Proof By Induction (Divisibility) Exam Questions (From OCR 4725 unless otherwise stated)

Q1, (Jan 2007, Q6)

The sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3, \ldots$ is defined by $u_n = n^2 + 3n$, for all positive integers n.

(i) Show that $u_{n+1} - u_n = 2n + 4$. [3]

(ii) Hence prove by induction that each term of the sequence is divisible by 2. [5]

Q2, (Jan 2009, Q7)

It is given that $u_n = 13^n + 6^{n-1}$, where n is a positive integer.

(i) Show that $u_n + u_{n+1} = 14 \times 13^n + 7 \times 6^{n-1}$. **[3]**

(ii) Prove by induction that u_n is a multiple of 7. **[4]**

Q3, (Jun 2014, Q10)

The sequence $u_1, u_2, u_3, \ldots$ is defined by $u_n = 5^n + 2^{n-1}$.

(i) Find u_1, u_2 and u_3. **[2]**

(ii) Hence suggest a positive integer, other than 1, which divides exactly into every term of the sequence. **[1]**

(iii) By considering $u_{n+1} + u_n$, prove by induction that your suggestion in part **(ii)** is correct. **[5]**