## Differentiation \& Functions (Q 6, 7 \& 8, Paper 1)

## Lesson No. 10: Periodic Functions

## 2006

6 (a) $f: x \rightarrow f(x)$ is a periodic function defined for $x \in \mathbf{R}$.
The period is as indicated in the diagram.

(i) Write down the period and the range of the function.
(ii) Find $f$ (44).

Solution
6 (a) (i)
Period $=8$
Range $=[-1,2]$
Every periodic function has two important features:

1. Period:

The length of the wave along the $x$-axis before it repeats itself.
2. Range:

This is the interval between the lowest $y$ value and the highest $y$ value.
6 (a) (ii)
$f(44)=f(4)=2$

The value of the function at any value of $x$ can be worked out from the first wave by dividing the value of $x$ by the period and finding the remainder.

$$
f(x)=f(\text { Remainder })
$$

## 2003

8 (a) Part of the graph of a periodic function is shown.
Write down the period and range of the function.


## Solution

Every periodic function has two important features:

## 1. Period:

The length of the wave along the $x$-axis before it repeats itself.
2. Range:

This is the interval between the lowest $y$ value and the highest $y$ value.
Period $=4$
Range $=[0,3]$

## 2000

6 (b)


The graph shows portion of a periodic function $f: x \rightarrow f(x)$ which is defined for $x \in \mathbf{R}$.
(i) Write down the period and the range of $f(x)$.
(ii) Complete the following table:

| $x$ | 2 | 8 | 14 | 20 | 26 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $f(x)$ |  |  |  |  |  |

## Solution

6 (b) (i)
Period $=8$
Range $=[0,10]$

## 6 (b) (ii)

The first 3 values can be
Every periodic function has two important features:

## 1. Period:

The length of the wave along the $x$-axis before it repeats itself.
2. Range:

This is the interval between the lowest $y$ value and the highest $y$ value.


The value of the function at any value of $x$ can be worked out from the first wave by dividing the value of $x$ by the period and finding the remainder.

$$
f(x)=f(\text { Remainder })
$$

The last 2 values are worked out using the information as explained in the box above.
Divide the value of the function by the period and take the remainder.

$$
\begin{aligned}
& f(20)=f(4)=0 \\
& f(26)=f(2)=10
\end{aligned}
$$

| $x$ | 2 | 8 | 14 | 20 | 26 |
| :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| $f(x)$ | 10 | 0 | 5 | 0 | 10 |

## 1997

6 (a)


The graph shows portion of a periodic function $f: x \rightarrow f(x)$.
Write down the period and range of the function.
What is the value of $f(77.5)$ ?

## Solution

6 (a)
Every periodic function has two important features:

1. Period:

The length of the wave along the $x$-axis before it repeats itself.

## 2. Range:

This is the interval between the lowest $y$ value and the highest $y$ value.
Period = 10
Range $=[0,3]$

The value of the function at any value of $x$ can be worked out from the first wave by dividing the value of $x$ by the period and finding the remainder.

$$
f(x)=f(\text { Remainder })
$$

$$
f(77.5)=f(7.5)=3
$$

