

MATHEMATICS 271

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NO CALCULATORS PLEASE.

[6] 1. Use the **Euclidean algorithm** to find  $\gcd(72, 17)$ . Then use your work to write  $\gcd(72, 17)$  in the form  $72a + 17b$  where  $a$  and  $b$  are integers.

[6] 2. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the statement:

for all sets  $A$  and  $B$ , if  $A \cup B = \{1, 2\}$  then  $\{1, 2\} \in \mathcal{P}(A) \cup \mathcal{P}(B)$ .

(Here  $\mathcal{P}(X)$  denotes the power set of the set  $X$ .)

(a) Write (as simply as possible) the *negation* of statement  $\mathcal{S}$ .

(b) *Disprove* statement  $\mathcal{S}$ .

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[11] 3. Let  $\mathcal{S}$  be the statement:

for all integers  $n$ , if  $6 \mid n$  then  $9 \mid (n^2 + 3n)$ .

(a) Is  $\mathcal{S}$  true? Give a proof or disproof.

(b) Write out (as simply as possible) the *contrapositive* of statement  $\mathcal{S}$ . Is it true or false? Explain.

(c) Write out (as simply as possible) the *converse* of statement  $\mathcal{S}$ . Is it true or false? Explain.

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[6] 4. Of the following two statements, one is true and one is false. Prove the true statement. Disprove the false statement by writing out its negation and proving that. ( $\mathbb{Z}$  denotes the set of all integers.)

(a)  $\forall A \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \exists B \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  so that  $1 \in B - A$ .

(b)  $\forall A \subseteq \mathbb{Z} \exists B \subseteq \mathbb{Z}$  so that  $1 \notin B - A$ .

[5] 5. You are given that  $A$  and  $B$  are arbitrary subsets of the set  $\mathbb{Z}$  of all integers such that  $A \cap B = \{1\}$ .

(a) Find an element of  $A \times B$ . Explain.

(b) Find an element of the complement  $(A \times B)^c$ . (Here assume the universal set is  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .) Explain.

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[6] 6. Prove **using mathematical induction** (or well ordering) that  $2^n + 2n \leq 3^n$  for all integers  $n \geq 2$ .