

**SPMS / Division of Mathematical Sciences**  
**MH1300 Foundations of Mathematics**  
**2021/2022 Semester 1**

**MID-TERM EXAM**

11 October 2021

TIME ALLOWED: 50 MINUTES

**NAME:**

**Matriculation Number:**

Question	Marks	Question	Marks
1	<b>20</b>	3	<b>12</b>
2	<b>10</b>	4	<b>8</b>

Total:	<b>50</b>
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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

1. This test paper contains **FOUR (4)** questions and comprises **EIGHT (8)** printed pages, including this cover page.
2. Answer **ALL** questions. This **IS NOT** an **OPEN BOOK** exam.
3. You are allowed both sides of one A4 sized helpsheet.
4. Candidates may use calculators. However, they should write down systematically the steps in the workings.

**QUESTION 1.****(20 marks)**

Show the following. Justify all of your answers.

- (a) Using logical equivalences, deduce whether  $p \rightarrow (q \leftrightarrow (p \wedge q))$  is a tautology, contradiction, or neither. You may use the fact that  $a \leftrightarrow b \equiv (a \rightarrow b) \wedge (b \rightarrow a)$  for every statement forms  $a, b$ .
- (b) Let  $Q(m)$  be the predicate “ $m$  is even”. Write down predicates  $P(m)$  and  $R(m)$  such that:
  - (i) For every  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $P(m)$  is sufficient for  $Q(m)$ , but  $P(m)$  is not necessary for  $Q(m)$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
  - (ii) For every  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $R(m)$  is necessary for  $Q(m)$ , but  $R(m)$  is not sufficient for  $Q(m)$  for some  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

You need to explain your answers.

**QUESTION 1 (Continued).**

**QUESTION 2.****(10 marks)**

Determine if the following is true or false. Justify your answer.

There are positive integers  $n$  and  $m$  such that  $2m^2 + 3n^2 = 31$ .

**QUESTION 2 (Continued).**

**QUESTION 3.****(12 marks)**

Using the definition of  $|x|$ , prove that for all real numbers  $x$  and all positive real numbers  $d$ ,

$$|x| < d \text{ if and only if } -d < x < d.$$

**QUESTION 3 (Continued).**

**QUESTION 4.****(8 marks)**

Show that the following argument is valid. If you've used any rules of inference, state them.

$$\begin{aligned} \neg p &\rightarrow (q \rightarrow \neg r) \\ r &\rightarrow \neg p \\ (\neg s \vee p) &\rightarrow \neg \neg r \\ \neg s \\ \therefore & \quad \neg q \end{aligned}$$