

**Advanced Higher Maths**  
**SQA 2024 Paper 1**  
**Question 3**



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A geometric sequence of positive terms has third term 36 and fifth term 16.

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| (a) Calculate the value of the common ratio.                         | 2 |
| (b) Calculate the value of the first term.                           | 1 |
| (c) State why the associated geometric series has a sum to infinity. | 1 |
| (d) Find the value of this sum to infinity.                          | 1 |
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Answers:

- (a)  $\frac{2}{3}$
- (b) 81
- (c)  $\left|\frac{2}{3}\right| < 1$  or equivalent
- (d) 243