Determine whether each sequence is *arithmetic*, *geometry*, or *neither*. Explain your reasoning.

1. 5, -3, -12, -22, -32...

## ANSWER:

Neither; no common ration or difference

 $2. \ \frac{1}{5}, \frac{7}{10}, \frac{6}{5}, \frac{17}{10}, \frac{11}{5} \dots$ 

## ANSWER:

Arithmetic; common difference of  $\frac{1}{2}$ 

3. **HOUSING** Laura is a real estate agent. She needs to sell 15 houses in 6 months.

**a.** By the end of the first 2 months she has sold 4 houses. If she sells 2 houses each month for the rest of the 6 months, will she meet her goal? Explain.

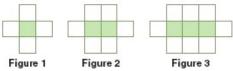
**b.** If she has sold 5 houses by the end of the first month, how many will she have to sell on average each month in order to meet her goal?

## ANSWER:

**a.** No, she will have 11 houses left to sell in 4 months. If she sold 2 houses per month for the remaining 4 months, she would only sell 8 more houses.

**b.** 2 houses

4. **GEOMETRY** The figures below show a pattern of filled squares and white squares.



a. Write an equation representing the *n*th number in this pattern where *n* is the number of white squares.b. Is it possible to have exactly 84 white squares in an arrangement? Explain.

## ANSWER:

**a.**  $a_n = 2n + 2$ 

**b.** Yes, when 2n + 2 = 84, n = 41. In the  $41^{st}$  figure there will be 84 white squares.

Find the indicated term of each arithmetic sequence.

5. 
$$a_1 = 10, d = -5, n = 9$$

ANSWER: -30

6.  $a_1 = -8, d = 4, n = 99$ 

ANSWER: 384

## Find the sum of each arithmetic series.

7. -15 + (-11) + (-7) + ... + 53 ANSWER:

342

8.  $a_1 = -12, d = 8, n = 22$ 

ANSWER: 1584

9. 
$$\sum_{k=11}^{50} (-3k+1)$$
  
ANSWER:

-3620

10. **MULTIPLE CHOICE** What is the sum of the first 50 odd numbers?

A 625 B 2500 C 2499 D 2401 ANSWER: B

Find the indicated term for each geometric sequence.

11.  $a_2 = 8, r = 2, a_8 = ?$ 

**ANSWER**: 512

12. 
$$a_3 = 0.5, r = 8, a_{10} = ?$$

ANSWER: 1,048,576

13. MULTIPLE CHOICE What are the geometric means of the sequence below?
0.5, \_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_, 2048
F 512.375, 1024.25, 1536.125
G 683, 1365.5, 2048
H 2, 8, 32
J 4, 32, 256
ANSWER:

14. **INCOME** Peter works for a house building company for 4 months per year. He starts out making \$3000 per month. At the end of each month, his salary increases by 5%. How much money will he make in those 4 months?

## ANSWER:

\$12,930.38

#### Evaluate the sum of each geometric series.

15. 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{8} 3 \cdot 2^{k-1}$$

ANSWER:

765

16. 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{9} 4 \cdot (-1)^{k-1}$$

ANSWER:

17. 
$$\sum_{k=1}^{20} -2\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^{k-1}$$

ANSWER: -5.998

# Find the sum of each infinite series, if it exists.

 $\sum_{\substack{n=1\\18. n=1}}^{\infty} 9 \cdot 2^{n-1}$ 

ANSWER:

No sum exists.

$$\sum_{\substack{19. \ n=1\\9}}^{\infty} (4) \cdot (0.5)^{n-1}$$
ANSWER:  
8  
20. n=1  
ANSWER:  
ANSWER:

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