

## Using formulas to find the nth term in sequences.

Answer the following questions. Work the problems in your exercise books then fill-in-the blanks.

1. A sequence is defined by the formula  $a_n = 6n - 2$ .

(a) Calculate the first 5 terms of the sequence.

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(b) What is the difference between the terms of the sequence?

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2. A sequence is defined by the formula  $b_n = 8n + 2$ .

(a) Calculate the first 5 terms of the sequence.

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(b) What is the difference between the terms of the sequence?

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3. A sequence is given by  $C_n = 7n - 3$ .

(a) Calculate the first 4 terms of the sequence.

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(b) What is the difference between the terms of the sequence?

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4. A sequence is given by  $p_n = n^2$

(a) Calculate the 5<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, and 8<sup>th</sup> terms of the sequence.

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(b) Is this an arithmetic, geometric, or special sequence?

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5. A sequence is given by the formula  $k_n = 11n - 7$ .

(a) Calculate the first 4 terms of the sequence in descending form.

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(b) Is this an arithmetic, geometric, or special sequence?

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