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a.

- Yes. The hash function accepts messages M of varying length t . t can be any positive integer, which means the function can process messages of any size.
- Yes. Regardless of the input size, the output of the function is an integer in the range $[0, n-1]$. Thus, it always has a fixed size represented by $\log_2(n)$ bits.
- If t is the length of the input, then the time complexity is $O(t)$.
- For both first and second pre-image resistance, the simple structure of the function does not guarantee this property.
- Given the simple nature of the function, it's plausible that collisions can be found, especially when t is large and n is relatively small.
- The output's unpredictability is not guaranteed since the squaring operation might introduce some non-linearity.

b.

- Yes. The function can accept sequences M of varying lengths t , so it can process messages of any size.
- Yes. Regardless of the size of the input, the output of the function will always be an integer in the range $[0, n-1]$, ensuring a fixed output size.
- The primary computation here involves squaring integers and summing them up, followed by a

modulo operation. Hence $O(t)$ time in which t is the length of the input.

- For both first and second pre-image resistance, the simple structure of the function does not guarantee this property.
- It's conceivable that collisions could be identified. This is especially true when t is large, and n is small, as many different sequences of squared numbers could sum up to values that differ by multiples of n , resulting in the same hash value after the modulo operation.
- The output's unpredictability isn't inherently guaranteed. The function is deterministic and fairly simple.

$$\begin{aligned} \text{c. } h_2(M) &= (1892 + 6322 + 9002 + 7222 + 3492) \bmod 989 \\ &= \\ h_2(M) &= (2205230) \bmod 989 = \\ h_2(M) &= 2205230 \bmod 989 = \\ h_2(M) &= 535 \end{aligned}$$

3. Key: 89, Word: INTERNATIONALIZATION