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## Unit 6 pm Test

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S1. Demonstrate an understanding of recursive sequences, represent recursive sequences in a variety of ways, and make connections to Pascal's triangle  
S2. Demonstrate an understanding of the relationships involved in arithmetic and geometric sequences and series, and solve related problems

**Part A: Write your simplified answer in the space provided. [1 each] [13]**

- Determine the third term of the sequence given  $t_n = \frac{2n^3 - 3}{n^2}$
- Find the simplified general term if
  - the first term is -21 and the common ratio is 8
  - the first term 12 and the common difference is -3
- Find the third term of the sequence defined recursively for  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $n > 1$   
 $t_1 = -2, t_n = 5(t_{n-1}) - 4$
- Find the next two terms of each sequence:
  - 3, 9, -27, ...
  - 8, -1, -10
- A term of each sequence is represented by a variable. If the sequence is
  - Geometric, what is the value of m: 16, m, 4...
  - Arithmetic, what is the value of m: 16, m, 4, ...
- What row number of Pascal's triangle has a row sum of 8192?
- Determine a recursion formula for 23, -46, 92, ...
- Use patterns in the terms of the expansion to determine the following of  $(x-y)^{17}$ .

$$\frac{17}{3}$$

$$t_n = -21 \cdot 8^{n-1}$$

$$t_n = -3n + 15$$

$$-74$$

$$81, -243$$

$$-19, -28$$

$$8$$

$$10$$

$$2^{13}$$

row 13

$$t_1 = 23, t_n = -2t_{n-1}$$

$$18$$

a) The number of terms in the expansion

b) The value of k in the term  $-6188x^k y^5$   $k=12$

c) The coefficient of the term  $kx^3 y^{14}$   $\binom{17}{14} = 680$

**Part B: For full marks you must show all of your work and state the formula used for sequence and series questions.**

- Calculate the sum of the first 24 terms for the following series:  $-6, \frac{-7}{2}, -1, \dots$  [3]

$$a = -6$$

$$d = t_2 - t_1$$

$$= -\frac{7}{2} - (-6)$$

$$= -\frac{7}{2} + \frac{12}{2}$$

$$= \frac{5}{2}$$

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} [2a + (n-1)d]$$

$$S_{24} = \frac{24}{2} [2(-6) + 23(\frac{5}{2})]$$

$$= 12 [-12 + \frac{115}{2}]$$

$$= 12 [-\frac{24}{2} + \frac{115}{2}]$$

$$= 6[91]$$

$$= 546$$

$$\therefore S_{24} = 546$$

- Describe how Pascal's Triangle and expanding binomials are related. [2]

n=0	1				
n=1	1	1			
n=2	1	2	1		
n=3	1	3	3	1	
n=4	1	4	6	4	1
r=0	r=1	r=2			

→ binomial coefficients can be obtained by the use of Pascal's triangle.  
→ Each row of triangle gives the combinatorial numbers  
ex.  $4C_2 = 6$ , same coefficient as middle term of  $(a+b)^4$ .

11. Determine the general simplified term for the following sequence: 4096, 2048, 1024, ... [3]

$$a = 4096$$

$$r = \frac{t_2}{t_1}$$

$$= \frac{2048}{4096}$$

$$= \frac{1}{2}$$

$$t_n = a \cdot r^{n-1}$$

$$= 4096 \cdot \left(\frac{1}{2}\right)^{n-1}$$

$$= 2^{12} \cdot (2^{-1})^{n-1}$$

$$= 2^{12} \cdot 2^{-n+1}$$

$$= 2^{-n+13}$$

$$\therefore t_n = 2^{-n+13}$$

12. Determine the number of terms for the following sequence: 5, 20, 80, ... 81920 [3]

$$n = ?$$

$$a = 5$$

$$r = \frac{20}{5}$$

$$= 4$$

$$t_n = a \cdot r^{n-1}$$

$$81920 = 5 \cdot 4^{n-1}$$

$$16384 = 4^{n-1}$$

$$4^7 = 4^{n-1}$$

$\therefore$  there are 8 terms

$$t_n = 81920$$

$$\therefore 7 = n - 1$$

$$n = 8$$

13. The 10<sup>th</sup> term of an arithmetic series is 34, and the sum of the first 20 terms is 710. Determine the 25<sup>th</sup> term. [4]

