

SEQUENCES

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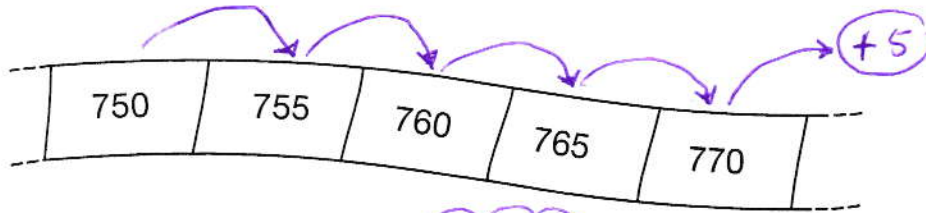
KS2 SATS

PRACTICE QUESTIONS BY TOPIC

1 Here is part of a number sequence.

[2007]

The numbers increase by the same amount each time.



The sequence continues.

THEY ARE ALL THE MULTIPLES OF 5

Circle **all** of the numbers below that would appear in the sequence.



840 905 989 1000 2051

[1 mark]

2 Here is part of a number sequence.

[2011]

The numbers in the sequence increase by 25 each time.

50 75 100 125 ...

MULTIPLES OF 25

Circle **all** of the numbers below that will appear in the sequence.



255 650 735 900 995

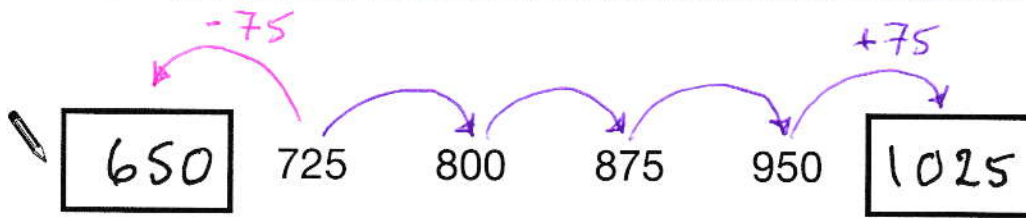
[1 mark]

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The numbers in this sequence increase by 75 each time.

[2008]

Write in the two missing numbers.



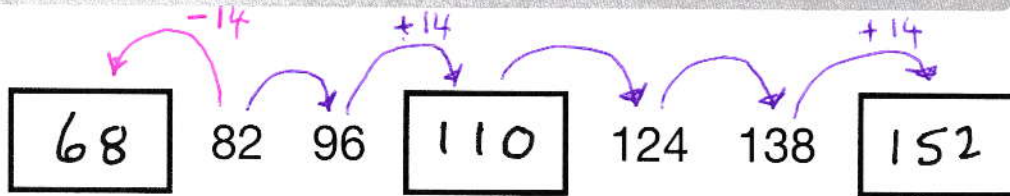
[2 marks]

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The numbers in this sequence increase by 14 each time.

[2016]

Write the missing numbers.

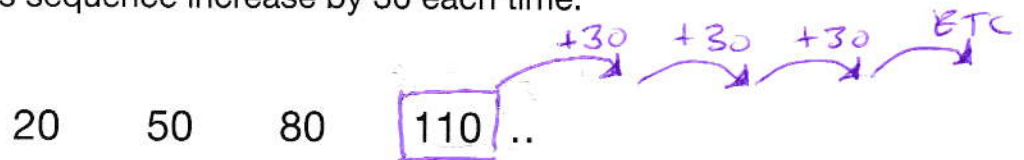


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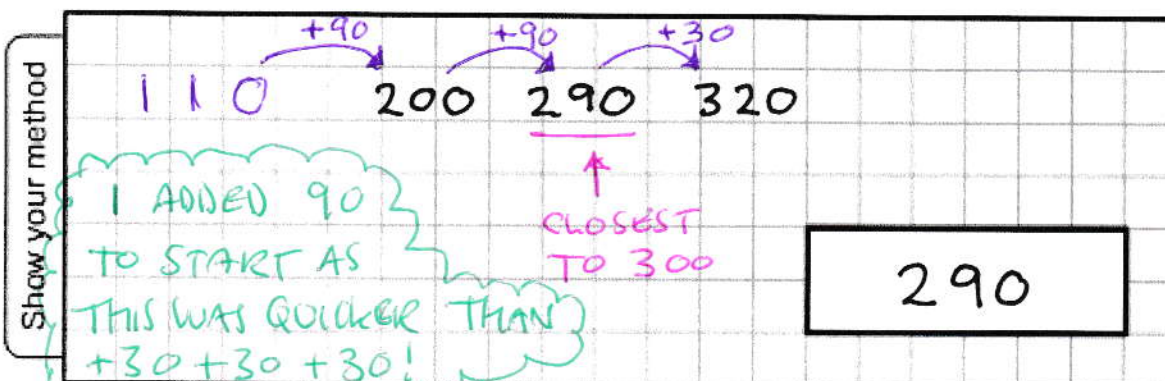
The numbers in this sequence increase by 30 each time.

