac{3}{2} \cdot \frac{1}{2}}{1 \cdot 2}x^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1 + \frac{3}{2}x + \frac{3}{8}x^2 \text{ (As } x \text{ is so small, so } x^3 \text{ and higher powers of } x \text{ neglected)}$$

$$\frac{(1+x)^{\frac{3}{2}} - (1+\frac{1}{2}x)^3}{(1-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{(1+\frac{3}{2}x+\frac{3}{8}x^2) - (1+\frac{3}{2}x+\frac{3}{8}x^2+\frac{3}{16}x^3)}{(1-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$= \frac{\frac{3}{8}x^2 - \frac{3}{16}x^3}{(1-x)^{\frac{3}{2}}}$$

$$= x^2 \left( \frac{3}{8} - \frac{3}{16}x \right) (1-x)^{-\frac{3}{2}}$$

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

$$= -\frac{3}{8}x^2 - \frac{3}{16}x^3$$

$$[ \text{As } x^3 \text{ is so small we can ignore } -\frac{3}{16}x^3 ]$$

$$= -\frac{3}{8}x^2$$