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a) $0+0+0+0+0+1+1+1+1+1+1 \equiv 0(\text{mod } 2)$

This string is correct.

b) $1+0+1+0+1+0+1+0+1+0+1 \equiv 0(\text{mod } 2)$

This string is correct.

c) $1+1+1+1+1+1+0+0+0+0+0 \equiv 0(\text{mod } 2)$

This string is correct.

d) $1+0+1+1+1+1+0+1+1+1+1 \equiv 1(\text{mod } 2)$

This string has an error.

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From the function we can know that $c-13 \equiv 15p \pmod{26}$. From Euclidean algorithm we can have $1+4*26=7*15$, so the inverse of 15 modulo 26 is 7.

So we have $p \equiv 7(c-13) \equiv 7c+13 \pmod{26}$.

The decryption function is $p \equiv 7c+13 \pmod{26}$.

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From Euclidean algorithm we can know that $1+5*2436=937*13$. The inverse of $e=13$ modulo $42\cdot 58$ is 937.

Then we have $667^{937} \bmod 43 \cdot 59 = 1808$, $1947^{937} \bmod 43 \cdot 59 = 1121$ and $671^{937} \bmod 43 \cdot 59 = 0417$.

It's clearly that 1808 1121 0417 means SILVER.

Then the plaintext is SILVER.

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Let $P(n)$ denote $1^2 - 2^2 + \dots + (-1)^{n-1}n^2 = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$.

Basic step:

When $n=1$, $1^2 = (-1)^0 \frac{1(1+1)}{2} = 1$ and $P(1)$ is true.

Inductive step:

For any integer $k > 1$, let's assume that $P(k)$ is true.

Then we have:

$$\begin{aligned} & 1^2 - 2^2 + \dots + (-1)^k(k+1)^2 \\ &= (-1)^{k-1} \frac{k(k+1)}{2} + (-1)^k \frac{(k+1)^2}{2} \\ &= (-1)^k(k+1)\left(k+1 - \frac{k}{2}\right) \\ &= (-1)^k \frac{(k+1)(k+2)}{2} \end{aligned}$$

So $P(k+1)$ is true. This completes the inductive step.

$1^2 - 2^2 + \dots + (-1)^{n-1}n^2 = (-1)^{n-1} \frac{n(n+1)}{2}$ is true.

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Let $P(n)$ denote $1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} > 2(\sqrt{n+1} - 1)$.

Basic step:

When $n=1$, $1 > 2(\sqrt{2} - 1)$. So $P(1)$ is true.

Inductive step:

For any integer $k > 1$, assume that $P(k)$ holds. Then

$$1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 2(\sqrt{k+1} - 1) + \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} . \quad \text{To}$$

prove $P(k+1)$ is true, we need to prove that $2\sqrt{k+1} +$

$$\frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} > 2\sqrt{k+2} , \quad \text{which is equivalent to } \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} >$$

$$2\sqrt{k+2} - 2\sqrt{k+1} . \quad \text{We can easily know that}$$

$$2\sqrt{k+2} - 2\sqrt{k+1} = \frac{2}{\sqrt{k+2} + \sqrt{k+1}} < \frac{2}{2\sqrt{k+1}} = \frac{1}{\sqrt{k+1}} . \quad \text{So}$$

$P(k+1)$ is true.

This completes the inductive step.

So for every positive integer n , $1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} >$

$2(\sqrt{n+1} - 1)$ is true.