[2015]



The sequence continues in the same way.

Which number in the sequence will be **closest to 300**?



[2 marks]

6

The numbers in this sequence increase by 3 each time.

[2011]

3 6 9 12 ...

MULTIPLES OF 3!

The numbers in this sequence increase by 5 each time.

5 10 15 20 ...

MULTIPLES OF 5!

Both sequences continue.

Write a number **greater than 100** which will be in **both** sequences.

Show your method

MULTIPLES OF 3 MORE THAN 100:-

102, 105, 108, ...

MULTIPLES OF 5 MORE THAN 100:-

105, 110, 115, ...

105

OR 120, 135, 150, ...

[2 marks]

7

The numbers in this sequence increase by the same amount each time.

[2006]

Write in the missing numbers.



THREE INCREASES ADD ON 12

SO EACH INCREASE ADDS $\frac{12}{3} = \underline{\underline{4}}$

[1 mark]

8

The numbers in this sequence increase by 10 each time.

[2014]

3 13 23 ...

ALL THE NUMBERS
END IN '3'

The sequence continues in the same way.

33, 43, 53, 63, ETC...

Write **two** numbers from the sequence that add to make a total of 96

 43 and 53

[ALSO 33 + 63
23 + 73
13 + 83
3 + 93]

Explain why it is **not** possible to find **three** numbers from the sequence that add to make a total of 96

EACH NUMBER FROM THE SEQUENCE ENDS IN '3', SO IF YOU ADDED THREE OF THE NUMBERS TOGETHER THE RESULT MUST END IN '9'.

[2 marks]

9

The numbers in this sequence increase by the same amount each time.

[2014]

Write the two missing numbers.


 570 610 650 690 730

Diagram showing a sequence of numbers: 570, 610, 650, 690, 730. Arrows indicate a constant difference of +40 between consecutive numbers. A pink arrow labeled -40 points from 610 back to 570. Purple arrows labeled +40 point from 610 to 650, 650 to 690, and 690 to 730.

[2 marks]

10

[2001]

The rule for this sequence of numbers is 'add 3 each time'.

1 4 7 10 13 16 ...

The sequence continues in the same way.

Mary says,

'No matter how far you go there will never be a multiple of 3 in the sequence'.

Is she correct?
Circle Yes or No.

 **Yes** / No

Explain how you know.

EACH NUMBER IS ONE MORE THAN A MULTIPLE OF THREE AND IF YOU KEEP ADDING 3 ALL THE NEW NUMBERS WILL ALSO BE ONE MORE THAN A MULTIPLE OF 3.

[1 mark]




11

[2010]

Liam makes a sequence of numbers starting with 300

He subtracts 125 each time.

Write the next two numbers in Liam's sequence.

 300 175 50   -75 -200

[2 marks]

12

[2002]

A sequence starts at 500 and 80 is **subtracted** each time.

500 420 340 ... 260, 180, 100, 20, -60, ...

(Handwritten arrows show -80 from 500 to 420, and -80 from 420 to 340. Another arrow shows -80 from 340 to 260.)

The sequence continues in the same way.

Write the **first two numbers** in the sequence which are **less than zero**.



-60

-140

[2 marks]

13

[2000]

This sequence of numbers **goes up by 40** each time.

40 80 120 160 200 ...

(Handwritten arrows show +40 between each number.)

MULTIPLES
OF 40

This sequence continues.

Will the number 2140 be in the sequence?
Circle Yes or No.



Yes / **No**

Explain how you know.

53 REM 20
40 | 2140

2140 IS NOT A MULTIPLE
OF 40

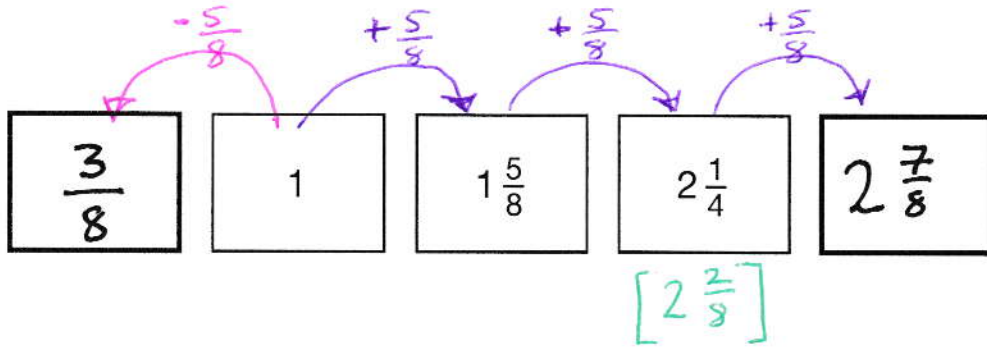
[1 mark]

14

The numbers in this sequence increase by the same amount each time.

