

1

Given:  $n = \text{integer} \geq 0$  and  $2^n = 3q+1$ , for some non-negative integer  $q$ :

If  $n = 0 = \text{even} \rightarrow 2^0 = 1 \rightarrow$  remainder upon division 1 by 3 is 1 - OK;  
 If  $n = 1 = \text{odd} \rightarrow 2^1 = 2 \rightarrow$  remainder upon division 2 by 3 is 2 - not OK;  
 If  $n = 2 = \text{even} \rightarrow 2^2 = 4 \rightarrow$  remainder upon division 4 by 3 is 1 - OK;  
 If  $n = 3 = \text{odd} \rightarrow 2^3 = 8 \rightarrow$  remainder upon division 8 by 3 is 2 - not OK;  
 ...

So we can see the pattern of reminders 1-2-1-2-....  $\rightarrow$  given condition that the remainder is 1 when  $2^n$  is divided by 3 holds true when  $n = \text{even}$ . So  $n$  must be non-negative even number: 0, 2, 4, ...

- I.  $n$  is greater than zero  $\rightarrow$  not necessarily true, as  $n$  can be zero;
- II.  $3^n = (-3)^n \rightarrow$  as  $n$  is even then this statement is always true;
- III.  $\sqrt{2}^n = \text{integer} \rightarrow$  as  $n$  is non-negative even number then this statement is always true.

Answer: E (II and III only).

2

It should be  $3^{8n+3}+2$ .

The units digit of 3 in positive integer power has cyclicity of 4 for the units digit:  
 $3^1 \rightarrow$  the units digit is 3;  
 $3^2 \rightarrow$  the units digit is 9;  
 $3^3 \rightarrow$  the units digit is 7;  
 $3^4 \rightarrow$  the units digit is 1;  
 $3^5 \rightarrow$  the units digit is 3 AGAIN;  
 ...

So, the units digit repeats the following pattern {3-9-7-1}-{3-9-7-1}.....  $3^{8n+3}$  will have the same units digit as  $3^3$ , which is 7 (remainder when  $8n+3$  divided by cyclicity 4 is 3). Thus the last digit of  $3^{8n+3}+2$  will be  $7+2=9$ . Any positive integer with the units digit of 9 divided by 5 gives the remainder of 4.

Answer: E.

3

Notice that  $43^{86} = (40+3)^{86}$ . Now, if we expand this expression, all terms but the last one will have 40 as multiple and thus will be divisible by 5. The last term will be  $3^{86}$ . So we should find the remainder when  $3^{86}$  is divided by 5.

Next,  $3^{86} = 9^{43}$ . 9 in odd power has units digit of 9 hence yields the remainder of 4 upon division by 5 (9 in even power has units digit of 1 hence yields the remainder of 1 upon division by 5).

Answer: E.

4

Since we cannot have more than one correct answers in PS questions, then pick some numbers for x, y, and z and find the remainder when  $1000x + 100y + 10z$  is divided by 9.

Say  $x=1$ ,  $y=2$ , and  $z=3$ , then  $1000x + 100y + 10z = 1,230 \rightarrow 1,230$  divide by 9 yields the remainder of 6 (1,224 is divisible by 9 since the sum of its digit is a multiple of 9, thus 1,230, which is 6 more than a multiple of 9, yields the remainder of 6 when divided by 9).

Answer; C.