

The Nth Term of a Quadratic Sequence

Mark Scheme

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Grade Boundaries:

1. Write down the next two terms in the following quadratic sequence.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 9, & 13, & 19, & 27, & \dots \\
 & & & 4 & & 6 & & 8 \\
 & & & - & & 2 & & 2 \\
 n^2: & & 1, & 4, & 9, & 16 & \\
 n+7 & & 8 & 9 & 10 & 11 &
 \end{array}$$

$$n^2 + n + 7 \quad (2)$$

2. Write down the next two terms in the following quadratic sequence.

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & -5, & 0, & 9, & 22, & \dots \\
 & & & 5 & & 9 & & 13 \\
 & & & & 4 & & 4 \\
 2n^2 & & 2 & 8 & 18 & 32 & \\
 -(n+6) & & -7 & -8 & -9 & -10 &
 \end{array}$$

$$2n^2 - n - 6 \quad (2)$$

3. The n th term of a sequence is

$$2n^2 + 4n - 1$$

Work out the 10th term of the sequence

$$\begin{aligned} 2(10)^2 + 4(10) - 1 \\ 2(100) + 40 - 1 \\ 200 + 40 - 1 \end{aligned}$$

$$\dots 239 \dots (2)$$

4. The n th term of a sequence is

$$n^2 + 2n$$

Work out the first 5 terms in the sequence

$$\begin{aligned} (1)^2 + 2(1) &= 3 \\ (2)^2 + 2(2) &= 8 \\ (3)^2 + 2(3) &= 15 \\ (4)^2 + 2(4) &= 24 \\ (5)^2 + 2(5) &= 35 \end{aligned}$$

$$3, 8, 15, 24, 35 \dots (2)$$

5. Work out the formula for the n th term of the quadratic sequence:

5, 11, 19, 29...

6 8 10

2 2

n^2 1 4 9 16

$3n + 1$ 4 7 10 13

$$n^2 + 3n + 1 \quad (4)$$

6. Work out the formula for the n th term of the quadratic sequence:

2, 10, 22, 38...

8 12 16

4 4

$2n^2$ 2 8 18 32

$2n - 2$ 0 2 4 6

$$2n^2 + 2n - 2 \quad (4)$$

7. Work out the formula for the n th term of the quadratic sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 15, & 19, & 25, & 33, & \dots \\
 & & & 4 & & 6 & & 8 \\
 & & & & 2 & & 2 \\
 n^2 & 1 & & 4 & & 9 & & 16 \\
 n+13 & 14 & 15 & 16 & 17 & & &
 \end{array}$$

$$n^2 + n + 13 \quad (4)$$

8. Work out the formula for the n th term of the quadratic sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 2, & 10, & 24, & 44, & \dots \\
 & & & 8 & & 14 & & 20 \\
 & & & & 6 & & 6 \\
 3n^2 & 3 & & 12 & & 27 & & 48 \\
 -n & -1 & -2 & -3 & -4 & & &
 \end{array}$$

$$3n^2 - n \quad (4)$$

9. Work out the formula for the n th term of the quadratic sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & 19, & 15, & 9, & 1, & \dots \\
 & & -4 & -6 & -8 & & \\
 & & & -2 & -2 & & \\
 -n^2 & -1 & -4 & -9 & -16 & & \\
 -n+21 & 20 & 19 & 18 & 17 & &
 \end{array}$$

$$-n^2 - n + 21 \quad (4)$$

10. Work out the formula for the n th term of the quadratic sequence:

$$\begin{array}{ccccccc}
 & & -2, & -1, & 1, & 4, & \dots \\
 & & -1 & 2 & 3 & & \\
 & & & 1 & 1 & & \\
 \frac{1}{2}n^2 & \frac{1}{2} & 2 & \frac{9}{2} & 8 & & \\
 & -\frac{5}{2} & -3 & -\frac{7}{2} & -4 & & \\
 -\frac{1}{2}n - 2 & & & & & &
 \end{array}$$

$$\frac{1}{2}n^2 - \frac{1}{2}n - 2 \quad (4)$$

11. A quadratic sequence starts:

6, 10, 16, 24...

a) Show that the n th term is $n^2 + n + 4$

	6	10	16	24
		4	6	8
		2	2	
n^2	1	4	9	16
$n + 4$	5	6	7	8

$$\dots\dots\dots n^2 + n + 4 \dots\dots\dots (4)$$

b) Hence find the term that has value 136

$$n^2 + n + 4 = 136$$

$$n^2 + n - 132 = 0$$

$$(n + 12)(n - 11) = 0$$

$$n = -12 \quad \underline{\underline{n = 11}}$$

$$\dots\dots\dots 11^{\text{th}} \dots\dots\dots (2)$$

12. A quadratic sequence starts:

$$-8, 2, 16, 34 \dots$$

a) Show that the n th term is $2n^2 + 4n - 14$

	-8	2	16	34
		10	14	18
			4	4
$2n^2$	2	8	18	32
$4n - 14$	-10	-6	-2	2

$$\underline{2n^2 + 4n - 14} \quad (4)$$

b) Hence find the term that has value 272

$$2n^2 + 4n - 14 = 272$$

$$n^2 + 2n - 7 = 136$$

$$n^2 + 2n - 143 = 0$$

$$(n + 13)(n - 11) = 0$$

$$n = -13 \quad \underline{n = 11}$$

$$\underline{11^{th} \text{ term}} \quad (2)$$