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Directions: Show all work. No credit for answers without work.

1. **[10 points]** Find a primitive root modulo 7. Show work that verifies your selection is a primitive root.

2. [5 points] Let m and n be large integers. Suppose that  $2^{m-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  and  $2^{n-1} \equiv 4 \pmod{n}$ . What, if anything, can you conclude about whether m and/or n is prime, and why?

- 3. [3 parts, 4 points each] Short Answer (no need to show work on this problem). Let p be an odd prime and let g be a primitive root in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ .
  - (a) How many primitive roots are there in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ?
  - (b) What is the order of g in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ?
  - (c) What is the order of  $g^2$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ ?

- 4. Alice and Bob use the multiplication symmetric cipher with prime p = 421 and  $\mathcal{K} = \mathcal{M} = \mathcal{C} = \mathbb{F}_p^*$ . Recall that the encryption function is given by  $e_k(m) = km$ . They choose the key k = 182.
  - (a) [5 points] Alice wishes to send the message m = 282 to Bob. What is the corresponding cipher text?
  - (b) [10 points] Alice receives the ciphertext c = 296 in response. What is the corresponding plaintext message?

- (c) [5 points] How many plaintext/ciphertext pairs does Eve need to compute the shared key? Explain.
- 5. [5 points] Alice and Bob switch to the Exclusive-OR cipher with key k = 01100101. Alice receives the ciphertext c = 00101110. What is the corresponding plaintext?

- 6. [2 parts, 12 points each] Alice and Bob use the ElGamal cipher, with p = 59 and g = 11.
  - (a) Alice picks a = 17 as her private key and in  $\mathbb{F}_p$  computes  $A = g^a = (11)^{17} = 14$  as her public key. Bob wishes to send to Alice the message m = 40 and picks the random element 8. What does Bob send to Alice?

(b) Bob sends a second encrypted message to Alice with ciphertext  $(c_1, c_2) = (39, 5)$ . Help Alice decrypt Bob's message.

- 7. Let p = 179 and let g = 3. We use Shanks's baby-step/giant-step algorithm to compute  $\log_q(4)$  in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ . Note that g has order 89 in  $\mathbb{F}_p$ , and we may take  $n = 1 + \lfloor \sqrt{89} \rfloor = 10$ .
  - (a) [8 points] Compute List 1 (the baby-steps).

(b) [12 points] Compute List 2 (the giant-steps).

(c) [4 **points**] If it exists, find  $\log_g(4)$ .