

MICROSOFT EXCEL (MS-EXCEL)

Microsoft Excel (MS-Excel) is a **Spreadsheet Software** developed by [Microsoft](#) that is used for storing, organizing, calculating, analyzing, and presenting data in tabular form.

A spreadsheet consists of rows and columns arranged in a grid format. The intersection of a row and column is called a **Cell**.

MS-Excel is widely used in offices, businesses, schools, banks, and organizations for calculations, budgeting, accounting, data analysis, and reporting.

Example

Preparing a monthly salary sheet in Excel.

Exam Tip

MS-Excel = Spreadsheet Software

WHAT IS A SPREADSHEET?

A Spreadsheet is an electronic worksheet consisting of rows and columns used for storing and processing data.

It performs calculations automatically using formulas and functions.

Example

Student marksheets prepared in Excel.

Exam Tip

Spreadsheet = Rows + Columns + Calculations

USES OF MS-EXCEL

MS-Excel is used for:

- Accounting
- Budgeting
- Billing
- Data Analysis
- Statistical Calculations
- Inventory Management
- Report Preparation
- Chart Creation

Example

Calculating annual sales of a company.

Exam Tip

Excel is mainly used for calculations and data analysis.

OTHER SPREADSHEET SOFTWARE

Apart from MS-Excel, some other spreadsheet software are:

- Corel Quattro Pro
- VisiCalc
- Lotus 1-2-3
- Apple Numbers

Example

Lotus 1-2-3 was one of the earliest spreadsheet programs.

Exam Tip

VisiCalc = First Popular Spreadsheet Software

STARTING MS-EXCEL

MS-Excel can be opened using different methods.

METHOD 1

Using Run Command

Steps

1. Click Start Button.
2. Click Run.
3. Type **excel**
4. Press Enter.

Example

Opening Excel using the Run dialog box.

Exam Tip

Excel = Run Command for MS-Excel

METHOD 2

Using Start Menu

Steps

1. Click Start Button.
2. Select All Programs.
3. Select Microsoft Office.
4. Click Microsoft Excel.

Example

Opening Excel through Start Menu.

Exam Tip

Most commonly used method.

DEFAULT EXCEL FILE

When Excel opens, a blank workbook appears.

The default name is:

Book1

Example

Book1.xlsx

Exam Tip

Default Workbook Name = Book1

FILE EXTENSIONS OF EXCEL

Modern Excel File

.xlsx

Older Excel File

.xls

Example

Result.xlsx

Exam Tip

.xlsx = MS-Excel Workbook

COMPONENTS OF MICROSOFT EXCEL

TITLE BAR

The Title Bar appears at the top of the Excel window.

It displays:

- Workbook Name
- Application Name

Example

Book1 - Microsoft Excel

Exam Tip

Title Bar = Workbook Name + Application Name

CONTROL BUTTONS

Located on the Title Bar.

Minimize

Sends the window to the taskbar.

Maximize

Expands the window to full screen.

Close

Closes the Excel window.

Exam Tip

MMC = Minimize, Maximize, Close

RIBBON

The Ribbon is the command area containing tools and commands organized into tabs.

Example

Using the Home Tab to change font size.

Exam Tip

Ribbon = Collection of Tabs

TABS IN MS-EXCEL

MS-Excel contains several tabs on the Ribbon.

HOME TAB

The Home Tab contains commonly used commands.

Groups Present

- Clipboard
- Font
- Alignment
- Number
- Styles
- Cells
- Editing

Example

Making text bold.

Exam Tip

Home Tab = Most Frequently Used Commands

INSERT TAB

The Insert Tab is used to insert objects into a worksheet.

Groups Present

- Tables
- Illustrations
- Charts
- Sparklines
- Filter
- Links
- Text

- Symbols

Example

Inserting a chart.

Exam Tip

Insert Tab = Add Objects

PAGE LAYOUT TAB

Controls worksheet appearance and printing settings.

Groups Present

- Themes
- Page Setup
- Scale to Fit
- Sheet Options
- Arrange

Example

Changing page margins.

