

3.8 Iteration

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Total: 9 marks**KEY WORDS** iteration 迭代 • infinite loop 无限循环 • variable 变量 • list 列表 • string 字符串

Objective

Build the skills to answer exam questions on **iteration**.

You must be able to:

- explain how **iteration** 迭代 repeats a block of code using a loop
- use a **repeat** loop to run a block a fixed number of times
- use a condition-controlled loop that continues **until** a condition is true
- identify and avoid an **infinite loop** 无限循环

1 Worked examples

Study these first. Each one shows the method for a question type used later.

■ Iteration

A **loop** repeats a block of code. A **repeat** loop runs a fixed number of times; an **until** loop runs until a Boolean condition becomes true.

■ Infinite loops

A loop that never meets its stopping condition is an **infinite loop** — it never ends, so avoid it.

■ Tracing

Follow the variables across iterations: start **total** at 0, repeat "add 2" three times, and **total** becomes 6.

2 Practice

2.1 State what iteration does.

[1]

2.2 A loop starts `total` at 0 and adds 5 each time, repeating 4 times. State the final total. [2]

2.3 State what an infinite loop is. [1]

3 Exam-style questions

3.1 A loop that repeats a block a fixed number of times is a [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** conditional
 - B** repeat loop
 - C** variable
 - D** list

3.2 A loop that never meets its stopping condition is [1]

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|---|---|
| A | B |
| C | D |
- A** efficient
 - B** an infinite loop
 - C** a filter
 - D** a substring

3.3 A counter starts at 1 and doubles each time, repeated 3 times ($1 \rightarrow 2 \rightarrow 4 \rightarrow 8$).

- (a) State the final value. [1]
- (b) State how many times the block ran. [1]
- (c) Name the general idea of repeating code. [1]