Math 311 Direct Proofs Activity

**Instructions:** This is a group activity. You must work together with your assigned group to answer these questions. Write a paragraph proof for each of the following propositions. The following definitions will be helpful to you as you work to write these proofs:

## **Definitions:**

- An integer n is **even** if n = 2k for some integer  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- An integer n is odd if n = 2k + 1 for some integer  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- Two integers have the **same parity** if they are both even or they are both odd. Otherwise they have **opposite parity**.

• Given two integers m and n, we say that m divides n, written m|n if n = km for some  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ . In this case, we say that m is a **divisor** of n and that n is a **multiple** of m.

1. **Proposition 1:** If n is odd, then  $n^2$  is odd.

2. **Proposition 2:** If n is even, then  $n^2$  is even.

3. Proposition 3: If n is odd, then  $n^2 + 3n + 5$  is odd.

4. **Proposition 4:** If n is even, then mn is even.

5. **Proposition 5:** Let a, b, and c be integers. If a|b and b|c, then a|c.

6. **Proposition 6:** Let a, b, and c be integers. If a|b and a|c, then a|(b+c).

7. Proposition 7: Let a, b, c and d be integers. If a|b and c|d, then ac|bd.

8. Proposition 8: If two integers have the same parity, then their sum is even.

9. **Proposition 9:** If  $n^2$  is even, then n is even.

10. Proposition 10: If a does not divide bc, then a does not divide b.