Exam Tip

Page Layout = Worksheet Design

FORMULAS TAB

Used for formulas and functions.

Groups Present

- Function Library
- Defined Names
- Formula Auditing
- Calculation

Example

Using the SUM function.

Exam Tip

Formulas Tab = Functions and Calculations

DATA TAB

Used for managing and analyzing data.

Groups Present

- Get External Data
- Connections
- Sort & Filter
- Data Tools
- Outline

Example

Sorting student marks.

Exam Tip

Data Tab = Data Analysis Tools

REVIEW TAB

Used for proofreading and reviewing worksheets.

Groups Present

- Proofing
- Language
- Comments
- Changes

Example

Adding comments to cells.

Exam Tip

Review Tab = Proofreading Tools

VIEW TAB

Controls worksheet display options.

Groups Present

- Workbook Views
- Show
- Zoom
- Window
- Macros

Example

Zooming into a worksheet.

Exam Tip

View Tab = Display Settings

STATUS BAR

The Status Bar appears at the bottom of the Excel window.

It displays information about the active worksheet.

Information Displayed

- Worksheet Status
- Page Number
- Zoom Level
- View Shortcuts

Example

Showing Zoom 100%.

Exam Tip

Status Bar = Worksheet Information Area

FORMULA BAR

The Formula Bar is located below the Ribbon.

It is used to:

- Enter Data
- Edit Data
- Enter Formulas
- View Formula Contents

Example

Typing =SUM(A1:A5)

Exam Tip

Formula Bar = Formula Entry Area

NAME BOX

The Name Box is located to the left of the Formula Bar.

It displays the reference of the active cell.

Example

A1, B5, C10

Exam Tip

Name Box = Cell Address Display

CELL

A Cell is the intersection of a row and a column.

Each cell has a unique address.

Example

A1

- A = Column
- 1 = Row

Exam Tip

Cell Address = Column + Row

FUNCTIONS IN MS-EXCEL

Functions are predefined formulas used to perform calculations automatically.

Example

=SUM(A1:A5)

Exam Tip

Function = Predefined Formula

IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS OF MS-EXCEL

SUM FUNCTION

The SUM function adds values.

Syntax

=SUM(A1:A5)

Exampl

Adds all numbers from A1 to A5.

Exam Tip

SUM = Addition

AVERAGE FUNCTION

Calculates the average of values.

Syntax

=AVERAGE(A1:A5)

Example

Calculates average marks of students.

Exam Tip

AVERAGE = Mean Value

COUNT FUNCTION

Counts cells containing numeric values.

Syntax

=COUNT(A1:A5)

Example

Counts number of students with marks.

Exam Tip

COUNT = Count Numbers

MAX FUNCTION

Returns the largest value.

Syntax

=MAX(A1:A5)

Example

Finds highest marks.

Exam Tip

MAX = Highest Value

MIN FUNCTION

Returns the smallest value.

Syntax

=MIN(A1:A5)

Example

Finds lowest marks.

Exam Tip

MIN = Lowest Value

FUNCTION TABLE

Function	Purpose	Example
SUM	Adds values	=SUM(A1:A5)
AVERAGE	Calculates average	=AVERAGE(A1:A5)
COUNT	Counts numeric cells	=COUNT(A1:A5)
MAX	Finds largest value	=MAX(A1:A5)
MIN	Finds smallest value	=MIN(A1:A5)

MOST IMPORTANT EXAM FACTS

MS-Excel

Spreadsheet Software.

Default Workbook Name

Book1

Excel Extension

.xlsx

Formula Bar

Used to enter formulas.

Name Box

Displays active cell address.

Cell

Intersection of row and column.

SUM Function

Adds values.

MAX Function

Returns highest value.

MIN Function

Returns lowest value.

COUNT Function

Counts numeric cells.

QUICK REVISION TABLE

Topic	Remember As
MS-Excel	Spreadsheet Software
Workbook	Excel File
Worksheet	Spreadsheet Page
Cell	Row + Column Intersection
Formula Bar	Formula Entry Area
Name Box	Cell Address
SUM	Addition
AVERAGE	Mean
COUNT	Count Numbers
MAX	Highest Value
MIN	Lowest Value

BASIC TERMS OF SPREADSHEET

A **Spreadsheet** is an electronic worksheet used to enter, calculate, organize, manipulate, and analyze data in the form of rows and columns.

