

Section One (Calculator Free)

Total available marks: 33

Time Allowed: 30 minutes  
Student's Name: ...

Question 1

(a) Given an arithmetic sequence has the terms  $T_1 = 9$  and  $T_5 = 15$  calculate

(9 marks)

(i) the general equation for  $T_n$   
 $T_n = 1.5n + 7.5$   
 $T_5 = 1.5(5) + 7.5 = 15$   
 $T_1 = 1.5(1) + 7.5 = 9$

(ii) the recursive equation for  $T_n$   
 $T_n = T_{n-1} + 1.5$   
 $T_1 = 9$

(iii) the recursive equation for  $T_n$   
 $T_n = T_{n-1} + 1.5$   
 $T_1 = 9$

(b) Express the recurring decimal  $0.27 = 0.2727...$  as a sum to infinity and hence express it as a rational number  
(3 marks)

0.27

(8 marks)

Question 12  
\$1,000,000 is invested in an account that pays interest at a rate of 5% per annum compounded annually. Let  $B_n$  be the account balance at the end of  $n$  years.

a. Find the general rule for the account balance at the end of  $n$  years.  
(2 marks)

$B_n = 1,000,000 \times 1.05^n$

b. Find the growth in the account balance in the first 10 years. Hence, find the average percentage growth rate in the first 10 years.  
(2 marks)

$1.5 \times 10^6 \times 1.05^{10} - 1.5 \times 10^6$   
 $5.5\% \text{ per year}$

c. Calculate the average percentage growth rate in the first 20 years.  
(2 marks)

$0.0763$   
 $7.63\% \text{ per year}$

d. Give an explanation for the different answers in the parts (b) and (c).  
(2 marks)

Because the growth rate is compounded annually so at later times, the interest earned is a bit greater than the interest of earlier years

End of section 2

### Question 2

(8 marks)

(a) The tenth term of an arithmetic sequence is 98 and the sixteenth term is 80. Determine the sum of the first 20 terms of the sequence. (4 marks)

$$\begin{aligned}
 98 &= a + 9d \\
 80 &= a + 15d \\
 98 - 9d &= 80 - 15d \\
 18 &= -6d \\
 d &= -3 \\
 98 &= a + 9(-3) \\
 98 &= a - 27 \\
 a &= 125 \\
 S_{20} &= \frac{20}{2} (2 \times 125 + 19 \times -3) \\
 S_{20} &= 10 \times (250 - 57) = 10 \times 193 = 1930
 \end{aligned}$$

(b) The first two terms of a geometric sequence are  $3 \times 10^{-4}$  and  $6 \times 10^{-5}$ . Calculate the fifth term of the sequence, giving your answer in scientific notation. (4 marks)

$$\begin{array}{r}
 2 \\
 19 \\
 \hline
 21
 \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.0003 \\
 0.00006 \\
 \hline
 0.00036
 \end{array}$$

$$0.$$

$$6 \div 300 =$$

$$0.0003 \times 0.02$$

$$0.0003 \times 0.02$$

$$0.0003 \times 0.000032$$

$$0.00000096$$

$$9.6 \times 10^{-9}$$

X

$$\begin{array}{r}
 0.02 \\
 \times 0.02 \\
 \hline
 0.004 \\
 \times 0.02 \\
 \hline
 0.0008 \\
 \times 0.02 \\
 \hline
 0.000016 \\
 0.000032 \\
 \hline
 96
 \end{array}$$

### Question 11

(5 marks)

Jenny has 6 weeks to train from the City to Surf Marathon.

a. Jenny's training schedule demands that she runs a total of 8000 km. Each week she plans to run a constant number of kilometers further than the week before. If she starts by running 100 km in the first week, how much further she run each week in order to complete 8000 km planned in the schedule? (3 marks)

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= 100 \\
 493.3 \text{ km more each week}
 \end{aligned}$$

b. Jenny decides she can also increase her fitness level by skipping. She starts with 60 skips a minute and wants to increase the rate by 5% each week.

