

15. The sequence  $a_1, a_2, a_3, \dots$ , is defined by

$$a_1 = 16$$

$$a_{2n} = 2^n$$

$$a_{2n+1} = a_{2n-1} + 3$$

where  $n \in \mathbb{N}$

(a) Deduce the value of  $k$  such that

$$a_k = a_1 \tag{1}$$

(b) Evaluate

$$\sum_{r=1}^{20} a_r \tag{4}$$