

Test 3

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Maths AA IB₁

Arithmetic or Geometric sequences & Series

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ANSWERS

Question 1

[4 marks]

An arithmetic sequence has a first term of 20 and a common difference of 13.

$$u = 20 + (n - 1)13 = 7 + 13n$$

Identify which term is equal to 228. Find the sum of all the terms

$$20, 33, \dots, 228. \quad 228 = 7 + 13n \Rightarrow n = \frac{221}{13} = 17$$

$$\text{The sum is } s_{17} = \frac{17}{2}(2 \cdot 20 + 16 \times 13) = \frac{17}{2}248 = 2108$$

Question 2

[5 marks]

Consider the sequence, $S_n = 2n^2 - 3n$.

$$s_1 = 1 = u_1$$

$$s_1 = 2 = u_1 + u_2 \Rightarrow u_2 = 3 \quad d = u_2 - u_1 = 4$$

Find an expression for the general term, u_n , and show that this

$$\text{is an arithmetic sequence.} \quad u_n = u_1 + (n - 1)d \\ u_n = 1 + (n - 1)4 = 4n - 3$$

Question 3

[4 marks]

A geometric sequence has a second term of 14 and a sixth term of 224.

$$14 = u_1 r^{2-1} \\ 224 = u_1 r^{6-1}$$

$$\text{by division : } 16 = r^4 \Rightarrow r = \pm \sqrt[4]{16} = \pm 2$$

Find the possible values of the common ratio and the first term.

$$u_1 = 14 \div (\pm 2) = \pm 7$$

Question 4

[5 marks]

(a) Find the number of terms in the geometric series

$$1 + 3 + 9 + 27 + \dots + 177147$$

$$177147 = 3^{(n-1)} \Rightarrow n - 1 = \log_3(177147) = 12 \Rightarrow n = 13$$

(b) Calculate the sum of the series in part (a)

$$s_{13} = 1 \frac{1 - 3^{13}}{1 - 3} = 265720$$

Question 5

[6 marks]

Sam invests 1700€ in a savings account that pays a nominal annual rate of interest of 2.74 %, compounded *half-yearly**

(a) Find the amount that Sam will have in his account after 10 years.

David also invests 1700€ in a savings account that pays an annual rate of interest of $r\%$, compounded *yearly*.

$$1700 \left(1 + \frac{2.74}{100 \times 2}\right)^{2 \times 12} = 2356.6\text{€}$$

(b) Find the value of r required so that the amount in David's account after 10 years will be equal to the amount in Sam's account.

$$1776 = 1700 \left(1 + \frac{r}{100}\right)^{12} \Rightarrow r = 2.76\%$$

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