

2) If the number of terms in the expansion of $(1 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2})^n$, $n \neq 0$, is 28, then the sum of the coefficients of all the terms in this expansion is:

- (a) 243 (b) 729 (c) 64 (d) 2187 [Main 2016]

Solution: (b)

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Total number of terms} &= n+2 \\ &= 28 \quad (n+2)(n+1) \\ &= 56 \quad ; \quad n=6 \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \text{Put } x=1 \text{ in expansion } \left(1 - \frac{2}{x} + \frac{4}{x^2}\right)^6$$

$$\text{we get sum of coefficient} = (1-2+4)^6 = 3^6$$

$$= \boxed{729}$$