Sample Midterm

- (1) Write the contrapositive of the following proposition. If $ab \neq 0$ then a = 0 or b = 0.
- (2) Write in symbols the converse, the contrapositive and the negation of the statement $P \Rightarrow (Q \land R)$.
- (3) Consider the following statement. $x^2 + y^2 + z^2$ cannot be of the form 8k + 7 when x, y and z are odd.
 - (a) Write this statement in the propositional calculus. Use variables and quantifiers.
 - (b) Write the negation of this statement. Simplify it as much as possible and translate it into simple mathematical English.
- (4) Use truth tables to determine if

$$(P \Leftrightarrow Q) \Rightarrow R$$

is equivalent to

$$P \Leftrightarrow (Q \Rightarrow R)$$

(5) Give a careful proof of the following set theoretic identity.

$$C \setminus (B \setminus A) = (A \cap C) \cup (C \setminus B)$$

Do not use Venn diagrams.

- (6) Give a careful proof of the following number theoretic proposition. Let n and m be integers. If nm is odd then n + m is even.
- (7) Let A and C be sets and let $f : A \to C$ and $g : C \to A$ be functions. True or false: if $f \circ g$ and $g \circ f$ are both bijective, then f is bijective. If its true, prove it. If its false, give a counterexample.
- (8) Fix an integer $k \ge 2$. Prove that k 1 divides $k^n 1$ for all integers $n \ge 1$.