

Keep remember this definitions, questions are made heavily on this concepts and can be easily solved if definitions are remembered:

(i) **Identity function:**

The function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $y = f(x) = x$  for each  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  is called the **identity function**.

Domain of  $f = \mathbf{R}$

Range of  $f = \mathbf{R}$

(ii) **Constant function:** The function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $y = f(x) = C$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ , where  $C$  is a constant  $\in \mathbf{R}$ , is a **constant function**.

Domain of  $f = \mathbf{R}$

Range of  $f = \{C\}$

(iii) **Polynomial function:** A real valued function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $y = f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n$ , where  $n \in \mathbf{N}$ , and  $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n \in \mathbf{R}$ , for each  $x \in \mathbf{R}$ , is called Polynomial functions.

(iv) **Rational function:** These are the real functions of the type  $\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}$ , where

$f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are polynomial functions of  $x$  defined in a domain, where  $g(x) \neq 0$ . For

example  $f: \mathbf{R} - \{-2\} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$ ,  $\forall x \in \mathbf{R} - \{-2\}$  is a

rational function.

(v) **The Modulus function:** The real function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = |x| =$

$x, x \geq 0$

$-x, x < 0$

$\forall x \in \mathbf{R}$  is called the modulus function.

Domain of  $f = \mathbf{R}$

Range of  $f = \mathbf{R}^+ \cup \{0\}$

(vi) **Signum function:** The real function

$f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{|x|}{x}, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0 \end{cases} = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x > 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \\ -1, & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

is called the **signum function**. Domain of  $f = \mathbf{R}$ , Range of  $f = \{1, 0, -1\}$

(vii) **Greatest integer function:** The real function  $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$  defined by  $f(x) = [x]$ ,  $x \in \mathbf{R}$  assumes the value of the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ , is called the **greatest integer function**.

Thus  $f(x) = [x] = -1$  for  $-1 \leq x < 0$

$f(x) = [x] = 0$  for  $0 \leq x < 1$

$[x] = 1$  for  $1 \leq x < 2$

$[x] = 2$  for  $2 \leq x < 3$  and so on