

You need to clear all the fractions before reducing - i.e. multiply by $17!s$ - or present your argument for $s|16!$ first. (14)

Multiply by $17!$ and reduce (mod 17)

$$1 + 16! + 17! \frac{r}{s} = 17! \equiv 0 \pmod{17}$$

Every term in the brackets on previous page has denominator which divides $16!$. The denominator of sum also divides $16!$. So $16/s$ is an integer (if r/s has all common terms cancelled), and $17! r/s \equiv 0 \pmod{17}$

$\therefore 1 + 16! \equiv 0 \pmod{17}$
 $16! \equiv -1 \pmod{17}$ ✓

iii) Note 823 is prime. Follow Wolstenholme's Theorem

iii) $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{823} = \frac{r}{823s}$ ✓ ↑ you can quote this & use the result

$$1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{822} = \frac{r}{823s} - \frac{1}{823}$$

$$= \frac{1}{823} \frac{(r-s)}{s}$$

LHS is $\sum_{k=1}^{822} \frac{1}{k} = \frac{1}{822!} \sum_{k=1}^{822} \frac{822!}{k}$ ✓

The sum is the sum of the products of the numbers $1, 2, 3, \dots, 822$ taken 821 at a time, and is also equal to the coefficient of $-x^{821}$ in the polynomial

$$g(x) = (x-1)(x-2)\dots(x-822)$$

When we expand this we find the coefficient of x^k is the k^{th} elementary symmetric polynomial $(-1)^k S_k$

$$g(x) = x^{822} - S_1 x^{821} + S_2 x^{820} - \dots + (-1)^{821} S_{821} x$$

$$g(823) = 822! = 823^{822} - S_1 823^{821} + (-1)^{821} S_{821} (823) + 822!$$