$$t_{10} = 34$$

$$34 = a + (10-1)d$$

$$34 = a + 9d \quad (1)$$

$$S_{20} = 710$$

$$710 = \frac{20}{2} [2a + (20-1)d]$$

$$710 = 10 [2a + 19d]$$

$$71 = 2a + 19d \quad (2)$$

$$a = 34 - 9d \quad (1a)$$

Subst (1a) into (2)

$$71 = 2(34 - 9d) + 19d$$

$$71 = 68 - 18d + 19d$$

$$d = 3$$

$$a = 34 - 9(3) \quad t_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$= 7$$

$$t_{25} = 7 + (25-1)3$$

$$= 79$$

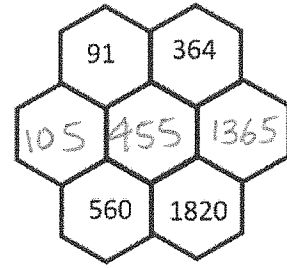
$$\therefore t_{25} = 79$$

14. How many paths are there from A to B? Assume there is no backtracking. [2]

There are 55 paths  
from A to B

A	1	1		
1	2	3	3	3
1	3	6	9	12
1	4	10	19	31
1	5		21	55
				B

15. Use your knowledge of Pascal's Triangle to fill in the missing numbers [3]



16. In a lecture hall there are 16 seats in the first row. The number of seats in each successive row increases by 3. How many seats in the 15<sup>th</sup> row? [3]

$$a = 16$$

$$d = 3$$

$$t_{15} = ?$$

$$t_n = a + (n-1)d$$

$$t_{15} = 16 + (15-1)3$$

$$= 16 + 42$$

$$= 58$$

∴ there will be 58 seats in the 15<sup>th</sup> row.

17. You agree to do the household chores every day for a month (30 days). You have a choice of being paid in one of two ways: 1 cent on day one, 2 cents on day two, 4 cents on day three, etc., doubling each day; or \$10 for each day. Which option would you choose and why? [4]

$$a = 1$$

$$r = 2$$

$$n = 30$$

$$S_n = \frac{a(r^n - 1)}{r - 1}$$

$$S_{30} = \frac{1(2^{30} - 1)}{2 - 1}$$

$$= 1\,073\,741\,823 \text{ ¢}$$

$$= \$10\,737\,418.23$$

or option 2 = 30(10) = 300

you would be a multi-millionaire with option 1.

18. Find the 6th simplified term in the expansion  $(2x - \frac{3}{\sqrt{x}})^{10}$  [3]

$$a = 2x$$

$$b = -3x^{-\frac{1}{4}}$$

$$n = 10$$

$$\binom{10}{5} (2x)^5 (-3x^{-\frac{1}{4}})^5 = 1\,959\,552 x^{\frac{20-5}{4}}$$

$$= (252)(32x^5)(-243x^{-\frac{5}{4}}) = 1\,959\,552 \sqrt[4]{x^{15}}$$

19. The terms given by x-2, x+7, 48 form a geometric sequence. Find the value(s) of x. [3]

$$t_1 = x - 2$$

$$t_2 = x + 7$$

$$t_3 = 48$$

$$r = r$$

$$\frac{t_2}{t_1} = \frac{t_3}{t_2}$$

$$\frac{x+7}{x-2} = \frac{48}{x+7}$$

$$(x+7)(x+7) = 48(x-2)$$

$$x^2 + 14x + 49 = 48x - 96$$

$$x^2 + 14x - 48x + 49 + 96 = 0$$

$$0 = x^2 - 34x + 145$$

$$x = \frac{34 \pm \sqrt{(-34)^2 - 4(1)(145)}}{2(1)}$$

$$= \frac{34 \pm 24}{2}$$

$$x = \frac{34+24}{2} \quad x = \frac{34-24}{2}$$

$$= 29 \quad = 5$$

∴ x = 29, 5