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for first even = 2

$$9 = 1 \pmod{8}$$

true

Proof by contradiction

assuming  $(a+1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

if  $a=2$   $(2+1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$  contradiction  
 $= 9 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

if  $a=4$   $(4+1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$   
 $= 25 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

if  $a=6$   $(6+1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$   
 $49 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

if  $a=8$   $(8+1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$   
 $81 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$

Every even integer is congruent to 2, 4, 6, 8  
by modulo 8 so;

$$(a+1)^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$



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Part b

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the congruence  $x \equiv 2 \pmod{6}$  is equal to

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \quad \text{and} \quad x \equiv 0 \pmod{2}$$

the congruence  $x \equiv 0 \pmod{9}$  is equal to

$$x \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad \text{and} \quad x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

only 3 of these are distinct

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, \quad x \equiv 0 \pmod{2}, \quad x \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{3} \quad \text{and} \quad x \equiv 0 \pmod{3} \quad \text{is}$$

a contradiction, since  $x$  is same for congruences

So, there is no simultaneous solution

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