It is widely used for accounting, budgeting, billing, statistical analysis, and record management.

Example

Preparing a student marksheet in MS-Excel.

Exam Tip

Spreadsheet = Rows + Columns + Calculations

CELL

A **Cell** is the intersection point of a row and a column.

It is the basic unit of a worksheet where data is entered.

A cell can contain:

- Numbers (Constants)
- Text (Labels)
- Formulas

Example

Cell A1

Exam Tip

Cell = Intersection of Row and Column

TYPES OF DATA IN A CELL

NUMBERS (CONSTANTS)

Numeric values entered into a cell.

Example

250, 5000, 98

Exam Tip

Numbers are used in calculations.

TEXT (LABELS)

Alphabetic or descriptive information.

Example

Name, Salary, Total Marks

Exam Tip

Labels describe data.

FORMULAS

Mathematical expressions used to perform calculations.

Example

=SUM(A1:A5)

Exam Tip

Formula Always Begins with "="

WORKSHEET

A **Worksheet** is a collection of rows and columns containing cells.

It is also called a **Sheet**.

A worksheet stores data in tabular form.

Example

A salary sheet containing employee details.

Exam Tip

Worksheet = Single Spreadsheet Page

WORKBOOK

A **Workbook** is an Excel file that contains one or more worksheets.

Example

Book1.xlsx

Exam Tip

Workbook = Collection of Worksheets

IMPORTANT FACT

In traditional MS-Excel versions, a new workbook contains **3 worksheets by default**.

Example

Sheet1, Sheet2, Sheet3

Exam Tip

Default Worksheets = 3 (Traditional Versions)

ROW

A **Row** is a horizontal arrangement of cells.

Rows are identified by numbers.

Row Numbering

1, 2, 3, 4, 5, ...

Example

Row 10

Exam Tip

Rows = Horizontal = Numbers

COLUMN

A **Column** is a vertical arrangement of cells.

Columns are identified by letters.

Column Naming

A, B, C, D ... Z, AA, AB, AC ...

Example

Column C

Exam Tip

Columns = Vertical = Letters

ACTIVE CELL

The Active Cell is the currently selected cell in which data can be entered or edited.

It is highlighted by a border.

Example

Cell B4 selected for entering marks.

Exam Tip

Active Cell = Currently Working Cell

CELL POINTER

A **Cell Pointer** is the highlighted boundary around the active cell.

It indicates the current position in the worksheet.

Example

Black border around Cell A1.

Exam Tip

Cell Pointer Identifies the Active Cell

FORMULA

A Formula is an equation used to calculate values in a worksheet.

Every formula must begin with an Equal Sign (=).

Example

= A1 + A2

Exam Tip

Formula Always Starts with "="

CELL ADDRESS

A Cell Address identifies the location of a cell by combining its column letter and row number.

Example

A1

Where:

- A = Column
- 1 = Row

Other Examples

- B5
- C10

- D25

Exam Tip

Cell Address = Column Letter + Row Number

QUICK REVISION TABLE

Term	Meaning
Cell	Intersection of Row and Column
Worksheet	Single Spreadsheet Page
Workbook	Collection of Worksheets
Row	Horizontal Cells
Column	Vertical Cells
Active Cell	Currently Selected Cell
Cell Pointer	Border Around Active Cell
Formula	Mathematical Equation
Cell Address	Location of Cell

CHARTS IN MS-EXCEL

A **Chart** is the graphical representation of worksheet data.

Charts help users understand data quickly through visual presentation.

Example

Displaying monthly sales using a chart.

Exam Tip

Chart = Graphical Representation of Data

TYPES OF CHARTS

AREA CHART

An Area Chart emphasizes the magnitude of change over time.

The area below the line is filled with color.

Example

Showing annual profit growth.

