

**Instructions.** Answer each of the questions on your own paper, and be sure to show your work so that partial credit can be adequately assessed. There is a total of 70 points possible. Put your name on each page of your paper.

1. [12 Points] Let  $m = 143$  and  $n = 176$ .
  - (a) Calculate the greatest common divisor  $d = \gcd(m, n)$ .
  - (b) Write  $d$  in the form  $sm + tn$  for some integers  $s$  and  $t$ .
2. [12 Points] Use induction to prove **one** of the following. Take your pick. (Just make a direct induction proof. Do not assume any other facts about congruences or summation formulas.)
  - (a) For any positive integer  $n$ ,  $n^3 + 5n$  is a multiple of 3.
  - (b) For any positive integer  $n$ ,  $\sum_{k=1}^n (2k + 1) = n(n + 2)$ .
3. [10 Points] Use properties of congruences to compute the following. Express your answers as the least residue (mod  $n$ ), that is, in the form  $x \pmod{n}$  where  $0 \leq x < n$ . Make the arithmetic as easy as possible.
  - (a)  $708 \cdot 75 \cdot 6999 \pmod{7}$
  - (b)  $7^5 + (602)^5 \pmod{6}$
4. [12 Points] Short answer questions.
  - (a) Fill in the blanks to complete the statement of the division algorithm: Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers with  $b > 0$ . Then there exist unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  such that   

where.
  - (b) Euclid's Lemma states: Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers and let  $p$  be a  number.   
 If  $p \mid ab$ , then .
  - (c) **True or False.** If, for nonzero integers  $a, b, d$ , there are integers  $x$  and  $y$  with  $ax + by = d$ , then  $d$  is the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$ .
  - (d) Define a binary operation  $\circ$  on the integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  to be ordinary subtraction. That is,  $a \circ b = a - b$ . Is 0 an identity element for the binary operation  $\circ$ ? Explain.
5. [12 Points] Define a relation  $\sim$  on  $\mathbb{Z}_8$  by  $x \sim y$  if  $x^2 = y^2$ , where  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}_8$ .
  - (a) Verify that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $\mathbb{Z}_8$ .
  - (b) Find all of the distinct equivalence classes for the equivalence relation  $\sim$ .
6. [12 Points] Let  $G_1 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} : a, b, c \in \mathbb{R}, ac \neq 0 \right\}$  and  $G_2 = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ 0 & c \end{bmatrix} : a, c \in \mathbb{R}, ac \neq 0, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ .
  - (a) Show that  $G_1$  is a subgroup of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .
  - (b) Show that  $G_2$  is not a subgroup of  $\text{GL}_2(\mathbb{R})$ .

**Bonus (10 Points)** If  $G$  is a group with  $x^2 = e$  for all  $x \in G$ , where  $e$  is the identity, prove that  $G$  is abelian.