[2017]

Write the missing numbers.



[2 marks]

15

The numbers in this sequence increase by 7 each time.

[2008]

1 8 15 22 29 ...

The sequence continues in the same way.

Will the number 777 be in the sequence?
Circle **Yes** or **No**.

Yes / **No**

Explain how you know.

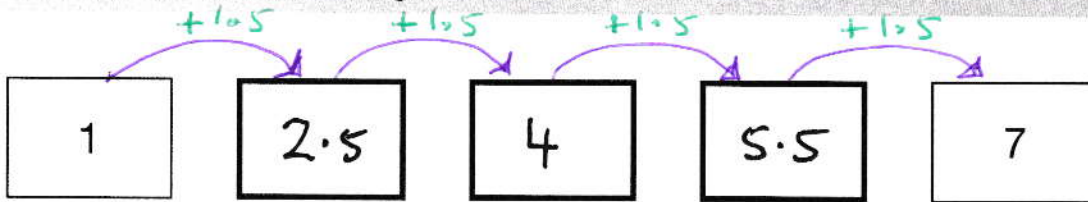
BECAUSE EACH NUMBER IN THE
SEQUENCE IS ONE MORE THAN
A MULTIPLE OF 7 AND 777 IS
A MULTIPLE OF 7.

[1 mark]

16 The numbers in this sequence increase by equal amounts each time.

[2015]

Write in the three missing numbers.

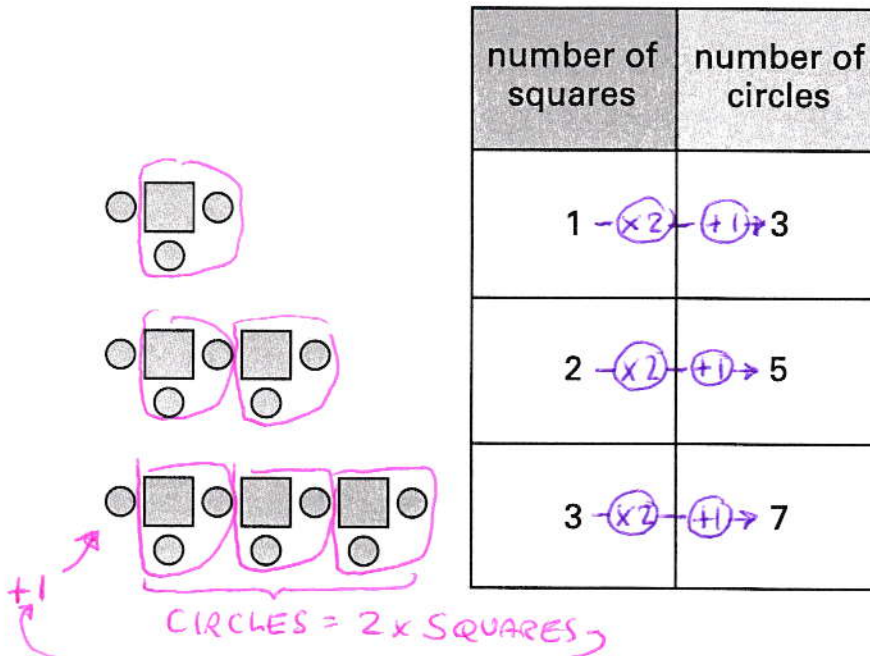


FOUR STEPS INCREASE SEQUENCE BY 6
SO EACH STEP IS $\frac{6}{4} = 1.5$

[1 mark]

17 Here is a sequence of patterns made from squares and circles.

[2001]



The sequence continues in the same way.

Calculate how many **squares** there will be in the pattern which has **25 circles**.