Exam Tip

Area Chart = Magnitude of Change

COLUMN CHART

A Column Chart displays data using vertical columns.

It is used to compare values or show changes over time.

Example

Comparing marks of students.

Exam Tip

Column Chart = Vertical Bars

BAR CHART

A Bar Chart displays data using horizontal bars.

Categories are shown vertically while values are shown horizontally.

Example

Comparing sales of products.

Exam Tip

Bar Chart = Horizontal Bars

LINE CHART

A Line Chart shows trends and changes over time.

Data points are connected by lines.

Example

Monthly temperature changes.

Exam Tip

Line Chart = Trends Over Time

PIE CHART

A Pie Chart shows how individual values contribute to a whole.

It is divided into slices.

Example

Market share of companies.

Exam Tip

Pie Chart = Parts of a Whole

XY (SCATTER) CHART

A Scatter Chart shows the relationship between two numerical variables.

It plots data as XY coordinates.

Example

Relationship between study hours and marks.

Exam Tip

Scatter Chart = Relationship Between Variables

CHART COMPARISON TABLE

Chart Type	Best Used For
Area Chart	Magnitude of Change
Column Chart	Comparison Over Time
Bar Chart	Comparing Categories
Line Chart	Trends
Pie Chart	Proportions
Scatter Chart	Relationship Between Variables

COMPONENTS OF A CHART

CHART AREA

The entire area occupied by the chart.

It includes all chart elements.

Example

Complete chart including title and legend.

Exam Tip

Chart Area = Entire Chart

PLOT AREA

The area where actual data is displayed graphically.

Example

Bars, lines, and pie slices displayed in the chart.

Exam Tip

Plot Area = Data Display Area

CHART TITLE

The heading of the chart.

It explains what the chart represents.

Example

"Monthly Sales Report"

Exam Tip

Chart Title = Name of Chart

AXIS TITLE

Titles given to chart axes.

Types

- X-Axis Title
- Y-Axis Title
- Z-Axis Title (3D Charts)

Example

X-Axis = Months

Y-Axis = Sales

Exam Tip

Axis Titles Describe Axes

DATA SERIES

A row or column of values plotted in a chart.

Example

Monthly sales figures.

Exam Tip

Data Series = Data Used in Chart

GRIDLINES

Horizontal and vertical reference lines that improve readability.

Example

Lines helping identify chart values.

Exam Tip

Gridlines Improve Chart Reading

LEGEND

A Legend identifies different data series represented in the chart.

Example

Blue = Sales

Red = Profit

Exam Tip

Legend = Data Identifier

DATA LABEL

Displays exact values directly on chart elements.

Example

Showing "500" above a column.

Exam Tip

Data Label = Actual Value Display

DATA TABLE

A Data Table displays chart data in tabular form along with the chart.

Example

Monthly sales data displayed below a chart.

Exam Tip

Data Table = Chart Data in Table Format

IMPORTANT EXAM FACTS

Chart Wizard

Chart Wizard is used to create charts in MS-Excel.

Example

Creating a Pie Chart using Chart Wizard.

Exam Tip

Chart Wizard = Chart Creation Tool

Embedded Chart

A chart created on an existing worksheet.

Example

Sales chart placed within the worksheet.

Exam Tip

Embedded Chart = Chart on Same Worksheet

\$ Sign in Excel

The Dollar Sign (\$) locks a cell reference to a fixed position.

Example

\$A\$1

Exam Tip

\$ = Absolute Cell Reference

Stacked Bar/Column Chart

Shows the relationship of individual items to the whole.

Example

Department-wise contribution to total sales.

Exam Tip

Stacked Chart = Part-to-Whole Relationship

MOST IMPORTANT EXAM QUESTIONS

Question	Answer
Intersection of Row and Column?	Cell
Collection of Worksheets?	Workbook
Horizontal Arrangement?	Row
Vertical Arrangement?	Column
Formula Begins With?	=
Graphical Representation of Data?	Chart
Pie Chart Shows?	Proportion
Trend Over Time?	Line Chart
Relationship Between Variables?	Scatter Chart
Chart Creation Tool?	Chart Wizard
Locks Cell Reference?	\$ Sign

ADVANCED MICROSOFT EXCEL

The following topics cover advanced Excel functions, Data Tab tools, Review Tab features, cell references, Excel errors, and chart concepts frequently asked in competitive examinations.

