



Maths-it Podcast F-12

Foundation GCSE Revision

Sequences

Topics

Generate a sequence from term to term or position to term rules

Find the n th term of a linear sequence

Generate common sequences, squares, cubes, powers of 2, etc.

Questions



1. Reece and Tris are studying a number pattern.

The first three numbers in the number pattern are 1, 3, 7

Reece says that the next number is 13.

Tris says the next number is 15.

Explain why both Reece and Tris could be right.

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(Total 2 marks)

2. Here are the first five terms of a number sequence.

11 16 21 26 31

(a) Write down the next **two** terms of the sequence.

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(2)

(b) Explain how you found your answer.

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(1)

(c) Explain why 248 is **not** a term of the sequence.

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(1)

(Total 4 marks)



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3. Here are the first five terms of a number sequence.

97 91 85 79 73

(a) Write down the next two terms of the number sequence.

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(1)

(b) Explain how you found your answer.

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(1)

The 20th term of the number sequence is -17

(c) Write down the 21st term of the number sequence.

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(1)

(Total 3 marks)

4. Here are some terms in a number sequence

	1
	1
1+1	2
1+2	3
2+3	5
3+5	8
5+8
.....
.....

(a) Complete the table.

(3)

Here is a similar number pattern,

1, 4, 5, 9, 14, 23, ...

(b) Write down the next two terms in the sequence.

..... ,

(2)

(Total 5 marks)



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5. The first term of a sequence is 3.
The rule for the sequence is **Add 4 to the previous term.**

(a) Write down the second term and the third term of the sequence.

..... , (1)

(b) Work out the 10th term of the sequence.

..... (2)

(c) Write down an expression, in terms of n , for the n th term of the sequence.

..... (2)
(Total 5 marks)

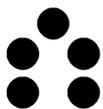
6. The first five terms of an arithmetic sequence are

2 13 24 35 46

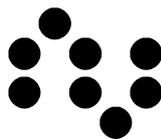
Write down, in terms of n , an expression for the n th term of this sequence.

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(Total 2 marks)

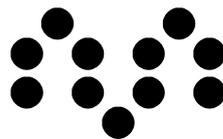
7. Here are some patterns made from dots.



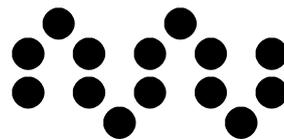
Pattern 1



Pattern 2



Pattern 3



Pattern 4

Write down a formula for the number of dots, d , in terms of the Pattern number, n .

(Total 2 marks)