1. Solution.

Assume every even number greater than 2 can be expressed as a sum of two primes. Let  $p_a$  and  $p_b$  be two arbitrary primes. Then, for some natural number k,  $p_a + p_b = 2k$ . Let  $p_c$  be an arbitrary prime number. Then,  $p_c$  is either 2 or odd. If  $p_c$  is odd,  $p_c$  can be written as 2m + 1 for some natural number m. Then,  $p_a + p_b + p_c = 2k + 2m + 1$ . Since the integers are closed under addition, k + m is an integer. Therefore,  $p_a + p_b + p_c = 2(k + m) + 1$  which is an odd number.

2. Solution.

Suppose there exist integers n and m such that 21n + 6m = 5. Then, since both 21 and 6 are divisible by 3, by distribution, 21n + 6m = 3(7n + 2m). Since the integers are closed under addition and multiplication, 7n + 2m is an integer. Since 7n + 2m is an integer, this number produces a multiple of three. However, 5 is not a multiple of 3. Therefore, there do not exist integers n, m such that 21n + 6m = 3(7n + 2m) = 5.

3. Solution.

Let  $c, a \in \mathbb{Z}$ , c > 0, a is odd, c divides a and c divides a + 2. Then, a = 2k + 1 for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Since c divides a and a + 2, cm = a and cn = a + 2 for some numbers  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

- 4. Solution. Assume that m is not a multiple of 5. Then, m = 5d + 1 or 5d + 2 or 5d + 3 or 5d + 4.
  - (a) Case 1: If m = 5d + 1, then  $m^2 = (5d + 1)^2 = 5(5d^2 + 2d) + 1$
  - (b) Case 2: If m = 5d + 2, then  $m^2 = (5d + 2)^2 = 5(5d^2 + 4d) + 4$
  - (c) Case 3: If m = 5d + 3, then  $m^2 = (5d + 3)^2 = 5(5d^2 + 6d) + 9$
  - (d) Case 4: If m = 5d + 4, then  $m^2 = (5d + 4)^2 = 5(5d^2 + 8d) + 16$

Thus, if m is not a multiple of 5, then  $m^2$  is not a multiple of 5. Therefore, if  $m^2$  is a multiple of five, then m must also be a multiple of five.

5. Solution. Assume, to the contrary, that  $\sqrt{5}$  was a rational number. Then,  $\sqrt{5} = \frac{m}{n}$  for two integers  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Assume m and n are in lowest terms. Then,  $5 = \frac{m^2}{n^2}$  and therefore,  $5n^2 = m^2$ . Since  $m^2$  is a multiple of 5, by the previously proven theorem, m must also be a multiple of five. Therefore, m = 5d for some  $d \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Then, since m = 5d,  $m^2 = 25d^2$ . Thus,  $5n^2 = 25d^2$ . By cancellation,  $n^2 = 5d^2$ . Thus,  $n^2$  is a multiple of five, and by the previous theorem, n must also be a multiple of five. Since n and m are both multiples of five, this contradicts the assumption that m and n are in lowest terms. Thus, we reach a contradiction and we conclude that  $\sqrt{5}$  cannot be a rational number.