

CHAPTER 4**Exercise 4A (p.84)**

1. $3! = 3 \times 2 \times 1$
 $\underline{\underline{= 6}}$

2. $6! = 6 \times 5 \times 4 \times 3 \times 2 \times 1$
 $\underline{\underline{= 720}}$

3. $\frac{7!}{4!} = \frac{7 \times 6 \times 5 \times 4!}{4!}$
 $\underline{\underline{= 210}}$

4. $\frac{10!}{8!} = \frac{10 \times 9 \times 8!}{8!}$
 $\underline{\underline{= 90}}$

5. $\frac{1}{6}(n+1)(n-1)$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{6}n(n+1)(n-1)}}$

6. $\frac{1}{6}(n+1)\binom{n}{n-3}$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{6}(n+1)(n-1)}} \quad \therefore \text{The term in } x^3y^7 = {}_10C_7(2x)^3y^7$

7. $\frac{1}{6}(n+1)n(n-1)(n-2)$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{6}n(n-2)!}} \quad \therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^3y^7 = {}_{10}C_7 \cdot 2^3 = \underline{\underline{960}}$

8. $\frac{1}{6}(n+1)n(n-1)(n-2)$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{6}n(n-2)!}} \quad \therefore \text{The term in } x^3y^7 = {}_{10}C_7(2x)^3y^7$

9. $\frac{1}{6}(n+1)n(n-1)(n-2)$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{6}n(n-2)!}} \quad \therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^3y^7 = {}_{10}C_7 \cdot 2^3 = \underline{\underline{960}}$

10. $\frac{1}{2}(3x)^8$
 $\underline{\underline{= 8C_r(\frac{1}{2})^{8-r}(-3x)^r}}$

11. The general term in the expansion
 $(2-x)^6 = {}_6C_r(2)^{6-r}(-x)^r$

12. $\frac{1}{3}(n+1)\binom{n}{n-3}$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{3}(n+1)(n-1)}} \quad \therefore \text{The term in } x^3y^7 = {}_{10}C_7(2x)^3y^7$

13. $\frac{1}{3}(n+1)n(n-1)(n-2)$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{3}n(n-2)!}} \quad \therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^3y^7 = {}_{10}C_7 \cdot 2^3 = \underline{\underline{960}}$

14. $\frac{1}{n}\binom{n}{n-2} = \frac{n!}{(n-2)![n-(n-2)!]}$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{n!}{(n-2)![2]}}} \quad \therefore \text{The general term in the expansion}$

15. $\frac{1}{5}\binom{5}{5-3}$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}} \quad \therefore \text{The term in } x^3 = 8C_3(\frac{1}{2})^5(-3x)^3$

16. $\frac{1}{3}\binom{3}{3-2}$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}} \quad \therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^3 = 8C_3(\frac{1}{2})^5(-3x)^3$

17. $\frac{1}{5}\binom{5}{5-3}$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}} \quad \therefore \text{The term in } x^3 = 8C_3(\frac{1}{2})^5(-3x)^3$

18. $\frac{1}{3}\binom{3}{3-2}$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}} \quad \therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^3 = 8C_3(\frac{1}{2})^5(-3x)^3$

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 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}} \quad \therefore \text{The term in } x^3 = 8C_3(\frac{1}{2})^5(-3x)^3$

20. $\frac{1}{3}\binom{3}{3-2}$
 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}} \quad \therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^3 = 8C_3(\frac{1}{2})^5(-3x)^3$

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 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}} \quad \therefore \text{The term in } x^3 = 8C_3(\frac{1}{2})^5(-3x)^3$

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 $\underline{\underline{= \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)}} \quad \therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^3 = 8C_3(\frac{1}{2})^5(-3x)^3$

