

Midterm  
TIME: 75 minutes

**Problem 1:** (25 points)

Let  $\mathbf{R}$  be the set of real numbers.

- a) Let  $f$  be a function from  $\mathbf{R}$  to  $\mathbf{R}$  where  $f(x) = 10x - 30$  for all  $x$ . Prove that  $f$  is one-to-one and onto, and find the inverse function  $f^{-1}$ .
- b) Let  $g$  be a function from  $\mathbf{R}$  to  $\mathbf{R}$  where  $g(x) = x^2 + 1$  for all  $x$ . Prove that  $g$  is neither one-to-one nor onto.

**Problem 2:** (25 points)

- a) Is  $3^n + 2$  a prime for every non-negative integer  $n$ ? Prove your answer.
- b) Consider the following function  $f(n)$  of whole numbers, defined recursively:  
 $f(0) = 2$  and  $f(n) = 3f(n - 1) + 2$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Prove by induction on  $n$  that  $f(n) = 3^{n+1} - 1$  for all non-negative integers  $n$ .

**Problem 3:** (25 points)

- a) Let  $x_0 = 1$  and  $x_n = 6x_{n-1} + 2n - 3$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Solve this recurrence relation to find the value of  $x_n$  in terms of  $n$ .
- b) Let  $x_0 = 0, x_1 = 1$ , and  $x_n = 7x_{n-1} - 10x_{n-2} + 4$  for all  $n \geq 2$ . Solve this recurrence relation to find the value of  $x_n$  in terms of  $n$ .

**Problem 4:** (25 points)

- a) In how many ways can you select a committee of 5 people from a group of 12 people?
- b) In how many ways can 8 runners finish a race if 2 runners will tie for 1<sup>st</sup> place, 3 will tie for 2<sup>nd</sup> place, and the remaining three runners will not tie with anybody.
- c) How many positive integers  $\leq 400$  are divisible by 4? By 10? By 4 and 10? By 4 or 10? By neither 4 nor 10?