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Instructions:

- This is an 80-minute *closed-book* exam; no notes are allowed. Calculators (without graphing or programming function) are allowed, but not needed.
- The exam consists of 11 questions on 10 pages. Page 10 is for additional work. Please do not detach it.
- Questions 1-6 are multiple-choice. You must enter the letter corresponding to each correct answer in the table preceding Question 1. No partial marks will be given for other work.
- Questions 7-11 are long-answer. You must clearly show all relevant steps in your solution to receive full marks. Clearly indicate the final answer.
- Be sure to read carefully and follow the instructions for the individual problems.
- For rough work, you may use the back pages. Do not use scrap paper of your own.
- Use proper mathematical notation and terminology.
- If you require clarification, raise your hand.
- Good luck!

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Question	1 – 6	7	8	9	10	11	Total
Max	12	3	4	5	4	5	33
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Questions 1–6 are multiple choice. Enter the **letter** corresponding to each correct answer in the appropriate box below.

Question	1	2	3	4	5	6
Answer	B	F	E	E	A	A

1. The truth table of a compound proposition p with atomic propositions A , B , and C is as follows:

A	B	C	p
T	T	T	F
T	T	F	F
T	F	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	F
F	T	F	F
F	F	T	F
F	F	F	T

Only one of the following propositions is a **disjunctive normal form** of p — which one?

- A. $(A \wedge \neg B \wedge C) \vee (A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C)$
B. $(A \wedge \neg B \wedge C) \vee (A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \vee (\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C)$
 C. $\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C$
 D. $(A \vee \neg B \vee C) \wedge (A \vee \neg B \vee \neg C) \wedge (\neg A \vee \neg B \vee \neg C)$
 E. $\neg A \vee \neg B \vee \neg C$
 F. $(A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \vee (\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C)$

$$(A \wedge \neg B \wedge C) \vee (A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C) \vee (\neg A \wedge \neg B \wedge \neg C)$$

2. Let A and B be finite sets with $|A| = 5$ and $|B| = 2$. What is the **cardinality of the power set of $A \times B$** ?

- A. 4 B. 10 C. 16 D. 32 E. 512 **F. 1024.**

$$|A \times B| = |A| \cdot |B| = 2 \cdot 5 = 10$$

$$|\mathcal{P}(A \times B)| = 2^{10} = 1024$$

3. Which of the following statements are **true**?

- F (i) The compound proposition $(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b$ is a tautology.
 T (ii) If the set of premises of an argument is inconsistent, then the argument is valid.
 T (iii) If X is false, Y is true, and Z is false, then $X \wedge Y \rightarrow Z$ is true.
 F (iv) The compound propositions $\neg((a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c)$ and $a \wedge b \wedge \neg c$ are logically equivalent.

A. only (iii) B. only (iv) C. only (i) D. (i) and (iii)

E. (ii) and (iii) F. only (ii)

(i)

a	b	$a \rightarrow b$	$(a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow b$
T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T
F	T	T	T
F	F	T	F

(ii) If $\{H_1, \dots, H_n\}$ is inconsistent, then $H_1 \wedge \dots \wedge H_n$ is F and so $(H_1 \wedge \dots \wedge H_n) \rightarrow C$ is T

(iii) Since $X \wedge Y$ is F, $X \wedge Y \rightarrow Z$ is T

(iv) $\neg((a \rightarrow b) \rightarrow c) \equiv \neg(\neg(a \rightarrow b) \vee c) \equiv \neg(\neg(\neg a \vee b) \vee c) \equiv (\neg a \vee b) \wedge \neg c \equiv \neg a \vee b \wedge \neg c$

4. On the Island of Knights and Knaves you meet two inhabitants A and B . Person B says: "A is a knave only if I am a knave." Which of the following statements is **true**?

- (i) A is a knight and B is a knave.
 (ii) A is a knave and B is a knight.
 (iii) A and B are both knaves.
 (iv) A and B are both knights.
 (v) B is a knight but it is impossible to determine what A is.
 (vi) A is a knight but it is impossible to determine what B is.

