

# Proof TEST

For each of the following, either prove that the statement is true by deduction or exhaustion or disprove the statement by providing a counterexample.

1. For any  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ , if  $x^2 > 9$  then  $x > 3$ .

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2. The sum of two odd numbers is always even.

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3. (a) The difference of two consecutive square numbers between 75 and 150 is odd.

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(b) The difference of ANY two consecutive square numbers is ALWAYS odd.

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4. Given that  $n$  is a positive integer, it follows that  $2^n \geq n^2$ .

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5. The product of 3 consecutive even numbers is a multiple of 8.

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6. (a) If  $n$  is an integer such that  $4 \leq n \leq 7$ , then  $3n^2 + n + 14$  is even.

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(b) If  $n$  is ANY positive integer,  $3n^2 + n + 14$  is ALWAYS even.

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7.  $3^x - 3$  is divisible by  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  if  $x > 1$ .

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8. Given two positive integers, the difference of their squares is equal to their sum if the difference between them is 1.

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9. For all  $m \in \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $m^2 \geq m$ .

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10. (a) If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $a + b \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

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(b) If  $a + b \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then  $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ .

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11. The Triangle Inequality:

$$|p + q| \leq |p| + |q|,$$

holds for all  $p, q \in \mathbb{R}$ . .....

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12. (a) (Mersenne Primes) For any prime number  $p$ ,  $2^p - 1$  is prime.

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(b) For any positive integer  $n$ ,  $2^{2^n} + 1$  is prime.

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