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OVERVIEW

PURPOSE

This Standard Operating Procedure (SOP) establishes policies, procedures, and guidelines for undercover operations and activities conducted by the Investigative Services Branch (ISB) of the National Park Service (NPS). Within the SOP the term “covert” will be used interchangeably with the term “undercover” (UC).

The policies in this SOP will:

- Provide the greatest degree of flexibility to conduct undercover operations within the limits of law and regulations;
- Establish uniform and effective standards of oversight and accountability; and
- Promote innovation and creativity.

OBJECTIVES

The objective of the National Park Service’s law enforcement policy, as defined by Congressional intent, is the detection and investigation of criminal activity and the apprehension and successful prosecution of criminal violators within or while affecting the NPS. Undercover or covert operations are a useful tool in accomplishing that objective.

Objectives for conducting undercover operations are to:

- Determine if a violation of law has occurred or is in progress;
- Identify violators and conspirators and their methodology; and
- Obtain evidence for prosecution.

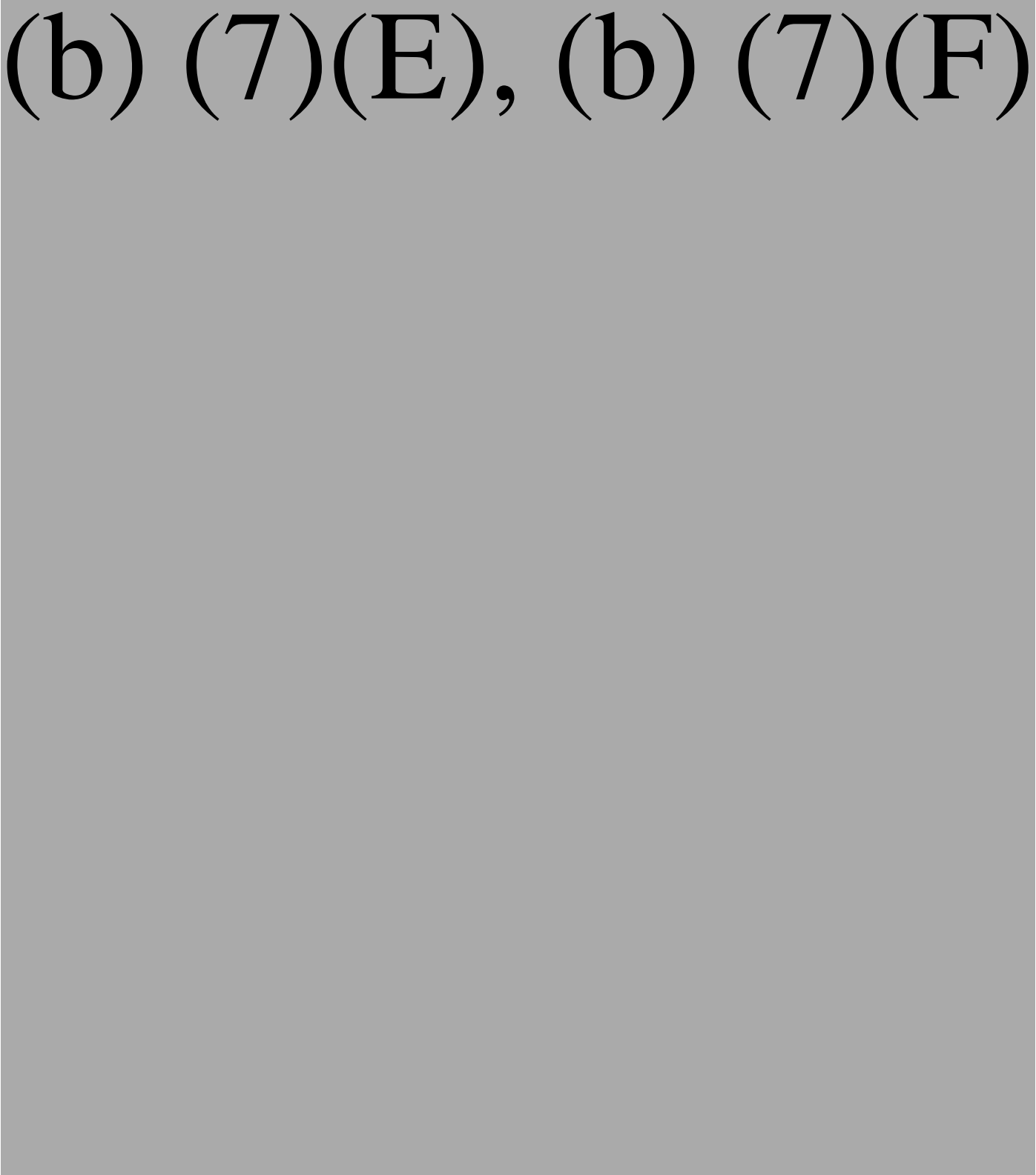
Undercover operations are wide ranging. The objectives of these operations can range from intelligence gathering to purchases of evidence of criminal activity.

These operations are to be undertaken with careful consideration and analysis of risk. Employee and public safety are top priorities.

DEFINITIONS

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ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES

This section details the roles and responsibilities of those involved in undercover assignments/activities.