A. (v) B. (iii) C. (i) D. (vi) E. (iv) F. (ii)

p : "A is a knight", q : "B is a knight"

B says: $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$

p	q	$\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$
T	T	T
T	F	T
F	T	F
F	F	T

q and $\neg p \rightarrow \neg q$ need to have the same truth value

So, p is T and q is T:

A and B are both knights.

5. Let $S = \{1, \{2\}, \{1, 2\}, \emptyset\}$. Which of the following statements are **true**?

- (i) $\{\{1\}, \emptyset\} \subseteq S$ F since $\{1\} \notin S$ ($\{1\}$ is not an element of S)
 (ii) $\{1, \{2\}\} \in S$ F since $\{1, \{2\}\} \notin S$ ($\{1, \{2\}\}$ is not an element of S)
 (iii) $\{1, \{1, 2\}\} \subseteq S$ T since $1 \in S$ and $\{1, 2\} \in S$
 (iv) $\{1, 2\} \subseteq S$ F since $2 \notin S$ (2 is not an element of S)
 (v) The cardinality of the power set of S is 8. F since $|S| = 4$ and so $|\mathcal{P}(S)| = 2^4 = 16$
 (vi) $\{\emptyset\} \in S$ F since $\{\emptyset\}$ is not an element of S

- A. only (iii) B. (i) and (iii) C. only (v) D. (ii) and (vi)
 E. (iii) and (v) F. (iv) and (vi)

6. Which of the following arguments (rules of inference) are **invalid**?

$$(i) \frac{a \rightarrow b}{\neg a} \quad \therefore \neg b$$

$$(ii) \frac{a \rightarrow b}{\neg b} \quad \therefore \neg a$$

$$(iii) \frac{a \vee b}{\neg a \vee c} \quad \therefore b \vee c$$

$$(iv) \frac{a \vee b}{\neg b} \quad \therefore a$$

$$(v) \frac{a \vee b}{\neg a \vee c} \quad \therefore b \wedge c$$

$$(vi) \frac{a \rightarrow b}{\neg a \rightarrow c} \quad \therefore \neg b \rightarrow c$$

- A. (i) and (v) B. (ii) and (v) C. (iii) and (vi) D. (i) and (iv) E. only (vi)

(i) is invalid

(ii) is valid: Modus tollens

(iii) is valid: Resolution

(iv) is valid: Disjunctive syllogism

(v) is invalid

(vi) is valid: $a \rightarrow b \equiv \neg b \rightarrow \neg a$ and

$$\frac{\neg b \rightarrow \neg a}{\neg a \rightarrow c} \quad \therefore \neg b \rightarrow c$$

is valid: \rightarrow Hypothetical syllogism

3 points

7. Let A , B , and C be subsets of the universal set U . Use properties of set operations and set identities to show the following. *You need not name the identities used.*

$$A - (\overline{C} \cap B) = (A \cap C) \cup (A - B)$$

$$A - (\overline{C} \cap B) = A \cap \overline{(\overline{C} \cap B)}$$

1P

$$= A \cap (C \cup \overline{B})$$

1P

$$= (A \cap C) \cup (A \cap \overline{B})$$

1P

$$= (A \cap C) \cup (A - B)$$

4 points 8. Define the following atomic propositions:

H : "The tiger hides."

F : "The hunt is finished soon."

K : "The tiger is killed."

E : "The hunter is eaten by the tiger."

N : "The hunt is happening at night."

Translate each of the following sentences into compound logical propositions using the atomic propositions H , F , K , E , and N as defined above.

- (a) For the hunt to be finished soon, it is necessary that the tiger be killed or the hunter be eaten by the tiger.

1P

$$F \rightarrow K \vee E$$

- (b) The tiger hides only if the hunt is happening at night.

