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**Eastern Goldfields College**  
**Mathematics Applications U3&4 2017**  
**Test 2 – Calculator Free Section**

**Working Time: 25 minutes**

**Total Marks: 26 marks**

**Question 1 (6 marks: 2, 2, 2)**

For the following sequences determine which are arithmetic, geometric or neither. Provide a reason to support your answer.

- a) 1, 2.5, 4, 5.5, ...

*AP constant difference of 1.5*

- b) 5, -5, 5, -5, 5, -5, ...

*GP constant ratio of -1*

- c) 2, 1, 2, 1, 2, 1, ...

*Neither no common difference  
 + no common ratio*

**Question 2 (11 marks: 3, 3, 3, 2)**

- a) A geometric sequence has  $T_3 = 4$  and  $T_6 = 32$ . (3 marks: 2, 1)

i) Determine the recursive rule.

*$T_{n+1} = T_n \times 2$  or  $2T_n$*

*$T_1 = 1$*

ii) Calculate the 5<sup>th</sup> term.

*$T_5 = 16$*

- b) An arithmetic sequence has  $T_3 = -5$  and  $T_6 = 4$ . (3 marks: 2, 1)

i) Determine the recursive rule.

*$T_{n+1} = T_n + 3$*

*$T_1 = -11$*

ii) Calculate the 5<sup>th</sup> term.

*$T_5 = 1$*

- c) For the following sequence determine the recursive rule and  $T_7$ . (3 marks)

$T_1$	$T_2$	$T_3$	$T_4$	$T_5$
4	-8	16	-32	64

*$T_{n+1} = -2T_n$  or  $T_n \times -2$*

*$T_7 = 256$*

- d) The Lucas sequence is defined by  $L_{n+1} = L_n + L_{n-1}$  with  $L_5 = 11$  and  $L_6 = 18$ . Determine the first 4 terms in the sequence. (2 marks)

*1, 3, 4, 7, 11, 18*

**Question 3 (2 marks)**

Renee bought a pair of dogs, and at the end of the first year decides to breed them. If the dogs have three puppies every year, find how many dogs Renee will own after 5 years.

*$2 + 3 \times 4 = 14$*

*$T_1 = 2$   
 $T_2 = 5$   
 $T_3 = 8$   
 $T_4 = 11$   
 $T_5 = 14$*

#### Question 4 (5 marks: 2, 3)

The  $n$ th term of a sequence is given by the rule  $T_n = 3^{n-1} + 5$

- a) Find the first three terms in the sequence.

$$T_1 = 6, T_2 = 8, T_3 = 14$$

- b) Find the first order recurrence relation that defines the sequence.

$$T_{n+1} = 3T_n - 10, T_1 = 6$$

#### Question 5 (2 marks)

Match each of the following recursive rules with their respective graph.

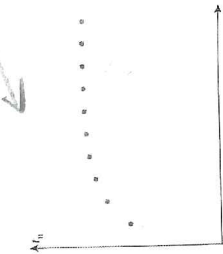
a)  $T_{n+1} = T_n - 4; T_1 = 22$

b)  $T_{n+1} = 2.5T_n; T_1 = 2$

c)  $T_{n+1} = 0.5T_n + 3; T_1 = 4$



$$T_{n+1} = T_n - 4, T_1 = 22$$



$$T_{n+1} = 0.5T_n + 3, T_1 = 2$$

$$T_1 = 22$$

$$T_1 = 4$$

$$T_1 = 2$$

$$T_{n+1} = 2.5T_n$$

✓✓ = all 3 correct

✓ = 1 correct



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Total Marks: 30 marks

#### Question 1 [9 marks – 3, 3, 3]

The first and second terms of a sequence are 2 and 6 respectively.

- (a) If these terms form part of a geometric sequence

- (i) list the next two terms,

$$2, 6, 18, 54$$

Both ✓ R/W.