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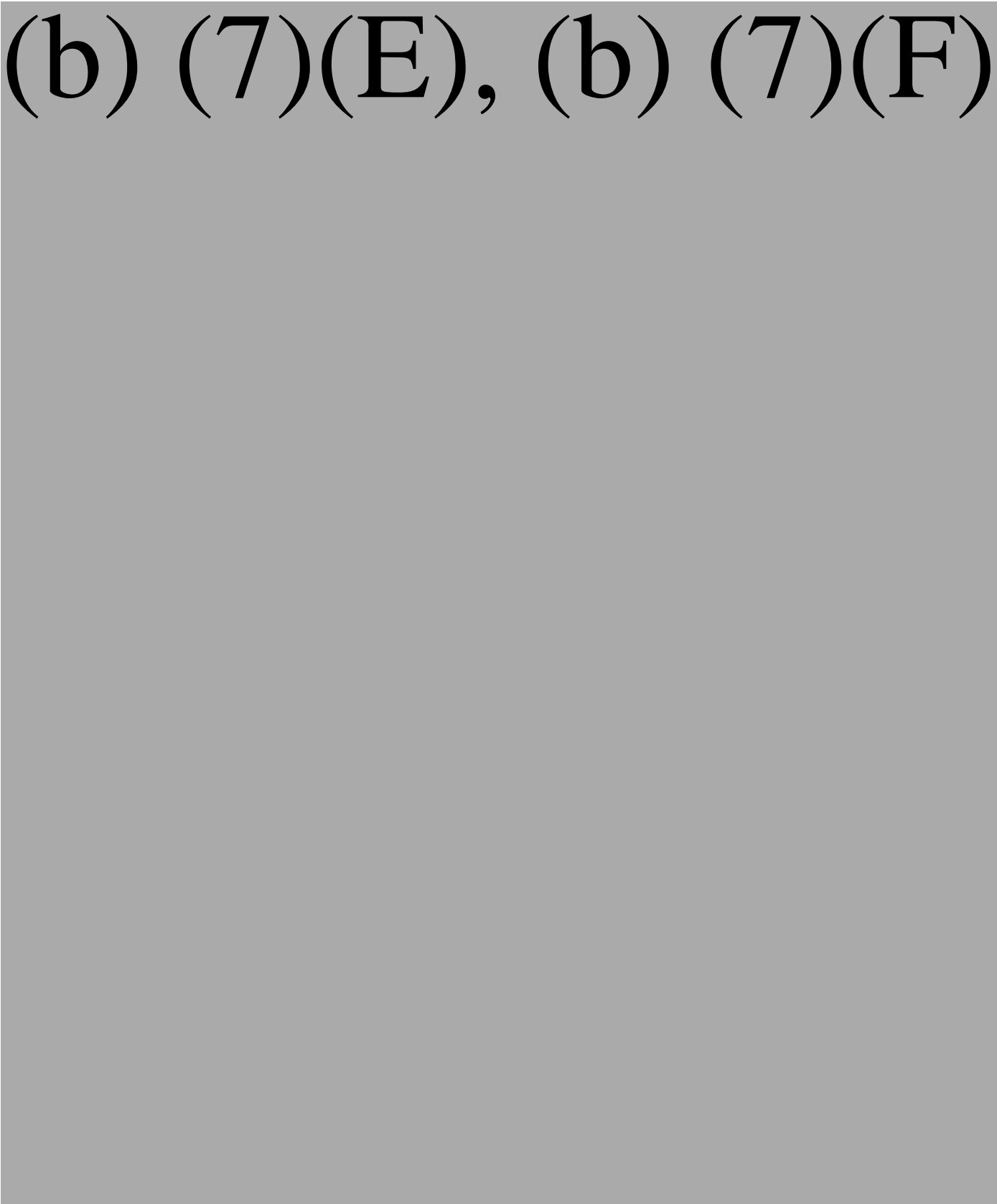
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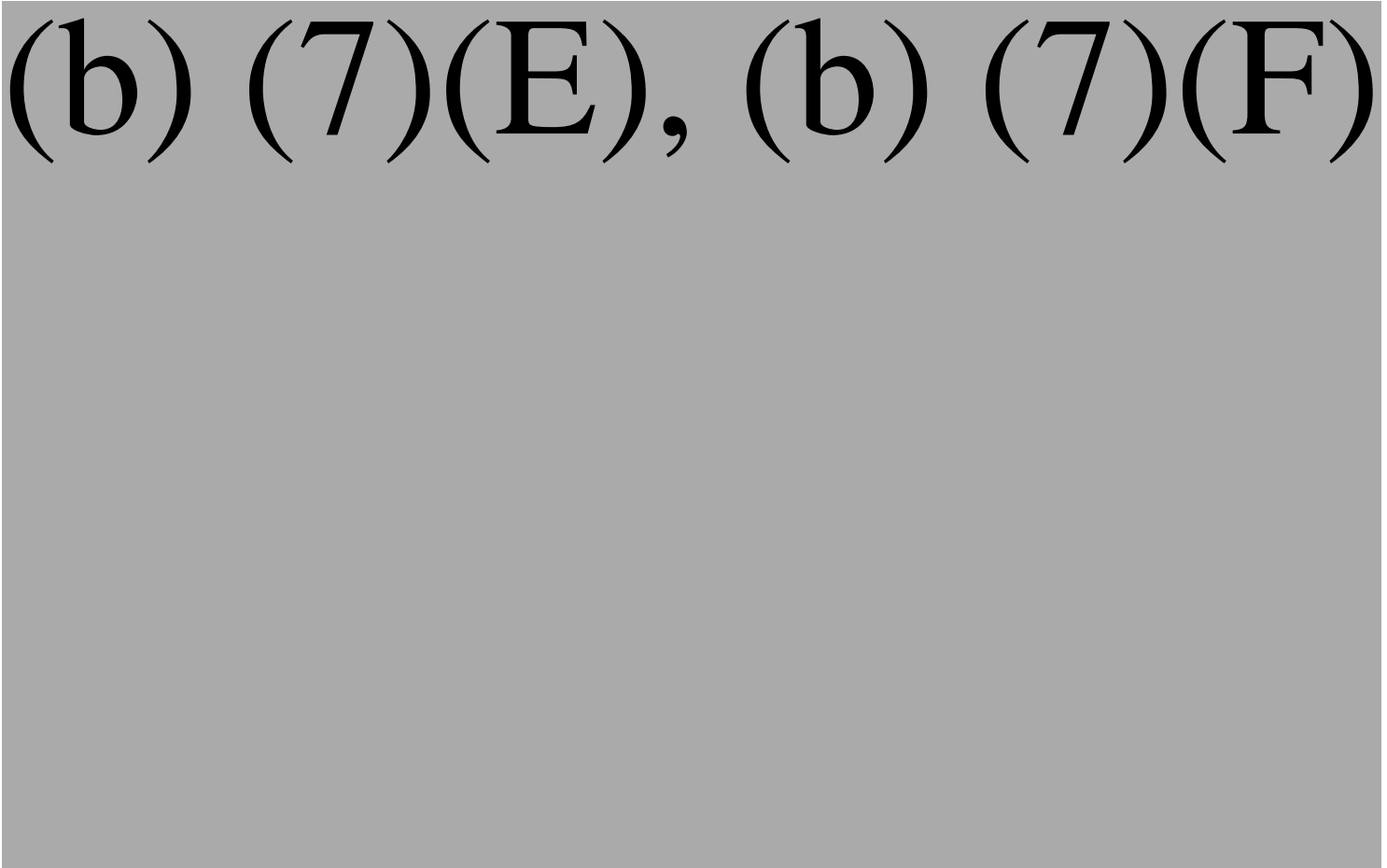
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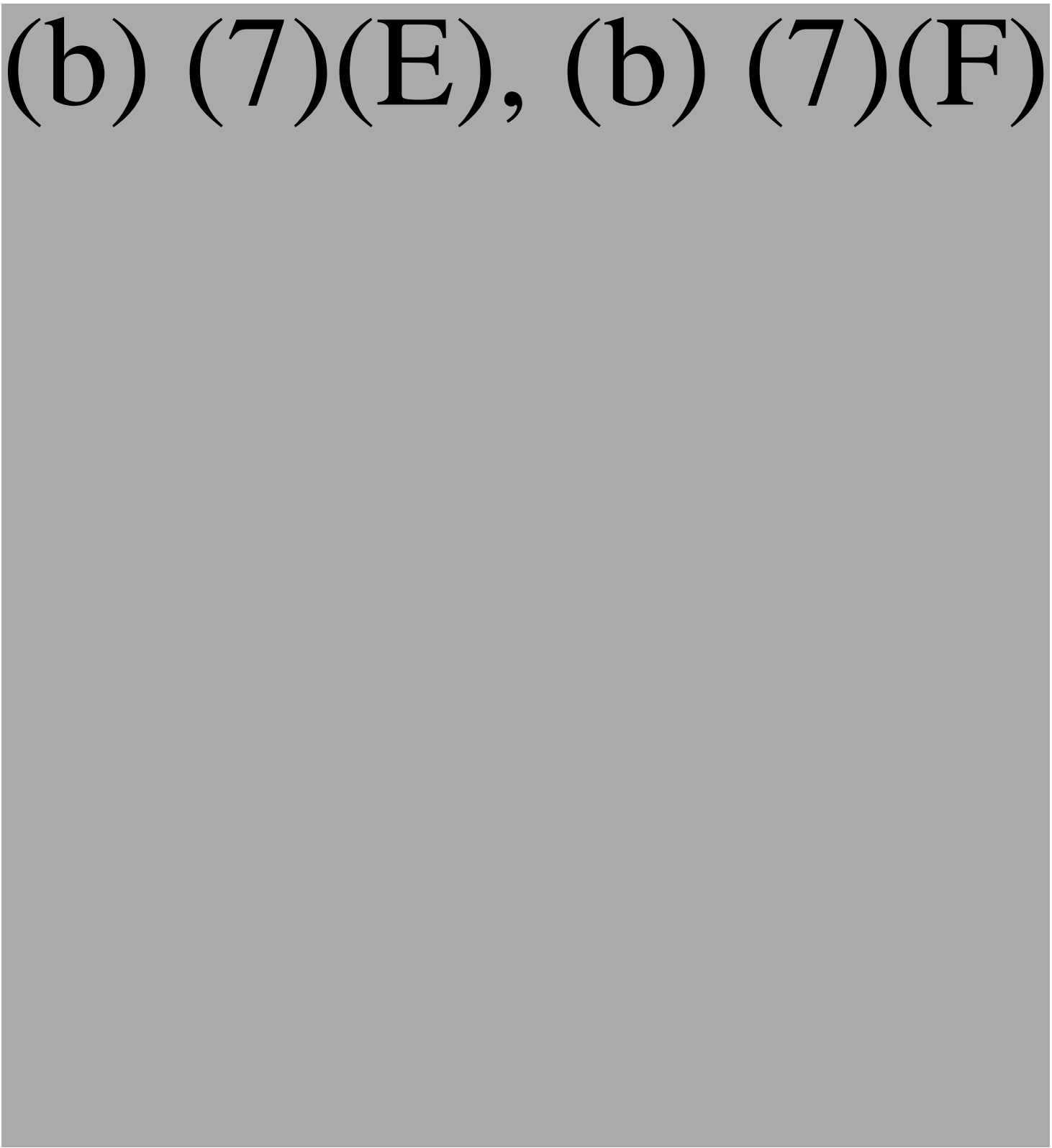


