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Quiz #2

Name: _____

Key

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

1. Verify the following logical equivalence:

$$(p \wedge \neg q) \vee p \equiv p$$

p	q	$\neg q$	$p \wedge \neg q$	$(p \wedge \neg q) \vee p$
T	T	F	F	T
T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	F	F

↑ truth tables are the same. Hence, $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee p \equiv p$
 (i.e., $((p \wedge \neg q) \vee p) \leftrightarrow p$ is a tautology)

2. Use truth tables to verify the validity of the following argument form:

$$\begin{array}{l} p \\ p \rightarrow q \\ \neg q \vee r \\ \hline \therefore r \end{array}$$

premises						conclusion
p	q	r	$\neg q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg q \vee r$	r
T	T	T	F	T	T	T
T	T	F	F	T	F	F
T	F	T	T	F	T	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	T
F	T	F	F	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T	T	T
F	F	F	T	T	T	F

← critical row (only one), and the conclusion is true.
 Hence, the argument form is valid.