SS1 Mathematics – Week 2

Theme: Number and Numeration

Topic: Modular Arithmetic

What Is Modular Arithmetic?

Modular arithmetic is a way of doing math where numbers "wrap around" after reaching a certain value, just like the hands of a clock.

Example:

If it's 9 o'clock and you add 5 hours, you get 14. But clocks wrap after 12, so 14 becomes 2 o'clock.

Meaning of "mod"

mod means divide and take the remainder

For example:

17 mod 5 = remainder when 17 is divided by 5

Answer: 2

Mathematically:

We write: $17 \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$

This means 17 gives a remainder of 2 when divided by 5.

10 Fully Explained Examples

1. What is 17 mod 5?

 $17 \div 5 = 3$ remainder 2

Answer: 2

2. What is 25 mod 6?

 $25 \div 6 = 4$ remainder **1**

Answer: 1

3. (14 + 7) mod 5

14 + 7 = 21

 $21 \div 5 = 4$ remainder **1**

Answer: 1

4. (16 × 3) mod 4

 $16 \times 3 = 48$

48 ÷ 4 = 12 remainder **0**

Answer: 0

5. (12 - 9) mod 5

12 - 9 = 3

 $3 \div 5 = 0$ remainder **3**

Answer: 3

6. What is 29 mod 7?

 $29 \div 7 = 4 \text{ remainder } \mathbf{1}$

Answer: 1

7. What is 5 hours after 10 o'clock? (mod 12)

10 + 5 = 15

15 mod 12 = **3**

Answer: 3 o'clock

8. Wednesday + 10 days = ? (mod 7)

Wednesday = 3

3 + 10 = 13

13 mod 7 = $\mathbf{6} \rightarrow \text{Saturday}$

Answer: Saturday

9. (34 + 18 + 9) mod 10

34 + 18 + 9 = 61

 $61 \div 10 = 6$ remainder **1**

Answer: 1

10. $(40 \times 6 - 5) \mod 7$

 $40 \times 6 = 240$

240 - 5 = 235

 $235 \div 7 = 33 \text{ remainder } 4$

Answer: 4

★ Final Tips

- Think of **mod** as "what's left after dividing".
- Always simplify expressions inside brackets first.
- Practice with clocks and days of the week—they're great mod examples!