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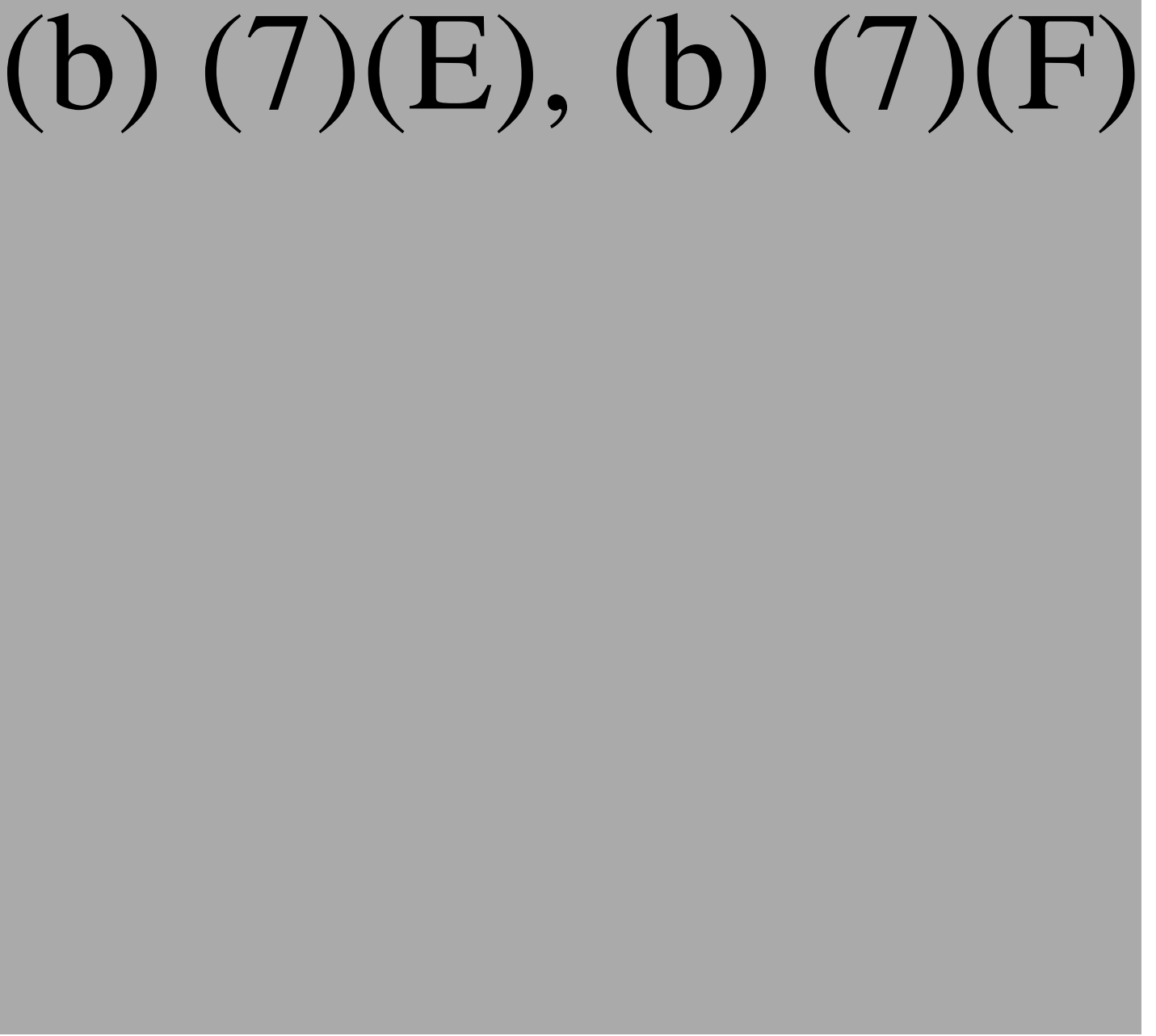


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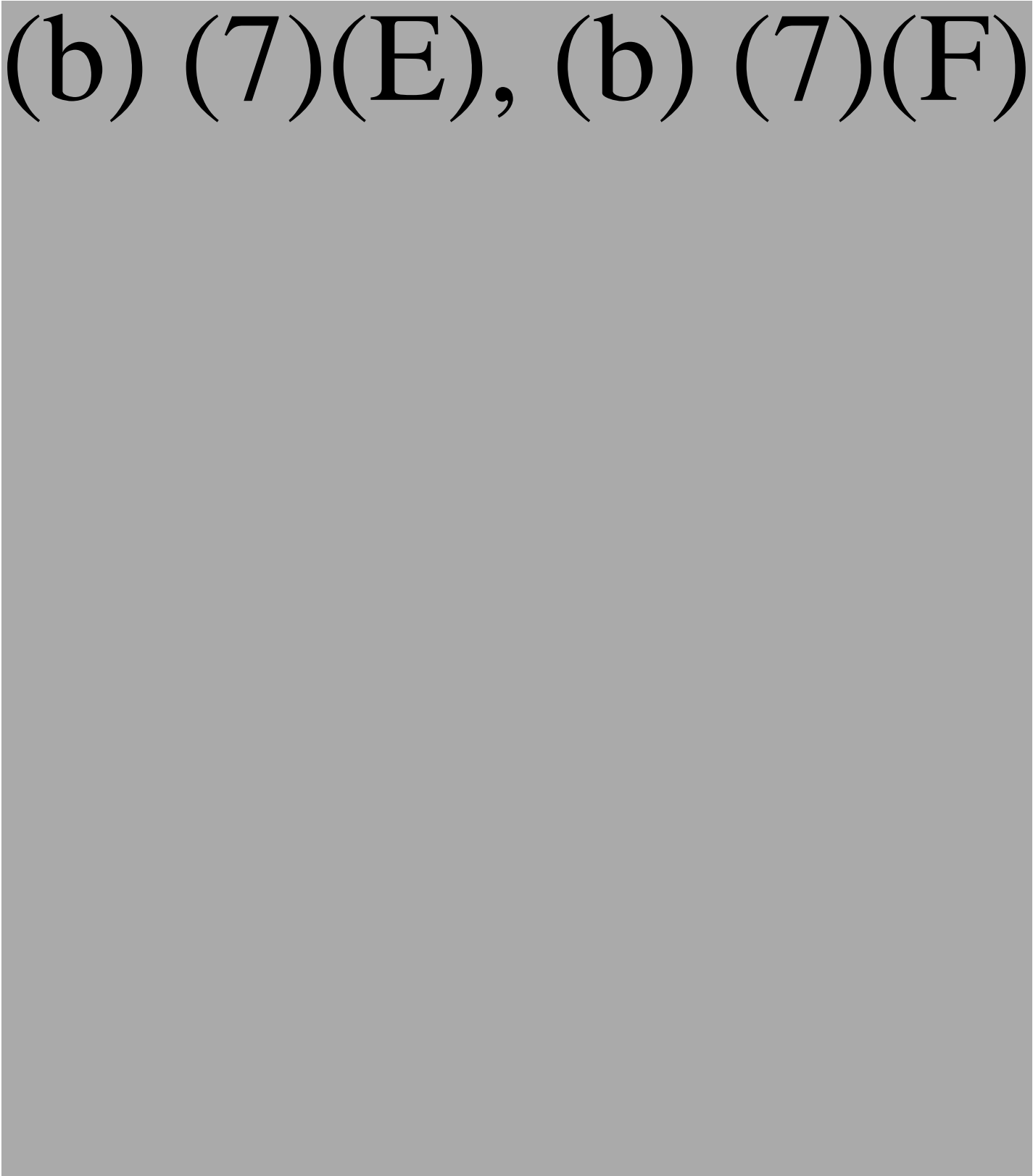


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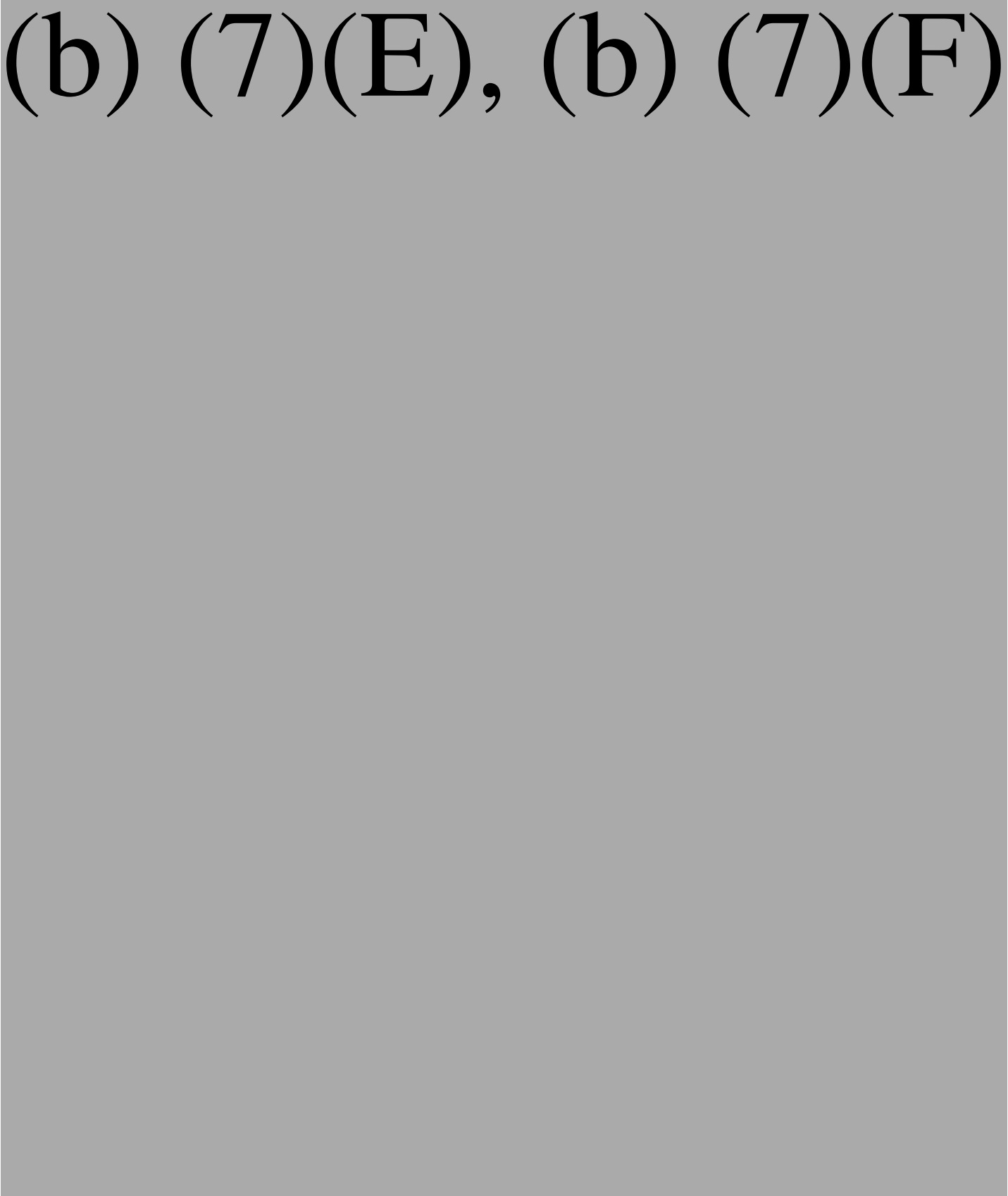


