

- Q1.** a) [1 POINT] Let y represent an integer. Use the Binomial Theorem to express the expansion of the following binomial as a finite series. Do not expand the expression; simply write it as a finite series, using appropriate summation notation. No justification is required for this part.

$$(y - 1)^{42} = \dots$$

- b) [2 POINTS] Evaluate the following finite series. Calculators are NOT permitted, nor are they needed.

$$\sum_{j \in \{1, 3, 5\}} \binom{j+4}{5-j} \quad \text{Show ALL your steps! The final answer should be a single integer.}$$

- c) [2 POINTS] Let $I = \{S : S \subseteq \{1, 3, 5\} \text{ and } |S| = 2\}$. Using this index set, fully evaluate the following finite series:

$$\sum_{S \in I} \left(\prod_{a_i \in S} a_i \right) \quad \text{Show ALL your steps! The final answer should be a single integer.}$$

- Q2.** a) [1 POINT] State the **Well-Ordering Principle**. Be precise!

- b) [2 POINTS] Let $S = \{k \in \mathbb{N} : \exists x, y \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } k = 30x + 12y\}$. Briefly and clearly justify **why** S has a **smallest element**. (you do NOT need to find $\min(S)$).

- Q3.** [4 POINTS] Consider the following three sets:

$$W = \{20k + 7 : k \in \mathbb{Z}\}, \quad A = \{10m + 7 : m \in \mathbb{Z}\} \quad S = \{5n + 2 : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}.$$

Rigorously prove that $(W \times A) \subseteq (A \times S)$.

Be sure to use appropriate mathematical notation throughout and briefly justify each step of your proof.

- Q4.** Let \sim be a relation on \mathbb{Z} , defined as follows:

$$\forall a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, \quad a \sim b \iff 5 \mid (a + 4b)$$

- a) [5 POINTS] Carefully prove that \sim is an **equivalence relation** on \mathbb{Z} .
- b) [2 POINTS] Find 2 distinct elements that belong to the **equivalence class** $[-1]_{\sim}$. Briefly justify each of your answers.

Q5.(a) [2 POINTS] Use modular arithmetic to evaluate the following expression in \mathbb{Z}_6 .

Give your answer in terms of one of the canonical representatives $[0], \dots, [5]$ and show your steps:

$$([-2] \oplus [41]) \odot ([14] \odot [17])$$

(b) **[2 POINTS]** Does $[4] \in \mathbb{Z}_9$ have a **multiplicative inverse** in \mathbb{Z}_9 ?

If so, give $[4]^{-1}$ in terms of its canonical representative $[0], [1], \dots, [8]$ and briefly justify your answer. If not, briefly justify.

(c) **[2 POINTS]** Does $[6] \in \mathbb{Z}_9$ have an **additive inverse** in \mathbb{Z}_9 ?

If so, give $-[6]$ in terms of its canonical representative $[0], [1], \dots, [8]$ and briefly justify your answer. If not, briefly justify.

Q6. [5 POINTS] Prove the following statement:

$$\text{If } c, a, y \in \mathbb{R} \text{ and } y + 1 \neq 0, \text{ then } \frac{(c + a)y}{y + 1} + \frac{a + c}{1 + y} = c + a.$$

Do NOT use any propositions stated in class or DGDs.

Each step should be clearly justified with a single axiom of \mathbb{R} or the definition of division.

Be specific when you justify each step: name the axiom or definition that is being applied.
