

# Must Know Questions To Ace Number Patterns

1.	<p>Consider the sequence 27 , 25 , 23 , 21 , ....</p> <p>a) Write down the next two terms of the sequence.</p> <p>b) Write down an expression, in terms of <math>n</math>, for the <math>n^{\text{th}}</math> term.</p> <p>c) Find <math>T_{90}</math>.</p>
2.	<p>The first three terms of a sequence of numbers, <math>T_1</math> , <math>T_2</math> , <math>T_3</math> , ... are given below.</p> $T_1 = 2 + 1^2 = 3$ $T_2 = 4 + 2^2 = 8$ $T_3 = 6 + 3^2 = 15$ <p>·</p> <p>·</p> <p>·</p> <p>a) Find <math>T_4</math> and <math>T_5</math>.</p> <p>b) Write down an expression, in terms of <math>n</math>, for <math>T_n</math>.</p> <p>c) Evaluate <math>T_{88}</math>.</p>
3.	<p>Consider the following number pattern:</p> $1^3 = \left(\frac{1 \times 2}{2}\right)^2$ $1^3 + 2^3 = \left(\frac{2 \times 3}{2}\right)^2$ $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 = \left(\frac{3 \times 4}{2}\right)^2$ <p>·</p> <p>·</p> <p>·</p> <p>a) Write down the 4<sup>th</sup> line in the pattern.</p> <p>b) Write down the <math>n^{\text{th}}</math> line, in terms of <math>n</math>, in the pattern.</p>

4. The first few rows of a number pattern are shown in the table.

Row Number	Numbers	Sum of Numbers
1	1	1
2	3    5	8
3	7    9    11	27
4	13   15   17   19	$p$
5		125

a) Find the value of  $p$  in the 4<sup>th</sup> row.

b) Write down all the numbers in the 5<sup>th</sup> row.

c) Write down a formula in terms of  $n$ , for

- the total number of numbers in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  row.
- the sum of the numbers in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  row.

d) The sum of all the numbers in the  $k^{\text{th}}$  row is 1000. Find the value of

- $k$
- the first number in  $k^{\text{th}}$  row.

**Answer Key:**

1. a) 19 and 17

b)  $29 - 2n$

c) -151

2. a)  $T_4 = 8 + 4^2 = 24$   
 $T_5 = 10 + 5^2 = 35$

b)  $T_n = 2n + n^2$

c) 7920

3. a)  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3 = \left(\frac{4 \times 5}{2}\right)^2$

b)  $1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + 4^3 + \dots + n^3 = \left(\frac{n(n+1)}{2}\right)^2$

4. a)  $p = 64$

b) 21    23    25    27    29

ci)  $n$

cii)  $n^3$

di)  $k = 10$

dii) Let the first number in the row  $k$  be  $x$ .

$$x + (x + 2) + (x + 4) + \dots + (x + 18) = 1000$$

$$10x + 2 + 4 + 6 + 8 + 10 +$$

$$12 + 14 + 16 + 18 = 1000$$

$$10x + 90 = 1000$$

$$10x = 1000 - 90$$

$$x = 91$$