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Quiz #2

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Show all work clearly and in order. Please box your answers. 10 minutes.

1. Determine the following cardinalities:

(a)  $|\{1, 2, 3\}| = 3$

(b)  $|\{\emptyset, \{\emptyset\}\}| = 2$

(c)  $|\emptyset| = 0$

(d)  $|\{5, 5, 6\}| = 2$

(e)  $|\{\{\{5\}\}, \emptyset\}| = 2$

2. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 5\}$ (a) Give an example of an element of  $A$ .

Acceptable answers: 1, 2 or 5

(b) Give an example of a subset of  $A$ .Acceptable answers:  $\emptyset, \{1\}, \{2\}, \{5\}, \{1, 2\}, \{1, 5\}, \{2, 5\}$  or  $A = \{1, 2, 5\}$ 3. Suppose  $B = \{x : x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } x^2 - 1 = 0\}$ . Rewrite  $B$  in list notation.

$$B = \{1, -1\}$$

notice the only  $x$  values where  $x^2 - 1 = 0$  is  $x = 1$  or  $x = -1$   
~~since  $(x-1)(x+1) = 0$~~ these are both integers i.e.,  $1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $-1 \in \mathbb{Z}$ 4. Suppose  $C = \{x : x \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ and } (x - \frac{1}{3})(x - 2) = 0\}$ . Rewrite  $C$  in list notation.

$$C = \{2\}$$

only  $x = 1/3$  and  $x = 2$  are solutions to the equation  $(x - 1/3)(x - 2) = 0$   
but  $1/3 \notin \mathbb{Z}$  and  $2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  so only 2 will be in  $C$ .  
So both are in  $B$ .5. Suppose  $D = \{x : x \in \mathbb{Q} \text{ and } (x - \frac{1}{3})(x - 2) = 0\}$ . Rewrite  $D$  in list notation.

$$D = \{1/3, 2\}$$

again  $x = 1/3$  and  $x = 2$  are the only solutions to the equation  $(x - 1/3)(x - 2) = 0$ and both  $1/3 \in \mathbb{Q}$  and  $2 \in \mathbb{Q}$ so both  $1/3$  and  $2$  will be in  $D$ Recall the definition of  $\mathbb{Q}$ :A real number  $x \in \mathbb{R}$  is said to be rational if we can write  $x = \frac{m}{n}$  for some  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $n \neq 0$ the set of rational numbers is denoted  $\mathbb{Q}$ Another way of writing  $\mathbb{Q}$  is by set builder notation:

$$\mathbb{Q} = \{x : x \in \mathbb{R}, \exists m, n \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ such that } x = \frac{m}{n} \text{ and } n \neq 0\}$$