Logic & Set Theory

3.AB PrelB Maths – Exam A

Unless specified otherwise, you are to **always** (at least briefly) explain your reasoning. Even in closed questions.

Logic - propositions and conjunctions.

a) For each **truth value** (i.e. true or false) of p write down the **truth value** of the proposition [15 %]

$$p \vee \neg p$$
.

You don't have to show your method.

b) Decide whether the proposition

[10 %]

$$(p \Rightarrow q) \lor \neg (p \Rightarrow q)$$

is **always true** regardless of the truth values of p and q. **Explain**.

Basic set operations.

a) Given sets
$$A=\{ \ensuremath{\bullet}\mbox{,}\ \ensuremat$$

Explain your method.

b) Decide whether

 $[10 \ \%]$

$$(A \cup B) \cap C = A \cup (B \cap C)$$

for any sets A, B, C. **Explain**.

Hint: Use Venn diagrams.

[10 %]

Cartesian product and relations.

a) You are given [15 %]

$$A = \{1, 2\}, B = \{a, b, c\} \text{ and } R = \{(2, a), (2, b)\},\$$

where R is a relation from A to B. Provide at least two other relations from A to B that are different from the relation R. You **don't** have to **explain anything**.

b) How many relations are there from A to B if

$$A = \{5\}$$
 and $B = \{\check{\mathbf{e}}, \check{\mathbf{s}}, \check{\mathbf{c}}, \check{\mathbf{r}}, \check{\mathbf{z}}\}$?

Hint: It is not necessary to write all of them. A simple argument suffices.

[10 %]

Equivalence.

- a) For each of the following relations decide if they are an equivalence on the set $A = \{a, b, c\}$ or not. You **don't** need to **explain anything**.
 - $\square R = \{(a,a), (b,b), (c,c)\}$
 - \square $R = \{(a,b), (b,a), (a,a), (b,b), (c,c)\}$
 - \square $R = \{(1,2), (2,3), (1,3)\}$
 - $\square R = A \times A$
 - $\square R = \{(a,a), (b,b), (c,c), (a,b), (b,c), (c,b), (b,a)\}\$

You may use the empty diagrams below to draw the relations from above.

- b) Recall that the relation of *equivalence* is given by three conditions:
 - **reflexivity**: every element is equivalent to itself;
 - **symmetry**: if a is equivalent to b, then b is equivalent to a;
 - **transitivity**: if a is eq. to b and b is eq. to c, then a is eq. to c.

To every point in the visualization of the equivalences from part a) assign one defining condition of equivalence that forces its presence in the equivalence.

For example: 'This specific pair is present because otherwise the symmetry property would not be satisfied'.

Hint: Try assigning only the reflexivity and symmetry conditions. The geometrical representation of transitivity is harder to see.