

Recurrence Relations Past Paper Pack – Mark Schemes

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3(a)	$V_{n+2} = V_{n+1} + kV_n$	B1	3.3
		(1)	
(b)	$\lambda^2 - \lambda - 0.24 = 0 \Rightarrow \lambda = \dots(1.2, -0.2)$	M1	1.1b
	$V_n = a(1.2)^n + b(-0.2)^n$	A1	2.2a
	$65 = a(1.2)^1 + b(-0.2)^1$ and $71 = a(1.2)^2 + b(-0.2)^2$	B1ft	3.4
	E.g. $\left. \begin{array}{l} 78 = 1.44a - 0.24b \\ 71 = 1.44a + 0.04b \end{array} \right\} \Rightarrow 7 = -0.28b \Rightarrow b = \dots$	M1	2.1
	$a = 50, b = -25 \Rightarrow V_n = 50(1.2)^n - 25(-0.2)^n$ *	A1*	1.1b
		(5)	
(c)	$50(1.2)^N > 10^6 \Rightarrow N = \dots$	M1	3.1b
	$\Rightarrow N = 55$ i.e. month 55	A1	3.2a
		(2)	

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Auxiliary equation is $9r^2 - 12r + 4 = 0$, so $r = \dots$	M1	1.1b
$(3r - 2)^2 = 0 \Rightarrow r = \frac{2}{3}$ is repeated root.	A1	1.1b
Complementary function is $x_n = (A + Bn)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$ or $A\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n + Bn\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n$	M1	2.2a
Try particular solution $y_n = an + b \Rightarrow 9(a(n+2) + b) - 12(a(n+1) + b) + 4(an + b) = 3n$	M1	2.1
$\Rightarrow an + 6a + b = 3n \Rightarrow a = \dots, b = \dots$	dM1	1.1b
$a = 3, b = -18$	A1	1.1b
General solution is $u_n = x_n + y_n = (A + Bn)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n + 3n - 18$	B1ft	2.2a
$\left. \begin{aligned} u_1 = 1 &\Rightarrow 1 = \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)(A + B) - 15 \\ u_2 = 4 &\Rightarrow 4 = \left(\frac{4}{9}\right)(A + 2B) - 12 \end{aligned} \right\} A = \dots, B = \dots$	M1	2.1
$u_n = 12(n+1)\left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^n + 3n - 18$ oe	A1	1.1b
	(9)	

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8(a)	$u_1 = 1$ as there is only one way to go up one step	B1	2.4
	$u_2 = 2$ as there are two ways: one step then one step or two steps	B1	2.4
	If first move is one step then can climb the other $(n-1)$ steps in u_{n-1} ways. If first move is two steps can climb the other $(n-2)$ steps in u_{n-2} ways so $u_n = u_{n-1} + u_{n-2}$	B1	2.4
		(3)	
(b)	Sequence begins 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, 21, 34,... so 34 ways of climbing 8 steps	B1	1.1b
		(1)	
(c)	To find general term use $u_n = u_{n-1} + u_{n-2}$ gives $\lambda^2 = \lambda + 1$	M1	2.1
	This has roots $\frac{1 \pm \sqrt{5}}{2}$	A1	1.1b
	So general form is $A \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n + B \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n$	M1	2.2a
	Uses initial conditions to find A and B reaching two equations in A and B	M1	1.1b
	Obtains $A = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \right)$ and $B = -\left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2\sqrt{5}} \right)$ and so when $n = 400$ obtains $\frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[\left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{401} - \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^{401} \right]^*$	A1*	1.1b
		(5)	

(9 marks)