i. How many skips per minutes is she skipping during the last week before the Marathon? (i.e Week 6) (1 mark)

$$\begin{aligned}
 a &= 60 \\
 r &= 1.05
 \end{aligned}$$

$$60 \text{ skips per minute}$$

$$76.6 \text{ skips per minute}$$

ii. How many weeks would it take Jenny to be able to skip at over double her initial rate? (1 mark)

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\text{week 16} \\
 &\text{during week 16}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &15.2 \text{ weeks} \\
 &\text{or early week 16}
 \end{aligned}$$

$$15.2 = 2.1$$

$$15.2 = 2$$

Question 10

(10 marks)

a. Determine the sum of the following series.

$$35 + 32 + 29 + \dots + 5$$

(2 marks)

Handwritten solution for (a):

$$a = 35, d = -3$$

$$10 = 35 + (-3)(n-1)$$

$$10 = 35 - 3n + 3$$

$$-22 = -3n$$

$$n = \frac{22}{3}$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$S_{22/3} = \frac{22}{3} [2(35) + (22/3 - 1)(-3)]$$

$$S_{22/3} = \frac{22}{3} [70 - 21] = \frac{22}{3} \times 49 = \frac{1078}{3}$$

b. How many terms of the series  $-3 + 5 + 13 + \dots$  must be added to give a sum of 2617. (2 marks)

Handwritten solution for (b):

$$2617 = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$2617 = \frac{n}{2} [2(-3) + (n-1)8]$$

$$2617 = \frac{n}{2} [-6 + 8n - 8]$$

$$2617 = \frac{n}{2} [8n - 14]$$

$$5234 = n(8n - 14)$$

$$8n^2 - 14n - 5234 = 0$$

$$4n^2 - 7n - 2617 = 0$$

$$n = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{49 + 42352}}{8}$$

$$n = \frac{7 \pm \sqrt{42401}}{8}$$

$$n = \frac{7 \pm 206}{8}$$

$$n = \frac{213}{8} \text{ or } n = -\frac{199}{8}$$

$$n = 26.625 \text{ or } n = -24.875$$

$$n = 27$$

c. Three numbers form a geometric sequence. Their sum is 21 and their product is 64. Determine the three numbers. (3 marks)

Handwritten solution for (c):

$$a, ar, ar^2$$

$$a + ar + ar^2 = 21$$

$$a \cdot ar \cdot ar^2 = 64$$

$$a^3 r^3 = 64$$

$$a = \sqrt[3]{64} = 4$$

$$4 + 4r + 4r^2 = 21$$

$$4r^2 + 4r - 17 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{16 + 272}}{8}$$

$$r = \frac{-4 \pm \sqrt{288}}{8}$$

$$r = \frac{-4 \pm 16.97}{8}$$

$$r = 2.12 \text{ or } r = -2.62$$

$$\text{Numbers: } 4, 8.48, 18.06 \text{ or } 4, -10.48, 27.94$$

d. In a converging geometric series  $S_{\infty} = \frac{2}{3}$  and the sum of the first 3 terms is  $\frac{14}{9}$ . Determine the value of  $r$ , the constant ratio. (3 marks)

Handwritten solution for (d):

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{2}{3}$$

$$S_3 = \frac{a(1-r^3)}{1-r} = \frac{14}{9}$$

$$\frac{a}{1-r} = \frac{14}{9} \cdot \frac{1-r}{1-r^3}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{14}{9} \cdot \frac{1-r}{1-r^3}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{14}{9} \cdot \frac{1-r}{(1-r)(1+r+r^2)}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{14}{9} \cdot \frac{1}{1+r+r^2}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} = \frac{14}{9(1+r+r^2)}$$

$$\frac{2}{3} \cdot \frac{9}{2} = \frac{14}{1+r+r^2}$$

$$3 = \frac{14}{1+r+r^2}$$

$$3(1+r+r^2) = 14$$

$$3 + 3r + 3r^2 = 14$$

$$3r^2 + 3r - 11 = 0$$

$$r = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{9 + 154}}{6}$$

$$r = \frac{-3 \pm \sqrt{163}}{6}$$

$$r = \frac{-3 + 12.57}{6} = 1.76 \text{ or } r = \frac{-3 - 12.57}{6} = -2.43$$

Question 3

(7 marks)

(a) State whether the following sequences are Arithmetic or Geometric and state the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term of the sequence.

