## Y7 - Autumn - Block 1 - Step 4 - Linear and non-linear sequences Answers

Question	Answer
1	a)
2	<ul> <li>a) +3, +3, +3</li> <li>The sequence is linear as the difference is constant.</li> <li>a) +3, +5, +5</li> <li>The sequence is non-linear as the differences are not constant.</li> </ul>
3	<ul> <li>a) Linear</li> <li>b) Non-linear</li> <li>c) Linear</li> <li>d) Linear</li> <li>e) Linear</li> <li>f) Non-linear</li> </ul>
4	Tommy is incorrect. The sequence is not linear. The difference is not constant. Sometimes the difference is 5, and sometimes the difference is -5. This is an oscillating sequence.
5	a) 27 b) Any number other than 27
6	a) Position 1 2 3 4 5 Term 20 17 14 11 8  Position 1 2 3 4 5 Term 2 6 12 20 30  b) Position 1 2 3 4 5 Term 2 6 12 20 30  The points on the graphs showing linear sequences form a straight line. The points on the graph showing a non-linear sequence do not form a straight line.

Question	Answer
7	Alex is correct.  We only have one difference so we don't know if there is a constant difference.  We would need 3 terms to know if a sequence was linear or non-linear, as this would give us two differences and we could see if they are constant or not. Therefore, it is impossible to tell what type the sequence is.
8	<ul><li>a) 75, 225, 375</li><li>b) 75, 225, and the third term is any number other than 375 (if the sequence is 3 terms long only)</li></ul>
	There is only one answer for part a) as you have to add on the same amount each time. For b) there are an infinite number of answers as the difference could be any number. In part a) the 5 <sup>th</sup> term would be 675. For part b) there could be many answers for the 5 <sup>th</sup> term if there is a pattern (e.g. doubling each time). If the sequence is random, then the 5 <sup>th</sup> term can't be predicted.