FOL Natural Deduction Exercise

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Write natural deduction proofs for the following valid arguments using the rules of FOL. The natural deduction rules of TFL are presupposed. From FOL, only rules $\forall E$ and $\exists I$ are required for this exercise. (Questions 7–12 are adapted from arguments written by Paul Teller, who licenses them for this use.)

1.
$$\frac{T(e)}{\exists x T(x)}$$

2.
$$\frac{C(g)}{\exists x C(x) \land \exists y C(y)}$$

3.
$$\frac{K(h) \wedge M(h)}{\exists z (K(z) \wedge M(z))}$$

$$4. \ \, \forall y (\neg K(y) \leftrightarrow L(y)) \\ \frac{L(m)}{\neg K(m)}$$

5.
$$\frac{\forall y \neg M(y)}{\exists y \neg M(y)}$$

6.
$$\forall x (C(x) \lor D(x))$$

 $\frac{\forall y \neg D(y)}{\exists z C(z)}$

7.
$$\exists x R(x, a) \to \forall x R(a, x)$$

$$\frac{R(e, a)}{\exists x R(a, x)}$$

8.
$$L(a, e) \lor L(e, a)$$

 $\exists x L(a, x) \to A$
 $\frac{\exists x L(x, a) \to A}{A}$

9.
$$\exists x J(x) \to Q$$

 $\frac{\forall x J(x)}{Q}$

10.
$$\forall x (M(a,x) \lor M(e,x)) \\ \neg \exists x M(a,x) \lor B(g) \\ \underline{\neg \exists x M(e,x) \lor B(g)} \\ \overline{\exists x B(x)}$$

11.
$$\forall x (K(x, x) \leftrightarrow P(x))$$

 $\forall x [K(j, x) \land (P(x) \rightarrow S(x))]$
 $\exists x S(x)$

12.
$$\forall x(\neg O(x,x) \lor I(x))$$

 $\forall x(I(x)) \to R(x,m))$
 $\forall xO(x,x) \to \exists xR(x,m)$