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**Mini-math AP Calculus BC: Friday, September 24, 2021 (15 minutes)**

1. (1 point) Suppose  $S_n$  is the  $n$ th partial sum of the infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ , where  $a_n = \sin(n\pi/6)$ . What is  $S_{61} - S_{60}$ ?

**Solution:**  $S_{61} - S_{60} = a_{61} = \sin(61\pi/6) = \sin(\pi/6) = 1/2$

2. (1 point) True or false: if  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a_n = 0$ , then  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$  converges.

**Solution:** False - for example,  $a_n = 1/n$ .

3. (1 point) For what values of  $k$  does  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 2^{kn}$  converge?

**Solution:** This is a geometric series with  $r = 2^k$ ; we need  $|2^k| < 1$ , so  $k < 0$ .

4. (2 points) If  $0 < |a| < b^2$ , compute  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b \left(\frac{a}{b^2}\right)^k$ .

**Solution:** This is a geometric series with  $r = a/b^2$ , so

$$\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} b \left(\frac{a}{b^2}\right)^k = \frac{b \cdot \frac{a}{b^2}}{1 - \frac{a}{b^2}} = \frac{ab}{b^2 - a}$$