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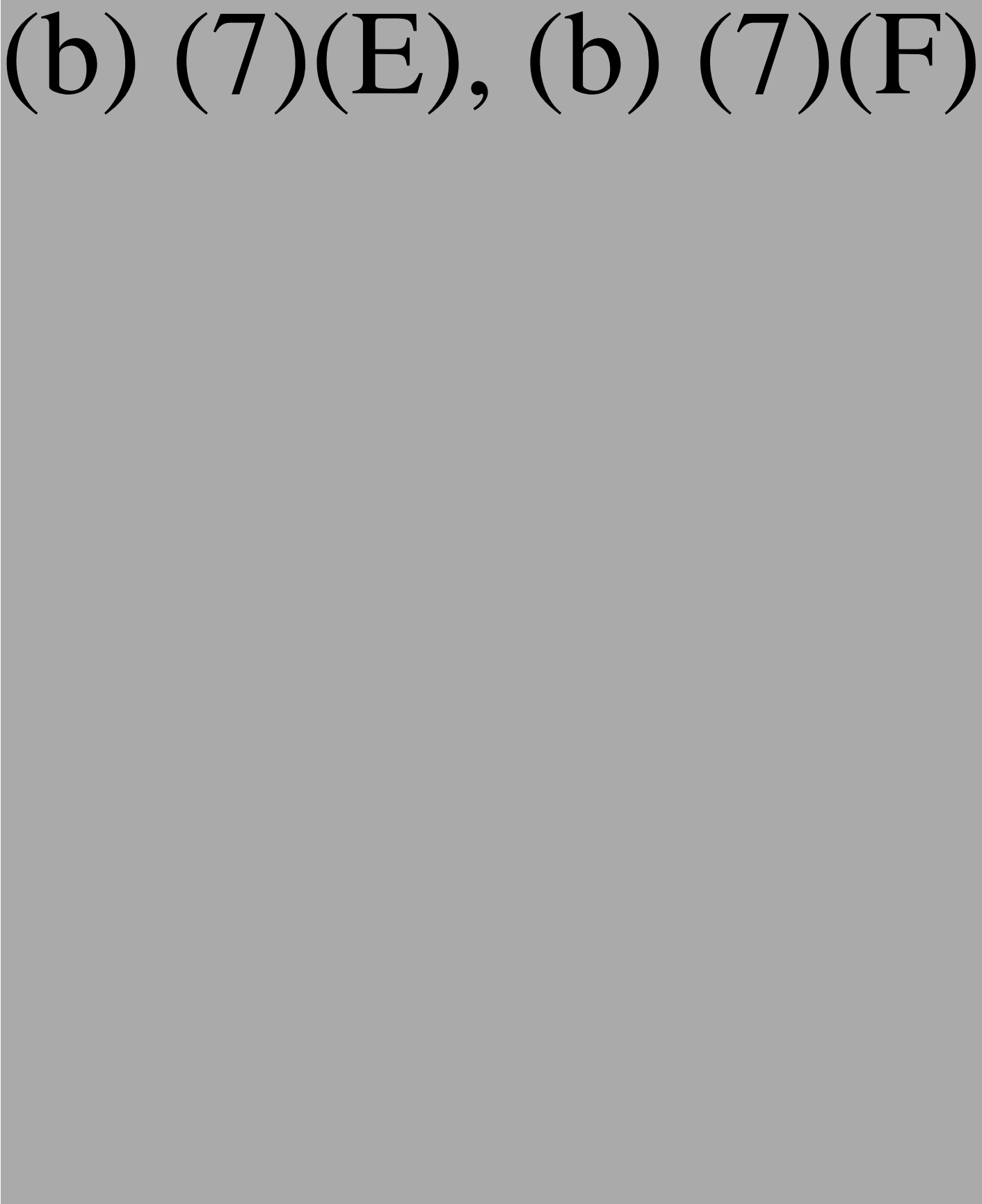
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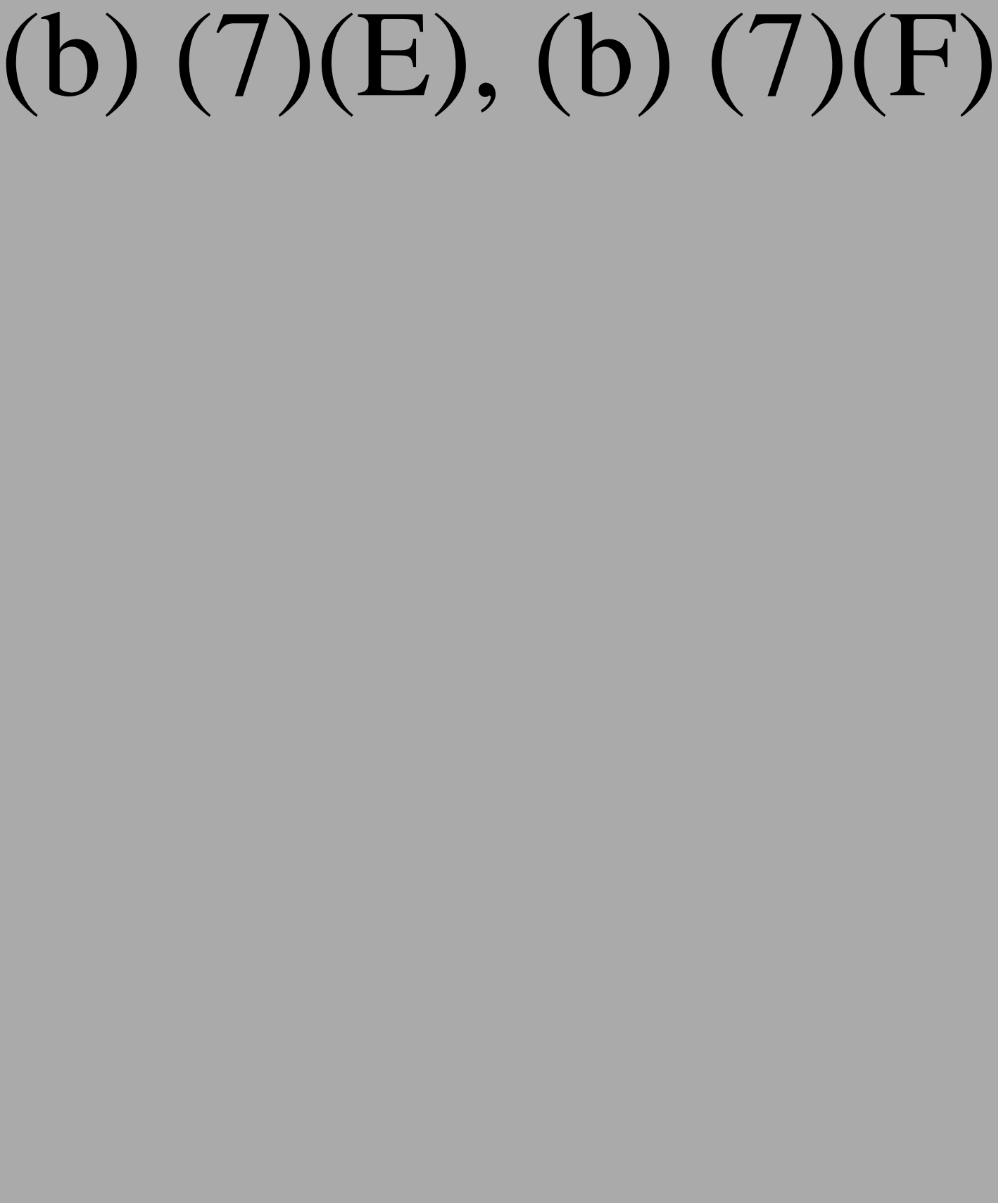
