

These *Jam Problems* are a sampling of the type of problems which could be on the final. These problems are, in no way, meant as a comprehensive review for the cumulative final.

1. **Theorem 1.** For all real numbers  $x$  and  $y$ , if  $x$  is rational,  $x \neq 0$  and  $y \notin \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $xy$  is irrational.

1.1. Complete the following definitions.

A real number  $x$  is rational provided \_\_\_\_\_ .

A real number  $y$  is irrational provided \_\_\_\_\_ .

1.2. Symbolically write Theorem 1.

1.3. Prove Theorem 1. (You may use the closure properties of  $\mathbb{Q}$ .)

2. **Theorem 2.** Let  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ . If  $y$  is irrational then  $(x + y)$  is irrational or  $(x - y)$  is irrational.

2.1. Symbolically write Theorem 2.

2.2. Prove Theorem 2.

3. **Theorem 3.** Let  $a$  and  $b$  be natural numbers such that

$$a^2 = b^3.$$

Then we have the following.

3a. If  $a$  is even then 4 divides  $a$ .

3b. If 4 divides  $a$  then 4 divides  $b$ .

3c. If 4 divides  $b$  then 8 divides  $a$ .

3d. If  $a$  is even then 8 divides  $a$ .

Also

3e. there exists  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $a^2 = b^3$  and  $a$  is even but 8 does not divide  $b$ .

3.1. Prove Theorem 3 parts 3a–3e. You may use, without proving, the following theorems from class.

**Theorem S.** An integer  $z$  is even if and only if  $z^2$  is even.

**Theorem C.** An integer  $z$  is even if and only if  $z^3$  is even.

4. **Theorem 4.** There does not exist an integer  $x$  such that

$$x \equiv 4 \pmod{9} \quad \text{and} \quad x \equiv 5 \pmod{6}.$$

4.1. Explain why we cannot apply modulo arithmetic to the congruences as they are written in Thm. 4.

4.2. Prove Theorem 4.

5. **Theorem 5.** There is a unique natural number  $n$  such that  $n$  and  $n + 1$  are both primes.

5.1. Complete the following definition.

A natural number  $n$  is prime provided \_\_\_\_\_ .

5.2. Symbolically write Theorem 5.

5.3. Prove Theorem 5.

6. **Theorem 6.** Let  $I$  be a nonempty arbitrary indexing set and  $\{A_i : i \in I\}$  be a collection of subsets of some universal set  $U$ . Then

$$\left[ \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \right]^C = \bigcup_{i \in I} (A_i)^C .$$

6.1. Clearly explain why Thm. 6 is true. Use complete sentences. You may (and are encouraged to) use symbolic notation in your explanation. Hint: Write out equivalent statements for  $x \in \left[ \bigcap_{i \in I} A_i \right]^C$ .

7. A Challenging Problem.

**Def.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function from a set  $X$  into a set  $Y$ . Let  $B \subseteq Y$ .

The preimage of  $B$  under  $f$ , denoted by  $f^{-1}[B]$ , is the set  $f^{-1}[B] \stackrel{\text{def}}{=} \{x \in X : f(x) \in B\}$ .

**Note.** So  $x \in f^{-1}[B] \iff_{\substack{\text{by def.} \\ \text{of preimage}}} f(x) \in B$ .

**Theorem 7.** Let  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  be a function from a set  $X$  into a set  $Y$ .

Let  $B_i \subseteq Y$  for each  $i$  in a nonempty index set  $I$ . Then

$$f^{-1} \left[ \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i \right] \subseteq \bigcap_{i \in I} f^{-1}[B_i].$$

7.1. Clearly explain why Thm. 7 is true. Use complete sentences. You may (and are encouraged to) use symbolic notation in your explanation. Hint: Let (your hypothesis)  $x \in f^{-1} \left[ \bigcap_{i \in I} B_i \right]$ . Write out what implications you get from your hypothesis until you get to your wanted conclusion that  $x \in \bigcap_{i \in I} f^{-1}[B_i]$ .

8. A Really Challenging Problem.

**Theorem 8.** For every (strictly) positive real number  $\epsilon$  there is a (strictly) positive real number  $\delta$  such that for each real number  $x$ , if  $2 < x < 3 + \delta$  then  $4 < x^2 < 9 + \epsilon$ .

8.1. Fill in the two blanks as so to symbolically write Theorem 8.

$$(\forall \epsilon \in \mathbb{R}^{>0}) (\exists \delta \in \mathbb{R}^{>0}) (\forall x \in \mathbb{R}) [ ( \text{_____} ) \implies ( \text{_____} ) ]$$

8.2. Prove Theorem 8. Hint. Your  $\delta$  will have a  $\epsilon$  in it, i.e.,  $\delta$  is a function of  $\epsilon$ .