

# TEST 1

(Math 258 , B)

1. Let  $P(x)$  be the statement “ $x + 1 = 2$ .” If the universe of discourse consists of the integers, what is the truth value of the following? Explain. (15 pts)

(a)  $P(0)$                       (b)  $\exists xP(x)$                       (c)  $\forall xP(x)$

2. Determine the truth value of the following statements, if the universe of discourse consists of all real numbers. Explain. (15 pts)

(a)  $\forall x\exists y(x = y^2)$     (b)  $\forall x\exists y(xy = x)$     (c)  $\exists x\exists y[(x + 3y = 1) \wedge (2x + 6y = 3)]$

3. Determine whether the following arguments are valid, giving counterexamples where necessary: (10 pts)

(a) If  $x$  is a real number such that  $x > 3$ , then  $x^2 > 9$ .  
Suppose that  $x \leq 3$ , then  $x^2 \leq 9$ .

(b) If  $x^2$  is irrational, then  $x$  is irrational.  
Suppose  $x$  is irrational, then  $x^2$  is irrational.

4. Use a truth table to show that the following argument is valid: (15 pts)

$$\begin{array}{l} \neg r \\ p \rightarrow r \\ q \rightarrow r \\ \hline \neg(p \wedge q) \end{array}$$

5. Prove, or disprove, that the product of two irrational numbers is irrational. (10 pts)  
(*Note:* If you are disproving, provide a counterexample)

6. Prove that if  $n^3 + 5$  is odd, where  $n$  is an integer, then  $n$  is even. (10 pts)  
(*Hint:* Use proof by contradiction)

7. Prove that if  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  are real numbers, then  $\min(a, \min(b, c)) = \min(c, \min(a, b))$ .  
(*Hint:* Use proof by cases) (10 pts)

8. Show that, for integers, the following statements are equivalent: (15 pts)  
(*Hint:* consider proof by contradiction for some of your steps)

- (i)  $3n + 2$  is even
- (ii)  $n + 5$  is odd
- (iii)  $n^2$  even.