

TMUA Multiple Choice Practice - Proof and Logic

1) If $f(x)$ satisfies $f(x) = f(x^2)$ for all real x , which of the following must be true:

- A $f(4) = f(2)f(2)$ $f(2) = f(2^2) = f(4)$
 B $f(16) - f(-2) = 0$ $f(4) = f(16)$
 C $f(0) = 0$ $f(-2) = f(4)$
 D $f(-2) + f(4) = 0$ $f(0) = f(0)$

Look for counterexamples

2) If $a < 0$ and $b < c$, which of the following must be true?

- A $ab < c$ X $a = -1, b = -2, c = 1$
 B $ac > b$ X $a = -1, b = 2, c = 3$
 C $ab > 0$ X $a = -1, b = 2, c = 3$
 D $ac < 0$ X $a = -1, b = -2, c = -1$
 E $ab > ac$

3) Given that p and q are integers, and that three of the following statements are true, which is the false statement?

- A pq is even $\Rightarrow$ at least one of p, q is even
 B $p + q$ is even $\Rightarrow p, q$ are both even or both odd
 C $2p + q^2$ is odd $\Rightarrow q$ is odd
 D $p^2 + 2q$ is odd $\Rightarrow p$ is odd
- $\left. \begin{array}{l} A+B \Rightarrow p, q \text{ both even} \\ \Rightarrow C+D \text{ not true} \end{array} \right\} \text{ so A or B must be false}$
 $\Rightarrow C+D \text{ are true}$
 $\Rightarrow p, q \text{ both odd}$
 $\Rightarrow A \text{ is false}$

4) Consider the following conjecture:

"If N is a positive integer that consists of the digit 2 followed by an even number of 1 digits, then N is a prime number"

Here are three numbers:

I	N = 21 (which equals 3 x 7 <i>not even number of 1's</i>)
II	N = 211 (a prime number) <i>not counterexample</i>
III	N = 21111 (which equals 227 x 93)

Which of these provide(s) a counterexample to the original conjecture?

None / I only / II only / III only / I and II only / I and III only / II and III only / I II and III

5) Which of the following is a necessary and sufficient condition for

$$\sum_{k=1}^n \tan\left(\frac{k\pi}{3}\right) = 0$$

- A n = 3
- B n is a multiple of 3
- C n is a multiple of 6
- D n is a multiple of 3 or n is 1 less than a multiple of 3
- E n is a multiple of 6 or n is 1 less than a multiple of 6

Handwritten notes for Q5:

$\tan \frac{\pi}{3}$	$\tan \frac{2\pi}{3}$	$\tan \pi$	...
$\sqrt{3}$	$-\sqrt{3}$	0	$\sqrt{3}$ $-\sqrt{3}$ 0

multiple of 3 or 1 less than multiple of 3

6) The real numbers a, b, c, d satisfy

$$0 < a + b < c + d \quad \text{and} \quad 0 < a + c < b + d$$

Which of the following must be true:

- I $a < d$ ✓ *$2a + b + c < 2d + b + c$*
- II $b < c$ ✗ *$a = 1 \quad b = 6 \quad c = 5 \quad d = 9$*
- III $a + b + c + d > 0$ ✓

Handwritten notes for Q6:

Either prove statement is true for all values
Or find a single counterexample to prove false

None / I only / II only / III only / I and III only / II and III only / I II and III

7) The arithmetic mean of five consecutive integers is an odd integer. Does $A \Rightarrow I / II / III$?

Which of the following must be true?

- I The largest of the integers is even $\times$ $n+2$ is odd
 II The sum of the integers is odd $\checkmark$
 III The difference between the largest and smallest of the integers is even. $\checkmark$

None / I only / II only / III only / I and II only / I and III only / II and III only / I II and III

$$\frac{n-2 + n-1 + n + n+1 + n+2}{5} = n \quad n \text{ is odd}$$

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} o & e & o & e & o \\ o - o & = & e \end{array}$$

8) Consider the following statement: need $f(f(x)) = x$ but $f(x) \neq x$

If $f(f(x)) = x$ then $f(x) = x$

Which function provides a counterexample:

A $f(x) = 1$
 $f(f(x)) = 1 \neq x$
 $\times$

B $f(x) = x$
 $\times$

C $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$
 $f(f(x)) = \frac{1}{\frac{1}{x}} = x \checkmark$

D $f(x) = x^2$
 $f(f(x)) = x^4 \neq x$

9) If a , b and c are integers, consider the statement $\frac{ab^2}{c}$ is a positive even integer (*)

Which of the following is a necessary but not sufficient condition for (*) to be true $* \Rightarrow I, II, III$?

