

# Test Flight Question 5

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**Theorem.** *For any integer  $n$ , at least one of the integers  $n$ ,  $n + 2$ ,  $n + 4$  is divisible by 3.*

*Proof.* Any integer  $n$  can be expressed as one of  $3k$ ,  $3k + 1$ , or  $3k + 2$ , where  $k$  is another integer. Let us examine all three cases.

1. If  $n$  can be expressed as  $3k$ , then  $n$  is divisible by 3.
2. If  $n$  can be expressed as  $3k + 1$ , then  $n + 2 = (3k + 1) + 2 = 3k + 3$  which is divisible by 3.
3. If  $n$  can be expressed as  $3k + 2$ , then  $n + 4 = (3k + 2) + 4 = 3k + 6$  which is divisible by 3.

Thus the theorem is proved for any integer  $n$ .

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