DATE AND TIME FUNCTIONS

Date and Time Functions are used to work with dates, months, years, days, and time values in Excel.

TODAY()

Returns the current system date.

Syntax

=TODAY()

Example

If today's date is 11-06-2026

=TODAY()

Result: 11-06-2026

Exam Tip

TODAY() returns only the current date.

NOW()

Returns the current date and current time.

Syntax

=NOW()

Example

Result: 11-06-2026 10:30 AM

Exam Tip

NOW() returns both date and time.

DATE()

Returns a valid date from year, month, and day values.

Example

=DATE(2026,6,11)

Result: 11-Jun-2026

Exam Tip

DATE() creates a date value.

DAY()

Returns the day number from a date.

Example

```
=DAY("11-Jun-2026")
```

Result: 11

Exam Tip

DAY() extracts day value.

MONTH()

Returns the month number from a date.

Example

```
=MONTH("11-Jun-2026")
```

Result: 6

Exam Tip

MONTH() extracts month value.

YEAR()

Returns the year from a date.

Example

```
=YEAR("11-Jun-2026")
```

Result: 2026

Exam Tip

YEAR() extracts year value.

TIME()

Creates a time value from hours, minutes, and seconds.

Example

```
=TIME(10,30,0)
```

Result: 10:30 AM

Exam Tip

TIME() creates time values.

TEXT FUNCTIONS

Text Functions manipulate text strings in Excel.

LEN()

Returns total number of characters.

Example

```
=LEN("Computer")
```

Result: 8

Exam Tip

LEN() counts characters including spaces.

UPPER()

Converts text into uppercase.

Example

```
=UPPER("Clean Me")
```

Result: CLEAN ME

Exam Tip

UPPER() → Capital Letters.

LOWER()

Converts text into lowercase.

Example

```
=LOWER("COMPUTER")
```

Result: computer

Exam Tip

LOWER() → Small Letters.

PROPER()

Converts first letter of every word into capital.

Example

=PROPER("shyam kumar")

Result: Shyam Kumar

Exam Tip

PROPER() → Title Case.

CONCATENATE()

Combines multiple text strings.

Example

=CONCATENATE("Hello", " ", "World")

Result: Hello World

Exam Tip

CONCATENATE() joins strings.

TRIM()

Removes extra spaces.

Example

=TRIM(" Hello World ")

Result: Hello World

Exam Tip

TRIM() removes unnecessary spaces.

LEFT()

Returns characters from left side.

Example

=LEFT("RAJASTHAN",3)

Result: RAJ

Exam Tip

LEFT() extracts left characters.

RIGHT()

Returns characters from right side.

Example

=RIGHT("India",2)

Result: ia

Exam Tip

RIGHT() extracts right characters.

MID()

Returns middle characters.

Example

=MID("GANGA",2,2)

Result: AN

Exam Tip

MID() extracts characters from middle position.

CHAR()

Returns character corresponding to ASCII code.

Example

=CHAR(65)

Result: A

Exam Tip

CHAR() converts ASCII Number to Character.

CODE()

Returns ASCII code of a character.

Example

=CODE("A")

Result: 65

Exam Tip

CODE() converts Character to ASCII Number.

LOGICAL FUNCTIONS

Logical Functions return TRUE or FALSE based on conditions.

IF()

Returns one value if condition is true and another if false.

Example

=IF(120>100,"Hello","Neon")

Result: Hello

Exam Tip

IF() = Condition Testing Function.

AND()

Returns TRUE if all conditions are true.

Example

=AND(20<25,11>10)

Result: TRUE

Exam Tip

AND() = All Conditions True.

OR()

Returns TRUE if any condition is true.

Example

=OR(5>6,15=15)

Result: TRUE

Exam Tip

OR() = Any One Condition True.

NOT()

Reverses logical result.

