Philosophy 240: Symbolic Logic Fall 2009

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Practice Problems for Test #6

I. Translations.

Use the following legend to translate the sentences below. For questions 1-13, do not use any functions.

a: Al Fx: x is a feminist
b: Bud Gx: x is Greek
c: Cindy Hx: x is happy
e: Ed Nx: x is a novel
m: Megha Px: x is a philosopher
n: Nietzsche Rx: x is Russian

p: Plato

Bxy: x is a brother of y

f(x): the father of xMxy: x mocks yg(x): the mother of xRxy: x is richer than yf(x,y): the only son of x and ySxy: x is smarter than y

Wxy: x wrote y

- 1. All feminists are philosophers.
- 2. All Greek feminists are philosophers.
- 3. Nietzsche mocks all feminists.
- 4. Nietzsche mocks everything that Plato wrote.
- 5. Nietzsche mocks everything smarter than him.
- 6. Nietzsche mocks a thing if it does not mock itself.
- 7. If one thing is smarter than a second, then the second is not smarter than the first.
- 8. If all feminist philosophers are richer than some Greek philosopher, then some Greek is smarter than all feminists.
- 9. Megha's only brother is Al. Ed writes novels. Al doesn't. So, Ed isn't Megha's brother.
- 10. If one thing is richer than a second, then the two aren't identical. So, nothing is richer than itself.
- 11. There are at most two things. Something other than Cindy is happy. So, there are exactly two things.
- 12. The brother of Cindy is happy. So, Cindy has a brother.
- 13. Everything is happy, except Megha and Bud. Al is unhappy. So, Al is either Megha or Bud.
- 14. Bud's father is a feminist, but Cindy's mother is not.
- 15. The only son of Cindy and Ed has no brother.
- 16. If Cindy is Greek, then her mother is a happy Russian and her father is a feminist who writes novels.
- 17. There are properties that Nietzsche has that Plato lacks.
- 18. All Russians have something in common.
- 19. Some transitive relations are asymmetric.
- 20. Everything is self-identical. Therefore, there is some relation that everything has to itself.

II. Derivations. Derive the conclusions of each of the following arguments.

There will be no derivations in second-order logic on the test.