

1. The first four terms of an arithmetic sequence are shown below.

1, 5, 9, 13,.....

- (a) Write down the n^{th} term of the sequence.
- (b) Calculate the 100th term of the sequence.
- (c) Find the sum of the first 100 terms of the sequence.

Working:

Answers:

- (a)
- (b)
- (c)

(Total 4 marks)

2. The fourth term of an arithmetic sequence is 12 and the tenth term is 42.

- (a) Given that the first term is u_1 and the common difference is d , write down two equations in u_1 and d that satisfy this information.

- (b) Solve the equations to find the values of u_1 and d .

Working:

Answers:

(a)

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(b) $u_1 =$

$d =$

(Total 8 marks)

3. The sixth term of an arithmetic sequence is 24. The common difference is 8.

- (a) Calculate the first term of the sequence.

The sum of the first n terms is 600.

- (b) Calculate the value of n .

Working:

Answers:

(a)

(b)

(Total 8 marks)

4. The first five terms of an arithmetic sequence are shown below.

2, 6, 10, 14, 18

- (a) Write down the sixth number in the sequence.
(b) Calculate the 200th term.
(c) Calculate the sum of the first 90 terms of the sequence.

Working:

Answers:

(a)

(b)

(c)

(Total 8 marks)

1. (a) $4n - 3$

(A1)

(b) 397 (A1)

(c) $S_{100} = \frac{100}{2} [(2 \times 1) + (99 \times 4)]$ or $50(1 + 397)$ (M1)
 $= 19\,900$ (A1)
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2. (a) $u_1 + 3d = 12$ (A1)(A1)
 $u_1 + 9d = 42$ (A1)(A1) (C4)

Note: Award (A1) for left hand side correct, (A1) for right hand side correct.

(b) $6d = 30$ (A1)
 $d = 5$ (A1)
 $u_1 = -3$ (M1)(A1)

Note: Follow through (ft) from candidate's equations.

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3. (a) $u_6 = u_1 + 5d = 24$
 $u_1 + 5 \times 8 = 24$ (M1)(A1)
 $u_1 = 24 - 40$
 $= -16$ (A1) (C3)

(b) $S_n = \frac{n}{2} (2 \times -16 + (n-1)8)$ (M1)(A1)
 $600 = \frac{n}{2} (-32 + 8n - 8)$ (A1)
 $1200 = -40n + 8n^2$
 $150 = -5n + n^2$ (A1)
 $(n-15)(n+10) = 0$
 $n = 15$ or ~~$n = -10$~~ (A1) (C5)

Note: Not all the steps of working out need to be shown.

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4. (a) The sixth number is 22 (C1)

(b) $u_{200} = 2 + 199 \times 4$ (M1)(A1)(A1)
 $= 798$ (A1) (C4)

Note: Award (A1) for $a = 2$ stated or used, (A1) for $d = 4$ stated or used.

$$\begin{aligned}
 \text{(c)} \quad S_{90} &= \frac{90}{2}(2 \times 2 + 89 \times 4) \text{ or } \frac{90}{2}(2 + 358) \\
 &= 16\,200
 \end{aligned}$$

(M1)(A1)

(A1) (C3)

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