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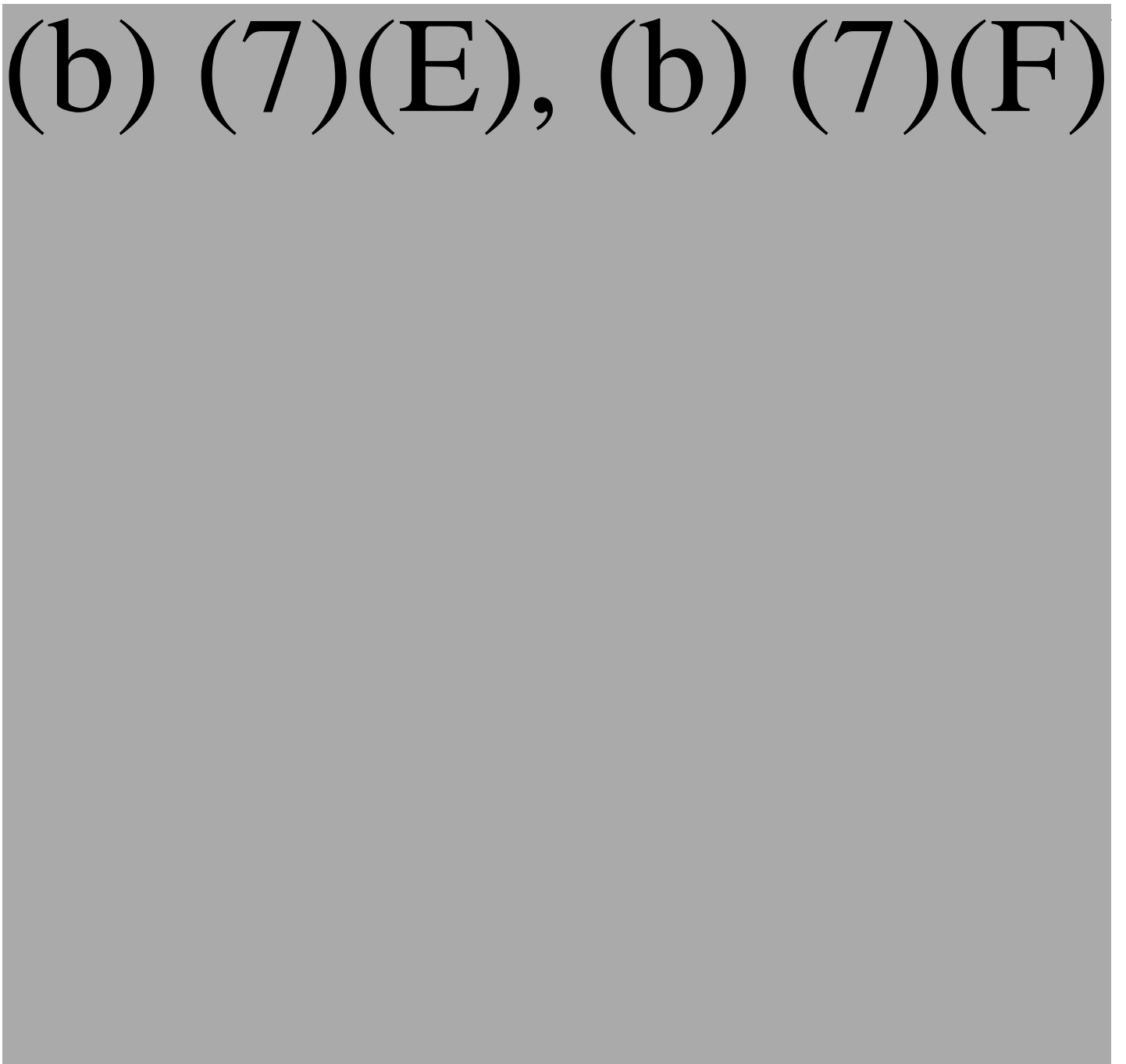
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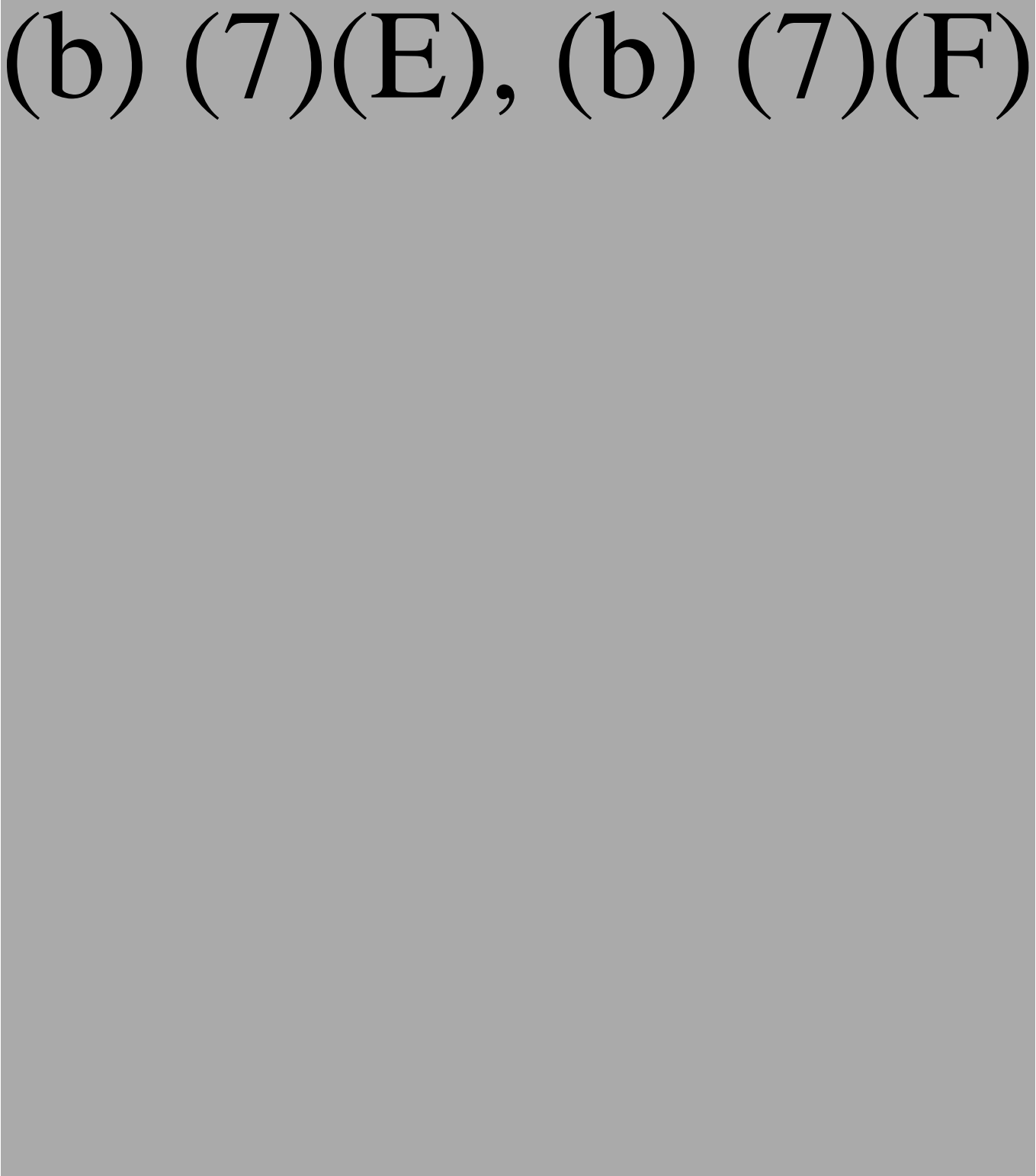