1P

$$H \rightarrow N$$

- (c) For the hunt to be finished soon, it is necessary and sufficient that the hunt be happening at night and the hunter be eaten by the tiger.

1P

$$F \leftrightarrow N \wedge E$$

- (d) If the tiger hides or the hunt is not happening at night, then (the hunt is not finished soon unless the hunter is eaten by the tiger).

1P

$$H \vee \neg N \rightarrow (\neg E \rightarrow \neg F)$$

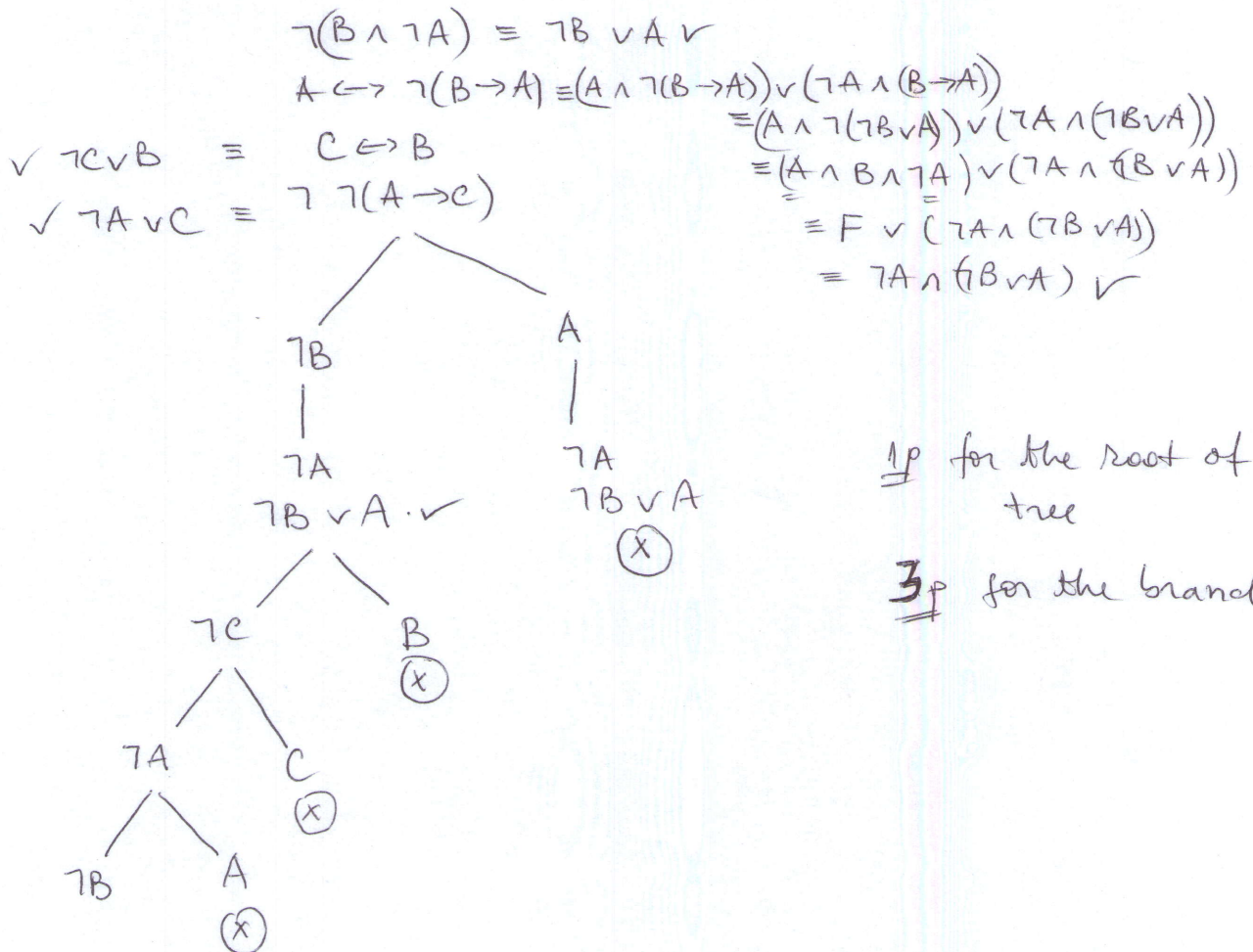
5 points

9. Use any method you know to determine whether or not the argument below is valid. If the argument is not valid, give a counterexample.