Exercise 4B (p.90)**9. $(2x+y)^{10}$**

The general term in the expansion
 $(2x+y)^{10} = {}_{10}C_r(2x)^{10-r}(y)^r$

10. $(3x-2y)^6$

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14. The general term in the expansion

$$(1+x)^{24} = 24C_r x^r$$

i.e. $B_r = 24C_r$

$$\frac{B_{r+2}}{B_r} = \frac{24C_{r+2}}{24C_r} = \frac{57}{7}$$

$$\frac{(r+2)!(24-(r+2)!)}{24!(24-r)!} = \frac{57}{7}$$

$$\frac{(24-r)!}{r!(24-r)!} = \frac{57}{7}$$

$$\frac{(r+2)(r+1)(22-r)!}{(24-r)(23-r)!} = \frac{57}{7}$$

$$\frac{(r+2)(r+1)}{(24-r)(23-r)} = \frac{57}{7}$$

$$n^2 - n - 30 = 0$$

$$(n-6)(n+5) = 0$$

$$n = 6 \text{ or } -5 \text{ (rejected)}$$

$$57(r^2 + 3r + 2) = 7(552 - 47r + r^2)$$

$$50r^2 + 500r - 3750 = 0$$

$$r^2 + 10r - 75 = 0$$

$$(r+15)(r-5) = 0$$

$$\therefore r > 0, r = -15 \text{ (rejected)}$$

$$\therefore r = \underline{\underline{5}}$$

$$15. (1-2x)^9 (1+\frac{1}{x})^3$$

$$= [1+9(-2x)+36(-2x)^2+84(-2x)^3+\dots]$$

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

$$= (1-18x+144x^2-672x^3+\dots)$$

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

$$\therefore \text{The constant term}$$

$$= 1 + (-18)(3) + 144(3) + (-672)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{-293}}$$

$$16. (1-5x)^3 (1+2x)^6$$

$$= [1+3(-5x)+3(-5x)^2+\dots]$$

$$[1+6(2x)+15(2x)^2+\dots]$$

$$= (1-15x+75x^2+\dots)$$

$$(1+12x+60x^2+\dots)$$

$$= 1 + (-15+12)x + (75-15 \times 12+60)x^2 + \dots$$

$$= 1-3x-45x^2+\dots$$

$$\therefore a = \underline{\underline{-3}}, b = \underline{\underline{-45}}$$

$$17. (2x^2+1)^n = (1+2x^2)^n$$

$$= 1 + {}_n C_1 (2x^2) + {}_n C_2 (2x^2)^2 + \dots$$

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$$= 1 + \underline{\underline{{}_n C_1 (2x^2) + {}_n C_2 (2x^2)^2 + \dots}}$$

The coefficient of the third term = $4 \cdot {}_n C_2$

$$4 \cdot {}_n C_2 = 60$$

$$\frac{n!}{2!(n-2)!} = 15$$

$$n(n-1) = 30$$

$$n^2 - n - 30 = 0$$

$$(n-6)(n+5) = 0$$

$$n = \underline{\underline{6}} \text{ or } -5 \text{ (rejected)}$$

The general term in the expansion

$$(1+2x^2)^6 = {}_6 C_r (2x^2)^r$$

$$\therefore \text{The term in } x^8 = {}_6 C_4 (2x^2)^4$$

$$\therefore \text{The coefficient of } x^8 = \underline{\underline{240}}$$

Comparing the coefficients of x^2 ,

$$10q^2 + 5pq = 0 \dots \dots (2)$$

$$\text{Put } p = -6 - 5q \text{ into (2),}$$

$$10q^2 + 5(-6 - 5q)q = 0$$

$$10q^2 - 30q - 25q^2 = 0$$

$$15q^2 + 30q = 0$$

$$q(q+2) = 0$$

$$q = \underline{\underline{-2}} \text{ or } 0 \text{ (rejected)}$$

$$18. (1+mx^2)^n = 1 + {}_n C_1 (mx^2) + {}_n C_2 (mx^2)^2 + \dots$$

Comparing coefficients of x^2 and x^4 respectively,

$$m \cdot {}_n C_1 = 14$$

$$mn = 14 \dots \dots (1)$$

$$m^2 \cdot {}_n C_2 = 21m^2$$

$$m^2 \cdot \frac{n(n-1)}{2} = 21m^2$$

$$n^2 - n - 42 = 0$$

$$(n+6)(n-7) = 0$$

$$n = \underline{\underline{7}} \text{ or } -6 \text{ (rejected)}$$

$$\text{Put } n = 7 \text{ into (1),}$$

$$7m = 14$$

$$m = 2$$

$$\therefore m = \underline{\underline{2}}$$

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Exercise 4C (p.93)