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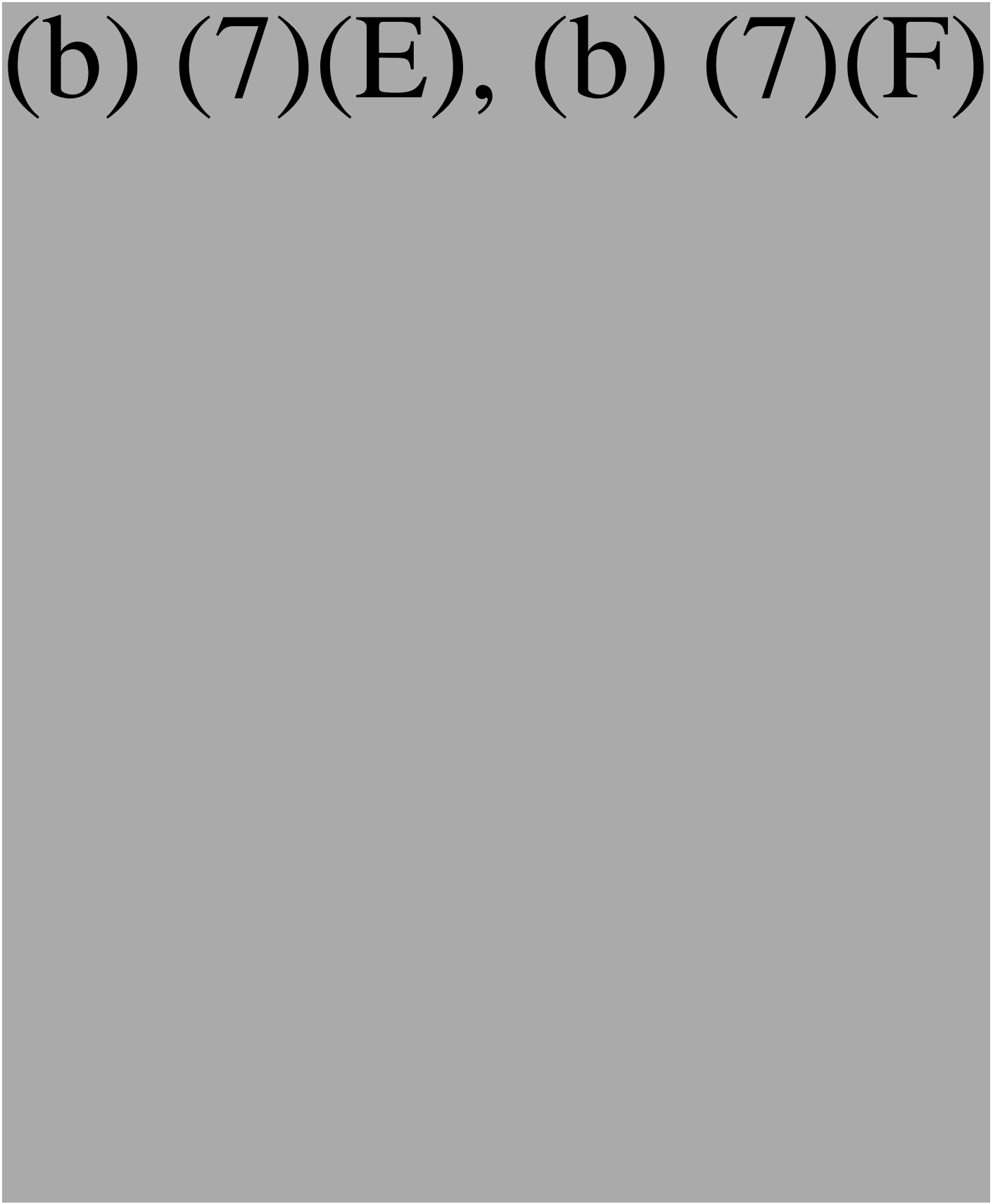


