

a)

$$1^3 - 1 = 0$$

$$2^3 - 2 = 6$$

$$3^3 - 3 = 24$$

$$4^3 - 4 = 60$$

$$n^3 - n = \underbrace{(n-1)n(n+1)}$$

this is a list of three consecutive numbers,
so exactly one of them is divisible by 3, and
at least one is divisible by 2. These are co-prime,
so we know that their product $(2 \cdot 3 \Rightarrow) 6 \mid n^3 - n \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$.

b)

$$1^5 - 1^3 = 0$$

$$2^5 - 2^3 = 24$$

$$3^5 - 3^3 = 216$$

$$4^5 - 4^3 = 960$$

$$n^5 - n^3 = n^3(n^2 - 1) \\ = n^3(n+1)(n-1)$$

As before 3 divides one of $n-1, n, n+1$, and therefore one of $n-1, n^3, n+1$.

If n is even, $8|n^3$. If n is odd, either $n \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ or $n \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$.

In either case, one of $(n-1), (n+1)$ is divisible by 4 and the other is divisible by 2, so $(n-1)n^3(n+1)$ is necessarily divisible by 8.

As 3 is co-prime to 8, their product $24|(n-1)n^3(n+1)$.

c)

$$n^5 - n = n(n^4 - 1) \\ = (n-1)n(n+1)(n^2+1)$$

From a5, $6|(n-1)n(n+1)$. Consider the following

Cases:

$$\begin{array}{ll} n \equiv 0 \pmod{5}, & 5|n \\ n \equiv 1 \pmod{5}, & 5|n-1 \end{array} \quad \begin{array}{ll} n \equiv \pm 2 \pmod{5}, & 5|n^2+1 \\ n \equiv 4 \pmod{5}, & 5|n^2+1. \end{array}$$

In all cases $5 \mid (n-1)n(n+1)(n^2+1)$.

$6 \perp 5$, so $6 \times 5 = 30 \mid (n-1)n(n+1)(n^2+1)$.

d)

$$2^{2^n} - 1 = (2^n)^2 - 1$$

$$\equiv ((-1)^n)^2 - 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\equiv (\pm 1)^2 - 1 \pmod{3}$$

$$\equiv 0 \pmod{3}$$

So $3 \mid 2^{2^n} - 1$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$.