$$1. (1+x+3x^2)^3$$

$$= [1+x(1+3x)]^3$$

$$= 1+3x(1+3x)+3x^2(1+3x)^2+x^3(1+3x)^3$$

$$= 1+3x+9x^2+3x^2(1+6x+\dots)+x^3(1+\dots)$$

$$= 1+3x+12x^2+19x^3+\dots$$

$$= \underline{\underline{1+3x+12x^2+19x^3+\dots}}$$

$$6. (2-x+x^2)^{10}$$

$$= [2-x(1-x)]^{10}$$

$$= 2^{10} - 10 \cdot 2^9 x(1-x)^3 + \dots$$

$$- 120 \cdot 2^7 x^3(1-x)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1024 - 5120x(1-x) + 11520x^2$$

$$(1-2x+\dots)-15360x^3(1+\dots)+\dots$$

$$= 1024 - 5120x + 5120x^2 + 11520x^2$$

$$- 23040x^3 - 15360x^3 + \dots$$

$$= 1024 - 5120x + 16640x^2 - 38400x^3 + \dots$$

$$\text{Coefficient of } x^3 = \underline{\underline{-38400}}$$

$$7. (1-\frac{1}{3x}+6x)^3$$

$$= [1-\frac{1}{x}(\frac{1}{3}-6x^2)]^3$$

$$= 1-3 \cdot \frac{1}{x}(\frac{1}{3}-6x^2) + 3 \cdot \frac{1}{x^2}(\frac{1}{3}-6x^2)^2$$

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$$= 1-3 \cdot \frac{1}{x}(\frac{1}{3}-6x^2) + \frac{3}{x^2}(\frac{1}{9}-4x^2+36x^4) + \dots$$

$$4. (3-x+x^2)^8$$

$$= [3-x(1-x)]^8$$

$$= 3^8 - 8 \cdot 3^7 x(1-x) + 28 \cdot 3^6 x^2(1-x)^2$$

$$= -56 \cdot 3^5 x^3(1-x)^3 + \dots$$

$$= 6561 - 17496x + 17496x^2$$

$$+ 20412x^2(1-2x+\dots) - 13608x^3(1+\dots)$$

$$= \underline{\underline{6561 - 17496x + 37908x^2 - 54432x^3 + \dots}}$$

$$20. (1+px)(1+qx)^5$$

$$= (1+px)[1+5qx+10q^2x^2+\dots]$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 2_n C_1 + {}_n C_2 &= 44 \\
 2n + \frac{1}{2}n(n-1) &= 44 \\
 n^2 + 3n - 88 &= 0 \\
 (n-8)(n+11) &= 0 \\
 n = 8 &\quad \text{or} \quad -11 \text{ (rejected)}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9. \text{ (a)} \quad (1-x+2x^2)^6 &= [1-x(1-2x)]^6 \\
 &= [1-6x(1-2x)+15x^2(1-2x)^2 \\
 &\quad + \dots] + \dots \\
 &= 1-6x^3(1-2x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1-6x+12x^2+15x^2(1-4x+\dots) \\
 &\quad - 20x^3(1+\dots) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1-6x+27x^2-80x^3+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 9. \text{ (b)} \quad (1-x+2x^2)^6 &= [1-x(1-2x)]^6 \\
 &= 1-6x(1-2x)+15x^2(1-2x)^2 \\
 &\quad - 20x^3(1-2x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1-6x+12x^2+15x^2(1-4x+\dots) \\
 &\quad - 20x^3(1+\dots) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1-6x+27x^2-80x^3+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 10. \text{ (a)} \quad (1+x+2x^2)^6 &= [1+x(1+2x)]^6 \\
 &= 1-6x(1+2x)+15x^2(1+2x)^2 \\
 &\quad + \dots + \dots \\
 &= 1-6x^3(1+2x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1-6x+12x^2+15x^2(1+4x+\dots) \\
 &\quad + 20x^3(1+\dots) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1-6x+27x^2+80x^3+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 10. \text{ (b)} \quad (1+x+2x^2)^6 &= [1+x(1+2x)]^6 \\
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 &\quad + 20x^3(1+\dots) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1-6x+27x^2+80x^3+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 11. \text{ (a)} \quad (1+x^2+x^3)^n &= [1+x^2(1+x)]^n \\
 &= 1+nx^2(1+x)+\frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^4(1+x)^2 \\
 &\quad + \frac{n(n-1)(n-2)}{6}x^6(1+x)^3 + \dots \\
 &\quad \therefore q = -\frac{3}{2}(4) = \underline{\underline{-6}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 11. \text{ (b)} \quad (1+x^2+x^3)^n &= [1+x^2(1-2x)]^n \\
 &= 1-6x(1-2x)+15x^2(1-2x)^2 \\
 &\quad + \dots + \dots \\
 &= 1-6x^3(1-2x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1-6x+12x^2+15x^2(1-4x+\dots) \\
 &\quad - 20x^3(1+\dots) \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1-6x+27x^2-80x^3+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 12. \quad (1+px+qx^2)^4 &= [1+x(p+qx)]^4 \\
 &= 1+4x(p+qx)+6x^2(p+qx)^2 \\
 &\quad + 4x^3(p+qx)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1+4px+4qx^2+6x^2(p^2+2pqx+\dots) \\
 &\quad + 4x^3(p^3+\dots) + \dots \\
 &= 1+4px+4qx^2+6p^2x^2+12pqx^3 \\
 &\quad + 4p^3x^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1+4px+2(3p^2+2q)x^2 \\
 &\quad + 4p(p^2+3q)x^3 + \dots \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1+4px-12an-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 13. \text{ (a)} \quad (1-(x-x^2))^7 &= [1-x(t+x)]^7 \\
 &= 1-7x(t+x)+21x^2(t+x)^2 \\
 &\quad - 35x^3(t+x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1-7tx-7x^2+21x^2(t^2+2tx+\dots) \\
 &\quad - 35x^3(t^3+\dots) + \dots \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1-7tx-7x^2+21t^2x^2+42tx^3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

