The nth term of a geometric sequence is  $U_n$ , where  $U_n = 48(\frac{1}{4})^n$ 

- a) Find U<sub>1</sub>
- b) Find the sum to infinity of the series

a) 
$$U_n = 48 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^n$$

For  $U_n$  , n=1

$$U_1 = 48 \left(\frac{1}{4}\right)^1$$
$$U_1 = 48 \times \frac{1}{4}$$

$$U_1 = 48 \div 4$$
  
 $U_1 = 12$ 

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b) 
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$$r = \frac{1}{4}$$

Series is convergent because -1 < r < 1

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{U_1}{1 - r}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{12}{1 - \frac{1}{4}}$$

$$S_{\infty} = \frac{12}{\frac{3}{4}}$$

$$S_{\infty} = 12 \div \frac{3}{4}$$

$$S_{\infty} = 12 \times \frac{4}{3}$$

$$S_{\infty} = 12 \times \frac{1}{3} \times 4$$

$$S_{\infty} = 4 \times 4$$

$$S_{\infty} = 16$$