Example

=NOT(10>6)

Result: FALSE

Exam Tip

NOT() reverses TRUE and FALSE.

IFERROR()

Replaces an error with a specified value.

Example

=IFERROR(A1/B1,"Error")

Exam Tip

IFERROR() handles errors gracefully.

COUNTING FUNCTIONS

COUNT()

Counts cells containing numbers.

=COUNT(A1:A10)

Exam Tip

COUNT() counts numeric cells only.

COUNTA()

Counts cells containing any data.

=COUNTA(A1:A10)

Exam Tip

COUNTA() counts non-empty cells.

COUNTIF()

Counts cells matching a condition.

=COUNTIF(A1:A10,">50")

Exam Tip

COUNTIF() = Single Condition Counting.

COUNTIFS()

Counts cells matching multiple conditions.

Exam Tip

COUNTIFS() = Multiple Conditions Counting.

SUMMATION FUNCTIONS

SUMIF()

Adds values according to one condition.

Example

=SUMIF(A1:A10,">50")

Exam Tip

SUMIF() = Single Condition Addition.

SUMIFS()

Adds values according to multiple conditions.

Exam Tip

SUMIFS() = Multiple Conditions Addition.

OTHER IMPORTANT FUNCTIONS

Function	Purpose
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ABS()	Converts negative value into positive value
EXACT()	Compares two text strings
REP()	Repeats text
CEILING()	Rounds up to nearest multiple
FLOOR()	Rounds down to nearest multiple
CLEAN()	Removes non-printable characters
DOLLAR()	Converts number into currency format
LOOKUP()	Searches a value
VLOOKUP()	Vertical lookup
HLOOKUP()	Horizontal lookup
QUARTILE()	Returns quartile values
ACCRINTM()	Returns accrued interest at maturity

CELL REFERENCES

Cell Reference identifies a cell location using row and column coordinates.

RELATIVE CELL REFERENCE

Changes automatically when copied.

Example

=A1+B1

Exam Tip

Relative Reference is the default reference type.

ABSOLUTE CELL REFERENCE

Does not change when copied.

Example

=\$A\$1

Exam Tip

Dollar (\$) sign locks row and column.

MIXED CELL REFERENCE

Locks either row or column.

Examples

=A\$1

=\$A1

Exam Tip

Mixed Reference = Partial Locking.

F4 KEY

Used to switch between Relative, Absolute, and Mixed references.

Exam Tip

F4 = Change Cell Reference Type

EXCEL ERRORS

Error	Meaning
#REF!	Invalid Cell Reference
#VALUE!	Wrong Data Type
#NAME?	Misspelled Function Name
#NULL?	Incorrect Cell Reference
###	Column Width Too Small
#DIV/0!	Division by Zero
#NUM!	Invalid Numeric Value

Exam Tip

#DIV/0! occurs when dividing by zero or blank cell.

DATA TAB

The Data Tab contains:

- Sort
- Filter
- Data Tools
- Connections
- Get External Data

Exam Tip

Data Tab = Data Management Tools.

REVIEW TAB

Contains:

- Proofing
- Language
- Translate
- Comments
- Compare
- Protect

Exam Tip

F7 = Spelling and Grammar Check.

VIEW TAB

Contains:

- Workbook Views
- Zoom
- Window
- Freeze Panes
- Macros

Important Facts

- Minimum Zoom = 10%
- Maximum Zoom = 400%
- Freeze Panes keeps headings visible while scrolling.

Exam Tip

Freeze Top Row keeps first row visible during scrolling.

CHARTS

A Chart is a graphical representation of worksheet data using bars, lines, columns, pie slices, and other visual formats.

Exam Tip

Chart Wizard is used to create charts in Excel.

FORMULAS TAB IN MS-EXCEL

The **Formulas Tab** contains tools used for creating, managing, auditing, and calculating formulas in Excel.

It provides access to functions, named ranges, formula auditing tools, and calculation options.

Main Groups in Formulas Tab

- Function Library
- Defined Names
- Formula Auditing
- Calculation

Example

Using the SUM function to calculate total marks.

