

## Pure 25 – Geometric Sequences/Series

Please **complete** this homework by \_\_\_\_\_. Start it early. If you can't do a question you will then have time to ask your teacher for help or go to a drop in session.

Section 1 – Work through Benchmark 4 targets.

Section 2 – Consolidation of this week's topic. Please complete all questions.

1. For the geometric sequence 2, 6, 18,.....
  - a) state the value of the common ratio. (1)
  - b) write down the next two terms. (1)
  - c) find the thirteenth term. (1)
  
2. A geometric sequence has first term 8 and common ratio 2.
  - a) Write down the first 4 terms. (1)
  - b) Find an expression for the  $n^{\text{th}}$  term. (1)
  - c) Find the sum of the first 12 terms. (2)
  
3. For the geometric sequence  $12, 3, \frac{3}{4}, \dots$ ,
  - a) state the value of the common ratio. (1)
  - b) Write down the 4<sup>th</sup> term. (1)
  - c) Calculate the **exact** value of the sum to infinity. (2)
  
4. The first three terms of a geometric sequence are 8, – 4, 2 .....
  - a) State the value of the common ratio. (1)
  - b) Find the sixth term. (1)
  - c) Calculate the sum to infinity. (2)

5. The **second** and **fifth** terms of a geometric series are 9 and 1.125 respectively.

For this series find

- a) the value of the common ratio, (3)  
b) the first term, (2)  
c) the sum to infinity. (2)

6. The **second** and **fourth** terms of a geometric series are 7.2 and 5.832 respectively.

The common ratio of the series is positive.

For this series, find

- a) the common ratio, (2)  
b) the first term, (2)  
c) the sum of the first 50 terms, giving your answer to 3 decimal places. (2)  
d) the difference between the sum to infinity and the sum of the first 50 terms, giving your answer to 3 decimal places. (2)

7. a) A geometric series has first term  $a$  and common ratio  $r$ . Prove that the sum of the first  $n$  terms of the series is

$$\frac{a(1-r^n)}{1-r} \quad (4)$$

Mr King will be paid a salary of £35 000 in the year 2005. Mr King's contract promises a 4% increase in salary every year, the first increase being given in 2006, so that his annual salaries form a geometric sequence.

- b) Find, to the nearest £100, Mr King's salary in the year 2008. (2)

Mr King will receive a salary each year from 2005 until he retires at the end of 2024.

- c) Find, to the nearest £1000, the total amount of salary he will receive in the period from 2005 until he retires at the end of 2024. (4)

**Total: 40 marks**