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# MATH 156-X01 <br> Practice Test 3A 

## Total $=\overline{30}$

- All of the work on this test must be your own.
- You may use a scientific calculator. You may not use a calculator with graphing capability or a smartphone app.


## GOOD LUCK!

1. (4 points) Consider the following.

$$
a_{n}=(-4)^{n} \quad \text { for } 0 \leq n \leq 16
$$

(a) Calculate the first three terms: $\qquad$ , $\qquad$ , $\qquad$
(b) How many terms does this have?
2. (6 points) For each of the following,

- specify whether it is arithmetic, geometric, or neither,
- give a formula for $a_{n}$, being sure to specify what values to use for the index, and - draw a box around your formula for $a_{n}$
(a) $5,-15,45, \ldots$
(b) $\frac{2}{1}, \frac{3}{2}, \frac{4}{3}, \frac{5}{4}, \ldots, \frac{21}{20}$

3. (3 points) Write the following sum in sigma notation. You do not need to calculate the total.

$$
1+4+9+16+\ldots+144
$$

4. (5 points) Consider the following.

$$
27+16+5+\ldots
$$

(a) Is this a sequence or a series? Choose one:
sequence / series
(b) Calculate the ninety-ninth term. Show your work below.
(c) Calculate the sum of the first ninety-nine terms. Show your work below.
5. (3 points) Consider the arithmetic sequence with first term equal to 20 and fifteenth term equal to 104 . What is the common difference for this sequence?
6. (2 points) For each of the following procedures, the number of operations needed for a task of size $n$ is given below. Find Big O for each procedure.
(a) 4 !
(b) $n(n+2 \log n+3)$
7. (4 points) Match the Big O notation with its corresponding curve on the graph. Please note that the curves are labeled $1,2,3$, and 4 going from left to right and that curve 3 is a straight line.

(a) $O(n \log n)$
(b) $O(\log n)$
(c) $O\left(n^{2}\right)$
(d) $O(n)$
8. (3 points) The following graph shows the number of operations $O$ required to complete a task of size $n$ for programs 1,2 , and 3 . The number of operations required for Program 2 is a constant, so Program 2 is a horizontal straight line.


Indicate whether the following statements are true or false by selecting the correct answer.
(a) Program 3 is always more efficient than Program $1 . \quad$ True / False
(b) For very small $n$, Program 1 could be a better choice than Program 2. True / False
(c) For large $n$, the most efficient program is Program 3 .

True / False

