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**General Instruction(s):** Answer All Questions.

1. Show that the following statements constitute a valid argument:

*“If you send me an e-mail message, then I will finish writing the program.*

*If you do not send me an e-mail message, then I will go to sleep early.*

*If I go to sleep early, then I will be feeling refreshed.*

*Therefore, if I do not finish writing the program, then I will be feeling refreshed. ”*

**Answer(s):**

**Notation:**

P : You send me an e-mail message.

Q : I will finish writing the program.

R : I will go to sleep early.

S : I will be feeling refreshed.

**Symbolization:**  $(P \rightarrow Q) \wedge (\neg P \rightarrow R) \wedge (R \rightarrow S) \implies (\neg Q \rightarrow S)$

**Derivation:**

Step No.	Statement	Rule / Formula / Previous Steps Used
1.	$(\neg P \rightarrow R)$	Rule P
2.	$(R \rightarrow S)$	Rule P
3.	$(\neg P \rightarrow S)$	Rule T / Hypothetical Syllogism / 1 & 2
4.	$(\neg S \rightarrow \neg(\neg P))$	Rule T / Contrapositive Equivalence / 3
5.	$(\neg S \rightarrow P)$	Rule T / Negation Law / 4
6.	$(P \rightarrow Q)$	Rule P
7.	$(\neg S \rightarrow Q)$	Rule T / Hypothetical Syllogism / 5 & 6
8.	$(\neg Q \rightarrow \neg(\neg S))$	Rule T / Contrapositive Equivalence / 7
9.	$(\neg Q \rightarrow S)$	Rule T / Negation Law / 8

Since the conclusion logically follows from the premises, the given argument is **valid**.

[10 M] [CO: 1] [BL: 2]

2. Obtain the principal disjunctive and principal conjunctive normal forms of the following statement:

$$(P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)) \rightarrow (\neg P \rightarrow (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)).$$

**Answer(s):**

Let  $S = (P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R)) \rightarrow (\neg P \rightarrow (\neg Q \wedge \neg R)).$

**Truth Table:**

$P$	$Q$	$R$	$(Q \wedge R)$	$(P \rightarrow (Q \wedge R))$	$\neg P$	$(\neg Q \wedge \neg R)$	$(\neg P \rightarrow (\neg Q \wedge \neg R))$	$S$
T	T	T	T	T	F	F	T	T
T	T	F	F	F	F	F	T	T
T	F	T	F	F	F	F	T	T
T	F	F	F	F	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	T	T	T	F	F	F
F	T	F	F	T	T	F	F	F
F	F	T	F	T	T	F	F	F
F	F	F	F	T	T	T	T	T

**Principal Disjunctive Normal Form (PDNF):**

$$(P \wedge Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge Q \wedge \neg R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge R) \vee (P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q \wedge \neg R).$$

**Principal Conjunctive Normal Form (PCNF):**

$$(\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee \neg R) \wedge (\neg P \vee \neg Q \vee R) \wedge (\neg P \vee Q \vee \neg R).$$

[10 M] [CO: 1] [BL: 1]

3. Show that the conclusion  $(Q(y) \wedge (\exists x)(P(x) \wedge R(x)))$  can be derived from  $(\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow (Q(y) \wedge R(x)))$  and  $(\exists x)(P(x))$ .

**Answer(s):**

**Derivation:**

Step No.	Statement/Predicate	Rule / Formula / Previous Steps Used
1.	$(\exists x)(P(x))$	Rule P
2.	$P(a)$	Rule ES / $x$ is fixed by $a$ / 1
3.	$(\forall x)(P(x) \rightarrow (Q(y) \wedge R(x)))$	Rule P
4.	$(P(a) \rightarrow (Q(y) \wedge R(a)))$	Rule US / $x$ is fixed by $a$ / 3
5.	$(Q(y) \wedge R(a))$	Rule T / Modus Ponens / 2 & 4
6.	$Q(y)$	Rule T / Simplification / 5
7.	$R(a)$	Rule T / Simplification / 5
8.	$(P(a) \wedge R(a))$	Rule T / $P, Q \implies (P \wedge Q)$ / 2 & 7
9.	$(\exists x)(P(x) \wedge R(x))$	Rule EG / 8
10.	$(Q(y) \wedge (\exists x)(P(x) \wedge R(x)))$	Rule T / $P(x), Q(x) \implies (P(x) \wedge Q(x))$ / 6 & 9

This completes the required proof.

[10 M] [CO: 1] [BL: 3]

4. Show that  $G = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{pmatrix} : a \neq 0 \text{ and } a \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$  is a group under the matrix multiplication. Is it an Abelian group?

**Answer(s):**

For proving the given statement.

(i). Closure Property.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} 2ab & 2ab \\ 2ab & 2ab \end{pmatrix} \in G.$$

(ii). Associative Property.

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{pmatrix} \right\} + \begin{pmatrix} c & c \\ c & c \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{pmatrix} + \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} c & c \\ c & c \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$

(iii). Identity Element:  $e = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \\ \frac{1}{2} & \frac{1}{2} \end{pmatrix}$ .

(iv). Inverse Element of  $\begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} \frac{1}{4a} & \frac{1}{4a} \\ \frac{1}{4a} & \frac{1}{4a} \end{pmatrix}$ .

(v). Commutative Property.

$$\begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{pmatrix} = \begin{pmatrix} b & b \\ b & b \end{pmatrix} + \begin{pmatrix} a & a \\ a & a \end{pmatrix}$$

Hence, the given group is Abelian.

[10 M] [CO: 2] [BL: 3]

5. Show that  $H = \{[0], [2], [4]\}$  is a subgroup of a group  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +_6)$ . Obtain all the distinct left cosets of  $H$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$  and hence compute the index of  $H$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .

**Answer(s):**

**$H$  is a Subgroup:**

Cayley Table for  $(H, +_6)$ :

$+_6$	0	2	4
0	[0]	[2]	[4]
2	[2]	[4]	[0]
4	[4]	[0]	[2]

The closure property is satisfied in  $(H, +_6)$ .

Identity Element:  $e = [0] \in H$ .

Existence of Inverses:

$$[0]^{-1} = [0] \in H$$

$$[2]^{-1} = [4] \in H$$

$$[4]^{-1} = [2] \in H$$

Hence,  $H = \{[0], [2], [4]\}$  is a subgroup of a group  $(\mathbb{Z}_6, +_6)$ .

**Distinct Left Cosets of  $H$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ :**

$$0 +_6 H = 2 +_6 H = 4 +_6 H = \{[0], [2], [4]\}$$

$$1 +_6 H = 3 +_6 H = 5 +_6 H = \{[1], [3], [5]\}$$

**Index of  $H$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ :**

$$\text{Index } [\mathbb{Z}_6 : H] = \frac{O(G)}{O(H)} = 6/3 = 2.$$

[10 M] [CO: 2] [BL: 2]

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