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 13. \text{ (b)} \quad (1-(x-x^2))^7 &= [1-x(t-x)]^7 \\
 &= 1-7x(t+x)+21x^2(t+x)^2 \\
 &\quad - 35x^3(t+x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1-7tx-7x^2+21x^2(t^2+2tx+\dots) \\
 &\quad - 35x^3(t^3+\dots) + \dots \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1-7tx-7x^2+21t^2x^2+42tx^3}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 14. \text{ (a)} \quad (1-x-2ax^2)^n &= [1+x(1-2ax)]^n \\
 &= 1+{}_n C_1 x(1-2ax) \\
 &\quad + {}_n C_2 x^2(1-2ax)^2 + \dots \\
 &= 1+nx(1-2ax) \\
 &\quad + \frac{1}{2}n(n-1)x^2(1+\dots) + \dots \\
 &= 1+nx-12an-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2 + \dots \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1+nx-12an-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 14. \text{ (b)} \quad (1-x-2ax^2)^n &= [1+x(1-2ax)]^n \\
 &= 1+nx(1-2ax)+6x^2(1-2ax)^2 \\
 &\quad + 4x^3(1-2ax)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1+4px+4qx^2+6x^2(p^2+2pqx+\dots) \\
 &\quad + 4x^3(p^3+\dots) + \dots \\
 &= 1+4px+4qx^2+6p^2x^2+12pqx^3 \\
 &\quad + 4p^3x^3 + \dots \\
 &= 1+4px+2(3p^2+2q)x^2 \\
 &\quad + 4p(p^2+3q)x^3 + \dots \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1+4px-12an-\frac{n(n-1)}{2}x^2+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 15. \quad \text{Coefficient of } x = n = 7 &= \text{Coefficient of the } 13\text{th term} = {}_{12} C_7 = \underline{\underline{120}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 16. \quad (2x-\frac{1}{x})^5 &= (2x)^5 - 5(2x)^4(\frac{1}{x}) + 10(2x)^3(\frac{1}{x})^2 \\
 &\quad - 10(2x)^2(\frac{1}{x})^3 + 5(2x)(\frac{1}{x})^4 - (\frac{1}{x})^5 \\
 &= 32x^5 - 80x^3 + 80x^{-1} + 10x^{-3} - x^{-5} \\
 &= \underline{\underline{32x^5-80x^3+80x^{-1}+10x^{-3}-x^{-5}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 17. \quad (2+x+x^3)^7 &= [2+x(1+x^2)]^7 \\
 &= 2^7 + {}_7 C_1 \cdot 2^6 x(1+x^2) + {}_7 C_2 \cdot 2^5 x^2 \\
 &\quad + {}_7 C_3 \cdot 2^4 x^3(1+x^2)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 128 + 448x(1+x^2) + 672x^2(1+\dots) \\
 &\quad + 560x^3(1+\dots) + \dots \\
 &= \underline{\underline{128+448x+672x^2+1008x^3+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 18. \quad (3+2x-x^2)^4 &= [3+x(2-x)]^4 \\
 &= 3^4 + 4 \cdot 3^3 x(2-x) + 6 \cdot 3^2 x^2(2-x)^2 \\
 &\quad + 4 \cdot 3x^3(2-x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 81 + 108x(2-x) + 54x^2(4-4x+\dots) \\
 &\quad + 12x^3(8-\dots) + \dots \\
 &= \underline{\underline{81+216x+108x^2-120x^3+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 4. \quad (1+2x)^3(1-x)^2 &= [1+3(2x)+3(2x)^2+(2x)^3](1-2x+x^2) \\
 &= (1+6x+12x^2+8x^3)(1-2x+x^2) \\
 &= 1+(-2+6)x + (1-12+12)x^2 + (8-24+6)x^3 \\
 &\quad + (12-16)x^4 + 8x^5 \\
 &= \underline{\underline{1+4x+x^2-10x^3-4x^4+8x^5}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 5. \quad (2x-\frac{1}{x})^{12} &= \text{The general term is} \\
 {}_{12} C_r (2x)^{12-r} (-x^{-1})^r &= {}_{12} C_r (2)^{12-r} (-1)^r x^{12-2r} \\
 \text{Coefficient of } x^7 = \frac{1}{2} \underline{\underline{n(n-1)}} &= \text{It is the constant term when } 12-2r=0, \therefore r=6 \\
 t = \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{2}{5} &\text{ (rejected)} \quad \therefore \text{The constant term} = {}_{12} C_6 \cdot 2^6 (-1)^6 = \underline{\underline{59136}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 5t^2-13t-6 &= 0 \\
 (5t+2)(t-3) &= 0 \\
 t = \frac{3}{2}, -\frac{2}{5} &\text{ (rejected)} \\
 \text{Coefficient of } x^2 = 7(27-1) &= \underline{\underline{182}} \\
 \text{Coefficient of } x^4 \text{ when } 16-3r=4, \therefore r=4 &= \text{Term in } x^4 \text{ when } 16-3r=4, \therefore r=4 \\
 \text{Coefficient of } x^4 = {}_8 C_4 (-1)^4 2^{8-8} = 70 &= \text{Coefficient of } x^4 = {}_8 C_4 (-1)^4 2^{8-8} = 70
 \end{aligned}$$

