

Solution to the problems in <https://piazza.com/class/llb4bhwh59g9n/post/1039>
(I'm assuming reductions are made in polynomial time.)

1. ShortestPath, Primality
2. All of them
3. (a) false. To be NP-complete, the problem must be in NP-hard and in NP.
(b) true. By definition (see above).
4. (a) true (it's NP-complete)
(b) false
(c) true (all NP-complete problems can be reduced to all other NP-complete problems)
(d) true (by same logic above)
5. (a) yes, A must be NP-complete, and all NP-complete problems can be reduced to all other NP-complete problems.
(b) yes by above logic.
6. (a) true. Use the reduction to transform the certificate into an instance of B, which is NP. Therefore, A is also NP.
(b) true. Reducing A to B doesn't tell if it is in P or NP-hard. (However, if we reduced B to A, we'd know A was NP-complete.)
(c) false. As explained above, this isn't necessarily true.
7. Create a graph $G' = G$. Let $k' = |V| - k$. Run independent set on G' and k' . Let S' be the returned independent set. Then, the solution to edge-monitoring is $S = V - S'$. (Clearly, this reduction is polynomial-time.)

Now, we prove that G' has a size- k' independent set S' IFF G has a size- k edge-monitoring set S .

Assume, G' has a size- k' independent set S' .

For every edge $e \in E$, e cannot have both vertices in S' since S' is an independent set.

Therefore, at least one of the vertices of e must be in S .

Therefore, e is monitored.

Therefore, every edge is monitored. (i.e. S is a "vertex cover")

Assume G has a size- k solution to edge-monitoring (a "vertex cover") S .

For every edge $e \in E$, e must have at least one vertex in S since it is covered by S .

Therefore, e does not have both vertices in S' .

Therefore, no edge connects 2 vertices in S' .

Therefore, S' is an independent set.