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Time Allowed: 50 minutes

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Instructions

This paper contains 4 questions, and comprises 1 page.

Answer ALL questions. This is an open-book examination.

The marking scheme is shown in the left margin and [100] constitutes full marks.

[30] 1. Determine whether the statement is true or false. Prove the statement directly from the definitions if it is true, and give a counterexample if it is false.

[10] (1) The sum of any five consecutive integers is divisible by 5.

[10] (2) For every integer $p > 2$, if p is prime then $p^2 - 1$ is divisible by 4.

[10] (3) For any integer n , $n^2 - 5$ is not divisible by 4.

[30] 2. For every integer n , if n^2 is even then n is even.

[15] (1) Prove the above statement by contradiction.

[15] (2) Prove the above statement by contraposition.

[20] 3. Prove the following statement using mathematical induction: For every integer $n \geq 2$,

$$3^2 + 3^3 + 3^4 + \dots + 3^n = \frac{3(3^n - 3)}{2}.$$

[20] 4. A real number a is set, such that $a + 1 + \frac{1}{a + 1}$ is integer. Prove that $(a + 1)^n + \frac{1}{(a + 1)^n}$ is also integer for all integer $n \geq 1$.

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