

1. The numbers 3, 5, 7 are all prime; does it ever happen again that three numbers of the form  $n, n + 2, n + 4$  are all prime?
2. Between 10 and 20 there are 4 primes; does it ever happen again that there are 4 primes between two consecutive multiples of 10 (apart from between 0 and 10)?
3. Consider the sequence 41, 43, 47, 53, 61, ... (where each difference is 2 more than the previous one). Are all of these numbers prime?
4. Does there exist a block of 100 consecutive positive integers, none of which is prime?
5. Show that  $2^{19} + 5^{40}$  is not prime. Show also that  $2^{91} - 1$  is not prime.
6. If  $n^2$  is a multiple of 3, must  $n$  be a multiple of 3?
7. Show that, for every positive integer  $n$ , the number  $3^{3n+4} + 7^{2n+1}$  is a multiple of 11.
8. Write down carefully (while not looking at your notes) a proof that there are infinitely many primes. By considering numbers of the form  $4p_1p_2 \dots p_k - 1$ , prove that there are infinitely many primes of the form  $4n - 1$ . What would go wrong if we tried a similar proof to show that there are infinitely many primes of the form  $4n + 1$ ?
9. Prove that  $2^{2^n} - 1$  has at least  $n$  distinct prime factors.
10. We are given an operation  $*$  on the positive integers, satisfying
  - (i)  $1 * n = n + 1$  for all  $n$
  - (ii)  $m * 1 = (m - 1) * 2$  for all  $m > 1$
  - (iii)  $m * n = (m - 1) * (m * (n - 1))$  for all  $m, n > 1$ .Find the value of  $5 * 5$ .
11. Suppose that we have some positive integers (not necessarily distinct) whose sum is 100. How large can their product be?
12. Find a positive integer  $a$  such that, for every positive integer  $n$ , the number  $n^4 + a$  is not prime.
13. Let  $x, y$  and  $z$  be positive integers satisfying  $x^2 + y^2 + 1 = xyz$ . Prove that  $z = 3$ .
14. The *repeat* of a positive integer is obtained by writing it twice in a row (so for example the repeat of 254 is 254254). Is there a positive integer whose repeat is a square number?
- +15. Among a group of  $n$  dons, any two have exactly one mutual friend. Show that some don is friends with all the others.