Patterns and sequences 1: Solutions

Objective: To be able to find the general rule for a pattern/number sequence

Step by step instructions

Position Number	1	2	3	4	5
Pattern	•	• • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • • •	•••	••••	••••
Terms	4	7	10	13	16
Working out	3	6	9	12	15

(a) In the box, draw the shape that is added on each time



- (b) Complete the missing pattern and terms
- (c) What do you add on each time? 3 (this is the term to term rule)
- (d) Which multiplication table has the same adding on pattern? 3
- (e) Fill in this multiplication table in the working out boxes
- (f) What do you need to do to make your working out boxes into the terms? Add 1
- (g) Use the information from (d) and (f) to form a general rule linking position number (N) and number of dots: 3N + 1
- (h) Use your rule to find the 100th term: 301

Write any revision hints, notes or reminders to yourself here:						

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Patterns and sequences 2

Objective: To be able to find the general rule for a pattern/number sequence

Structured question

Position Number	1	2	3	4	5
Terms	3	8	13	18	23
Working out	5	10	15	20	25

- (a) Complete the missing pattern and terms
- (b) What do you add on each time? 5 (this is the term to term rule)
- (c) Use part (b) to help fill in the multiplication table in the working out boxes
- (d) What do you need to do to make your working out boxes into the terms? Minus 2
- (e) Use the information from (b) and (e) to form a general rule linking position number (N) and number of dots: 5N 2
- (f) What is the 100th term? 498

Use this structure to find the general rule (Nth term) for the following sequence:

Position Number	1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Terms	11	17	23	29	35	41	47
Working out	6	12	18	24	30	36	42

Rule: 6N+5

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Patterns and sequences 3

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Structured question

Position Number	1	2	3	4	5
Terms	27	35	43	51	59
Working out	8	16	24	32	40

- (a) Complete the missing pattern and terms
- (b) What do you add on each time? 8 (this is the term to term rule)
- (c) Use part (b) to help fill in the multiplication table in the working out boxes
- (d) What is the general rule? 8N + 19
- (e) What is the 100th term? 819
- (f) Explain whether or not 87 is in this sequence:

$$8N + 19 = 87$$

8N = 68 and 8 isn't a factor of 68, so not in the sequence

For the following questions:

- (i) Find the general rule (Nth term)
- (ii) Find the 100th term
- (ii) State whether 50 is in the sequence