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8, 14, 20, 26

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-4, 5, -6, 7

2. Find the 20th term of the arithmetic sequence given:

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-4, 2, 8, 14

6, 4.8, 3.6, 2.4

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2, 4, 8, 16, 32

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-4, -24, -144, -864, -5184

7, 21, 63, 189, 567

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$d = 7$

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Explicit Definition $T_n = 4 + (n-1) \cdot 7$ Recursive Definition $a_n = a_{n-1} + 7$

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$a_1 = 2$

$r = 3$

$a_5 = 162$ find

$A_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$

$162 = 2 \cdot r^4$

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$4 \sqrt[4]{81} = 4 \sqrt[4]{81}$

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$a_5 = 162$ find

$a_1 = 2, r = 3$
Explicit Definition $A_n = 2(3)^{n-1}$

$A_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$
 $162 = 2 \cdot r^{5-1}$
 $162 = 2 \cdot r^4$
 $81 = r^4$
 $r = 3$
Recursive Definition $a_1 = 2, A_n = a_{n-1} \cdot 3$

9. Given the sequence 5, 9, 13, 17... Find the 20th term.

10. Given the arithmetic sequence with $a_{15} = 38$ and $d = -3$, find a_1 .

81

$$T_n = a_1 + (n-1)d = -3$$

$$38 = a_1 + (15-1)(-3)$$

$$38 = a_1 + (14)(-3)$$

$$38 = a_1 - 42$$

80 = a₁

11. If a sequence is arithmetic Find n if $a_n = 633$, $a_1 = 9$, and $d = 24$.

$$633 = 9 + (n-1) \cdot 24$$

$$624 = (n-1) \cdot 24$$

$n-1 = 26$
 $n = 27$

12. Find the sum of the first 30 terms of the sequence 1, 9, 17, 25...

Arithmetic $S_n = \frac{n}{2} (a_1 + a_n)$ $a_{30} = 1 + (30-1) \cdot 8$

$S_{30} = \frac{30}{2} (1 + 233)$
 $S_{30} = 3510$

13. Write out the first three terms and the last term of the sequence. Then use the formula for the sum of the first n terms of an arithmetic sequence to find the indicated sum.

1st 2nd 3rd ... 20th
5, 10, 15, ..., 100

$$S_n = \frac{n}{2} (a_1 + a_n)$$

$$S_{20} = \frac{20}{2} (5 + 100)$$

$S_{20} = 1050$

14. Find the sum of the first 11 terms of the geometric sequence shown below.

4, 12, 36, 108, ...

$$S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r}$$

$a_1 = 4$ $r = 3$ $n = 11$

$S_{11} = 4(1-3^{11})$

$S_{11} = 354,292$

15. Evaluate.

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Arithmetic: $a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$
 $S_n = \frac{n(a_1 + a_n)}{2}$

Geometric: $a_n = a_1 r^{n-1}$
 $S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r}$

Use the formulas provided to you to complete the following. Determine what type of sequence the following are and then complete the problem.

1. $a=-5, d=4, n=9$; find the n^{th} term

A $a_n = -5 + (n-1) \cdot 4$
 $a_9 = -5 + (9-1) \cdot 4$
 $a_9 = 27$

3. $a=3, d=4, n=6$; find the n^{th} term

A $a_n = 3 + (n-1) \cdot 4$
 $a_6 = 3 + (6-1) \cdot 4$
 $a_6 = 17$

2. $a=5, n=4, r=3$; find the n^{th} term

G $a_n = 5(3)^{n-1}$
 $a_4 = 5(3)^{4-1}$
 $a_4 = 135$

4. $a=-4, n=6, r=-2$; find the n^{th} term

G $a_n = -4(-2)^{n-1}$
 $a_6 = -4(-2)^{6-1}$
 $a_6 = 128$

Find the missing terms in each sequence. You are given what type of sequence represents each one.

