# Computational Semantics

#### Q 1.

Properly parenthesize the given formulas:

- (a)  $\exists x.Px \land Qx$
- (b)  $\exists x.Px \land \forall y.Qxy \lor Qyx$
- (c)  $\exists x.Px \land \neg \forall y.Qxy \lor Qyx$

#### Q 2.

Simplify the following formulas by eliminating as many parentheses as possible:

- (a)  $((\neg Qy) \lor (\exists x(Px \to Tx)))$
- (b)  $((\neg (Qy \land Pz)) \lor ((\exists xPx) \to Tx))$
- (c)  $(((\neg(Qy \land Pz)) \lor (\exists xPx)) \to Tx)$

#### Q 3.

Express the following sentences in first-order logic:

- (a) A sample was contaminated.
- (b) Everything ends.
- (c) Every semester ends.
- (d) Every student admires some movie.
- (e) If an instructor fails, every student passes.
- (f) No student failed.
- (g) Some humans love math, but not all who love math are humans.
- (h) No book is worth reading, except if it is written before 1900.
- (i) People without friends are unhappy unless they love reading.
- (j) Only people without friends are happy.
- (k) All but one student failed.

#### O 4.

Write the meaning of these sentences in first order logic. You may ignore temporal and aspectual semantics for the moment.

- (1) a. Every student who is tired is happy.
  - b. Every tired student is happy.
  - c. Every successful student is tired.
  - d. John ate only two apples. (Hint: you can use the two place predicate *notid*, meaning 'not identical' or 'not the same individual as'.)

#### O 5.

Write the meaning of these sentences in first order logic. You may ignore temporal and aspectual semantics for the moment.

- (2) a. No one speaks French. (Note: you can take *speak French* as a single lexical item. But, if you like, try to take the two words separately.)
  - b. No one speaks French or Arabic.
  - c. Every student is happy.
  - d. Every student is happy and tired.
  - e. Every student is happy, and every student is tired.
  - f. Every student is happy or tired.
  - g. Every student is happy, or every student is tired.

#### O 6.

- (a) Do (2d) and (2e) mean the same thing? Why or why not?
- (b) Do (2f) and (2g) mean the same thing? Why or why not?

#### Q 7.

You have two predicates p and q. Express the following situations in first order logic:

- (a) there is no p that is not also q.
- (b) there is exactly one p.
- (c) there are exactly two ps.
- (d) there is at most one p.

#### Q 8.

Given the formula,

$$\exists y. Fy \land \forall x. Fx \to Exy \tag{1}$$

where *E* is a predicate that stands for equality; in the semantics, it yields true if its arguments are interpreted as the same individual, and false otherwise.

- (a) Give a model that makes (1) true.
- (b) Give a model that makes (1) false.

#### Q 9.

A formula P implies Q, designated  $P \models Q$ , if and only if every model that makes P true also makes Q true.

$$\forall x.Fx \to \exists y.Gxy \models \exists x.Fx \tag{2}$$

Show that the implication in (2) does NOT hold.

## Q 10.

Given the formula,

$$\exists x. Fx \to \forall y. Fy \tag{3}$$

Can you find a model with a non-empty domain that makes (3) evaluate to 0?

### Q 11.

Render the following sentence in first order logic.

(4) Every farmer who owns a donkey beats it.

If you cannot come up with a satisfactory formula, briefly comment on why your efforts have failed.