

Exercise-set 1.
Solutions

1. a) 36,
b) 24.
2. 250
3. a) By contradiction, using $a^n - 1 = (a - 1)(a^{n-1} + a^{n-2} + \dots + 1)$.
b) By contradiction, using $a^n + 1 = (a + 1)(a^{n-1} - a^{n-2} + \dots + 1)$, if n is odd.
4. a) true,
b) true,
c) true.
5. a) $m = 1, 2, 5, 10$,
b) $m = 1, 2, 3, 6$,
c) $m = 1, 3, 5, 15$.
6. $n = 1, 5$ (and $-1, -5$).
7. 11 (and $m = 128, 256$ or 512).
8. a) No (e.g. $n = 14$),
b) Yes (13 is a prime divisor of 39).
9. a) 1,
b) 1,
c) -1,
d) 32,
e) 57.
10. a) 1,
b) 99,
c) 51,
d) 39.