

Question	Answer	Marks	Guidance
6	$\frac{10(1-r^8)}{\frac{1-r}{10(1-r^4)}} = \frac{17}{16} \left[a \frac{(1-r^8)}{(1-r)} = \frac{17}{16} \times a \frac{(1-r^4)}{(1-r)} \right]$	M1*	OE, i.e. substituting p and q expressions into ratio $\frac{17}{16}$. $16 = a \frac{(1-r^4)}{(1-r)}, 17 = a \frac{(1-r^8)}{(1-r)}$ gets M0 unless recovered later.
	Simplifying to $16r^8 - 17r^4 + 1 [=0]$ (or equivalent form)	DM1	Or $\frac{(1-r^8)}{(1-r^4)} = (1+r^4) = \frac{17}{16}$.
	$[(16r^4 - 1)(r^4 - 1) = 0] \Rightarrow r = \pm \frac{1}{2}$	A1	Or $r^4 = \frac{1}{16} \Rightarrow r = \pm \frac{1}{2}$ (condone extra $r = \pm 1$ solution).
	$S_{\infty} = \frac{10}{1 - \left(\left[\pm \right] \frac{1}{2} \right)}$	DM1	Use of correct sum to infinity formula with either of <i>their</i> r values providing $ r < 1$.
	$S_{\infty} = 20$ and $\frac{20}{3}$	A1	Allow 6.67 or better. A0 if there is only one or more than two S_{∞} values.
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