

Infinite Series - Class XI

Past Year JEE Questions

Questions

Question: 01

If x is positive, the first negative term in the expansion of $(1+x)^{2/5}$ is

- A. 6th term
- B. 7th term
- C. 5th term
- D. 8th term.

Solutions

Solution: 01

Explanation

General term of $(1+x)^n$ is $(T_{r+1}) = \frac{n(n-1)\dots(n-r+1)}{1.2.3\dots r} x^r$

\therefore General term of $(1+x)^{2/5} = \frac{\frac{2}{5}(\frac{2}{5}-1)\dots(\frac{2}{5}-r+1)}{1.2.3\dots r} x^r$

For first negative term, $(\frac{2}{5} - r + 1) < 0$

$$\Rightarrow r > \frac{2}{5} + 1$$

$$\Rightarrow r > \frac{32}{5}$$

$$\Rightarrow r > 6.4$$

$$\therefore r = 7$$

$T_{7+1} = T_8$ means 8th term is the first negative term.