

## Question 6

$$\min(a, \min(b, c)) = \min(\min(a, b), c)$$

If  $a$  is the smallest (or equal to the smallest), then clearly,  $a \leq \min(b, c)$ , so the left side is just  $a$ . On the right side, we have  $\min(\min(a, b), c) = \min(a, c) = a$ . So we have  $a = a$ .

If  $b$  is the smallest (or equal to the smallest), we can use the same reasoning to show that  $\min(a, \min(b, c)) = \min(a, b) = b$  on the left, and  $\min(\min(a, b), c) = \min(b, c) = b$  on the right, and we have  $b = b$ .

If  $c$  is the smallest (or equal to the smallest), then we have  $\min(a, \min(b, c)) = \min(a, c) = c$  on the left and  $\min(\min(a, b), c) = c$  on the right. Again, we have  $c = c$ .

Since one of the three has to be smallest, all cases have been taken care of.