Math 220 – Homework 4

Due Thursday 9/27 at the beginning of class

Total points: 170 (Problems marked by * will count toward writing portion.)

PART A

Problems from the textbook:

• Section 2.1	problem	1*	4*	$5(a,b,e,f,g)^*$
	points	10	20	30

PART B

- 1. * [40 points] Prove or disprove the following statements:
 - (a) For all positive integers $x, y, z, x^{y^z} = (x^y)^z$.
 - (b) If $n \in \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$, then $2^n + 3^n + n(n-1)(n-2)$ is prime.
 - (c) For every integer n, if n is divisible by 2 and n is divisible by 6, then n is divisible by 12.
 - (d) There exists an odd integer n such that $n^2 + 2n + 3$ is odd.
- 2. *[10 points] Let $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that if a|b and b|a, then a = b or a = -b.
- 3. *[10 points] Prove that for every integer x, the integers 3x + 1 and 5x + 2 are of opposite parity.
- 4. *[10 points] Let $x \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that if 7x + 5 is odd, then x is even.
- 5. *[10 points] Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that if xy is odd, then x and y are odd.
- 6. *[10 points] Let $x, y \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that if 3x + 7y is even, then x and y are of the same parity.
- 7. *[10 points] Let $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}$. Prove that if a /bc, then a /b and a /c.
- 8. *[10 points] Prove that if n is an odd integer, then $8|(n^2 + (n+6)^2 + 6)$.