Handwritten solution for (a):

i.  $1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32, \dots$  (Geometric,  $a_n = 2^n$ )

ii.  $a, ax^2, ax^4, \dots, ax^{2n}$  (Arithmetic,  $a_n = ax^{2n}$ )

(2 marks)

Arithmetic

(b) Consider the sequence,  $-4, 1, 6, \dots$ .  
i. State the recursive definition for the sequence. (2 marks)

Handwritten solution for (b):

$$T_n = T_{n-1} + 5$$

$$T_1 = -4$$

(1 marks)

ii. Which term is equal to 56?

Handwritten solution for (b):

$$T_n = -4 + (n-1) \cdot 5$$

$$56 = -4 + (n-1) \cdot 5$$

$$60 = (n-1) \cdot 5$$

$$12 = n-1$$

$$n = 13$$

#### Question 4

(5 marks)

The sum of the first  $n$  terms of an arithmetic progression are given by

$$S_n = 3n(n-1) - 18n$$

Determine:

a.  $T_1$ .

(1 mark)

$$S_n = 3 \times 1 \times (1-1) - 18 \times 1$$

$$S_1 = 3 \times 0 - 18$$

$$S_1 = -18$$

$$T_1 = -18$$

b. The common difference.

(2 marks)

$$S_2 = 3 \times 2 \times 1 - 18 \times 2$$

$$S_2 = 6 - 36$$

$$S_2 = -30 \quad -30 + 18 = -12$$

$$T_2 = ?$$

c. Determine  $n$  if  $S_n = 0$ .

(2 marks)

$$T_{-0.5}$$

Ans

not

$$0 = 3n(n-1) - 18n$$

$$0 = 3n^2 - 3n - 18n$$

$$0 = 3n^2 - 21n$$

$$0 = 3n(n-7)$$

$$0 = 3n(n-7)$$

$$0 = n-7$$

$$n = 7$$

#### Question 9

(7 marks)

(a) Determine the first negative term of the sequence 99, 95, 91.

(3 marks).

$$99 + (-4) = 95$$

$$95 + (-4) = 91$$

$$= -1$$

$$n-1 = 95$$

$$n = 96$$

first negative term:

$$26$$

(b) A couple gave gifts to various charities over a number of years. Over the last twelve year period they gave gifts annually, increasing in the form of an arithmetic sequence, starting with \$200 twelve years ago, increasing to \$1201 in the twelfth year.

Determine how much they donated over the twelve years.

(4 marks)

$$a = 200$$

$$1201 = 200 + (n-1)d$$

$$1001 = 11d$$

$$d = 91$$

$$S_{12} = \frac{12}{2} (2 \times 200 + 11 \times 91)$$

$$S_{12} = 6(400 + 1001)$$

$$S_{12} = \$8406$$

Question 8

a. A sequence is defined by  $A_{n+1} = 3^n - 2$  where  $A_1 = -1$ . Determine  $A_2$  and  $A_3$ . (2 marks)

$$A_1 = -1$$

$$A_2 = 3^1 - 2 = 1$$

$$A_3 = 3^2 - 2 = 7$$

b.  $T_{n+3} = T_{n+2} + T_{n+1} - T_n + 2$  produces a sequence where  $T_2 = 1$ ,  $T_3 = 2$ ,  $T_4 = 3$ . Determine  $T_1$  and  $T_5$ . (2 marks)

