

Exam I

Choose (only) 5 questions:

1. Assume that n is a positive integer. Prove that if one selects any $n + 1$ numbers from the $\{1, 2, \dots, 2n\}$, then two of the selected numbers will sum to $2n + 1$.
2. Find your own real-world example of the pigeonhole principle.
3. Give an example of 100 numbers from $\{1, 2, \dots, 200\}$ where not one of your numbers divides another.
4. Prove that any set of seven integers contains a pair whose sum or difference is divisible by 10.
5. If m and n are integers, then $7m - 3n$ is even.
6. Prove that for every integer n , either $n^2 \equiv 0 \pmod{4}$ or $n^2 \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.
7. Prove that n is even if and only if n^2 is even. (You'll have to prove two things: if n is even then n^2 is even; and conversely, if n^2 is even then n is even.)
8. Show that the following conjecture is false by finding a counter-example: *Let $f(n) = n^2 - n + 5$. For any natural number $n \in \mathbb{N}$, $f(n)$ is prime.*