

**MATH 300**  
**Practice EXAM II**  
Duration: 120 minutes

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**DIRECTIONS:**

1. The use of a calculator, laptop, computer, book, or lecture notes is prohibited.
2. *Show all your work neatly and concisely.*

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**"An Aggie does not lie, cheat, or steal, or tolerate those who do."**

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Problem	Points Awarded	Points
1		20
2		10
3		12
4		12
5		12
6		10
7		12
8		12
<b>TOTAL</b>		100

**Problem 1** (2 points each question) **CIRCLE the correct answer.**

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets. We say that  $X$  is a subset of  $Y$ , and write  $X \subseteq Y$ , if

1.  $[x \in X \implies x \in Y]$
2.  $(\exists x)[x \in X \implies x \in Y]$
3.  $(\forall x)[x \in X \implies x \in Y]$
4. none of the above.

Let  $X$  be a set. Then  $\emptyset \subseteq X$ .

1. TRUE
2. FALSE

Let  $X$ ,  $Y$ , and  $Z$  be sets. If  $X \subseteq Y$  and  $Y \subseteq Z$ , then

1.  $Z \subseteq X$ .
2.  $X \subseteq Z$ .
3. none of the above.

We say that two sets  $X$  and  $Y$  are equal, written  $X = Y$ , if

1.  $(X \subseteq Y) \vee (Y \subseteq X)$ .
2.  $(X \subseteq Y) \wedge (Y \subseteq X)$ .
3. none of the above.

Let  $X$  be a set. Then,

1.  $X \cup \emptyset = X$
2.  $X \cup \emptyset = \emptyset$ .
3. none of the above.

Let  $X$  be a set. Then,

1.  $X \cap \emptyset = X$
2.  $X \cap \emptyset = \emptyset$ .
3. none of the above.

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be sets. Then  $X \cap Y \subseteq X$ .

1. *TRUE*
2. *FALSE*

Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be subsets of a universal set  $U$ . Which of the following statements is *FALSE*.

1.  $\overline{U} = \emptyset$ ,
2.  $\overline{\emptyset} = U$ .
3.  $X - Y = Y \cap \overline{X}$ ,
4.  $\emptyset - X = \emptyset$ ,
5.  $X - \emptyset = X$ .
6.  $\overline{\overline{X}} = X$
7. *none of the above.*

For all integers  $k$ ,  $k(k + 3)$  is even.

1. *TRUE*
2. *FALSE*

For the following problem we recall the definition of the absolute value function

$$|x| := \begin{cases} x & \text{if } x \geq 0 \\ -x & \text{if } x < 0 \end{cases}$$

Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . Which of the following statements is *FALSE*.

1.  $|xy| = |yx|$
2.  $|x - y| = |y - x|$
3.  $|x + y| \leq |x| + |y|$
4.  $|x + y| > |x| + |y|$ .
5. *none of the above.*

**Problem 2** (10 points) Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \frac{1}{k(k+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}.$$

**Problem 3** (12 points) Let  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $a_2 = 4$ , and  $a_{n+1} = 7a_n - 10a_{n-1}$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . Conjecture a closed formula for  $a_n$  and prove your result.

**Problem 4** (12 points) Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $3^{2n} - 1$  is divisible by 8.

**Problem 5** (12 points)

1. (7 points) Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,

$$\sum_{k=0}^{n-1} 2^k = 2^n - 1.$$



For the next two questions, for  $i \in \mathbb{N}$ , let  $p_i$  denote the  $i$ th prime number, so that

$$p_1 = 2, \quad p_2 = 3, \quad p_3 = 5, \dots$$

2. (2 points) Given an integer  $m \geq 1$ , show that  $p_{m+1} \leq p_1 p_2 \cdots p_m + 1$ .  
(Hint: you could show by contradiction that if  $1 \leq i \leq m$  then  $p_i$  does not divide  $p_1 p_2 \cdots p_m + 1$ .)

3. (3 points) Prove that for all integers  $n \geq 1$ ,  $p_n \leq 2^{2^{n-1}}$ .  
(Hint: You can use question 1. and question 2.)

**Problem 6** (10 points) Consider the sets

$$A = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid (\exists k \in \mathbb{Z})(n = 4k + 1)\},$$

$$B = \{n \in \mathbb{Z} \mid (\exists j \in \mathbb{Z})(n = 4j - 7)\}.$$

Prove that  $A = B$ .

**Problem 7** (12 points) Let  $X$  and  $Y$  be subsets of a universal set  $U$ . Show that  $\overline{X \cap Y} = \overline{X} \cup \overline{Y}$ .

**Problem 8** (12 points) For this problem you can use the Archimedean principle.

**Archimedean Principle:** For all real number  $x > 0$  there exists an integer  $n \geq 1$  such that  $x < n$ .

Let  $X_n = (\frac{2}{n}, 7n]$  for  $n \geq 1$ .

1. (7 points) Compute  $\bigcup_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ .

2. (5 points) Compute  $\bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} X_n$ .