

**1** Here are the first four terms of a sequence of fractions.

$$\frac{1}{1} \quad \frac{2}{3} \quad \frac{3}{5} \quad \frac{4}{7}$$

The numerators of the fractions form the sequence of whole numbers 1 2 3 4 ...

The denominators of the fractions form the sequence of odd numbers 1 3 5 7 ...

(a) Write down an expression, in terms of  $n$ , for the  $n$ th term of this sequence of fractions.

(2)

(b) Using algebra, prove that when the square of any odd number is divided by 4 the remainder is 1

(3)

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**(Total for Question 1 is 5 marks)**

**2** Prove algebraically that the product of any two odd numbers is always an odd number.

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**(Total for Question 2 is 4 marks)**

- 3** Prove that the difference between two consecutive square numbers is always an odd number. Show clear algebraic working.

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**(Total for Question 3 is 3 marks)**

- 4 The table gives information about the first six terms of a sequence of numbers.

Term number	1	2	3	4	5	6
Term of sequence	$\frac{1 \times 2}{2}$	$\frac{2 \times 3}{2}$	$\frac{3 \times 4}{2}$	$\frac{4 \times 5}{2}$	$\frac{5 \times 6}{2}$	$\frac{6 \times 7}{2}$

Prove algebraically that the sum of any two consecutive terms of this sequence is always a square number.

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(Total for Question 4 is 4 marks)

- 5** Using algebra, prove that, given any 3 consecutive even numbers, the difference between the square of the largest number and the square of the smallest number is always 8 times the middle number.

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**(Total for Question 5 is 3 marks)**

**6** Prove that

$$(2n + 3)^2 - (2n - 3)^2 \text{ is a multiple of } 8$$

for all positive integer values of  $n$ .

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**(Total for Question 6 is 3 marks)**

7 (a) Expand and simplify  $(y - 2)(y - 5)$

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(2)

(b) Prove algebraically that

$(2n + 1)^2 - (2n + 1)$  is an even number

for all positive integer values of  $n$ .

(3)

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**(Total for Question 7 is 5 marks)**

- 8 Prove algebraically that the difference between the squares of any two consecutive integers is equal to the sum of these two integers.

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**(Total for Question 8 is 4 marks)**

- 9 Using algebra, prove that, given any 3 consecutive whole numbers, the sum of the square of the smallest number and the square of the largest number is always 2 more than twice the square of the middle number.

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**(Total for Question 9 is 3 marks)**



**10** (a) Show that  $x(x - 1)(x + 1) = x^3 - x$

(1)

(b) Prove that the difference between a whole number and the cube of this number is always a multiple of 6

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(Total for Question 10 is 4 marks)

**11**  $N$  is a multiple of 5

$$A = N + 1$$

$$B = N - 1$$

Prove, using algebra, that  $A^2 - B^2$  is always a multiple of 20

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(Total for Question 11 is 3 marks)

- 12** Prove that when the sum of the squares of any two consecutive odd numbers is divided by 8, the remainder is always 2  
Show clear algebraic working.

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**(Total for Question 12 is 3 marks)**

**13**  $(2x + 23)$ ,  $(8x + 2)$  and  $(20x - 52)$  are three consecutive terms of an arithmetic sequence.

Prove that the common difference of the sequence is 12

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**(Total for Question 12 is 4 marks)**