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VCE Specialist Mathematics ½  
Sequences and Series [1.3]  
Test

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## Section A: Test Questions (19.5 Marks)

INSTRUCTION: 19.5 Marks. 20 Minutes Writing.



### Question 1 (3.5 marks)

Tick whether the following statements are **true** or **false**.

	True	False
a. Recurrence relation is defining a term in terms of the previous term.		
b. The arithmetic mean of $a$ and $b$ is given by $\frac{a+b}{2}$ .		
c. The sum of first 200 arithmetic terms is always given by $200a + 19900d$ .		
d. A geometric sequence always has a positive common ratio.		
e. A geometric mean of $a$ and $b$ is given by $ab$ .		
f. Infinite geometric sum always equals to $\frac{a}{1-r}$ , regardless of the value of $r$ .		

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**Question 2** (2 marks)

Find  $x$ , if  $3x - 2$  is the arithmetic mean of  $5x + 1$  and  $11$ .

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**Question 3** (4 marks)

For the arithmetic sequence with  $t_2 = -12$  and  $S_{12} = 18$ , find  $a, d, t_6$  and  $S_6$ .

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**Question 4** (3 marks)

It is known that two terms in a geometric sequence are  $t_4 = 3$  and  $t_7 = \frac{3}{64}$ .

**a.** Find the value of  $r$ . (2 marks)

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**b.** Hence, find  $t_n$  in terms of  $n$ . (1 mark)

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**Question 5** (2 marks)

For  $t_n = 10 \cdot r^{n-1}$  it is known that the geometric mean of  $t_1$  and  $t_5$  is given by 90.

Find the value of  $r$ .

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**Question 6** (5 marks)

Consider the following recurrence relation.

$$t_n = \frac{1}{3} t_{n-1} \text{ where } t_1 = 2$$

- a.** Define  $t_n$  in terms of  $n$ . (2 marks)

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- b.** Find  $S_2$ . (2 marks)

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- c.** Find the value of  $S_\infty$ . (1 mark)

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