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A-LEVEL MATHS / EDEXCEL / FREE RESOURCES

Sequences and series

Question paper

7 questions

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4. A sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3, \ldots$ is defined by

$$u_{n+1} = ku_n - 5$$
$$u_1 = 6$$

where k is a positive constant.

Given that $u_3 = -1$

(a) show that

$$6k^2 - 5k - 4 = 0$$

(2)

(b) Hence

(i) find the value of k,

(ii) find the value of $\sum_{r=1}^{3} u_r$

(3)

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2. A sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3 \ldots$ is defined by

$$u_1 = 35$$

$$u_{n+1} = u_n + 7\cos\left(\frac{n\pi}{2}\right) - 5(-1)^n$$

(a) (i) Show that $u_2 = 40$

(ii) Find the value of u_3 and the value of u_4

(3)

Given that the sequence is periodic with order 4

(b) (i) write down the value of u_5

(ii) find the value of $\sum_{r=1}^{25} u_r$

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3. The sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3, \ldots$ is defined by

$$u_{n+1} = k - \frac{24}{u_n} \qquad u_1 = 2$$

where k is an integer.

Given that $u_1 + 2u_2 + u_3 = 0$

(a) show that

$$3k^2 - 58k + 240 = 0$$

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(b) Find the value of k, giving a reason for your answer.

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(c) Find the value of u_3

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5. A car has six forward gears.

The fastest speed of the car

- in 1st gear is 28 km h^{-1}
- in 6th gear is 115 km h^{-1}

Given that the fastest speed of the car in successive gears is modelled by an **arithmetic sequence**,

(a) find the fastest speed of the car in 3rd gear.

(3)

Given that the fastest speed of the car in successive gears is modelled by a **geometric sequence**,

(b) find the fastest speed of the car in 5th gear.

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13. A sequence of numbers $a_1, a_2, a_3, \ldots$ is defined by

$$a_{n+1} = \frac{k(a_n + 2)}{a_n} \qquad n \in \mathbb{N}$$

where k is a constant.

Given that

- the sequence is a periodic sequence of order 3
- $a_1 = 2$

(a) show that

$$k^2 + k - 2 = 0$$

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(b) For this sequence explain why $k \neq 1$

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(c) Find the value of

$$\sum_{r=1}^{80} a_r$$

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11. A competitor is running a 20 kilometre race.

She runs each of the first 4 kilometres at a steady pace of 6 minutes per kilometre.
After the first 4 kilometres, she begins to slow down.

In order to estimate her finishing time, the time that she will take to complete each subsequent kilometre is modelled to be 5% greater than the time that she took to complete the previous kilometre.

Using the model,

(a) show that her time to run the first 6 kilometres is estimated to be 36 minutes 55 seconds,

(2)

(b) show that her estimated time, in minutes, to run the rth kilometre, for $5 \leqslant r \leqslant 20$, is

$$6 \times 1.05^{r-4}$$

(1)

(c) estimate the total time, in minutes and seconds, that she will take to complete the race.

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4. (i) Show that $\sum_{r=1}^{16}\left(3 + 5r + 2^r\right) = 131\,798$

(4)

(ii) A sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3, \ldots$ is defined by

$$u_{n+1} = \frac{1}{u_n}, \quad u_1 = \frac{2}{3}$$

Find the exact value of $\sum_{r=1}^{100} u_r$

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