COMPUTER SCIENCE TRIPOS Part IA – 2020 – Paper 2

7 Discrete Mathematics (mpf23)

(a) Prove that, for all statements P and Q,

$$(P \Longrightarrow Q) \Longrightarrow ((P \Longrightarrow \neg Q) \Longrightarrow \neg P)$$

[4 marks]

(b) (i) Let p and q be positive integers such that gcd(p,q) = 1.

Prove that, for all integers a and b,

$$a \equiv b \pmod{p \cdot q} \iff (a \equiv b \pmod{p} \land a \equiv b \pmod{q})$$

[5 marks]

[3 marks]

- (*ii*) State Fermat's Little Theorem.
- (*iii*) Let p and q be distinct prime numbers and let e and d be natural numbers such that $e \cdot d \equiv 1 \pmod{(p-1) \cdot (q-1)}$.

Prove that, for all natural numbers n,

$$n^{e \cdot d} \equiv n \pmod{p \cdot q}$$

[8 marks]