- (ii) state a recursive rule for the sequence.

$$T_{n+1} = T_n \times 3, T_1 = 2$$

- (b) If the two terms form part of an arithmetic sequence, find

- (i) the fifth term of the sequence,

$$T_5 = 18$$

- (ii) which term of the sequence is the first to exceed 100.

$$T_n = 2 + (n-1)d$$

$$100 = 2 + (n-1)4$$

$$n = 25.5 \therefore T_{26}$$

- (c) If the recursive rule for the sequence is given by  $T_n = T_{n-1} - T_{n-2}$ , find

- (i)  $T_4$ ,

$$= -2$$

- (ii) the smallest value of  $n, n > 1$ , for which  $T_n = T_1$ .

$$2, 6, 1, 4, -2, -6, -4, 2$$

$$n = 7$$

### Question 2 (7 marks - 2, 1, 2, 2)

Elsa is negotiating with her mother as to how much pocket money she will get. Elsa suggests starting with \$50 in the first month and increasing this by \$5 every month.

- a) With this scheme, how much pocket money will Elsa receive 12 months from the start?

$$T_{n+1} = T_n + 5 \quad T_1 = 50$$

$$T_{12} = \$105$$

Elsa's mother says that increasing the amount by 5% each month is better for Elsa in the long run.

- b) Use the table below to show how much pocket money Elsa will receive with her scheme and her mother's scheme for the first 5 months of the year.

	Month 1	Month 2	Month 3	Month 4	Month 5
Elsa's scheme	50	55	60	65	70
Mother's scheme	50	52.5	55.125	57.881	60.775

$$T_{n+1} = 1.05T_n$$

- c) Is Elsa's mother correct? Justify your solution mathematically.

yes Elsa is AP,  $\Rightarrow$  a constant  $\uparrow$ /month  $\Rightarrow$  linear growth  
 mom is GP,  $\Rightarrow$  a steady  $\uparrow$ /month in the beginning but severe end  $\Rightarrow$  exponential

In the first 27 months, Elsa is correct. But in the long run, mom is better. After 28 months, mom is better by 186.67 - 185 = 1.67.

- d) If the amount of pocket money Elsa will be paid is capped to a maximum of \$120/month, does this effect which scheme is better? Justify your solution.

yes. Elsa would be better. Her scheme will hit \$120 @ month 15, whereas mom's @ month 19 = 120.35.

### Question 3 (5 marks - 2, 2, 1)

A ladder has 21 rungs and from the bottom to the top each rung is shorter than the one before it by a constant amount. The bottom rung is 400 mm long and the top rung is 320 mm.

- a) How much shorter is each rung than the rung below it?

$$T_1 = 400 \quad T_{21} = 320$$

$$320 - 400 = -80$$

$$\frac{-80}{20} = d = -4$$

- b) Give a recursive rule for calculating the length ( $T_n$ ) of the  $n$ th rung from the rung below it.

$$T_n = T_{n-1} - 4 \quad T_1 = 400$$

- c) Give a non-recursive formula for calculating the length of any rung.

$$T_n = 400 - 4(n-1)$$

$$OK \quad T_n = 404 - 4n$$

### Question 4 (5 marks - 2, 1, 2)

A commercial fish farming operation has approximately 10,000 fish in one of its artificial lakes. It is thought that without any intervention this population will continue to increase at the rate of 1.5% per week.

However, intervention is planned that will see 200 fish harvested from the lake at the end of each week, the first harvest will be one week from now.

- a) Give the first order linear recurrence relation for this sequence.

$$T_0 = 10000 \quad T_{n+1} = 1.015T_n - 200$$

- b) How many weeks does it take for the number of fish in the lake to fall below 8000?

$$T_{32} = 32 \text{ weeks} = 7965.6$$

$$T_{31} = 8044.9$$

- b) Describe what happens to fish farming operation in the long term.

If they continue to intervene then by the start of week 91 there will be 0 fish.

### Question 5 (4 marks - 3, 1)

The numbers 5,  $x$  and 49 are the first three terms of the sequence defined by the first order recurrence relation  $T_{n+1} = rT_n + 1$ ;  $T_1 = 5$

- a) Find the values of  $r$  and  $x$ , given that  $x > 0$ .

$$\frac{x}{5} = \frac{49}{x}$$

$$x^2 = 245$$

$$x = 15.65$$

$$15.65 = 5r + 1$$

$$r = 2.93$$

$$\text{CHECK } \Rightarrow r = 3, x = 16$$

- b) Find the fourth term in the sequence.

$$T_4 = 3(49) + 1 = 148$$

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