Philosophy 240: Symbolic Logic

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Sample Solutions to Homework Handout 3: Relational Predicates: Translating to English

Use the following translation key to translate the given formulas into natural English sentences:

Ax: x is silver Bxy: x belongs to y Cx: x is a cloud

Cxy: x keeps company with y

Dx: x is a dog Ex: x is smoke Fx: x is fire

Fxy: x is fair for y

g: God
Gx: x is glass
Gxy: x gathers y
Hx: x is home
Hxy: x helps y
Ixy: x is in y

Jxy: x is judged by y Kxy: x is a jack of y Lx: x is a lining Lxy: x is like y Mx: x is moss

Mxy: x is master of y Px: x is a person Qx: x is a place Rx: x rolls Sx: x is a stone Tx: x is a trade

Txy: x should throw y

Ux: x is a house Uxy: x comes to y Vxy: x ventures y Wx: x waits

Yx: x is a day

1. $(x)[Dx \supset (\exists y)(Yy \cdot Byx)]$ Every dog has its day.

2. $(x)[(\exists y)(Py \cdot Fxy) \supset (z)(Pz \supset Fxz)]$ What's fair for one is fair for all.

3. (x)[(Rx · Sx) \supset (y)(My \supset ~Gxy)] Rolling stones gather no moss.

4. $(x)[(Px \cdot Wx) \supset (y)Uyx]$ Everything comes to those who wait.

5. $(x)[(Px \cdot Hxx) \supset Hgx]$ God helps those who help themselves.

6. (x)[Hx \supset (y)(Qy \supset ~Lyx)] There is no place like home.

7. (x) $\{Cx \supset (\exists y)[(Ay \cdot Ly) \cdot Byx]\}\$ Every cloud has a silver lining.

8. $(x)[Px \supset (y)(Cxy \supset Jxy)]$ A person is judged by the company (s)he keeps.

9. (x){Qx \supset [(\exists y)(Ey \cdot Iyx) \supset (\exists z)(Fz \cdot Izx)]} Where there's smoke, there's fire.

10. $(x)\{[Px \cdot (y)(Ty \supset Kxy)] \supset (z)(Tz \supset \sim Mxz)\}$ A jack of all trades is a master of none.

11. (x){ $\{Px \cdot (\exists y)[(Gy \cdot Uy) \cdot Ixy]\} \supset (z)(Sz \supset \neg Txz)\}$ People who live in glass houses shouldn't throw stones.

12. $(x)\{[Px \cdot (y) \sim Vxy] \supset (z) \sim Gxz\}$ Nothing ventured, nothing gained.