

INTRODUCTION TO SETS.

SETS:

Sets are a collection of well-defined objects or elements.

A set is represented by a capital letter symbol and the number of elements in the finite set is represented as the cardinal number of a set in a curly bracket {...}.

For example, set A is a collection of all the natural numbers, such as $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, \dots, \infty\}$.

Sets can be represented in three forms:

1. Roster Form or Tabular form or listing method: Example- Set of even numbers less than 8 = $\{2, 4, 6\}$
2. Set Builder Form or Rule method: Example: $A = \{x | x \text{ is a natural number, } 10 < x < 20\}$

Cardinal number : The cardinal number of a set V is the number of distinct elements in it, and it is denoted as $n(V)$. Ex : If $S = \{a, e, l, o, u\}$ $n(S) = 5$

TYPES OF SETS

A set has many types, such as;

1. **Empty Set or Null set:** It has no element present in it.

Example: $A = \{\}$ is a null set.

2. **Finite Set:** It has a limited number of elements.

Example: $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$

3. **Infinite Set:** It has an infinite number of elements.

Example: $A = \{x: x \text{ is the set of all whole numbers}\}$

4. **Equal Set:** Two sets which have the same members.

Example: $A = \{1, 2, 5\}$ and $B = \{2, 5, 1\}$: Set $A =$ Set B

5. **Singleton set:** A set which contains only one element is known as a singleton set.

Example: $A = \{1\}$, $P = \{5\}$

6. **Universal Set:** A set which consists of all elements of other sets present in a Venn diagram.

Example: $A = \{1, 2\}$, $B = \{2, 3\}$, The universal set here will be, $U = \{1, 2, 3\}$

7. **Equivalent sets:** If the number of elements in set A is equal to number of elements in set B , set A and set B are said to be Equivalent to each other.

$SET A \leftrightarrow SET B$ IF $n(A) = n(B)$

8. Joint, overlapping, or intersecting sets: When two sets have one or more than one elements in common, the sets are known as overlapping sets.

Set $X = \{a \mid a = 2p, p \in \mathbb{N}\}$

$= \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, \dots\}$

Set $Y = \{d \mid d = 3q, q \in \mathbb{N}\}$

$= \{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, \dots\}$

Set X and set Y are overlapping sets.

9. Disjoint sets: When two elements have no elements in common, the sets are known as disjoint sets.

Worksheet

1. Solve exercise 7.1 question 2, 3 and 4.
2. Solve exercise 7.2 question 1 to question 8.