

DAYSPRING INTERNATIONAL ACADEMY  
Mathletics for Lower Secondary

Read the questions *carefully*. Answer the questions in the spaces provided on the question sheets. If you run out of room for an answer, continue on the back of the page.

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**Time Allowed: 10 minutes**

1. If the  $6 - n$  is the position-to-term rule of a sequence, give the first 5 terms of this sequence.

**Solution:**

5   4   3   2   1   ...

2. If  $A = 2(l + b)$ , find  $A$  when  $l = 4$  and  $b = 3$ .

**Solution:**

$$A = 2(l + b) = 2(4 + 3) = 2 \times 7 = 14.$$

3. Find the  $n^{\text{th}}$  of the sequence, 10   6   2   -2   -6   ...

**Solution:**

The  $n^{\text{th}}$  term 10 and the term-to-term is  $-4$ . Therefore,

$$T_n = a + (n - 1)d = 10 + (n - 1) \times (-4) = 10 - 4n + 4 = 14 - 4n.$$

4. What is the next term of the sequence  $-6$     $-2$     $2$     $6$    ...?

**Solution:**

10

5. The fourth term of a sequence is 8. If the term-to-term rule is subtract  $-4$ , what is the first term?

**Solution:**

$-4$

6. What is the next term of the sequence, 1   4   9   16   ...?

**Solution:**

25

7. If the general rule of a sequence is  $2n - 1$ , find the  $10^{th}$  term.

**Solution:**

In this case,  $n = 10$ , so,  $2n - 1 = 2(10) - 1 = 20 - 1 = 19$ .

8. Neil has a box containing  $n$  number of pencils. Write an expression for the number of pencils left if he takes away half of the pencils?

**Solution:**

$n - \frac{n}{2}$

9. An expression is of the form  $x - 2y$ . Find the value of this expression if  $x = 2$  and  $y = -2$ .

**Solution:**

$x - 2y = 2 - 2(-2) = 2 + 4 = 6$ .

10. A pattern contains 4 triangles at first place, 7 triangles at second place and 10 triangle at third place. How many triangles will there be at  $5^{th}$  place?

**Solution:**

15

11. A function machine multiplies a number by 3 and then subtracts 3. What is the input if the output is 9?

**Solution:**

4

12. Faith thinks of a number  $n$ . Write an expression for the number Paul gets in each of the following sentences;

1. He multiplies the number by 4.
2. He subtracts 6 from the number.
3. He multiplies the number by 3 then adds 5.
4. He divides the number by 6 then subtracts 1.

**Solution:**

1.  $4n$

2.  $n - 6$

3.  $3n + 5$

4.  $\frac{n}{6} - 1$

13. A function adds 4 and then divides by 3. If the input is 10, what is the output?

**Solution:**

$$\frac{14}{3}$$

14. Find the inverse of the function;

$$y = \frac{x - 2}{3}$$

**Solution:**

$$3x + 2$$

15. Amy is  $x$  years old. Tom is 2 years older than Amy. Write an expression for Tom's age.

**Solution:**

$$x + 2$$

16. What is the term-to-term rule of the sequence,

$$1 \quad -1 \quad 1 \quad -1 \quad 1 \dots$$

**Solution:**

Multiply by  $-1$

17. Michelle has the formula given by

$$v^2 = u^2 + 2as.$$

She substitutes  $v = 4$ ,  $u = 3$ , and  $a = 7$  into the formula and she gets the equation  $8 = 6 + 14s$ . Is she right? Explain your answer.

**Solution:**

18. Write out the first 5 terms of the sequence, whose first term is 7 and the term-to-term rule is 'add 3'.

**Solution:**

$$7 \quad 10 \quad 13 \quad 16 \quad 19 \quad \dots$$

19. *Challenge Problem.* If  $n$  is an even number, then;

1. write an expression for the next 2 consecutive even numbers.
2. write an expression for the even number that comes immediately before  $n$ .

**Solution:**

1.  $n + 2, n + 4$ .
2.  $n - 2$ .