1. A student is investigating the following statement about natural numbers.

"$n^3 - n$ is a multiple of 4"

(a) Prove, using algebra, that the statement is true for all odd numbers.

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(b) Use a counterexample to show that the statement is not always true.

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2. Given $n \in \mathbb{N}$, prove that $n^3 + 2$ is not divisible by 8

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3. (i) A student states

"if x^2 is greater than 9 then x must be greater than 3"

Determine whether or not this statement is true, giving a reason for your answer.

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(ii) Prove that for all positive integers n,

$$n^3 + 3n^2 + 2n$$

is divisible by 6

(3)

4. (a) Prove that for all positive values of a and b

$$\frac{4a}{b} + \frac{b}{a} \geqslant 4$$

(4)

(b) Prove, by counter example, that this is not true for all values of a and b.

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