Show your method

FORWARDS RULE
 $\rightarrow (\times 2) \rightarrow (+1) \rightarrow \text{CIRCLES}$

SO BACKWARDS RULE IS
 $\rightarrow (-1) \rightarrow (\div 2) \rightarrow \text{SQUARES}$

12

$$25 \rightarrow (-1) \rightarrow 24 \rightarrow (\div 2) \rightarrow 12$$

[2 marks]

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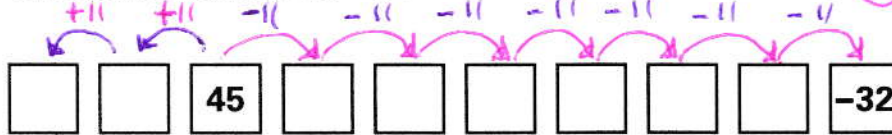
[2002]

Paulo makes a sequence of numbers.

He chooses a starting number and then subtracts equal amounts each time.

The **third number** in his sequence is **45**

The **tenth number** is **-32**



SIX SEVEN STEPS
SUBTRACTS 77,
SO EACH STEP
SUBTRACTS 11

What is the **first** number in the sequence?

Show your method

$$\begin{array}{r} 45 \\ + 11 \\ \hline 56 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 56 \\ + 11 \\ \hline 67 \end{array}$$

67

[2 marks]

19

[2000]

Look at the sequence below.

To get the next term in the sequence, **subtract 90** from the term before.



Write the first two terms of the sequence that are **less than zero**.

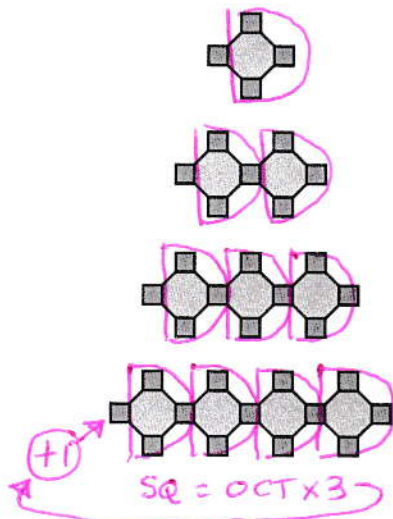
$$\begin{array}{r} 320 \\ - 90 \\ \hline 230 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 230 \\ - 90 \\ \hline 140 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 140 \\ - 90 \\ \hline 50 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} 50 \\ - 90 \\ \hline -40 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{r} -40 \\ - 90 \\ \hline -130 \end{array}$$

-40, -130

[2 marks]

Here is a sequence of patterns made from **octagons** and **squares**.

[2001]



number of octagons (n)	number of squares (q)
1	$1 \xrightarrow{\times 3} +1 \rightarrow 4$
2	$2 \xrightarrow{\times 3} +1 \rightarrow 7$
3	$3 \xrightarrow{\times 3} +1 \rightarrow 10$
4	$4 \xrightarrow{\times 3} +1 \rightarrow 13$

The sequence continues.

How many **squares** will there be in the pattern that has **40 octagons**?

FORWARDS RULE

$\rightarrow \textcircled{\times 3} \rightarrow \textcircled{+1} \rightarrow \text{SQUARES}$

$40 \times 3 = 120$

$120 + 1 = \underline{\underline{121}}$

121

q represents the number of squares.

n represents the number of octagons.

What is the rule connecting q and n ?

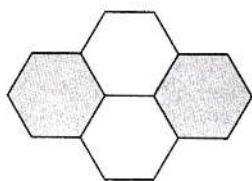
SQUARES = $3 \times$ OCTAGONS + 1

$\Rightarrow q = 3n + 1$

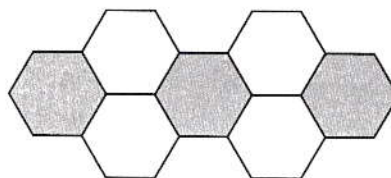
[3 marks]

Look at this sequence of patterns made with hexagons.

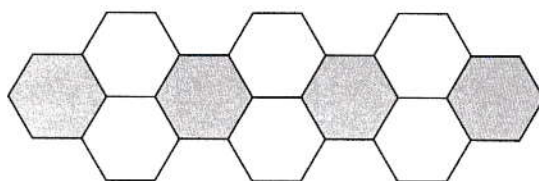
[2000]



pattern number 1



pattern number 2



pattern number 3

To find the number of hexagons in pattern number n you can use these rules:

$$\text{Number of grey hexagons} = n + 1$$

$$\text{Number of white hexagons} = 2n$$

Altogether, what is the total number of hexagons in pattern number 20?

Show your method

$$\text{GREY} = 20 + 1 = 21$$

$$\text{WHITE} = 2 \times 20 = 40$$

$$\text{TOTAL} = \underline{\underline{61}}$$

61

[2 marks]