
UNIVERSITY OF ESWATINI



MAIN EXAMINATION, 2019/2020

BASS, B.Ed (Sec.), B.Sc.

Title of Paper : Foundations of Mathematics

Course Number : MAT231

Time Allowed : Three (3) Hours

Instructions

1. This paper consists of SEVEN (7) questions in TWO sections.
2. Section A is **COMPULSORY** and is worth 40%. Answer **ALL** questions in this section.
3. Section B consists of FIVE questions, each worth 20%. Answer **ANY THREE (3)** questions in this section.
4. Show all your working.
5. Start each new major question (A1, A2, B2, ..., B6) on a new page and clearly indicate the question number at the top of the page.
6. You can answer questions in any order.

Special Requirements: NONE

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Section A (Answer ALL Questions in this Section)
Question A1 [20 Marks]

- (a) Give clear definitions of the following terms:
- (i) A relation $R : A \rightarrow B$. (2)
 - (ii) A function $f : A \rightarrow B$. (2)
- (b) Let $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. For each relation below, determine whether or not it is a function from X into X . Give reasons for your answers.
- (i) $f = \{(2, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (3, 2), (4, 4)\}$ (2)
 - (ii) $g = \{(3, 1), (4, 2), (1, 1)\}$ (2)
 - (iii) $h = \{(2, 1), (3, 4), (1, 4), (4, 4)\}$ (2)
- (c) (i) Define an *injection* $f : A \rightarrow B$. (2)
- (ii) Show that the function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = 2x - 3$ is an injection. (2)
- (d) Define the relation \sim on \mathbb{Z} as follows: For $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$, $m \sim n$ if $m - n$ is divisible by 3. Prove that \sim is an equivalence relation on \mathbb{Z} . (6)

Question A2 [20 Marks]

- (a) Let p and q be propositions. Write down the valid arguments *modus ponens* and *modus tollens*. (4)
- (b) Construct a truth table for the proposition $p \rightarrow (\neg p \vee q)$ (4)
- (c) Use truth tables to prove the following: $\neg(p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p \vee \neg q$. (4)
- (d) Let $D = \{1, 2, 3\}$ be the domain of discourse. Determine the truth values of the propositions
- (i) $\forall x \forall y, x^2 + y^2 < 12$
 - (ii) $\exists x \forall y, x^2 < y + 1$
 - (iii) $\forall x \exists y, x^2 + y^2 < 12$
- (2,3,3)

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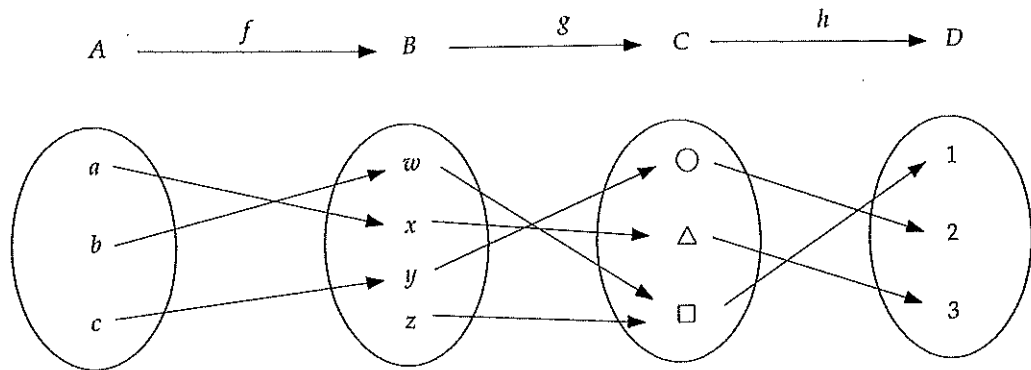
Question B5 [20 Marks]

(a) Find the domain of each function below.

(i) $f(x) = \frac{1}{x^2 - 4}$

(ii) $f(x) = \sqrt{x^2 - 4}$

(b) consider the functions $f, g,$ and h defined in the picture below.



Determine which functions are (i) injective, (ii) surjective, and (iii) invertible.

(c) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ and $g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = 2x + 1$ and $g(x) = x^2 - 2$. Find $(f \circ g)(x)$.

(d) Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$ be surjective functions. Prove that $g \circ f : A \rightarrow C$ is also a surjective function.

Question B6 [20 Marks]

(a) Prove: For $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$ with $b \neq 0$ and $c \neq 0$, if $b \mid a$ and $c \mid b$, then $c \mid a$.

(b) Prove: For an integer m , if m^2 is odd, then m is odd.

(c) Prove: For any integer n , $n^2 + n$ is even.

(d) True or False? (If true, give a proof. If false, explain why.): For all real numbers $x > 0$, $x > \frac{1}{x}$.

Question B7 [20 Marks]

(a) Use mathematical induction to prove:

For all integers $n \geq 1$, $2^{2^n} - 1$ is divisible by 3.

(b) Use strong induction to prove:

For all integers $n \geq 2$, either n is prime or n can be written as a product of prime numbers.

END OF EXAMINATION

Section B (Answer any three (3) Questions in this Section)
Question B3 [20 Marks]

(a) Let $U = \{1, 2, 3, \dots, 9\}$ and let $E = \{2, 4, 6, 8\}$, $O = \{1, 3, 5, 7, 9\}$, and $P = \{2, 3, 5, 7\}$. Find the following sets.

- (i) $E \cap O$ (ii) $O \cap P$ (iii) $O \setminus P$ (iv) O^c

(b) Let $A = \{\Delta, \square, \circ\}$. Write down $\mathcal{P}(A)$, the *power set* of the set A .

(c) Let A be any set and let \emptyset be the emptyset. Show that $\emptyset \subseteq A$.

(d) Prove: *If $A \subseteq B$, then $A \cap B = A$.*

Question B4 [20 Marks]

(a) Use truth tables to show that the following argument is valid.

$$\begin{array}{l}
 p \rightarrow \neg q \\
 r \rightarrow q \\
 r \\
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 \therefore \neg p
 \end{array}$$

(b) Prove without truth tables: $\neg(p \vee q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q) \equiv \neg p$.

(c) Negate each of the following statements.

(i) All UNESWA students live on campus.

(ii) There is a course such that for every UNESWA student, the student takes the course.

(iii) For every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that if $n \geq N$, then $|x_n - L| < \varepsilon$.

(iv) There is a real number x such that for all real numbers y , $x < y$.