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(a)

Note that 101 is prime

Without using a computer or calculator,

evaluate  $3^{102} \pmod{101}$

$$3^{102} \pmod{101} = 3 (3^{101} \pmod{101}) = 3(3) = 9$$

Using Fermat's Little Theorem

(b)

Without using a computer or calculator, evaluate

$$2^g \pmod{101} \text{ where } g = 10^{2023}$$

$$2^{100} \pmod{101} = 1$$

Because  $\phi(101) = 100$  and  $2^{100}$  is a multiple of 100  
We know that  $2^{10x}$  power, where x is any  
positive integer greater than 1, will  
give  $1 \pmod{101}$ , because all the  
numbers will be multiples of 100.

$$\text{So } 2^g \pmod{101} = 1$$