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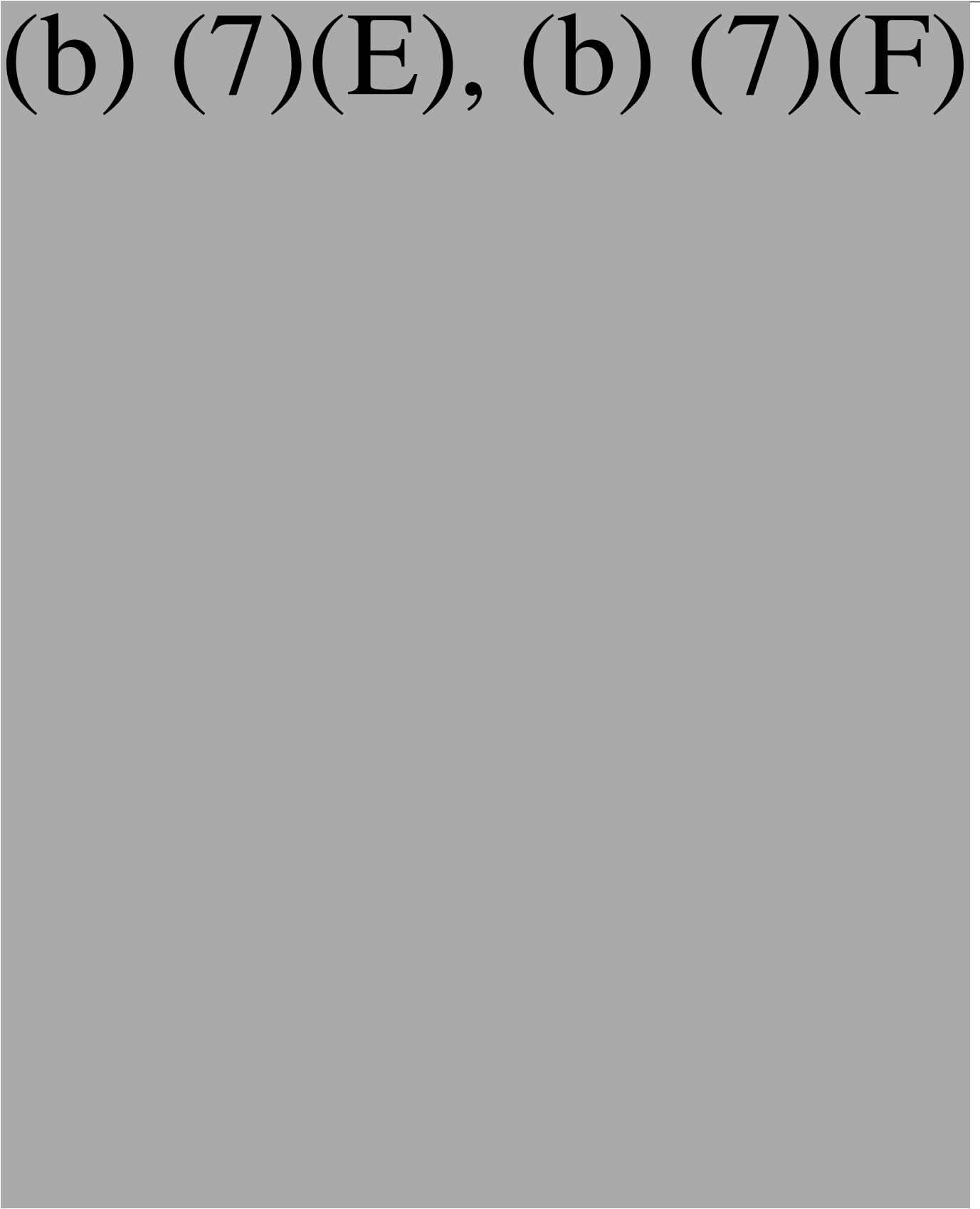
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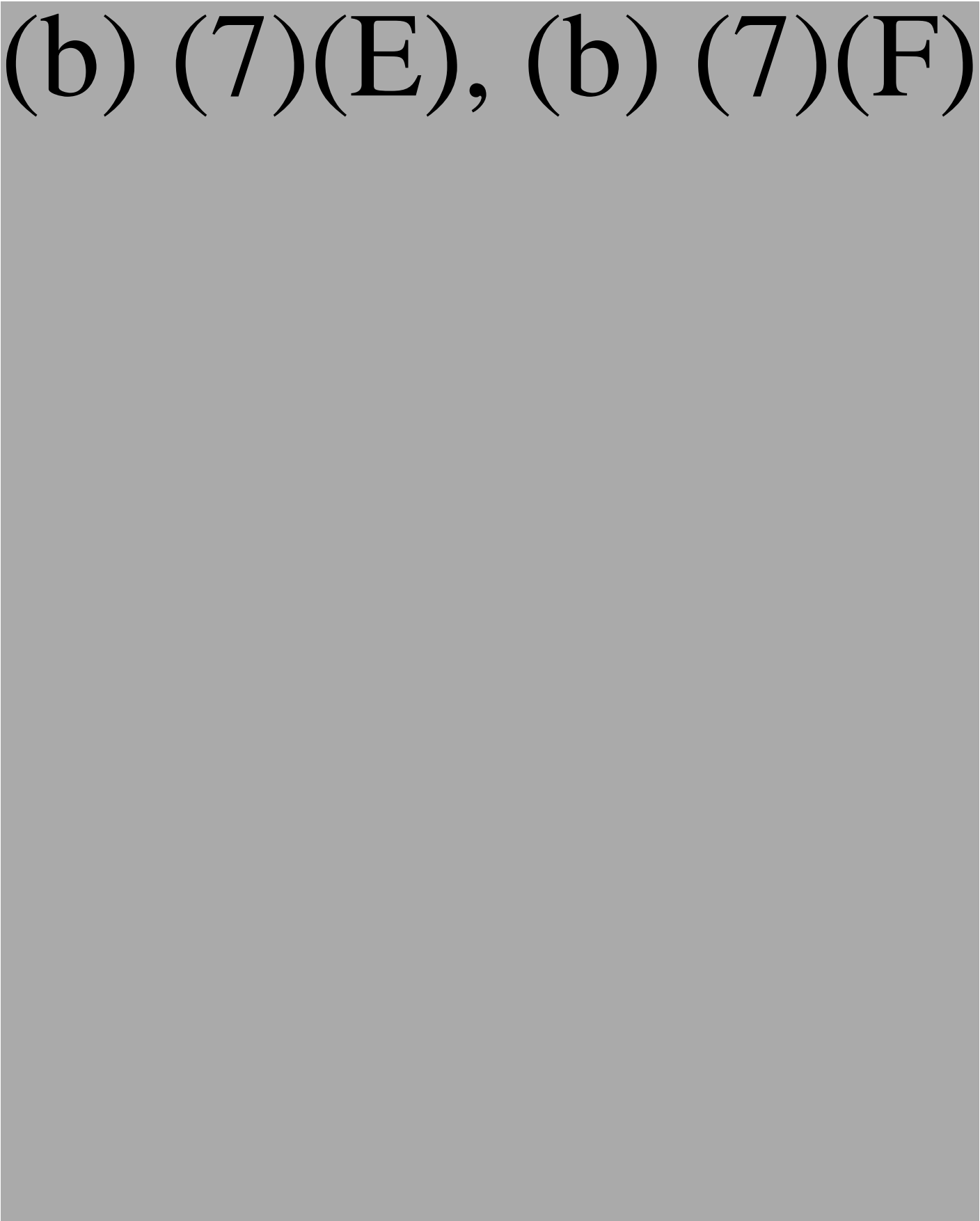
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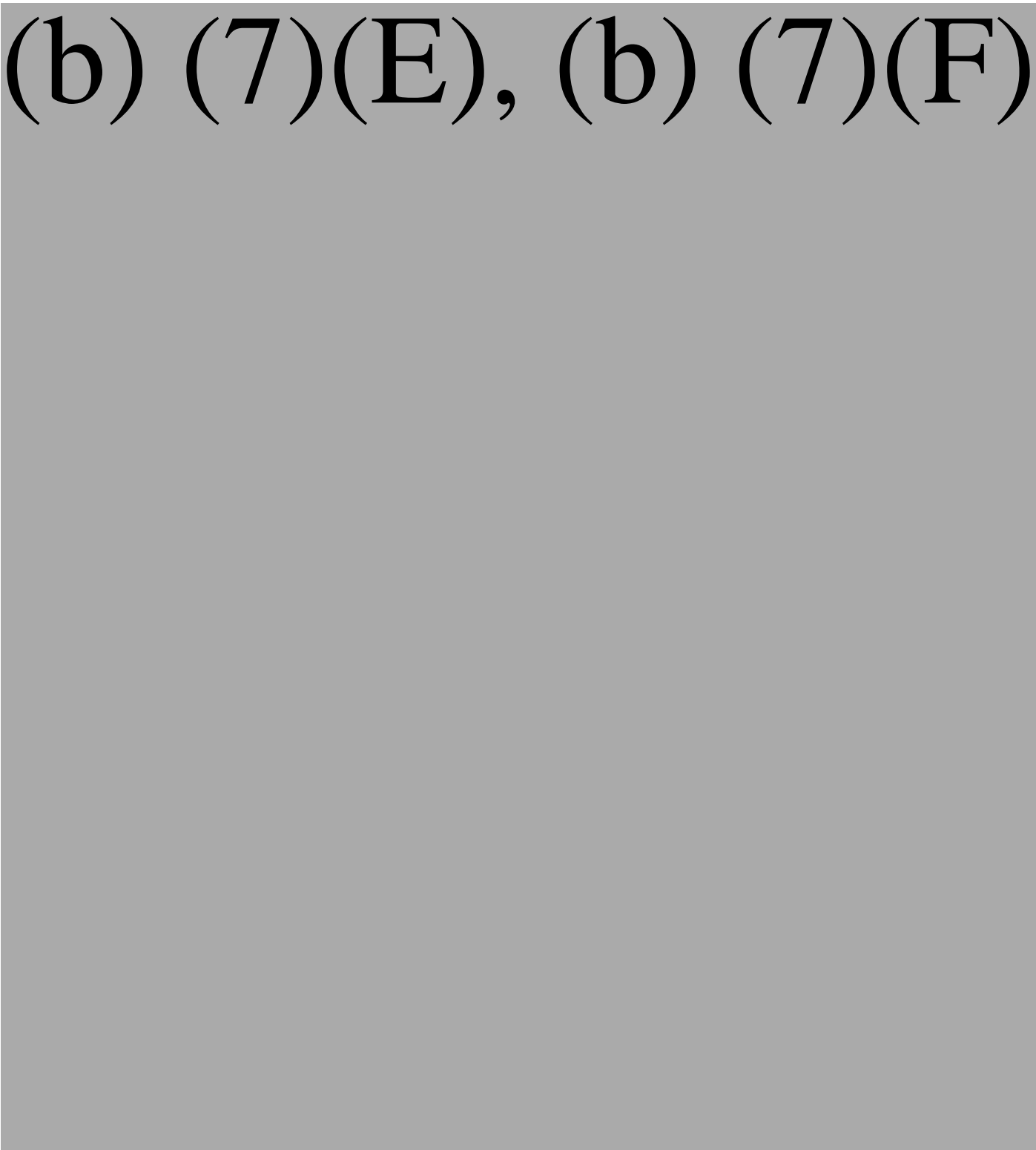