$$\begin{array}{ll}
 H_1 & \neg(B \wedge \neg A) \\
 H_2 & A \leftrightarrow \neg(B \rightarrow A) \\
 H_3 & C \leftrightarrow B \\
 \hline
 C & \therefore \neg(A \rightarrow C)
 \end{array}$$

Construct a truth tree for

$$H_1 \wedge H_2 \wedge H_3 \wedge \neg C$$



1p for the root of the tree

3p for the branches.

Since there exists a complete active path, the argument is not valid

Counterexample: $A: F$, $B: F$ and $C: F$

(you can verify that H_1 , H_2 and H_3 are T, but C is F in this case)

1p

4 points

10. Let n be an integer. Give an **indirect proof** of the following theorem.

If $n^2 + 2n - 1$ is an odd integer, then n is an even integer.

let p : " $n^2 + 2n - 1$ is odd"

q : " n is even"

1P

We need to prove $p \rightarrow q$.

Assume $\neg q$ is true. We need to have $\neg p$ is true.

1P

" n is odd"

If n is odd, there exists an integer k such that

$$n = 2k + 1$$

1P

$$\text{Then, } n^2 + 2n - 1 = (2k + 1)^2 + 2(2k + 1) - 1$$

$$= 4k^2 + 4k + 1 + 4k + 2 - 1$$

$$= 4k^2 + 8k + 2$$

$$= 2(2k^2 + 4k + 1)$$

1P

If we denote $m = 2k^2 + 4k + 1$, then $n^2 + 2n - 1 = 2m$, with $m \in \mathbb{Z}$. Hence, $\neg p$ is true ($n^2 + 2n - 1$ is even).

(Please give full points even if they do not work with propositional variables, in case their mathematical proof is correct).

5 points

11. Is the function $F: \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ defined by

$$F(x, y) = (2y, 3x + y)$$

- (a) one-to-one?
 (b) onto?
 (c) a bijection?

Fully justify your answer.

(a) Let $(x_1, y_1) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ such that $F(x_1, y_1) = F(x_2, y_2)$
 and

$$(x_2, y_2) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$$

(This means $x_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$, $y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ and $y_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$)

So, $(2y_1, 3x_1 + y_1) = (2y_2, 3x_2 + y_2)$ and hence

$$\begin{cases} 2y_1 = 2y_2 \\ 3x_1 + y_1 = 3x_2 + y_2 \end{cases} \Rightarrow y_1 = y_2 \Rightarrow x_1 = x_2, \text{ Therefore}$$

$$(x_1, y_1) = (x_2, y_2),$$

i.e. F is one-to-one

(b) Let $(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ such that $F(x, y) = (a, b)$.

It follows that $(2y, 3x + y) = (a, b)$. Solve for x and y .

$$\begin{cases} 2y = a \\ 3x + y = b \end{cases} \Rightarrow y = \frac{a}{2} \text{ and } x = \frac{b - y}{3} = \frac{b - \frac{a}{2}}{3} = \frac{b}{3} - \frac{a}{6}$$

However, there exist no integer values of a and b such that $(x, y) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$.

Take $a = 1$ and $b = 1$. We have $(1, 1) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ but the equation $F(x, y) = (1, 1)$ does not have a solution in $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ ($x = \frac{1}{3} - \frac{1}{6} = \frac{1}{6} \notin \mathbb{Z}$ and $y = \frac{1}{2} \notin \mathbb{Z}$)

Therefore, F is not onto.

(c) F is not a bijection since F is not onto.

Additional work space. Do not detach this page.