Exam Tip

Formulas Tab = Functions + Calculations + Formula Auditing

FORMULA OPERATORS IN EXCEL

Operators are symbols used in formulas to perform calculations and comparisons.

ARITHMETIC OPERATORS

Used for mathematical calculations.

Operator	Meaning	Example
+	Addition	=5+3
-	Subtraction	=10-2
*	Multiplication	=5*4
/	Division	=20/5
%	Percentage	=50%

^	Power	=2^3
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Example

=10+20

Result = 30

Exam Tip

Arithmetic Operators perform calculations.

COMPARISON OPERATORS

Used to compare two values.

Operator	Meaning
=	Equal To
>	Greater Than
<	Less Than
>=	Greater Than or Equal To
<=	Less Than or Equal To
<>	Not Equal To

Example

=10>5

Result = TRUE

Exam Tip

Comparison Operators return TRUE or FALSE.

TEXT OPERATOR

Used to join text strings.

Symbol

&

Example

= "Hello" & " World"

Result = Hello World

Exam Tip

& = Text Concatenation Operator

REFERENCE OPERATOR

Used to define cell references and ranges.

Example

=A1:B10

Exam Tip

Reference Operators specify cell ranges.

LOGICAL OPERATOR

Used in logical calculations.

Example

=AND(A1>10,B1<20)

Exam Tip

Logical Operators return TRUE or FALSE.

DOLLAR (\$) SYMBOL

Used to create an Absolute Cell Reference.

Example

=\$A\$1

Exam Tip

\$ Symbol = Absolute Reference

FUNCTION

A Function is a predefined formula in Excel used to perform calculations automatically.

Example

=SUM(A1:A5)

Exam Tip

Function = Predefined Formula

STEPS TO CREATE A FORMULA

Step 1

Select the cell.

Step 2

Type Equal Sign (=).

Step 3

Enter Function Name.

Step 4

Specify Cell Range.

Example

=SUM(B1:B8)

Exam Tip

Every formula begins with "=" sign.

NUMERIC ENTRIES

Numbers and formulas entered into a cell are called Numeric Entries.

Example

250

=SUM(A1:A5)

Exam Tip

Numeric Entries = Numbers + Formulas

IMPORTANT ARITHMETIC FUNCTIONS

SUM()

Adds numbers.

Syntax

=SUM(A1:A5)

Example

A1=10, A2=20, A3=30

Result = 60

Exam Tip

SUM() = Addition Function

Important Fact

Typing only:

=SUM

without arguments results in **#NAME? Error**.

PRODUCT()

Multiplies numbers.

Syntax

=PRODUCT(A1:A5)

Example

$2 \times 3 \times 4 = 24$

Exam Tip

PRODUCT() = Multiplication Function

MAX()

Returns largest value.

Example

=MAX(10,20,30,40,50)

Result = 50

Exam Tip

MAX() = Highest Value

MIN()

Returns smallest value.

Example

=MIN(10,20,30,40,50)

Result = 10

Exam Tip

MIN() = Lowest Value

AVERAGE()

Returns arithmetic mean.

Example

=AVERAGE(0,10,20)

Result = 10

Exam Tip

AVERAGE() = Mean Value

AVERAGEA()

Calculates average including numbers, text, and logical values.

Example

Mixed data averaging.

Exam Tip

AVERAGEA() includes text and logical values.

AVERAGEIF()

Calculates average based on a condition.

Example

=AVERAGEIF(A1:A10,">50")

Exam Tip

AVERAGEIF() = Single Condition Average

AVERAGEIFS()

Calculates average using multiple conditions.

Example

Average marks of Science students scoring above 50.

Exam Tip

AVERAGEIFS() = Multiple Conditions Average

SUB()

Used to find difference between numbers.

Example

=SUB(A1,B1)

Exam Tip

SUB = Subtraction

ROUND()

Rounds a number to specified decimal places.

Example

=ROUND(1.666666667,2)

Result = 1.67

Exam Tip

ROUND() = Normal Rounding

ROUNDDOWN()

Rounds downward.