- I ab is even $\checkmark$ II $ab > 0$ III c is even

None / I only / II only / III only / I and II only / I and III only / II and III only / I II and III

Consider the contrapositive
 $* \Rightarrow I : \text{not } I \Rightarrow \text{not } *$

$$ab < 0 \quad a > 0 \quad b < 0 \quad ab^2 > 0$$

$$ab \text{ odd} \Rightarrow a, b \text{ odd} \Rightarrow ab^2 \text{ odd} \Rightarrow c \text{ odd} \Rightarrow * \text{ odd}$$

$$a=2 \quad b=-1 \quad c=1 \quad \frac{ab^2}{c} = 2 \quad \text{not necessary}$$

$$a=2 \quad b=-1 \quad c=1 \quad \frac{ab^2}{c} = 2 \quad \text{not necessary}$$

10) For any real numbers a , b , and c where $a \geq b$, which of these three statements **must** be true?

- I $-b \geq -a$ ✓ $\times$ by -1
 II $a^2 + b^2 \geq 2ab$ ✓ $(a-b)^2 = a^2 - 2ab + b^2 \geq 0$
 III $ac \geq bc$ no if c negative

None / I only / II only / III only / I and II only / I and III only / II and III only / I II and III

11) If x , a and b are positive integers such that when x is divided by a the remainder is b and when x is divided by b the remainder is $(a - 2)$, then which of the following must be true? remainder < divisor

- A a is even
B $b = a - 1$
 C $x + b$ is divisible by a
 D $a + 2 = b + 1$
- $x = pa + b$ $x = qb + a - 2$
 $b < a$ $a - 2 < b$
 $a < b + 2$
 $b < a < b + 2$
 if a, b are integers there's only one integer between b and $b + 2$
 $a = b + 1$ $b = a - 1$

12) Consider the following statement about positive integers a , b , c and d

If a divides $(b + c)$ and a divides $(c + d)$, then a divides $(b + d)$

Which of the following provide(s) a counterexample to the original conjecture?

- I $a = 3, b = 4, c = 5, d = 8$ a not $\mid c + d$
 II $a = 5, b = 3, c = 2, d = 8$ ✓
 III $a = 2, b = 3, c = 5, d = 7$ example not counterexample

None / I only / II only / III only / I and II only / I and III only / II and III only / I II and III

- 13) If $\left|\frac{x}{4}\right| > 1$ which of the following must be true? *which of these is necessary for A?*
- I $x > 4$ *sufficient* II $x \neq 4$ *true* III $x < -4$ *sufficient*
- A $\Rightarrow$ I II III
I, II, III is necessary for A*

None / I only / II only / III only / I and II only / I and III only / II and III only / I II and III

Solving inequality:

$$\frac{x}{4} > 1 \quad |x| = x \quad x > 4 \quad \quad \quad x < 0 \quad -\frac{x}{4} > 1 \quad x < -4$$

$$|x| = -x$$

so $x < -4$ or $x > 4$

- 14) Consider the statement:.

(*) A whole number n is prime if it is 1 less or 5 less than a multiple of 8.

How many counterexamples to (*) are there in the range $0 < n < 50$

- A 2 3 11 19 27 35 43
B 3 7 15 23 31 39 47
C 4
D 5
E 6

- 15) A cubic polynomial is given by $f(x) = x^3 + bx^2 + cx + d$ where b, c and d are constants.

Two of its factors are $(x - 1)$ and $(x + 1)$

Which of the following statements, taken independently, is/are **necessarily** true?

- I If $f(0) = k$ then $f(k) = 0$
II $f(x) = x^3 - x$
III The graph of $f(x)$ is symmetrical in the y-axis.
- A none of them
B I only
C II only
D III only
E I and II only
F II and III only
G I and III only
H I, II and III
- $f(1) = 1 + b + c + d = 0$
 $f(-1) = -1 + b - c + d = 0$
 $2 + 2c = 0 \quad c = -1$
 $b = -d$
 $f(x) = x^3 + bx^2 - x - b$
1. $f(0) = k \quad -b = k$
 $f(k) = k^3 - k^3 - k + k = 0 \quad \checkmark$
2. sufficient, but not necessary $\times$
 $b = 0$
3. $f(-x) = -x^3 + bx^2 + x - b \neq f(x) \quad \times$

16) Consider the following statements about the polynomial $p(x)$ where a is a constant

- I $p(a) = 0$ and $p'(a) = 0$.
- II $p'(a) = 0$ and $p''(a) > 0$
- III $p''(a) < 0$ and $p(a) > 0$

Which of these statements are sufficient for $p(x)$ to have a local maximum point at $x = a$?

