Chapter-14 Mathematical Reasoning

Miscellaneous

Question 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 $0 < x < 1$.

Answer :

(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 exists 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 $0 < x < 1$.

Question 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.

Answer :

(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 do not 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.

Question 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.

Answer :

(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.

Question 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.

Answer :

(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.

Question 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.

Answer :

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.

Question 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).

Answer :

(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, $\sqrt{a} + \dfrac{b}{c} = \dfrac{d}{e}$, where $\sqrt{a}$ is irrational and b, c, d, e are integers.

$\dfrac{d}{e} - \dfrac{b}{c}$ is a rational number and $\sqrt{a}$ 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 rational.

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 $n^2 > 9$.

Question 7:

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

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

Answer :

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

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

(ii) A triangle is equiangular only if it is 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.