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Candidates should attempt **ALL** questions from Section A and **ANY THREE** questions from Section B.

**SECTION A: Answer ALL questions in this section [40 marks].**

- A1. Let  $X$  be a non-empty set and  $P(X)$  its power set. Define a relation  $\sim$  on  $P$  by  $A \sim B$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B$ . Investigate whether  $\sim$  is reflexive, symmetric or transitive. [5]
- A2. Using the definition of even integer and odd integer, give a direct proof that this statement is true for all integers  $n$ : if  $n$  is odd, then  $5n + 3$  is even. [3]
- A3. Prove that for any sets  $A, B, C$  we have  $(A \cup B) \times C = (A \times C) \cup (B \times C)$ . [10]
- A4. (a) A compound proposition that is always true is a tautology, irregardless of what truth values its atomic proposition have. Show that the compound proposition  $\neg P \wedge (P \vee Q) \Rightarrow Q$  is a tautology. [4]  
(b) Express the statement "Everyone has exactly one best friend" in predicate logic. [5]
- A5. Prove that a binary operation has at most one identity. [4]

A6. Let  $\oplus$  be a binary operation on  $\mathbb{Z}$  defined by  $\forall m, n \in \mathbb{Z} : m \oplus n = m + nm$ .

- (a) Discuss whether  $\oplus$  is
- (i) commutative, [3]
  - (ii) associative. [3]
- (b) Does  $\mathbb{Z}$  have an identity with respect to  $\oplus$ ? [3]

**SECTION B: Answer THREE questions in this section [60 marks].**

- B7. (a) Let  $P(x, y)$  denote the statement " $x+y=y+x$ ". What is the truth value of the proposition  $(\forall x \in \mathbb{R})(\forall y \in \mathbb{R}), P(x, y)$ ? [2]
- (b) Let  $Q(x, y)$  denote the statement " $x+y=0$ ". What is the truth value of the proposition  $(\exists y \in \mathbb{R})(\forall x \in \mathbb{R}), Q(x, y)$ ? [3]
- (c) Express in predicate logic the statement "If somebody is female and is a parent, then this person is someone's mother." [5]
- (d) Let  $P, Q, R$  be statements. Give truth tables for compound statements:
- (i)  $P \wedge \neg(Q \Rightarrow \neg R)$ , [4]
  - (ii)  $\neg\neg(\neg P \vee \neg\neg Q) \vee R$ , [3]
  - (iii)  $((P \wedge \neg Q) \vee R) \Rightarrow ((R \vee P) \Leftrightarrow (R \vee Q))$ . [3]

B8. (a) Consider the following sets:

$$A = \{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ is divisible by } 2\}$$

$$B = \{m \in \mathbb{N} : m \text{ is the sum of two odd numbers}\}$$

Show that  $A = B$ . [6]

- (b) Consider the function  $f : x \rightarrow x^2 + 1, \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .
- (i) State with reasons, whether or not  $f$  is bijective,
  - (ii) Describe a function  $g$  formed by restricting the domain and codomain of  $f$  that is bijective, and write down the inverse of  $g$ . [9]

(c) Consider the relation  $R$  defined on the set  $\mathbb{R}$  by  $(m, n)R(p, q)$  if and only if

$$mq = np,$$

Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation. [5]

- B9. (a) If  $A$  and  $B$  are non-empty sets prove that  

$$A \times B = B \times A \Leftrightarrow A = B.$$
 [4]
- (b) If  $A_1 \in P(A)$  and  $B_1 \in P(B)$  prove that  

$$A_1 \times B_1 \in P(A \times B).$$
 [4]
- (c) Consider the function  $f: x \rightarrow x^2 + x + 1, \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ .  
 (i) State with reasons whether or not  $f$  is injective and or surjective, [6]  
 (ii) Describe a function  $h$  formed by restricting the domain and codomain of  $f$  that is bijective. [6]
- B10. (a) Use the Principle of Mathematical Induction to prove that  
 (i)  $2^n < n!$  for all nonnegative integers  $n \geq 4$ , [6]  
 (ii)  $2^{2^n} - 1$  is divisible by 3 for all integers  $n \geq 1$ . [6]
- (b) Consider the relation  $R$  defined on the set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{0\}$  by  $xRy$  if and only if  $xy > 0$ .  
 (i) Show that  $R$  is an equivalence relation, [6]  
 (ii) Write down the equivalence classes:  $[1], [-1], [2]$ . [2]
- B11. (a) How many people must be selected from a collection of 15 married couples to ensure that at least two of the persons chosen are married to each other? [3]
- (b) The Lotto game in Zimbabwe requires one to guess correctly, in any order, six numbers out of a possible 45 numbers in order to win the first prize. Find the least number of tickets one has to buy in order to be 100% certain of a first prize given that each ticket allows one to put four different guesses? [5]
- (c) How many different permutations can one form from the word "enemies" if all the letters of the word are used each time? [4]
- (d) Find  $n$  if  $C_n^{n+3} - C_{n-1}^{n+2} = 15(n+1)$  [8]

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