- ☒ A none of them
- B I only
- C II only
- D III only
- E I and II only
- F I and III only
- G II and III only
- H I, II and III

Does I, II, III $\Rightarrow$ max at $x=a$

I :  root + stat. point could be minimum x

II :  stat. point convex must be minimum point x

III :  concave, point above x-axis not necessarily a stat. point x

17) Which of the following conditions is sufficient but not necessary for $\frac{x}{|x|} < x$

- I $x > 1$
- II $x > -1$
- III $|x| < 1$ or $-1 < x < 1$

Does I II III $\Rightarrow$ (*) $\frac{x}{|x|} < x$

None / ☒ I only / II only / III only / I and II only / I and III only / II and III only / I II and III

I $x > 1$ $|x| = x$

$$\frac{x}{|x|} = 1$$

$$\Rightarrow x > \frac{x}{|x|} (*)$$

(not necessary eg $x = -\frac{1}{2}$)

II counterexample $x = \frac{1}{2}$

III counterexample $x = \frac{1}{2}$

Consider $x > 0$
 $|x| = x$ $\frac{x}{|x|} = 1$ $x > 1$

Consider $x < 0$
 $|x| = -x$ $\frac{x}{|x|} = -1$ $-1 < x < 0$

18) Consider the statement: $f(x) > x$ for all real values of $x > 1$

Which one of the following is a negation of this statement?

- A $f(x) \leq x$ for all real values of $x \leq 1$
- B $f(x) \leq x$ for all real values of $x > 1$
- C $f(x) \leq x$ for at least one real value of $x \leq 1$
- ☒ D $f(x) \leq x$ for at least one real value of $x > 1$
- E $f(x) > x$ for at least one real value of $x \leq 1$
- F $f(x) > x$ for at least one real value of $x > 1$
- G $f(x) > x$ for no real values of $x \leq 1$
- H $f(x) \leq x$ for no real values of $x > 1$

Statement

For all $x > 1$ then $f(x) > x$

Negation

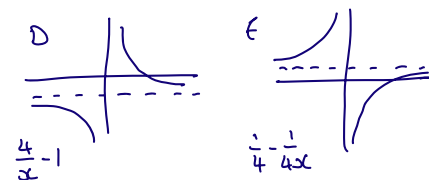
There exists $x > 1$ such that not $f(x) > x$

There exists $x > 1$ such that $f(x) \leq x$

- 19) A set of cards has a single letter ^{on the front and a single} number on ^{the back} each side. Five of these cards are laid on the table so that only one side of each card is visible. The cards show the following: Q K 3 6 8. Dan states that all cards with an Q on one side have an even number on the reverse. Which cards do you need to turn over in order to check his statement? *If Q then even*
- A card Q only *Q ✓ check for even number*
 B cards Q and 3 *K × irrelevant*
 C cards Q and 6 and 8 *3 ✓ check for Q - this could be a contradiction*
 D cards K and 3 *6 × can be Q or not Q*
 E all of the cards *8 × can be Q or not Q*

- 20) Consider the following statement:

If $f'(x) > 0$ for all real x then $f(x+1) > f(x)$ for all real x



Which function provides a counterexample:

need $f'(x) > 0$ but $f(x+1) \leq f(x)$ for some x

- A $f(x) = 4^x$ B $f(x) = 4x^2 + 1$ C $f(x) = 4x^3$

- D $f(x) = \frac{4-x}{x}$ E $f(x) = \frac{x-1}{4x}$

$f'(x) > 0$ (+ve gradient): $f(x+1) > f(x)$ (strictly increasing)
 A ✓ B × ($x < 0$) C × ($x = 0$) D × E ✓
eg $-\frac{1}{2}, \frac{1}{2}$

- 21) x and y are non-zero real numbers. Consider the three statements below:

I $x > y$ if $\frac{x}{y} > 1$ *if $\frac{x}{y} > 1$ then $x > y$*

II $\frac{x}{y} > 1$ if and only if $\frac{y}{x} < 1$ *$\Rightarrow$ yes only if $\Leftarrow$ no if*

III If $xy < 1$ then both $x < 1$ and $y < 1$

Which of these statements, taken independently, is/are true?

