

Exam Practice Guide

Unit 2

Specialist Mathematics Examination 2

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AREA OF STUDY 1: Algebra

Topic 1 – Boolean Algebra

Question 1

Which of the following statements matches with the symbolic statement $p \land \P \lor r$?

- A. You can have the veal or the smoked salmon and pasta.
- B. We can order the dress in red, but not blue or green.
- **C.** If you choose to not buy the reference book, you can buy the cookbook or autobiography.
- D. The committee requires two new members, one must be a student and the other can be a parent or teacher.
- E. Ballarat, Bendigo and Horsham are all West of Melbourne.

Question 2

The truth table at the right is for:

- A. $p \rightarrow q$
- B. $p \wedge q$
- **c.** $p \lor q$
- **D.** $p \wedge \sim q$
- E. $p \rightarrow \sim q$

Question 3

Determine which of the following arguments are not valid:

- A. Bacteria can make their own food. I am looking at an organism that can make its own food. Therefore, it is a bacterium.
- B. New computers have USB ports, I have a new computer. Therefore, it has USB ports.
- C. All cats have incisors. I have a pet cat. Therefore, it must have incisors.
- D. All birds have feathers. My friend has a bird. Therefore, it must have feathers.
- E. If I do not study hard, I will not get a good score. I didn't study. Therefore, I will not get a good score.

Question 4

Which of the following Boolean expressions simplifies to A'B?

- A. $A + A' \cdot B + A \cdot B$
- **B.** $A+B(\mathbf{A}+B')$
- c. $A' (A + B \cdot A')^{\leq}$
- **D.** $A + A' \oplus B'$
- **E.** A' + A (A' + B')



Question 5

Which of the following Boolean expressions correctly represents this electronic circuit?



Question 6

Which of the following statements matches with the symbolic statement p -

- A. If it is cold outside, then I will catch a cold or worse.
- B. If I do not drive slowly, I will be caught by the police and given a ticket.
- C. If Harry cleans his house, then he can have friends over or relax a little.
- D. If Julie eats quickly, then she will have a stomach ache and she will have to stay home.
- E. If I clean my shoes, then I can wear them inside and not take them outside again.

Question 7

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The truth table above is for:

- A. $p \wedge \sim q$
- **B.** $p \wedge q$
- **c.** $p \lor q$
- **D.** ~ $p \wedge q$
- E. ~ $(\phi \wedge q)$