

GENERAL MATHEMATICS

LOGICAL REASONING

Simple & Compound statements

Definition of Simple Logical Statement

Simple logical statement as " A statement in a logical context is a declaration, verbal or written, that is either true or false, but not both".

A statement is ascribed **T** or **F**, called the truth value, depending on the truth level of the statement.

A simple statement as a statement which has only one main verb.

Example:

- 1) Tunde is a boy.
- 2) Mathematics is fun.
- 3) Girls are smart.

The above statements can be either true or false.

Compound Statement

A compound statement is made up of two or more simple statements.

Example 2

- 1) Hannah did not study and she did not pass her examination.
- 2) Tom is short but Andy is tall.

A compound statement makes use of logical symbols called connectives. The connectives are 'and', 'or', 'but', etc.

Connectives are used to make compound statements from simple statements.

Consider the following questions.

- 1) Identify the type of statement in each of the following:
 - i) Stop making a noise.
 - ii) What is this?
 - iii) Mali is an African country.
2. Write against each statement, T or F.
 - i) $\sin A = \cos (90 - A)$
 - ii) $2x > 7$, therefore, $x < 3$

Assignment

1. Distinguish between simple and compound statements.