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 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{Revision Exercise 4 (p.95)} \\
 1. \quad (2x-\frac{1}{x})^5 &= 2^{15} - {}_{15} C_1 2^{14} x + \dots + {}_{15} C_2 2^{12} x^2 + \dots \\
 &= (2x)^5 - 5(2x)^4(\frac{1}{x}) + 10(2x)^3(\frac{1}{x})^2 \\
 &\quad - 10(2x)^2(\frac{1}{x})^3 + 5(2x)(\frac{1}{x})^4 - (\frac{1}{x})^5 \\
 &= 32x^5 - 80x^3 + 80x^{-1} + 10x^{-3} - x^{-5} \\
 &= \underline{\underline{32x^5-80x^3+80x^{-1}+10x^{-3}-x^{-5}}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 8. \quad (2-x)^{15} &= 2^{15} - {}_{15} C_1 2^{14} x + \dots + {}_{15} C_2 2^{12} (-x)^2 + \dots \\
 &= [2+x(1+x^2)]^7 \\
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 9. \quad (2+x+x^3)^7 &= [2+x(1+x^2)]^7 \\
 &= 2^7 + {}_7 C_1 \cdot 2^6 x(1+x^2) + {}_7 C_2 \cdot 2^5 x^2 \\
 &\quad + {}_7 C_3 \cdot 2^4 x^3(1+x^2)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 128 + 448x(1+x^2) + 672x^2(1+\dots) \\
 &\quad + 560x^3(1+\dots) + \dots \\
 &= \underline{\underline{128+448x+672x^2+1008x^3+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 10. \quad (3+2x-x^2)^4 &= [3+x(2-x)]^4 \\
 &= 3^4 + 4 \cdot 3^3 x(2-x) + 6 \cdot 3^2 x^2(2-x)^2 \\
 &\quad + 4 \cdot 3x^3(2-x)^3 + \dots \\
 &= 81 + 108x(2-x) + 54x^2(4-4x+\dots) \\
 &\quad + 12x^3(8-\dots) + \dots \\
 &= \underline{\underline{81+216x+108x^2-120x^3+\dots}}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
11. \quad & (1+2x)^4(1-x)^6 \\
& = (1+8x+24x^2+32x^3+\dots) \\
& \quad (1-6x+15x^2-20x^3+\dots) \\
& = \underline{\underline{1+2x-9x^2-12x^3+\dots}}
\end{aligned}$$

