Cambridge Senior General Mathematics AC/VCE Units 1 & 2 Chapter 8 Number patterns and recursion: Assignment

Student name:

1 Explain the difference between an arithmetic sequence and a geometric sequence. Give an example of each type of sequence as part of your explanation.

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- 2 The first seven numbers in a Fibonacci sequence are: 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13,...
 - **a** How are the numbers in a Fibonacci sequence made?
 - **b** List the first 25 Fibonacci numbers.
 - **c** With the aid of your list of Fibonacci numbers, complete the following table.

Every	3rd	Fibonacci number is divisible by	
	4th		
	5th		
	6th		
	7th		

- **d** What do you notice about the list of divisors you have found in the table above?
- e Use your answer to part **d** to predict the number which will into divide every 8th Fibonacci number. Check that this divisor does divide every 8th Fibonacci number in your list.
- 3 Without the addition of fertiliser, the annual crop from a potato farm would only be 80% of the previous year's crop. A farm produced 15 tonnes of potatoes in its first year of production. Assume that no fertiliser is used. Give answers correct to two decimal places where necessary.
 - **a** List the size of the potato crop for each of the first 4 years.
 - **b** What will be the total potato production for the first 4 years?
 - **c** In which year would the annual potato crop be less than a third of the crop produced in the first year?
- **a** Explain how your calculator can be used to generate the first five terms of the difference equation:

$$I_{n+1} = 3 \times t_n + 4, \ t_1 = 6$$

b List the first five terms.

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a The following recurrence relation can be used to model a compound interest investment of \$45 000 paying interest compounding at the rate of 7.5% per year. $V_0 = 45\ 000$, $V_{n+1} = 1.075V_n$

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General

Use the recurrence relation to find the value of the investment after 12 years.

A car was valued at \$35 000 at the time of purchase. The reducing balance depreciation of the car was 18% per year. The depreciating value of the car can be modeled by the recurrence relation:

 $V_0 = 35\ 000, \quad V_{n+1} = 0.92V_n$

Use the recurrence relation to find the value of the car after 10 years.