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PROPOSITION :

A proposition (or statement) is a declarative sentence which is either true or false but not both.

Eg:

New Delhi is the capital of India (True)
Moscow is the capital of Spain (False)

NOT PROPOSITION :

Questions, Commands, exclamations are not proposition.

eg: close the door. (Command)

what a wonderful city? (exclamation)

Do you speak Hindi? (Question)

TYPES OF PROPOSITION :

SIMPLE PROPOSITION :

A declarative sentence which cannot be further split up into simple sentences are called primary or atomic or primitive statements.

Eg: Lotus is a flower.



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COMPOUND PROPOSITION:

statements which contain one or more primary statements and some connectives are called compound or molecular or composite statements.

Eg: p : Tiger is a wild animal, and it is national animal of India.

CONNECTIVES:

Connective is an operation which is used to connect two or more than two statements. There are five basic connectives.

TRUTH TABLE:

p	q	$\sim p$	$p \wedge q$	$p \vee q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$p \leftrightarrow q$
T	T	F	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	T	F	T	T	F
F	F	T	F	F	T	T



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Logical connectives	Name	Symbols	Type of operator
① NOT	Negation (or) Denial	\neg (or) \sim	Unary
Eg: p : It is raining today; $\neg p$: It is not raining today			
② AND	Conjunction	\wedge	Binary
Eg: p : It is cold; q : It is raining $p \wedge q$: It is cold and it is raining.			
③ OR	Disjunction	\vee	Binary
Eg: p : Roses are red in colour; q : Roses are white in colour. $p \vee q$: Roses are red or white in colour.			
④ If... then	Conditional (or) Implication	\rightarrow	Binary
Eg: p : There is a flood; q : The crop will be destroyed $p \rightarrow q$: If there is a flood then the crop will be destroyed.			
⑤ If and only if	Biconditional	\Leftrightarrow (or) \leftrightarrow	Binary
Eg: p : Students will come to college q : Friday is a working day $p \leftrightarrow q$: Students will come to college if and only if Friday is a working day.			



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① Using the statements: A : John is rich
 B : John is happy.

Write the following statements in symbolic form:

(a) John is poor but

(b) John is poor but happy.

(c) John is rich or unhappy.

(d) John is neither rich nor happy.

(e) John is poor or he is both rich and unhappy.

Soln: (a) John is poor $\Rightarrow \neg A$

(b) John is poor but happy $\Rightarrow \neg A \wedge B$

(c) John is rich or unhappy $\Rightarrow A \vee \neg B$

(d) John is neither rich nor happy $\Rightarrow \neg A \wedge \neg B$

(e) John is poor or he is both rich and unhappy
 $\Rightarrow \neg A \vee (A \wedge B)$

② Write the statements for the following symbolic form.

P : It is hot day

Q : The temperature is 45°C .

(i) $\neg P$ (ii) $\neg(P \vee Q)$ (iii) $P \wedge Q$ (iv) $\neg(\neg P)$

(v) $\neg P \wedge \neg Q$ (vi) $\neg P \vee \neg Q$ (vii) $\neg(\neg P \vee \neg Q)$



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- Soln:
- (i) $\neg p \Rightarrow$ It is not hot day.
 - (ii) $\neg(p \vee q) \Rightarrow$ It is false that it is hot day or the temperature is 45°C .
 - (iii) $p \wedge q \Rightarrow$ It is hot day and the temperature is 45°C .
 - (iv) $\neg(\neg p) \Rightarrow$ It is hot day.
 - (v) $\neg p \wedge \neg q \Rightarrow$ It is not hot day and the temperature is not 45°C (or) neither it is hot day nor the temperature is 45°C .
 - (vi) $\neg p \vee \neg q \Rightarrow$ It is not hot day or the temperature is not 45°C (or) either it is ^{not} hot day or the temp is not 45°C .
 - (vii) $\neg(\neg p \vee \neg q) \Rightarrow$ It is false that it is not hot day or the temperature is not 45°C (or) It is hot day or the temp. is 45°C .

② Let P : Triangle ABC is an isosceles

Q : Triangle ABC is an equilateral

R : Triangle ABC is an equiangular.

