

Task 3

Q(2 - a)

A conditional statement is true if the hypothesis is false. Thus it is very easy for the second of these propositions to be true-just have $P(x)$ be something that is not always true, such as "The integer x is a multiple of 2." On the other hand, it is certainly not always true that if a number is a multiple of 2, then it is also a multiple of 4, so if we let $Q(x)$ be "The integer x is a multiple of 4," then $\exists x(P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$ will be true. Thus these two propositions can have different truth values. Of course, for some choices of P and Q , they will have the same truth values, such as when P and Q are true all the time.

Q(14 - a)

Let $S(x, y)$ mean that person x can speak language y . Then our statement is $\exists x S(x, \text{Hindi})$.

Q(15)

b) There are two real numbers that satisfy $x^2 = 2$, namely $\pm\sqrt{2}$, but there do not exist any integers with this property, so the statement is false.

d) Squares can never be negative; therefore this statement is false.

Q(19)

a) We want to assert that $P(x)$ is true for some x in the universe, so either $P(1)$ is true or $P(2)$ is true or $P(3)$ is true or $P(4)$ is true or $P(5)$ is true. Thus the answer is $P(1) \vee P(2) \vee P(3) \vee P(4) \vee P(5)$.

c) This is just the negation of part (a): $\neg(P(1) \vee P(2) \vee P(3) \vee P(4) \vee P(5))$

Q(25)

a) This means that everyone has the property of being not perfect: $\forall x \neg P(x)$. Alternatively, we can write this as $\neg \exists x P(x)$, which says that there does not exist a perfect person.

Q(26)

b) This is true, since $2 + 0 = 2 - 0$.

c) This is false, since there are many values of y for which $1 + y \neq 1 - y$.

f) This is true, since we can take $y = 0$ for each x .

g) This is true, since we can take $y = 0$.

Q(28)

b) false (no such y exists if x is negative)

Q(29)

a) This one is just the assertion that tautologies exist: $\exists x T(x)$

c) The words "can be" are expressing an existential idea-that there exist two contingencies whose disjunction is a tautology. Thus we have $\exists x \exists y (\neg T(x) \wedge \neg C(x) \wedge \neg T(y) \wedge \neg C(y) \wedge T(x \vee y))$. The same final comment as in part (b) applies here. Also note the explanation about contingencies in the preamble.

Q(36)

b) Let $C(x, y)$ mean that person x has chatted with person y . The given statement is $\exists x \exists y (y \neq x \wedge \forall z (z \neq x \rightarrow (z = y \leftrightarrow C(x, z))))$. The negation is therefore $\forall x \forall y (y \neq x \rightarrow \exists z (z \neq x \wedge \neg(z = y \leftrightarrow C(x, z))))$. In English, everybody in this class has either chatted with no one else or has chatted with two or more others.