

MATHEMATICS ENRICHMENT CLUB.

Solution Sheet 9, June 23, 2015 <sup>1</sup>

1. Since  $x$  and  $y$  are both integers, we can only get a solution when  $x$  is an even number. If  $x \in y \in 0$ , then  $x = 2k$  for  $k = 1; 2; \dots; 49$  and the corresponding values for  $y$  are  $y = \frac{1}{2}(100 - 2k)$ ; that is for each choice of  $x \in 0$ , there are two choices for  $y$ . If  $x = 0$  then  $y = 50$ . Similarly, if  $y = 0$  then  $x = 100$ . Therefore the total number of different solutions is  $4 \cdot 49 + 2$

4. I think there was a typo in part (a) that made it trivial once solution to (b) is founded, the question is suppose to be  $x^3 - 5[x] = 10$ .

(a)  $x^3$  must be an integer as  $x^3 = 10 + 5[x]$ . Also  $x^3 > 10 + 5x$  and  $x^3 > 10 + 5(x-1)$  so  $2 < x < 3$ . Hence  $[x] = 2$  and therefore  $x^3 = 10 + 5 \cdot 2 = 20$  and  $x = \sqrt[3]{20}$ .

(b)  $y^3 - 5[y] = 10$  so  $10 < y^3 < 15$  and  $y^3 = y^2 + 5$ . Hence  $y^3 = 10 + 5[y]$  and  $y^3 - 5[y] = 10$ , and since  $y \neq 0$ ,  $y^2 = 5$  and  $y = \sqrt{5}$ .

5. The answer is 8.

6. Let  $n$  be an even number such that  $5^n \equiv 625 \pmod{1000}$ ; that is the remainder of  $5^n$  is 625. 4. First we prove that  $5^n \equiv 625 \pmod{1000}$ ;

To complete the question, we show that  $n$  is divisible by 5. The possible remainder of an integer  $a$  divided by 5 are 0, 1, 2, 3 and 4, therefore any perfect square number must have remainders  $0^2; 1^2; 2^2; 3^2 \pmod{5}$  and  $4^2 \pmod{5}$ ; that is 0, 1, 4 are the only remainders of a perfect square number when divided by 5. If we consider the remainders of  $2n + 1$  and  $3n + 1$  when divided by 5, for  $n = 0; 1; 2; 3; 4$ , we can see that the only time when both  $2n + 1$  and  $3n + 1$  have remainders either 0, 1, 4 is when  $n = 0$ . Hence the only time when both  $2n + 1$  and  $3n + 1$  are perfect squares is when  $n \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$ ; that is  $n$  is divisible by 5.