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## Assignment 2

The due date for submitting this assignment has passed.  
As per our records you have not submitted this assignment.

Due on 2020-09-30, 23:59 IST.

1) Mark the true statements: 1 point

- The Archimedean property holds true for  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- The nested intervals property holds true for  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- The set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  is a field under usual addition and multiplication.
- The set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  is uncountable.

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
The Archimedean property holds true for  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  
The set  $\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$  is uncountable.

2) Let  $F$  be a field and  $a, b \in F$  such that  $a \neq 0$ . Then which of the following are true 1 point

- The equation  $ax = b$  has no solution for  $x$  in  $F$ .
- The equation  $ax = b$  has at least one solution for  $x$  in  $F$ .
- The equation  $ax = b$  has exactly one solution for  $x$  in  $F$ .
- If  $F$  is an infinite field, then  $ax = b$  has infinitely many solution for  $x$  in  $F$ .

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
The equation  $ax = b$  has at least one solution for  $x$  in  $F$ .  
The equation  $ax = b$  has exactly one solution for  $x$  in  $F$ .

3) Which of the following statements are true. 1 point

- $\sqrt{2}$  is the supremum of a set which contains only rational numbers.
- $\sqrt{2}$  is the infimum of a set which contains only rational numbers.
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No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
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4) Which of the following subsets of  $\mathbb{R}$  are possible: 1 point

- A set  $B$  with  $\inf B \geq \sup B$
- A finite set that contains its infimum but not its supremum.
- A bounded subset of  $\mathbb{Q}$  that contains its supremum but not its infimum.
- A bounded subset of  $\mathbb{N}$  that does not contain its infimum.

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
A set  $B$  with  $\inf B \geq \sup B$   
A bounded subset of  $\mathbb{Q}$  that contains its supremum but not its infimum.

5) Let  $A, B \subset \mathbb{R}$  and  $C = \{a + b : a \in A, b \in B\}$ . Which of the following are true? 1 point

- If  $A$  and  $B$  are bounded sets then  $C$  is a bounded set.
- If  $C$  is a bounded set, then  $A$  and  $B$  are bounded sets.
- If  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$  and  $\mathbb{R} \setminus B$  are bounded sets then  $\mathbb{R} \setminus C$  is a bounded set.
- If  $\mathbb{R} \setminus C$  is a bounded set, then  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$  and  $\mathbb{R} \setminus B$  are bounded sets.

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
If  $A$  and  $B$  are bounded sets then  $C$  is a bounded set.  
If  $C$  is a bounded set, then  $A$  and  $B$  are bounded sets.  
If  $\mathbb{R} \setminus A$  and  $\mathbb{R} \setminus B$  are bounded sets then  $\mathbb{R} \setminus C$  is a bounded set.

6) Which of the following requests are possible: 1 point

- Two bounded sets  $A$  and  $B$  with  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $s = \sup A = \sup B$  but  $s \notin A$  and  $s \notin B$ .
- Nested closed intervals  $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset A_3 \dots$  whose intersection contains more than one point.
- Nested open intervals  $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset A_3 \dots$  whose intersection is a single point.
- Nested open intervals  $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset A_3 \dots$  whose intersection is the empty set.

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
Two bounded sets  $A$  and  $B$  with  $A \cap B = \emptyset$  and  $s = \sup A = \sup B$  but  $s \notin A$  and  $s \notin B$ .  
Nested closed intervals  $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset A_3 \dots$  whose intersection contains more than one point.  
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Nested open intervals  $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset A_3 \dots$  whose intersection is the empty set.

7) Which one of the following statements about the real numbers are true? 1 point

- If  $x > y$  and  $z \neq 0$  then  $xz > yz$ .
- If  $xy = xz$  then  $y = z$ .
- If  $0 < x < y$  then  $1/x > 1/y$ .
- If  $x + y = x + z$  then  $y = z$ .

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
If  $0 < x < y$  then  $1/x > 1/y$ .  
If  $x + y = x + z$  then  $y = z$ .

8) Which of the following numbers are irrational. 1 point

- $\sqrt{50}$
- $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$
- $\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}$
- The sum of any two irrational numbers.

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
 $\sqrt{50}$   
 $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$   
 $\frac{3}{2\sqrt{2}}$

9) All of us know the famous formula to find the roots of the quadratic equation 1 point

$$ax^2 + bx + c = 0$$

is given by

$$x = \frac{-b \pm \sqrt{b^2 - 4ac}}{2a}$$

Which of the following methods are plausible ways to prove this formula.

- Directly substitute the formula in the equation and see that the equation is satisfied.
- Completing the square.
- Assume that  $y = x^2$  and substitute in the equation to get a linear equation.
- Find the general formula to solve a polynomial of degree  $n$  and then set  $n = 2$ .

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
Directly substitute the formula in the equation and see that the equation is satisfied.  
Completing the square.

10) A real number is said to be algebraic if it is the root of a polynomial all of whose coefficients are integers. Which of the following statements combined together appropriately prove that the set of algebraic numbers is countable. 1 point

- Any algebraic number has to be rational.
- The set of polynomials with integer coefficients is countable.
- Any non-constant polynomial has only a finite number of roots.
- Countable union of countable sets is countable.

No, the answer is incorrect.  
Score: 0

Accepted Answers:  
The set of polynomials with integer coefficients is countable.  
Any non-constant polynomial has only a finite number of roots.  
Countable union of countable sets is countable.