

$$1200. \text{ b) } S_n = 1 - \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3^2} - \dots + \frac{(-1)^{n-1}}{3^{n-1}}$$

$$a_1 = 1, q = -\frac{1}{3}$$

$$S_n = a_1 \cdot \frac{1-q^n}{1-q} = 1 \cdot \frac{1-(-\frac{1}{3})^n}{1+\frac{1}{3}} = \frac{1-(-\frac{1}{3})^n}{\frac{4}{3}} = \frac{3 \cdot (1-(-\frac{1}{3})^n)}{4} = \frac{3}{4} \cdot (1 - (-\frac{1}{3})^n)$$

$$1206. \text{ a) } 2 + 5 + 11 + \dots + (3 \cdot 2^{n-1} - 1)$$

$$a_n = (3 \cdot 2^{n-1} - 1)$$

$$S_n = (3 - 1) + (6 - 1) + (12 - 1) + \dots + (3 \cdot 2^{n-1} - 1) = (3 - 1) + (3 \cdot 2 - 1) + (3 \cdot 2^2 - 1) + \dots + (3 \cdot 2^{n-1} - 1)$$

$$S_n = 3 \cdot (1 + 2 + 2^2 + \dots + 2^{n-1}) + (-1 - 1 - 1 - \dots - 1)$$

$$\underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{a_1 = 1, q = 2} \quad \underbrace{\hspace{10em}}_{n \cdot (-1)}$$

$$S_n = 3 \cdot 1 \cdot \frac{2^n - 1}{2 - 1} - n = 3 \cdot (2^n - 1) - n = 3 \cdot 2^n - 3 - n$$

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