

PROBLEM SET 1.

1. a) P1 If people can choose their actions, they have free will  
P2 People can choose their actions  
C Therefore, people have free will  
*The argument is logically valid*
- b) P1 Minnie is a cow  
P2 Minnie likes to watch the sunset  
C Therefore, some cows like to watch the sunset  
*The argument is logically valid*
- c) P1 Roger just came back from a holiday in Spain  
C Therefore, Roger has a tan  
*The argument is logically invalid*
- d) P1 Every act of murder is a crime  
P2 Some crimes are morally wrong  
C Therefore, some acts of murder are morally wrong  
*The argument is not logically valid*
- e) P1 The murderer is either the man with the hat or the woman in blue  
P2 The man with the hat is not the murderer  
C Therefore, the woman in blue is murderer  
*The argument is logically valid*
- f) P1 There are salmon here  
C There are fish here  
*The argument is not logically valid*
- g) P1 Everyone who likes music either likes Taylor Swift or Kendrick Lamar  
P2 I like neither  
P3 I like the Beatles  
P4 Everyone who likes the Beatles likes music  
C Therefore, fairies are real  
*The argument is not logically valid*
2. P1 If today is Sunday and not a holiday, Einar is either sleeping in or playing football with his friends  
P2 Today is not a holiday  
P3 Einar only plays football when the weather is nice  
P4 Today it's raining  
P5 If it's raining today, it also rained yesterday  
P6 If it rained yesterday, Einar did not go out

P7 Einar only sleeps in if he went out the previous day  
C Therefore, today is not a Sunday.

3. a) P1 The temperature of the water is 100°C

*P2 Water always boils at 100°C*

C The water is boiling

- b) P1 If Tamal is not an only child, she has a brother

P2 Tamal is not an only child

C Therefore, she either has a brother or she is an only child

*The argument is logically valid*

- c) P1 I don't hate romantic comedies

*P2 If I don't hate something, I must like it*

C Therefore, I like romantic comedies

- d) P1 The state should respect international law

C International law should be respected by the state

*The argument is logically valid (P1 and C are equivalent)*

4. a) It is not the case that the water is boiling

- b) "The temperature of the water is 100°C", "The water is not boiling"

*The set is consistent*

- c) "If Tamal is not an only child she has a brother", "Tamal is not an only child",  
"Tamal is not an only child, nor does she have a brother"

*The set is inconsistent*

- d) "The state should respect international law", "It is not the case that international  
law should be respected by the state"

*The set is inconsistent.*

- e) If an argument is valid, the set containing its premises and the negation of its  
conclusion is inconsistent. Vice versa, if an argument is not logically valid, the  
set consisting of those same elements will be consistent.

- 5 a)

Subject-specific terms:

"dish", "pasta", "Italian", "salsa",  
"contains"

Logical terms:

"not", "every", "if-then", "is"

- b) Not every man who likes bread is French; but if a man likes mustard then he  
definitely isn't French.

- c) (S) is not logically true. Logical truth is defined as being true under any interpretation, and there is at least one interpretation under which (S) is not true.
- 6. Sentence (C) is a contradiction. The sentence “No salty pasta is salty” is logically equivalent to (C), as it is true under the same interpretations (none).