Maths 255 SC Assignment 5 Due: 28 August 2002

**NB:** Please deposit your solutions in the appropriate box by 4 p.m. on the due date. Late assignments or assignments placed into incorrect boxes will not be marked. Use a mathematics department cover sheet: these are available from outside the Resource Centre.

PLEASE SHOW ALL WORKING.

1. (15 marks) Prove by mathematical induction that, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,

$$1 \cdot 2 + 2 \cdot 3 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{1}{3}n(n+1)(n+2).$$

- **2.** (10 marks) Let  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  and  $W(n) = \{-(n-1), -(n-2), \dots, -1, 0\} \cup \mathbb{N}$ . Prove by mathematical induction on n that W(n) is a well-ordered set.
- **3.** (15 marks) Prove by mathematical induction that, for every  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ ,  $3^{4n+1} + 4^{n+1}$  is divisible by 7.
- **4.** (10 marks) Use the Euclidean algorithm to find the greatest common divisor of 3598 and 1603, and find integers x and y such that

$$\gcd(3598, 1603) = 3598x + 1603y.$$