

### Exercise 1(a)

1. Which of the following are propositions?

The ones that are propositions state whether they are true or false.

- (a)  $2 + 2 = 4$
- (b)  $2 + 2 = 3$
- (c) All Swedish subjects have blonde hair.
- (d) She looks beautiful.
- (e)  $x^2 - 1 = 0$
- (f) Only fools fall in love.
- (g) The equation  $x - 5 = 6$  has the solution  $x = 11$ .
- (h) Pigs will fly.
- (i) Seat car has four airbags.
- (j) Universities fix admissions.
- (k) In some parts of Britain the temperature reached over  $100^\circ F$  on the 10<sup>th</sup> August 2003.
- (l) Sydney is the capital of Australia.
- (m) The moon is made of cheese.
- (n) BMW are excellent cars.

2. Negate the following propositions:

- (i) Man can be pregnant.
- (ii) Grass is green.
- (iii) Lecturers annual salary is over £45 000.
- (iv)  $2 + 2 = 4$
- (v)  $16 < 3$
- (vi) I was not born.
- (vii) Today is Christmas day.
- (viii) The lamp is not on.
- (ix) There are no more than nine planets in our solar system.
- (x) You are not telling the truth.
- (xi) You have not passed the exam.
- (xii) You are not undressed.
- (xiii) There are integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $\frac{a}{b} = \pi$
- (xiv) There are integers  $a$  and  $b$  such that  $\frac{a}{b} = e$

3. Let

$P$ : You are dressed

$Q$ : You are going to university

Write the following in symbolic form.

- (a) You're undressed and not going to university.
- (b) If you are dressed then you are going to university.
- (c) You are going to university but you are undressed.
- (d) If you go to university then you are dressed.
- (e) If you are not going to university then you are undressed.
- (f) You are undressed or dressed and not going to university.

4. Write the following in words:

$$\begin{aligned}x^2 - 9 = 0 &\Rightarrow x^2 = 9 \\ &\Rightarrow x = \sqrt{9} \\ &\Rightarrow x = \pm 3\end{aligned}$$

5. Let  $P: x < 3$ ,  $Q: x^2 < 9$ . Write a sentence for

(i)  $P \Rightarrow Q$                       (ii)  $Q \Rightarrow P$

Do you think either of them, (i) and (ii), is true?

6. Let  $P$ : ABC is an equilateral triangle

$Q$ : All the angles inside the triangle ABC are equal

Write a sentence for

(i)  $P \Rightarrow Q$                       (ii)  $Q \Rightarrow P$

Are both these, (i) and (ii), true?

7. Let  $P$ :  $n$  is prime

$Q$ :  $2^n - 1$  is prime

Write the following in words:

(i)  $P \Rightarrow Q$                       (ii)  $Q \Rightarrow P$

Do you think either of them, (i) and (ii), is true?