Example

=ROUNDDOWN(8.192578,2)

Result = 8.19

Exam Tip

ROUNDDOWN() = Always Lower

MOD()

Returns remainder after division.

Example

=MOD(5,2)

Result = 1

Exam Tip

MOD() = Remainder Function

COUNT()

Counts cells containing numbers.

Example

=COUNT(A,1,2,3,4)

Result = 4

Exam Tip

COUNT() Counts Numeric Values Only

ODD()

Rounds positive number to next odd integer.

Example

=ODD(8)

Result = 9

Exam Tip

ODD() Returns Odd Number

EVEN()

Rounds number to nearest even integer.

Example

=EVEN(7)

Result = 8

Exam Tip

EVEN() Returns Even Number

ACCINT()

Returns accrued interest.

Example

Used in financial calculations.

Exam Tip

ACCINT() = Accrued Interest Function

INT()

Returns integer part of a number.

Example

=INT(12.75)

Result = 12

Exam Tip

INT() Removes Decimal Part

SIGN()

Returns sign of a number.

Number	Result
Positive	1
Negative	-1
Zero	0

Example

=SIGN(-15)

Result = -1

Exam Tip

SIGN() Identifies Number Sign

FIND()

Returns starting position of text.

Example

=FIND("ag","Kushagra")

Result = 5

Exam Tip

FIND() = Case Sensitive

SEARCH()

Returns position of text.

Example

=SEARCH("AG","Kushagra")

Result = 5

Exam Tip

SEARCH() = Not Case Sensitive

REPLACE()

Replaces part of a string.

Example

=REPLACE("Computer",1,3,"Lap")

Exam Tip

REPLACE() Modifies Text

SUBSTITUTE()

Replaces existing text with new text.

Example

=SUBSTITUTE("India","India","Bharat")

Exam Tip

SUBSTITUTE() Replaces Text

SUMSQ()

Returns sum of squares.

Example

=SUMSQ(2,3)

Result = 13

Exam Tip

SUMSQ() = Sum of Squares

SUMPRODUCT()

Returns sum of products of corresponding arrays.

Example

=SUMPRODUCT(A1:A3,B1:B3)

Exam Tip

SUMPRODUCT() = Multiply Then Add

TRUNC()

Removes decimal part.

Example

=TRUNC(15.987)

Result = 15

Exam Tip

TRUNC() = Truncate Decimal

POWER()

Raises a number to a power.

Example

=POWER(2,10)

Result = 1024

Exam Tip

POWER() = Exponent Function

SQRT()

Returns square root.

Example

=SQRT(81)

Result = 9

Exam Tip

SQRT() = Square Root Function

PAD()

Adds padding characters.

Exam Tip

PAD() Used for Text Padding

TRANSPOSE()

Converts rows into columns and columns into rows.

Example

Row Data → Column Data

Exam Tip

TRANSPOSE() = Row ↔ Column

LOG()

Returns logarithm of a number.

Example

=LOG(100,10)

Result = 2

Exam Tip

LOG() = Logarithmic Function

FACT()

Returns factorial value.

Example

=FACT(5)

Result = 120

Exam Tip

FACT() = Factorial Function

MATCH()

Searches a value and returns its relative position.

Syntax

=MATCH(Lookup_Value,Lookup_Array,Match_Type)

Example

=MATCH(50,A1:A10,0)

Exam Tip

MATCH() Returns Position, Not Value.

INDEX()

Returns value at intersection of row and column.

Example

=INDEX(A1:C5,2,3)

Exam Tip

INDEX() Returns Cell Value from Position.

QUICK REVISION TABLE

Function	Purpose
SUM	Addition
PRODUCT	Multiplication
MAX	Highest Value
MIN	Lowest Value
AVERAGE	Mean
ROUND	Round Off
MOD	Remainder
COUNT	Count Numbers
INT	Integer Part
SIGN	Sign of Number
FIND	Case Sensitive Search

SEARCH	Case Insensitive Search
POWER	Exponent
SQRT	Square Root
FACT	Factorial
MATCH	Position Lookup
INDEX	Value Lookup
TRANSPOSE	Row ↔ Column

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