

Mathematics Book One - Chapter Two Assessment

Marking guide and explained answers

Modules 6-10 | 20 questions | 30 marks | 60 minutes



Examination instructions

- Answer every question and show complete working for written responses.
- Do not view the marking guide until the examination is complete.
- For induction, state the base case, induction hypothesis and induction step clearly.

Curriculum and mark balance

6	Arithmetic sequences	4	6
7	Geometric sequences	4	6
8	Summation	4	6
9	Advanced sequences	4	6
10	Recurrence and induction	4	6

Section A: Objective questions - 15 marks

Choose the correct answer, then complete the true-or-false items.

1. An arithmetic sequence has first term 7 and common difference 5. Find a_{12} . [1 marks]

- A) 57
B) 60
C) 62
D) 67

Answer: 62

$$a_{12} = 7 + (12-1) \times 5 = 62.$$

2. An arithmetic sequence has first term 4 and common difference 3. Find the sum of its first 10 terms. [1 marks]

- A) 155
B) 165
C) 175
D) 185

Answer: 175

$$S_{10} = 10/2 [2 \times 4 + (10-1) \times 3] = 5 \times 35 = 175.$$

3. For the geometric sequence 162, 54, 18, 6, ... what is the common ratio? [1 marks]

- A) 3
B) $1/3$
C) -3
D) -108

Answer: $1/3$

Divide a term by its predecessor: $54/162 = 18/54 = 1/3$.

4. A geometric sequence has first term 3 and common ratio 2. Find the sum of its first 6 terms. [1 marks]

- A) 96
B) 126
C) 189
D) 192

Answer: 189

$$S_6 = 3(2^6 - 1)/(2 - 1) = 3 \times 63 = 189.$$

5. Which expanded expression equals Σ from $k=2$ to 5 of $(2k-1)$? [1 marks]

- A) $1+3+5+7$
B) $3+5+7+9$
C) $3+5+7$
D) $2+4+6+8$

Answer: $3+5+7+9$

Substitute $k=2, 3, 4$ and 5 into $2k-1$.

6. Evaluate Σ from $k=1$ to 8 of $1/[k(k+1)]$. [1 marks]

- A) $1/9$ B) $7/8$
C) $8/9$ D) $9/8$

Answer: 8/9

Since $1/[k(k+1)] = 1/k - 1/(k+1)$, intermediate terms cancel and $1 - 1/9 = 8/9$ remains.

7. If $u_n = 2n^2 - 3n$, what is $u_{(n+1)} - u_n$? [1 marks]

- A) $2n-3$ B) $4n-1$
C) $4n+1$ D) $2n^2-1$

Answer: $4n-1$

Substitute and subtract: $2(n+1)^2 - 3(n+1) - (2n^2 - 3n) = 4n - 1$.

8. If group sizes are 1,2,3,..., in which group and local position is term 23? [1 marks]

- A) Group 6, position 2 B) Group 7, position 2
C) Group 7, position 3 D) Group 8, position 1

Answer: Group 7, position 2

There are 21 terms through group 6; therefore term 23 is in group 7 at local position $23 - 21 = 2$.

9. If $u_1 = 2$ and $u_{(n+1)} = 3u_{n-1}$, find u_4 . [1 marks]

- A) 14 B) 29
C) 41 D) 53

Answer: 41

$u_2 = 5$, then $u_3 = 14$, then $u_4 = 41$.

10. To prove $1+3+5+\dots+(2n-1) = n^2$ by induction from $n=1$, which is the correct base case? [1 marks]

- A) $1=1^2$ B) $1+3=2^2$
C) $2n-1=n^2$ D) Assume the result at $n=1$

Answer: $1=1^2$

Substitute $n=1$ into both sides: the left side is 1 and the right side is $1^2 = 1$.

11. True or false: if the difference between each term and its predecessor is constant, the sequence is arithmetic. [1 marks]

☐ True ☐ False

Answer: True

A constant first difference is the defining property of an arithmetic sequence.

12. True or false: if the common ratio is negative, every term of the sequence is negative. [1 marks]

☐ True ☐ False

Answer: False

A negative ratio makes the signs alternate; it does not make every term negative.

13. True or false: Σ from $k=1$ to n of the constant c equals c . [1 marks]

☐ True ☐ False

Answer: False

The constant c occurs n times, so the sum is nc .

14. True or false: knowing only the difference sequence uniquely determines the original sequence. [1 marks]

☐ True ☐ False

Answer: False

An initial term is also required; sequences with the same differences may differ by a constant.

15. True or false: checking the first 100 cases of a statement is an induction proof for all natural numbers. [1 marks]

☐ True ☐ False

Answer: False

A finite check cannot establish infinitely many cases; a valid base case and induction step are required.

Section B: Written solutions - 15 marks

Show a complete, justified method. Each question is worth 3 marks.

16. Find the sum of the multiples of 6 from 24 to 120 inclusive. Show how you counted the terms. [3 marks]

Answer: 1224

The number of terms is $(120-24)/6+1=17$, so the sum is $17(24+120)/2=1224$.

Rubric: valid method 1 | correct substitution/calculation 1 | clear checked result 1

17. A geometric sequence has first term 64 and ratio $1/2$. Find a_7 and S_7 , and explain the effect of $|r|<1$. [3 marks]

Answer: $a_7=1$, $S_7=127$

$a_7=64(1/2)^6=1$ and $S_7=64[1-(1/2)^7]/(1-1/2)=127$; term magnitudes decrease.

Rubric: valid method 1 | correct substitution/calculation 1 | clear checked result 1

18. Evaluate Σ from $k=1$ to 5 of $k \times 2^{(k-1)}$, displaying the terms before adding. [3 marks]

Answer: 129

The sum is $1+4+12+32+80=129$.

Rubric: valid method 1 | correct substitution/calculation 1 | clear checked result 1

19. For 3,8,15,24,... construct a quadratic general term, then use it to find a_6 . [3 marks]

Answer: $a_n=n^2+2n$ and $a_6=48$

The differences 5,7,9 have constant second difference 2. The formula n^2+2n reproduces the data and gives $a_6=36+12=48$.

Rubric: valid method 1 | correct substitution/calculation 1 | clear checked result 1

20. Prove by induction that the sum of the first n odd numbers is n^2 for every $n \geq 1$. [3 marks]

Answer: The statement is true for every $n \geq 1$

Base $n=1$: $1=1^2$. If the sum through $2k-1$ is k^2 , adding $2k+1$ gives $k^2+2k+1=(k+1)^2$.

Rubric: valid method 1 | correct substitution/calculation 1 | clear checked result 1

Mark summary and follow-up

27-30	Mastery	Begin Chapter Three with an extension challenge.
23-26	Secure	Review and retry two missed questions.
18-22	Developing	Redo the weakest module sheets before retesting.
0-17	Needs support	Return to instruction and worked examples with a teacher.

Strongest module: _____

Module to revisit: _____

Retest date: _____