Translate each of the following notations into a statement

(i) $Q \rightarrow P$ (ii) $\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q$ (iii) $Q \leftrightarrow R$ (iv) $P \rightarrow \neg Q$

(v) $R \rightarrow P$ (vi) $(P \vee Q) \rightarrow R$ (vii) $(\neg P \wedge Q) \rightarrow \neg R$.



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Soln:

(i) $Q \rightarrow P \Rightarrow$ If triangle ABC is an equilateral then triangle ABC is an isosceles.

(ii) $\neg P \rightarrow \neg Q \Rightarrow$ If triangle ABC is not an isosceles then triangle ABC is not an equilateral.

(iii) $Q \leftrightarrow R \Rightarrow$ Triangle ABC is an equilateral iff triangle ABC is an equiangular.

(iv) $P \rightarrow \neg Q \Rightarrow$ If triangle ABC is an isosceles then triangle ABC is not an equilateral.

(v) $R \rightarrow P \Rightarrow$ If triangle ABC is an equiangular then triangle ABC is an isosceles.

(vi) $(P \vee Q) \rightarrow R \Rightarrow$ If either triangle ABC is an isosceles or triangle ABC is an equilateral then triangle ABC is an equiangular.

(vii) $(\neg P \wedge Q) \rightarrow \neg R \Rightarrow$ If ^{but} triangle ABC is not an isosceles and equilateral then triangle ABC is not an equiangular.



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5) construct the truth table for the following :

(i) $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$

(ii) $\neg(p \wedge q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee \neg q)$

(i) $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$

p	q	$p \rightarrow q$	$q \rightarrow p$	$(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$
T	T	T	T	T
T	F	F	T	F
F	T	T	F	F
F	F	T	T	T

(ii) $\neg(p \wedge q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee \neg q)$

p	q	$\neg p$	$\neg q$	$p \wedge q$	$\neg(p \wedge q)$	$\neg p \vee \neg q$	$\neg(p \wedge q) \leftrightarrow (\neg p \vee \neg q)$
T	T	F	F	T	F	F	T
T	F	F	T	F	T	T	T
F	T	T	F	F	T	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	T	T	T



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TAUTOLOGY:

A statement formula which is true always irrespective of the truth values of the individual variables is called a tautology. Eg: $P \vee \neg P$ is a tautology.

CONTRADICTION:

A statement formula which is always false is called a contradiction (or) absurdity.

Eg: $P \wedge \neg P$ is a contradiction.

CONTINGENCY:

A statement formula which is neither tautology nor contradiction is called contingency.

Eg: $P \leftrightarrow Q$ is a contingency.

1) Show that $(Q \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$ is a tautology.

P	Q	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$P \wedge \neg Q$	$Q \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)$	$\neg P \wedge \neg Q$	$(Q \vee (P \wedge \neg Q)) \vee (\neg P \wedge \neg Q)$
T	T	F	F	F	T	F	T
T	F	F	T	T	T	F	T
F	T	T	F	F	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	F	F	T	T

Since all the entries in the resulting column are T, the given expression is a tautology.



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2) Show that $(p \wedge q) \wedge \neg (p \vee q)$ is a contradiction.

P	Q	$P \wedge Q$	$P \vee Q$	$\neg (P \vee Q)$	$(P \wedge Q) \wedge \neg (P \vee Q)$
T	T	T	T	F	F
T	F	F	T	F	F
F	T	F	T	F	F
F	F	F	F	T	F

Since all the entries in the resulting column are F, the given expression is a contradiction.

3) Identify the given expression, $\neg (p \vee q) \vee (\neg p \vee \neg q)$

P	Q	$\neg P$	$\neg Q$	$\neg P \vee \neg Q$	$\neg (P \vee Q)$	$\neg P \vee \neg Q$	$\neg (P \vee Q) \vee (\neg P \vee \neg Q)$
T	T	F	F	T	F	F	F
T	F	F	T	T	F	T	T
F	T	T	F	T	F	T	T
F	F	T	T	F	T	T	T

Since all the entries in the resulting column are T as well as F, the given expression indicates it is a contingency.