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1. A) List the elements of each of the following sets
 - i) $\{x: x \text{ is natural number less than } 5\}$
 - ii) $\{x: x \text{ is a negative integer greater than } -3\}$
 - iii) $\{x: x \text{ is a positive number less than } -5\} \cup \{1, 2, 3\}$
 - iv) $\{x: x \text{ is a positive even number less than } 10\} \cap \{x: x \text{ is an integer.}\}$
 - v) $\{x: x = 4k - 1, \text{ where } k = 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$
 - vi) $\{x: x \text{ is an integer}\} \cap \{1, \sqrt{2}, 3.14, 7\}$B) Given that $A = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$. List the elements of the following sets
 - i) $\{x^3: x \in A\}$
 - ii) $\{x^2 + x: x \in A\}$
 - iii) $\left\{\frac{2}{x+1}: x \in A\right\}$
 - iv) $\{3x^2 + 1: x \in A\}$
 2. Describe each of the following in set builder notation
 - a) $A = \{1, 4, 9, 16, 25\}$
 - b) $B = \{-7, -5, -3, -1\}$
 - c) $C = \{2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 16\}$
 - d) $D = \{1, 2, 4, 8, 16, 32\}$
 3. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, $B = \{2, 4, 6\}$, $C = \{3, 4, 5\}$ and let $E = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$
Find i) B' ii) $A \cup B$ iii) $A \cap B$ iv) $(A \cup B)'$ v) $(A \cap B)'$ vi) $C - B$
vii) $(U - A) \cap (B - C)'$ Viii) $A \cup (C - B)$
 4. Verify or show the following properties:
 - a) Associative Laws: $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$ and $(A \cap B) \cap C = A \cap (B \cap C)$
 - b) Distributive Laws: $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$
and $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$
 5. i) Prove the De Morgan's Laws a) $(B \cap C)' = B' \cup C'$ b) $(B \cup C)' = B' \cap C'$
ii) Prove the $(A')' = A$
iii) Verify or show the De Morgan's Laws a) $(B \cap C)' = B' \cup C'$ b) $(B \cup C)' = B' \cap C'$
 6. If $C \subset D$, then simplify if possible
 - i) $C \cap D$ ii) $C' \cup D'$ iii) $C \cup D'$ iv) $C' \cap (C \cup D)$
 7. If C and D are disjoint, simplify if possible
 - i) $C' \cap D'$ ii) $C' \cup D'$ iii) $(C \cap D)'$ iv) $(C \cup D)'$
 8. Represent each of the following on a Venn diagram

$$\text{i) } A \cap B' \quad \text{ii) } (A \cap B)' \quad \text{iii) } (A \cap B') \cup (A' \cap B) \quad \text{iv) } (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup B')$$

$$\text{v) } [A' \cup (A \cap B)]' \quad \text{vi) } A' \cap B' \cap C$$

9. Using the associative and distributive properties of union and intersection of sets. Show that

$$\text{i) } A = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B') \quad \text{ii) } A \cup B = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap B') \cup (A' \cap B)$$

$$\text{iii) } A \cup (A' \cap B) = A \cup B$$

10. a) Given that X , Y and Z are sets, simplify the following if possible

$$\text{i) } [X' \cup (Y \cap Z)]' \quad \text{ii) } Y' \cap (X \cup Y) \quad \text{iii) } (X \cap Y) \cup (X \cap Y') \quad \text{iv) } (X \cup Y) \cap (X \cup Y')$$

$$\text{v) } [X' \cup (X - Z)]$$

b) Given that X and Y are subsets of some universal set U , simplify the following:

$$\text{(i) } X \cap (X' \cup Y).$$

$$\text{(ii) } [(X \cap Y)' \cap (X' \cup Y)]'.$$

11. a) Using the symbol " \subset " put the set of numbers in ascending order given

$\mathbb{C}, \mathbb{N}, \mathbb{R}, \mathbb{Z}$ and \mathbb{Q}

b) Give the definition of the following sets $\mathbb{Q}^*, \mathbb{R}^*, \mathbb{C}^*$ and \mathbb{Z}^*

12.a) Let $A = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -4 \leq x < 2\}$ and $B = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : x \geq -1\}$. Find a) $A \cap B$ b) A'

b) Let $U = (-6, 9]$ be the universal set, $A = [-2, 4]$, $B = (-1, 5)$ and $C = (-6, 9]$.

Find the following sets:

$$\text{i) } A \cap B \quad \text{ii) } U - C \quad \text{iii) } B' \cup A \quad \text{iv) } (A \cup C)'$$

c) Given that \mathbb{R} , the set of real numbers is the universal set, $A = (-4, 7]$ and $B = [4, \infty)$,

Find

$$\text{i) } A' \quad \text{ii) } B' \quad \text{iii) } A - B \quad \text{iv) } B - A$$

d) Let $A = (-9, 9)$ be the universal set and $X = (-1, 5]$, $Y = [-5, 3]$ and $Z = [-1, 7)$.

Find each of the following sets and display it on the number line:

$$\text{i) } X' \quad \text{ii) } A - X \quad \text{iii) } (X \cap Z)' \quad \text{iv) } (Y - X) \cap Z$$

e) Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9\}$; $B = [1, 5)$ and $C = (3, 8)$. The universal set

is a set of real numbers. If necessary use the real number line and find:

$$\text{(i). } (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \quad \text{(ii). } B \cap C \quad \text{(iii). } (B \cup C)'$$

$$\text{(iv). } (B' \cup C') \cap A$$

13. a) Express the following in the form of $\frac{a}{b}$ where a and b are integers, $b \neq 0$.

$$\text{i) } 0.\overline{33} \quad \text{ii) } 0.\overline{16} \quad \text{iii) } 2.\overline{143} \quad \text{iv) } 3.\overline{7} \quad \text{v) } 1.171717\ldots \quad \text{vi) } 2.5\overline{90}$$

b) Prove that i) $\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

ii) $\sqrt{2}$ is an irrational number

c) Given that $\sqrt{3}$ and $\sqrt{5}$ are irrational, show that the following are not rational numbers

i) $\sqrt{3} + 5$ is an irrational number.

ii) $\sqrt{5} - 1$ is an irrational number

iii) $1 - \sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number