MATHS 255 SC 2003	Assignment 1	Due: 4pm, 29 July 2003

**NB:** Please deposit your solutions in the appropriate box by 4pm on the due date. Late assignments or assignments placed into incorrect boxes will not be marked. Use a blue Mathematics department cover sheet.

- 1. [4 marks] Classify which of the following sentences are statements, which are predicates, and which are neither.
  - (a) If n is even, then  $n^2 + 1$  is odd.
  - (b) 11, 111, 111 is a prime number.
  - (c) Every number that is a multiple of 12 is a multiple of 4.
  - (d) Solve this quadratic equation.
- 2. [6 marks] Translate the statements and predicates of Question 1 into symbols. Clearly define what each of your predicates and variables means.
- **3.** [2 marks] Read Chapter 0 of your textbook, "Chapter Zero" by Carol Shumacher. It contains a discussion about the importance of precision in mathematical language. Explain the difference between the two statements about poisons on page 5: "For every poison there is a chemical that is the antidote" and "There is a chemical that is the antidote for every poison".
- 4. [8 marks] Construct truth tables for each of the following statements.
- 5. [2 marks] Which of the statements in Question 4 are tautologies?
- 6. [2 marks] Translate a contradiction listed in Question 4 into an English sentence. Explain why it is intuitively a contradiction. Use any definition for the variables you like, but remember that a contradiction is always false, regardless of the definitions given to its variables.
- 7. [16 marks] For any positive integers m and n, let A(m, n) be the statement

"If n is a factor of  $m^2$ , then n is a factor of m."

- (a) Write down the contrapositive of A(m, n). Call this B(m, n).
- (b) Write down the negation of A(m, n). Call this C(m, n).
- (c) Write down the converse of A(m, n). Call this D(m, n).
- (d) Which of A(m, n), B(m, n) and D(m, n) are true for all n, with some specified value for m? (That is,  $(\exists m)(\forall n)\ldots$ ).
- (e) Which of A(m, n), C(m, n) and D(m, n) are true for all m and n?

For each answer in (d) and (e), give a proof or a counterexample.

Marks will be allocated in this question for clear, precise mathematical English.

## TOTAL MARKS: 40