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**INSTRUCTIONS:**

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Question 1

Consider a propositional language where

- $p$  means “Paula is happy”
- $q$  means “Paula paints a picture”
- $r$  means “Renzo is happy”.

Formalise the following sentences writing them as propositional formula using logical connectives:

a) “If Paula is happy and paints a picture, then Renzo isn’t happy.” [1]

b) “Paula is happy only if she paints a picture or Renzo is happy.” [1]

c) Negate the formula in a) and write it in negation normal form. [2]

Question 2

Use the truth table below to verify whether the following logical argument is sound:  $p \vee (\neg q \wedge r) \models q \vee \neg r \rightarrow p$  [3]

| $p$ | $q$ | $r$ |  |
|-----|-----|-----|--|
| T   | T   | T   |  |
| T   | T   | F   |  |
| T   | F   | T   |  |
| T   | F   | F   |  |
| F   | T   | T   |  |
| F   | T   | F   |  |
| F   | F   | T   |  |
| F   | F   | F   |  |

$\therefore$

Question 3

Use Semantic Tableau to verify whether the following argument form is valid:

[4]

$$\exists x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x)); \exists xP(x) \models \exists xQ(x)$$

Question 4

Write the following formula in prenex conjunctive normal form:

[4]

$$\exists z \left( \exists x Q(x, z) \vee \exists x P(x) \right) \rightarrow \neg \left( \neg \exists x P(x) \wedge \forall x \exists z Q(z, x) \right)$$

Question 5

- a) In a digital computer, a bit is one of the integers  $\{0, 1\}$ , and a word is any string of 32 bits. How many different words are possible? [1]

- b) A die is rolled 30 times. What is the probability that a 6 turns up exactly 5 times? [2]

Question 6

What is the coefficient of  $x^4y^3$  in  $(5x + 2y)^7$ ?

[3]

Question 7

Two people share the same birthday if it is on the same day and month of the year. If we ignore leap days, how many people need to be in a group to guarantee that at least two people will share the same birthday?

[1]

Question 8

At a university, 14 students signed up for Discrete Mathematics, 12 students signed up for Linear Algebra, and 6 students signed up for both courses. How many of the students signed up for at least one of the two courses?

[2]

Question 9

Find the general solution of the Diophantine equation,  $33x - 21y = 15$ ,  $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

[4]

Question 10

- a) Use Euclid's algorithm to find  $\gcd(381, 408)$  and write this as a linear combination, i.e. find  $u$  and  $v$  such that  $\gcd(381, 408) = 381u + 408v$ .

[4]

b) Solve the following congruence or explain why no solution exists:  $381x \equiv 231 \pmod{408}$ .

[3]

Question 11

Use the Chinese Remainder Theorem to solve the following system of congruences:

[4]

$$x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$$

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{7}$$

$$x \equiv 1 \pmod{8}$$

Question 12

Consider an RSA cryptosystem with  $n = 11 \times 13 = 143$  and  $e = 7$ , i.e. the public key is  $(143; 7)$ . Determine  $d$  in the corresponding private key  $(143; d)$ .

[4]

Question 13

Prove the following theorems:

- a) Every natural number greater than 1 has a prime divisor.

[3]

b) There are infinitely many prime numbers.

[4]