

QUESTION 2

Theorem the sum of any five consecutive integers is divisible by 5 (without remainder).

Proof: by consideration of algebraic cases.

Any sequence of five consecutive integers can be written as one of the following:

$$\begin{aligned} &5n - 4, 5n - 3, 5n - 2, 5n - 1, 5n \\ &5n - 4 + 5n - 3 + 5n - 2 + 5n - 1 + 5n = 25n - 10 \\ &= 5(5n - 2) \end{aligned} \tag{1}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &5n - 3, 5n - 2, 5n - 1, 5n, 5n + 1 \\ &5n - 3 + 5n - 2 + 5n - 1 + 5n + 5n + 1 = 25n - 5 \\ &= 5(5n - 1) \end{aligned} \tag{2}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &5n - 2, 5n - 1, 5n, 5n + 1, 5n + 2 \\ &5n - 2 + 5n - 1 + 5n + 5n + 1 + 5n + 2 = 25n \\ &= 5(5n) \end{aligned} \tag{3}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &5n - 1, 5n, 5n + 1, 5n + 2, 5n + 3 \\ &5n - 1 + 5n + 5n + 1 + 5n + 2 + 5n + 3 = 25n + 5 \\ &= 5(5n + 1) \end{aligned} \tag{4}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &5n, 5n + 1, 5n + 2, 5n + 3, 5n + 4 \\ &5n + 5n + 1 + 5n + 2 + 5n + 3 + 5n + 4 = 25n + 10 \\ &= 5(5n + 2) \end{aligned} \tag{5}$$

The sum of each sequence is divisible by 5. Therefore the sum of any five consecutive integers is divisible by 5. \square