

Miscellaneous Exercise

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**1:****Write the negation of the following statements:**

- (i) **p:** For every positive real number  $x$ , the number  $x - 1$  is also positive.  
 (ii) **q:** All cats scratch.  
 (iii) **r:** For every real number  $x$ , either  $x > 1$  or  $x < 1$ .  
 (iv) **s:** There exists a number  $x$  such that  $0 < x < 1$ .

**Solution:**

- (i) The negation of statement  $p$  is as follows.  
 There exists a positive real number  $x$ , such that  $x - 1$  is not positive.  
 (ii) The negation of statement  $q$  is as follows.  
 There exist a cat that does not scratch.  
 (iii) The negation of statement  $r$  is as follows.  
 There exists a real number  $x$ , such that neither  $x > 1$  nor  $x < 1$ .  
 (iv) The negation of statement  $s$  is as follows.  
 There does not exist a number  $x$ , such that  $0 < x < 1$ .

**2:****State the converse and contrapositive of each of the following statements:**

- (i) **p:** A positive integer is prime only if it has no divisors other than 1 and itself.  
 (ii) **q:** I go to a beach whenever it is a sunny day.  
 (iii) **r:** If it is hot outside, then you feel thirsty.

**Solution:**

- (i) Statement  $p$  can be written as follows.  
 If a positive integer is prime, then it has no divisors other than 1 and itself.  
 The converse of the statement is as follows.  
 If a positive integer has no divisors other than 1 and itself, then it is prime.  
 The contrapositive of the statement is as follows.  
 If positive integer has divisors other than 1 and itself, then it is not prime.  
 (ii) The given statement can be written as follows.  
 If it is a sunny day, then I go to a beach.  
 The converse of the statement is as follows.  
 If I go to a beach, then it is a sunny day.  
 The contrapositive of the statement is as follows.  
 If I go to a beach, then it is not a sunny day.  
 (iii) The converse of statement  $r$  is as follows.  
 If you feel thirsty, then it is hot outside.  
 The contrapositive of statement  $r$  is as follows.  
 If you do not feel thirsty, then it is not hot outside.

3:

Write each of the statements in the form 'if p, then q'.

- (i) p: It is necessary to have a password to log on to the server.
- (ii) q: There is traffic jam whenever it rains.
- (iii) r: You can access the website only if you pay a subscription fee.

**Solution:**

- (i) Statement p can be written as follows. If you log on to the server, then you have a password.
- (ii) Statement q can be written as follows. If it rains, then there is a traffic jam.
- (iii) Statement r can be written as follows. If you can access the website, then you pay a subscription fee.

4:

Re write each of the following statements in the form 'p if and only if q'.

- (i) p: If you watch television, then your mind is free and if your mind is free, then you watch television.
- (ii) q: For you to get an A grade, it is necessary and sufficient that you do all the homework regularly.
- (iii) r: If a quadrilateral is equiangular, then it is a rectangle and if a quadrilateral is a rectangle, then it is equiangular. .

**Solution:**

- (i) You watch television if and only if your mind is free.
- (ii) You get an A grade if and only if you do all the homework regularly.
- (iii) A quadrilateral is equiangular if and only if it is a rectangle.

5: Given below are two statements

*p: 25 is a multiple of 5.*

*q: 25 is a multiple of 8.*

Write the compound statements connecting these two statements with 'And' and 'Or'. In both cases check the validity of the compound statement.

**Solution:**

The compound statement with 'And' is '25 is a multiple of 5 and 8'. This is a false statement, since 25 is not a multiple of 8. The compound statement with 'Or' is '25 is a multiple of 5 or 8'. This is a true statement, since 25 is not a multiple of 8 but it is a multiple of 5.

6: Check the validity of the statements given below by the method given against it.

- (i) p: The sum of an irrational number and a rational number is irrational (by contradiction method).
- (ii) q: If n is a real number with  $n > 3$ , then  $n^2 > 9$  (by contradiction method).

**Solution:**

(i) The given statement is as follows. p: the sum of an irrational number and a rational number is irrational.

Let us assume that the given statement, p, is false. That is, we assume that the sum of an irrational number and a rational number is rational.

Therefore,  $\sqrt{a} + \frac{b}{c} = \frac{d}{e}$ , when  $\sqrt{a}$  is irrational and b, c, d, e are integers.

$\frac{d}{e} - \frac{b}{c}$  is a rational number and is an irrational number.

This is a contradiction. Therefore, our assumption is wrong.

Therefore, the sum of an irrational number and a rational number is irrational.

Thus, the given statement is true.

(ii) The given statement, q is as follows.

If n is a real number with  $n > 3$ , then  $n^2 > 9$ .

Let us assume that n is a real number with  $n > 3$ , but  $n^2 > 9$  is not true.

That is,  $n^2 < 9$

Then,  $n > 3$  and n is a real number.

Squaring both the sides, we obtain

$$n^2 > (3)^2$$

$\Rightarrow n^2 > 9$ , which is a contradiction, since we have assumed that  $n^2 < 9$ .

Thus, the given statement is true. That is, if n is a real number with  $n > 3$ , then  $n^2 > 9$ .

**7: Write the following statement in five different ways, conveying the same meaning.**

*p: If a triangle is equiangular, then it is an obtuse angled triangle.*

**Solution:**

The given statement can be written in five different ways as follows.

(i) A triangle is equiangular implies that is an obtuse-angled triangle.

(ii) A triangle is equilateral only if it an obtuse-angled triangle.

(iii) For a triangle to be equiangular, it is necessary that the triangle is an obtuse-angled triangle.

(iv) For a triangle to be an obtuse-angled triangle, it is sufficient that the triangle is equiangular.

(v) If a triangle is not an obtuse-angled triangle, then the triangle is not equiangular.