5. $\frac{2}{9}, \frac{2}{3}, 2, 6, 18, 54$ (geometric)

⑤ $a_n = a_1 \cdot r^{n-1}$
 $54 = 2 \cdot r^{(6-3)}$
 $\sqrt[3]{27} = \sqrt[3]{8}$
 $3 = r$

⑥ $a_n = a_1 + (n-1)d$
 $20 = 3 + (4-1)d$
 $17 = 3d$
 $\frac{17}{3} = d$

6. $3, \frac{26}{3}, \frac{43}{3}, 20$ (arithmetic)

$\frac{20-3}{4-1} = \frac{17}{3}$

7. $5, \frac{37}{3}, \frac{59}{3}, 27$ (arithmetic)

$\rightarrow \frac{27-5}{4-1} = \frac{22}{3}$

8. $32, 48, 72, 108, 162$ (geometric)

$\rightarrow 162 = 32 \cdot r^{5-1}$
 $\sqrt[4]{\frac{162}{32}} = \sqrt[4]{\frac{81}{16}}$
 $r = \frac{3}{2}$

9. $-10, -10, -4, 2, 8, 14$ (arithmetic)

$\rightarrow 14 = -10 + (6-2) \cdot d$
 $24 = 4d$
 $6 = d$

10. Find the 15th term for the arithmetic sequence $-3, 3, 9, \dots$

$a_n = -3 + (n-1) \cdot 6$
 $a_{15} = -3 + (15-1) \cdot 6$
 $a_{15} = 81$

11. Find the first 4 terms of the geometric sequence with $a = -6$ and $r = -\frac{2}{3}$

$a_n = -6 \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{n-1}$
 $a_4 = -6 \left(-\frac{2}{3}\right)^{4-1}$

$a_4 = \frac{16}{9}$

Find S_n for each series described. You will need to determine if the series is arithmetic or geometric.

12. $160 + 80 + 40 + \dots, n=6$
 $a_n = 160 + (n-1)(-40)$
 $S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r}$
 $S_6 = \frac{160(1 - (\frac{1}{2})^6)}{1 - \frac{1}{2}}$
 $S_6 = 315$

13. $a=5, r=-\frac{1}{2}, n=7$
 $S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r}$
 $S_7 = \frac{5(1 - (\frac{1}{2})^7)}{1 - (-\frac{1}{2})}$
 $S_7 = \frac{63}{64}$

14. $a=13, d=-6, n=21$
 $a_{21} = 13 + (21-1)(-6)$
 $a_{21} = -107$
 $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$
 $S_{21} = \frac{21}{2}(13 + (-107))$
 $S_{21} = -987$

15. $d = -\frac{2}{3}, n=16, a_n=44$
 $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$
 $S_{16} = \frac{16}{2}(54 + 44)$
 $S_{16} = 784$
 $44 = a_1 + (16-1)(-\frac{2}{3})$
 $44 = a_1 + 10(-\frac{2}{3})$
 $44 = a_1 - \frac{20}{3}$
 $54 = a_1$

Find "a" for each geometric series.

16. $S_n = -55, r = -\frac{2}{3}, n=5$
 $S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r}$
 $-55 = \frac{a_1(1 - (-\frac{2}{3})^5)}{1 - (-\frac{2}{3})}$
 $-55 = \frac{a_1(1 - \frac{32}{243})}{\frac{5}{3}}$
 $-275 = \frac{275}{243} a_1$
 $81 = a_1$

17. $S_n = 2457, a = 3072, r = -4$
 $S_n = \frac{a_1(1-r^n)}{1-r}$
 $2457 = \frac{3072(1 - (-4)^n)}{1 - (-4)}$
 $2457 = 3072 \frac{1 - (-4)^n}{5}$
 $12285 = 3072(1 - (-4)^n)$
 $n=16, a_n=15, S_n=-120$

Find the first 3 terms of each arithmetic series.

18. $a=14, a_n=-85, S_n=-1207$
 $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$
 $-1207 = \frac{n}{2}(14 + (-85))$
 $-1207 = \frac{n}{2}(-71)$
 $-2414 = -71n$
 $34 = n$

19. $n=16, a_n=15, S_n=-120$
 $S_n = \frac{n}{2}(a_1 + a_n)$
 $-120 = \frac{16}{2}(a_1 + 15)$
 $-120 = 8(a_1 + 15)$
 $-10 = a_1 + 15$
 $-30 = a_1$