- A none of them *I $x = -4, y = -2, \frac{x}{y} = 2$ but $x < y$ ×*
 B I only
 C II only *II $\frac{x}{y} > 1 \Rightarrow x, y$ both +ve or both -ve $\Downarrow \frac{y}{x} < 1$ ✓*
 D III only
 E I and II only
 F II and III only *III $x = \frac{1}{12}, y = 3$ ×*
 G I and III only
 H I, II and III *if $\frac{y}{x} < 1$ can have y -ve and x +ve so $\frac{x}{y} \neq 1$ ×*

- 22) Jill, Kate and Lara each wear a hat. There are three hats: one black, one red, and one blue.

It is known that:

- 1) If Jill wears black, then Kate wears blue.
- 2) If Jill wears red, then Lara wears blue.
- 3) If Kate does not wear red, then Lara wears black.

J	Black	Red	Blue
K	Blue	Black	Red Black
L	Red	Blue	Black Black
	3)x	3)x	✓ 3)x

This combination is the only one that works even though no statements apply

What is the colour of the hat Kate is wearing?

- A black
- B red**
- C blue
- D there is insufficient information to answer the question

need $f(x) > 0$ for $x \geq 0$ but $f'(x) \leq 0$ for some $x \geq 0$

- 23) Consider the following statement:

If $f(x) > 0$ for all $x \geq 0$, then $f'(x) > 0$ for all $x \geq 0$

$$A/B \left(x - \frac{5}{2}\right)^2 + \frac{7}{4} > 0$$

Which function provides a counterexample:

- A $f(x) = x^2 + 3x + 4 > 0$
- B $f(x) = x^2 - 3x + 4 > 0$**
- C $f(x) = x^2 + 3x - 4 f(0) < 0$
- D $f(x) = x^2 - 3x - 4 f(0) < 0$

$$f(x) > 0 \quad A \checkmark \quad B \checkmark \quad C \times \quad D \times \quad A: f'(x) = 2x + 3 \geq 0 \text{ for } x \geq 0 \quad B: f'(x) = 2x - 3 \quad f'(0) = -3$$

$$f'(x) > 0 \quad \checkmark \quad \times \quad \checkmark \quad \times$$

- 24) If $f(x) = \frac{x}{x+1}$ for all integers $x \neq -1$, which of the following must be true?

- I $f(x+1) > f(x)$ True
- II $f(x) > 0$ No when $x = 0$
- III $f(x) \neq 0$ No when $x = 0$

None / **I only** / II only / III only / I and II only / I and III only / II and III only / I II and III

$$I \quad f(x+1) = \frac{x+1}{x+2}$$

Consider $f(x+1) - f(x)$ - is this > 0 ?

$$= \frac{x+1}{x+2} - \frac{x}{x+1} = \frac{(x+1)^2 - (x^2 + 2x)}{(x+2)(x+1)} = \frac{1}{(x+2)(x+1)} > 0 \quad \text{all } x \in \mathbb{Z} \quad x \neq -1, -2$$

25)

A set P of integers is called a *closed set under addition* **if and only if** for any integer a in set P , there exists an integer k in P , such that k is the sum of a and b for all integers b which are in P .

Which of the following is true **if and only if** P is **not** closed under addition?

- A There exists an integer a in P , such that for any integer k in P , and any integer b in P , k is not the sum of a and b .
- B There exists an integer a in P , and an integer k in P , for which there is no integer b in P , such that k is the sum of a and b .
- C There exists an integer a in P , such that for any integer k in P , there is no integer b in P , such that k is the sum of a and b .
- ☒ D There exists an integer a in P , such that for any integer k in P , there is an integer b in P , such that k is not the sum of a and b .
- E For any integer a in P , there exists an integer k in P , and an integer b in P , such that k is not the sum of a and b .
- F For any integer a in P , there exists an integer k in P , and an integer b in P , such that k is the sum of a and b .
- G For any integer a in P , there exists an integer k in P , such that for any integer b in P , k is not the sum of a and b .
- H For any integer a in P , and any integer k in P , there is no integer b in P , such that k is the sum of a and b .

statement

for any Q there exists R such that S

negation

there exists Q such that not 'there exists R such that S '

_____ such that for all R not S

↑
rules out
E, F, A, H

rules out B

not S = k is not sum of a and b for some b in P

↑
rules out A, C