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Test - 1 [Marks: 30]

Date: 08-Sep-2021 (Wednesday), 8:15am – 9:30am

Venue: Online

[**Instructions:** *There are FOUR questions. Answer ALL questions. Be brief and precise.*]

Q1. You are about to leave for university classes in the morning and discover you do not have your glasses. You know that the following *six* statements are true:

F_1 : *If my glasses are on the kitchen table, then I saw them at breakfast.*

F_2 : *I was reading the newspaper in the living room or I was reading the newspaper in the kitchen.*

F_3 : *If I was reading the newspaper in the living room, then my glasses are on the coffee table.*

F_4 : *I did not see my glasses at breakfast.*

F_5 : *If I was reading my book in bed, then my glasses are on the bed table.*

F_6 : *If I was reading the newspaper in the kitchen, then my glasses are on the kitchen table.*

Your task is to derive the answer to the following question logically – “Where are the glasses?”

Please frame logical arguments to formally deduce (applying logical inferencing) the answer to the above question. Present your solution as indicated in the following parts.

- (a) Write all the propositions (that you have used) with English statements (meaning). (1)
- (b) Build suitable propositional logic formula to encode each of the *six* statements $F_1 - F_6$ given above. (3)
- (c) Use logical inferencing rules (or resolution-refutation principle) to completely derive the answer and conclude where do you find the glasses. (3)

Q2. Consider the following statements.

F_1 : *Tony and Mike are members of the Alpine club.*

F_2 : *Every member of the Alpine club is either a skier, or a mountain climber, or both.*

F_3 : *No mountain climber likes rain.*

F_4 : *All skier likes snow.*

F_5 : *Mike dislikes whatever Tony likes and likes whatever Tony dislikes.*

F_6 : *Tony likes rain and snow.*

Your tasks are to do the following:

- (a) Write all the predicates (that you have used) with English statements (meaning). (1)
- (b) Encode the above *six* statements $F_1 - F_6$ in predicate (first-order) logic. (3)
- (c) Use resolution-refutation principle (logical deduction procedure) to prove that,
 G : “*There is a member in the Alpine club who is a mountain climber, but not skier.*” (4)

Q3. A partial order ρ on a set A is called a total order (or a linear order) if for any two different $a, b \in A$ either $a \rho b$ or $b \rho a$. Which of the following relations ρ, σ, τ on \mathbb{N} (the set of natural numbers) are partial orders and/or total orders? – *Provide proper reasoning / justification.*

[Hint: For each of the relations, ρ, σ, τ on \mathbb{N} , first determine whether the relation is a partial order, and if so, then determine whether it is a total order.]

- (a) $a \rho b$ if and only if $a \leq b + 1701$. (2)
- (b) $a \sigma b$ if and only if a divides b , i.e. $b = ax$, for some $x \in \mathbb{N}$. (3)
- (c) $a \tau b$ if and only if either $u < v$, or $u = v$ and $x \leq y$, where $a = 2^u x$ and $b = 2^v y$ with x and y odd. (3)

Q4. Prove or disprove the following *with proper reasoning / justification.*

- (a) Let G be a multiplicative group in which $(ab)^{-1} = a^{-1}b^{-1}$ for all $a, b \in G$.
Then, prove or disprove that G is Abelian. (2)
 - (b) Let R be a ring. Two elements $a, b \in R$ are called associates, denoted $a \sim b$, if $a = ub$ for some unit u of R .
Then, prove or disprove that \sim is an equivalence relation on R . (3)
 - (c) Prove or disprove that the set of all finite subsets of \mathbb{N} (the set of natural numbers) is countable. (2)
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