Math 15	Exam II	

Provide a clear and organized presentation. Show all of your work, completely simplify your answers, and provide exact values only.

1. My cat *Pythagoras* has amassed a large collection of pets. He has 7 lizards, five mice, and 8 snakes. Determine the probability that if he grabs three of these critters with which to play, they will be of the same type.

$$\binom{7}{3} + \binom{5}{3} + \binom{8}{3} = 101$$

2. Meanwhile, my other cat *Theta* is playing with my coins. He has in his possession one of my unfair coins that has a probability of  $\frac{2}{3}$  for showing *heads*. What is the probability of tossing this coin three times and having a *heads* showing at least twice?

 $\binom{3}{2} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} + \binom{3}{3} \cdot \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^3 = \frac{20}{27}$ 

3. I have been worried that *Pythagoras* has depression related to the rain. For the past 80 days, I have noted which days have experienced rain and which days during which *Pythagoras* has had a good day. Here are my findings:

	good	bad	
rain	20	10	30
no rain	30	20	50
	50	30	80

Does the rain have an effect on Pythagoras' mood?

Yes, because  $p(g) = \frac{50}{80} = \frac{5}{8} \neq \frac{2}{3} = \frac{20}{30} = p(g|r)$ 

- 4. Answer each of the following:
  - i) Let *p* and *q* be natural numbers. If gcf(p,q) = 7, then determine lcm(p,q)

$$lcm(p,q) = \frac{pq}{7}$$

- ii) Let *m* and *n* be natural numbers. Under what conditions is gcf(m,n) = n? *m* is a multiple of *n* (or *n* is a factor of *m*).
- 5. Let p, q, and r be distinct primes and let a, b, and c be natural numbers for which a < b < c.
  - i) Determine both the  $gcf(p^bq^cr^a, p^cq^ar^b)$  and the  $lcm(p^bq^cr^a, p^cq^ar^b)$

The gcf is  $p^{b}q^{a}r^{a}$  and the *lcm* is  $p^{c}q^{c}r^{b}$ 

ii) If the  $lcm(a,b) = p^8 q^{13}$  and  $a = p^8 q^7$ , then determine a possible representation of *b*.

*b* has not more than 8 factors of *p* and exactly 13 factors of *q*.

6. Consider the Fibonacci sequence:  $f_1, f_2, f_3, f_4, \dots$  Next, create a new sequence  $d_1, d_2, d_3, d_4, \dots$  for which  $d_n = \frac{f_{n+1}}{f_n}$ . Determine the value of  $\lim_{n \to \infty} d_n$ 

*d* is, of course, simply the golden ratio.

7. In the *Republic of Flatland*, cars are either sedans or coups. In particular, 30% of all cars are sedans and 70% are coups. However, 10% of the sedans are outdated, whereas 20% of all coups are outdated. What is the probability that an arbitrarily chosen car is a sedan if it is known that it is outdated?

$$\frac{30\%\cdot 10\%}{30\%\cdot 10\%+70\%\cdot 20\%}=\frac{3}{17}$$

8. Use the *Euclidean algorithm* to determine gcf(2100,6237) and then rewrite this gcf as a linear combination of 2100 and 6237.

 $6237 = 2 \cdot 2100 + 2037$  $2100 = 1 \cdot 2037 + 63$  $2037 = 32 \cdot 63 + 21$  $63 = 3 \cdot 21$ 

Because 21 is the last non-zero remainder, it is the gcf and

 $21\!=\!-\!98\!\cdot\!2100+33\!\cdot\!6237$ 

9. Prove that  $(A \setminus C) \cap (B \setminus C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \setminus C$ 

let 
$$x \in (A \setminus C) \cap (B \setminus C)$$
  
 $\Rightarrow x \in (A \setminus C)$  and  $x \in (B \setminus C)$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in (A \setminus C)$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in A$  and  $x \notin C$   
 $\Rightarrow (x \in A \text{ or } x \in B)$  and  $x \notin C$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in A \cup B$  and  $x \notin C$   
 $\Rightarrow x \in (A \cup B) \setminus C$ 

$$/ \therefore (A \setminus C) \cap (B \setminus C) \subseteq (A \cup B) \setminus C$$

10. Show that the following is a golden triangle:



Now the small lower triangle is similar to the original large one. Consequently, sides are proportional. In particular,

$$\frac{x}{1} = \frac{1}{x-1}$$
$$x(x-1) = 1$$
$$x^{2} - x - 1 = 0$$
$$x = \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2}$$
$$= \phi$$