$$T_4 = 3 = T_3 + T_2 - T_1 + 2$$

$$3 = 2 + 1 - T_1 + 2$$

$$3 = 5 - T_1$$

$$T_1 = 2$$

$$T_5 = T_4 + T_3 - T_2 + 2$$

$$T_5 = 3 + 2 - 1 + 2 = 6$$

c. A sequence defined explicitly by  $B_n = 2^{n-2}$ . Write the recursive definition for the sequence. (2 marks)

$$B_1 = 2^{1-2} = \frac{1}{2}$$

$$B_2 = 2^{2-2} = 1$$

$$B_3 = 2^{3-2} = 2$$

$$B_n = 2^{n-2}$$

i. Calculate the first three terms of the progression. (3 marks)

$$a_1 = 1$$

$$a_2 = 2$$

$$a_3 = 4$$

$$a_4 = 8$$

$$a_5 = 16$$

$$a_6 = 32$$

$$a_7 = 64$$

$$a_8 = 128$$

$$a_9 = 256$$

$$a_{10} = 512$$

Question 5 (4 marks)

A geometric sequence is described by the rule  $T_n = 5 \times 3^n$ , where  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$ . Find the first three terms of the sequence. Hence state the recursive rule for this sequence.

$$T_1 = 5 \times 3^1 = 15$$

$$T_2 = 5 \times 3^2 = 45$$

$$T_3 = 5 \times 3^3 = 135$$

$$T_4 = 5 \times 3^4 = 405$$

End of Section One

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

$$\text{where } T_1 = 15$$



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Question 6

(6 marks)

(a) In a given arithmetic sequence  $T_1 = 7$  and  $T_{20} = 45$ . Evaluate  $S_{20}$

(3 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} S_{20} &= 10 \times (2 \times 7 + 19 \times 2) \quad \checkmark \quad a = 7 \\ S_{20} &= 10 \times (14 + 38) \quad \checkmark \quad 45 = 7 + 19d \\ S_{20} &= 10 \times 52 \quad \checkmark \quad 45 - 7 = 19d \\ S_{20} &= 520 \quad \checkmark \quad 38 = 19d \\ &\quad \quad \quad d = 2 \end{aligned}$$

(b) In a given geometric sequence  $T_1 = 256$  and  $T_9 = 1$ . Evaluate  $S_{10}$

(3 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} 1 &= 256 + 8 \times d \\ S_{10} &= \frac{256 \times (1 - 0.5^{10})}{1 - 0.5} \quad \checkmark \quad d = \frac{-256}{8} \\ S_{10} &= 511.5 \quad \checkmark \quad T_1 = ar^{n-1} \\ &\quad \quad \quad 1 = 256 \times r^8 \quad \checkmark \quad \textcircled{1} \\ &\quad \quad \quad r = 0.5 \quad \checkmark \end{aligned}$$

Question 7

(6 marks)

The table shows the compound growth of an initial investment of \$5000 at the end of each successive year.

End of year	Principal (\$)	Annual Interest (\$)
2018	5300.00	300.00
2019	5618.00	318.00
2020	5955.08	337.08
2021	6312.38	357.30
2022	6691.13	378.74

3  
4  
5  
6  
7

0.06

0.06

(a) Given  $T_1$  is the start of 2018, state the recursive formula for

(4 marks)

(i) the value of the principal at the end of successive years

7  
8  
9  
10  
11  
12  
13

$$T_{n+1} = 1.06 \times T_n \quad \textcircled{1}$$

where  $T_1 = 5000$

(ii) the annual interest earned at the end of successive years

$$T_{n+1} = 1.06 \times T_n \quad \textcircled{1}$$

where  $T_1 = 5000$

(b) calculate the value of the principal at the end of 2030

(2 marks)

$$\begin{aligned} 2030 - 2018 &= 12 \quad \checkmark \\ T_{13} &= 5300 \times 1.06^{12} \\ T_{13} &= 10664.64 \quad \textcircled{2} \end{aligned}$$