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12. \quad & (1-2x)^4(1+x)^7 \\
& = (1-8x+24x^2+\dots)(1+7x+21x^2+\dots) \\
\text{Coefficient of } x^2 & = 21 - 56 + 24 = \underline{\underline{-11}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
13. \quad & (1-\frac{1}{2x}+4x^2)^4 \\
& = [1-\frac{1}{2x}(1-8x^3)]^4 \\
& = 1-4(\frac{1}{2x})(1-8x^3)+6(\frac{1}{2x})^2(1-8x^3)^2 \\
& \quad +\dots-(\frac{1}{2x})^3(1-8x^3)^3+(\frac{1}{2x})^4(1-8x^3)^4 \\
\text{Constant term} & = 1+12=\underline{\underline{13}}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
14. \quad & (1+x-2x^2)^9(1+x)^4 \\
& = [1+x(1-2x)]^9(1+x)^4 \\
& = [1+9x(1-2x)+36x^2(1-2x)^2+84x^3(1-2x)^3 \\
& \quad +\dots](1+4x+6x^2+4x^3+\dots) \\
& = [1+9x-18x^2+36x^2(1-4x+\dots) \\
& \quad +84x^3(1+\dots)+\dots](1+4x+6x^2+4x^3+\dots) \\
\text{Coefficient of } x^3 & = 4+9\times 6+18\times 4-60=70
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
15. \quad & (1+2x)^n = 1+2nx+\frac{1}{2}n(n-1)(2x)^2 \\
& \quad +\frac{1}{6}n(n-1)(n-2)(2x)^3 \\
& \quad +\frac{1}{24}n(n-1)(n-2)(n-3)(2x)^4+\dots \\
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& \quad a = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} \text{ (rejected)}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
16. \quad & \text{The general term in the expansion} \\
& (2x^2+\frac{1}{2x})^n = {}_nC_r(2x^2)^{n-r}(\frac{1}{2x})^r \\
& = {}_nC_r \cdot 2x^{n-2r}x^{2r-3r} \\
\therefore \quad & \text{The 7th term} = {}_nC_6 \cdot 2^{n-12}x^{2n-18}
\end{aligned}$$

It is the constant term when

$$2n-18=0. \therefore n=\underline{\underline{9}}$$

\therefore The value of the 7th term

$$= {}_9C_6 \cdot 2^{-3} = \frac{21}{2} = \underline{\underline{-14}}$$

17. The general term in the expansion

$$(x^2+\frac{a}{2x})^7 = {}_7C_r(x^2)^{7-r}(\frac{a}{2x})^r$$

$$= {}_7C_r(\frac{a}{2})^r x^{14-3r}$$

$$\therefore A_8 = {}_7C_2(\frac{a}{2})^2 = \frac{21}{4}a^2$$

$$A_{11} = {}_7C_1(\frac{a}{2}) = \frac{7}{2}a$$

$$A_8 = 6A_{11}$$

$$\frac{21}{4}a^2 = 6(\frac{7}{2})a$$

$$a(a-4)=0$$

$$a=\underline{\underline{4}} \text{ or } 0 \text{ (rejected)}$$

18. $(ax+\frac{2}{x})^n = (ax)^n + n(ax)^{n-1}(\frac{2}{x^2})$

$$\begin{aligned}
& + \frac{n(n-1)}{2} (ax)^{n-2}(\frac{2}{x^2})^2 + \dots \\
\text{The third term} & = \frac{n(n-1)}{2} (ax)^{n-2}(\frac{4}{x^4}) \\
& = 2n(n-1)a x^{n-2} x^{-n-6}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{The third term is independent of } x.$$

$$\therefore n-6=0, \text{i.e. } n=\underline{\underline{6}}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
\text{The coefficient of the third term:} \\
2n(n-1)a^{n-2} & = \frac{15}{4} \\
2(6)(5)a^4 & = \frac{15}{4} \\
a^4 & = \frac{1}{16} \\
a & = -\frac{1}{2} \text{ or } \frac{1}{2} \text{ (rejected)}
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