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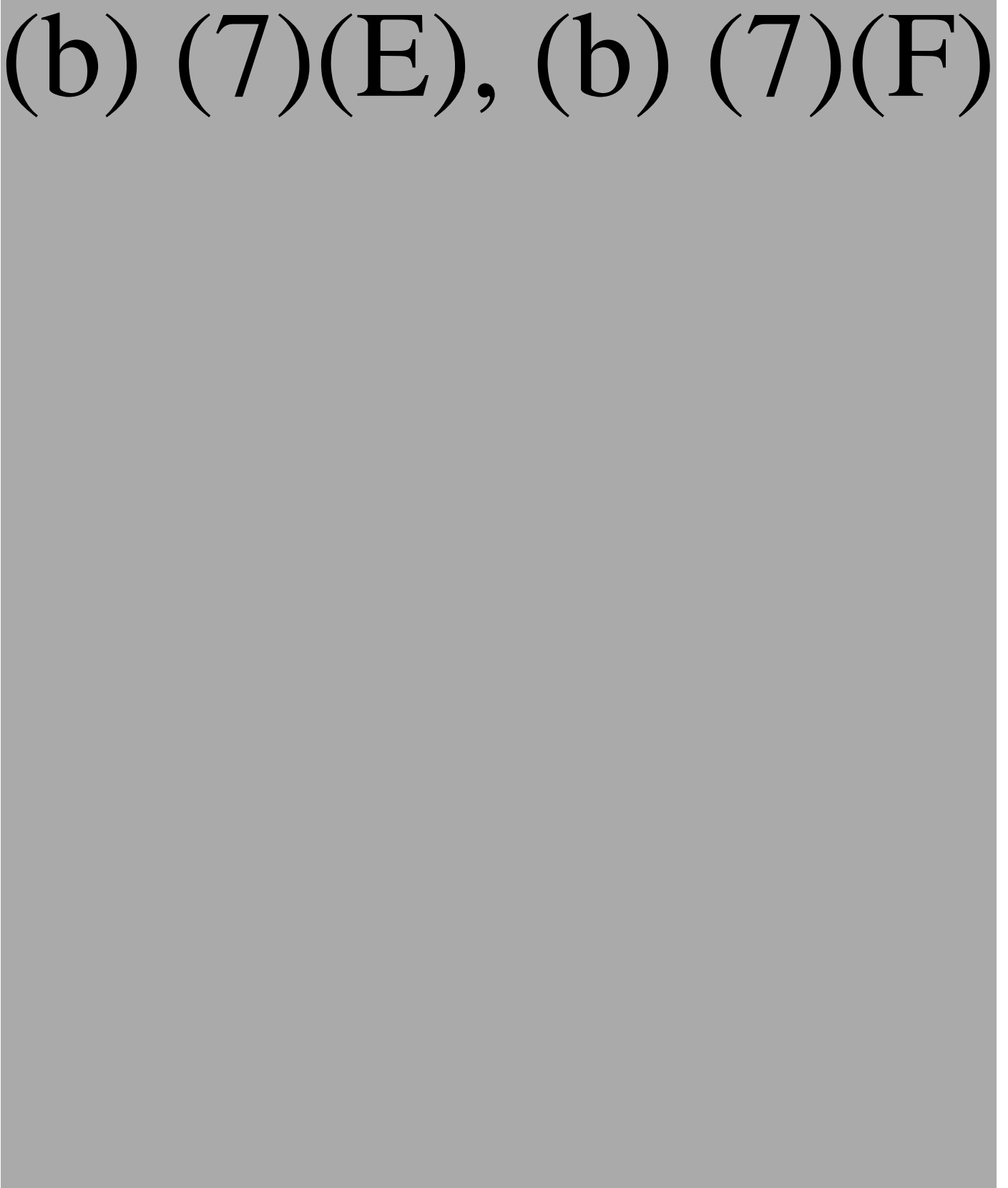
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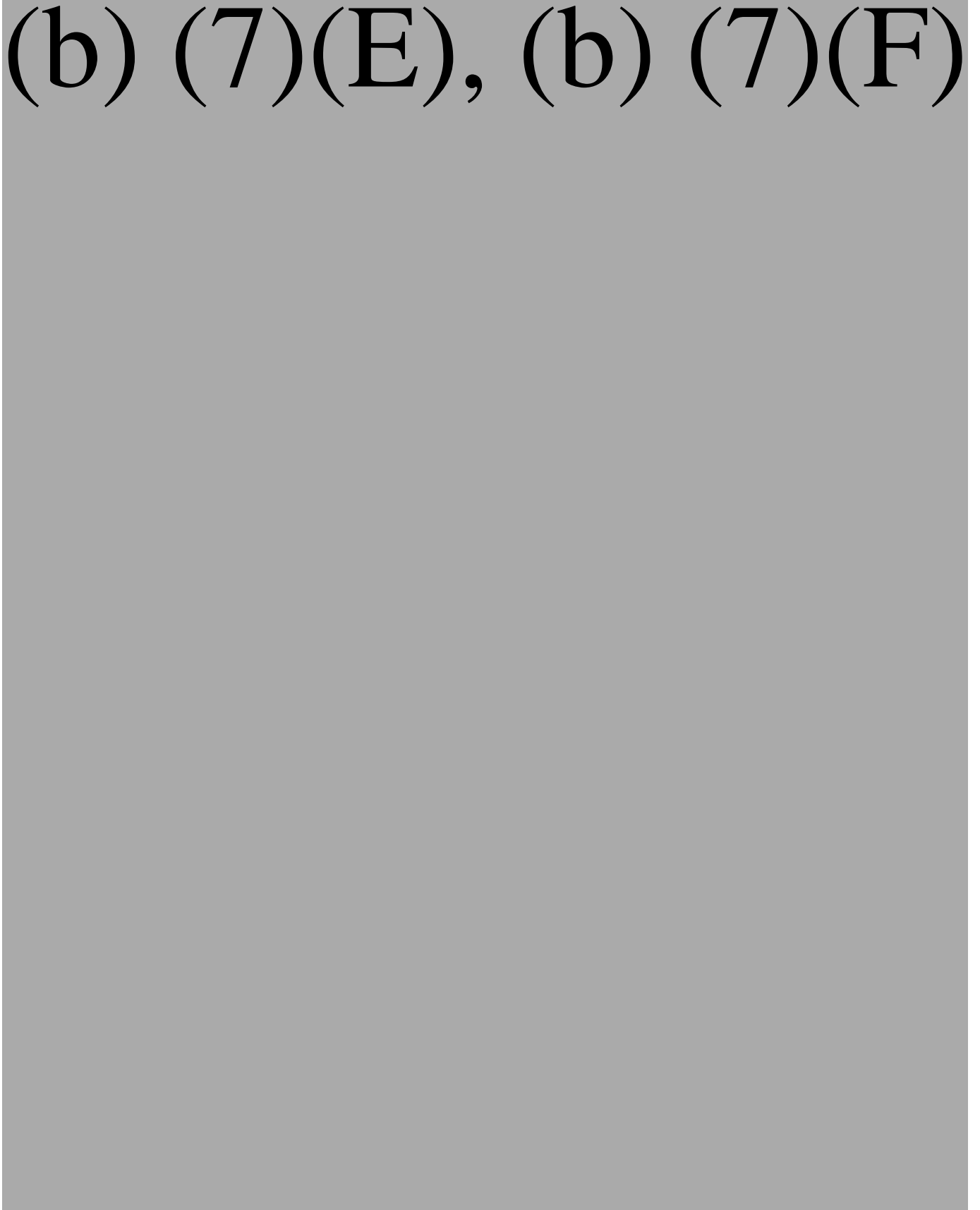
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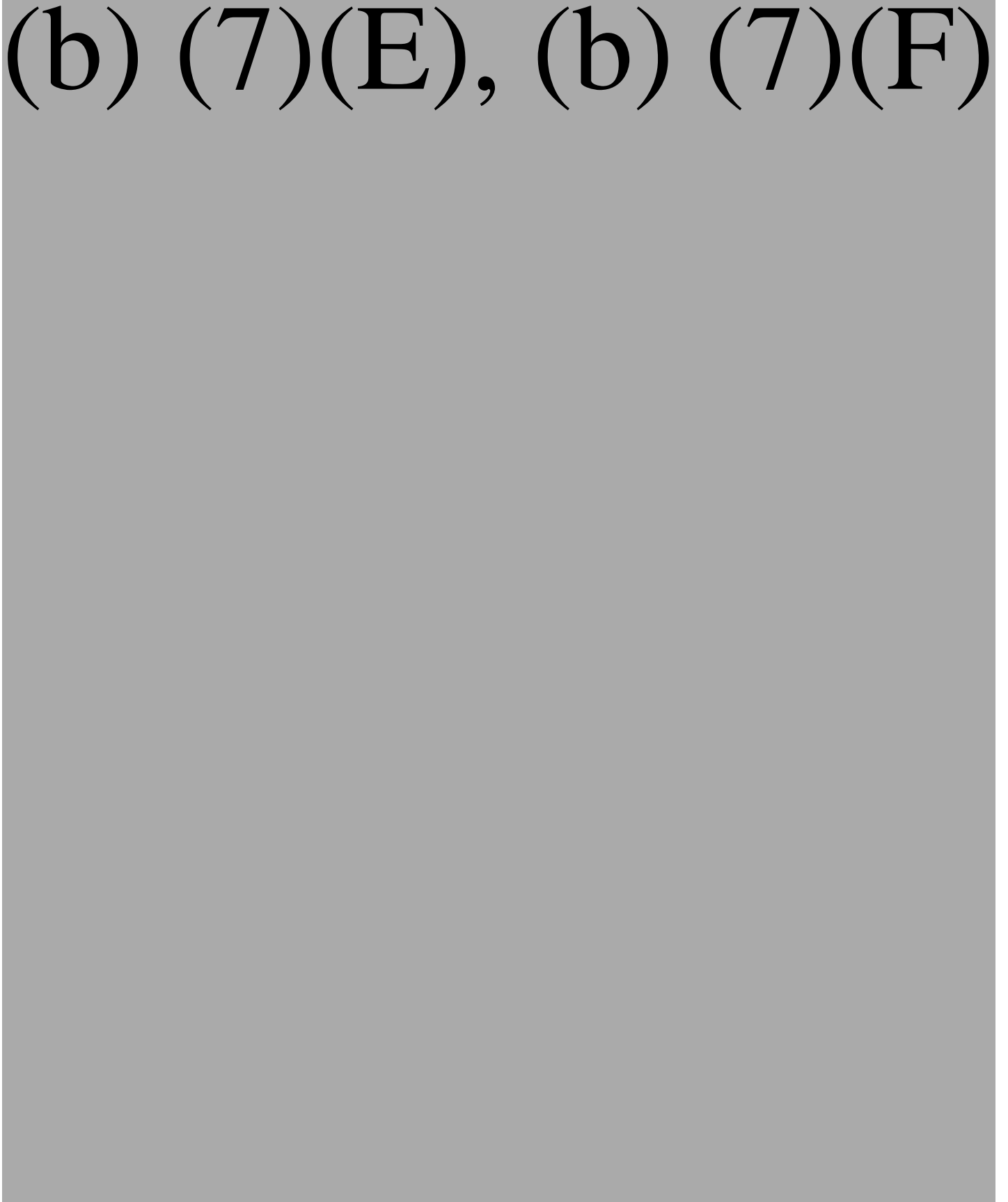
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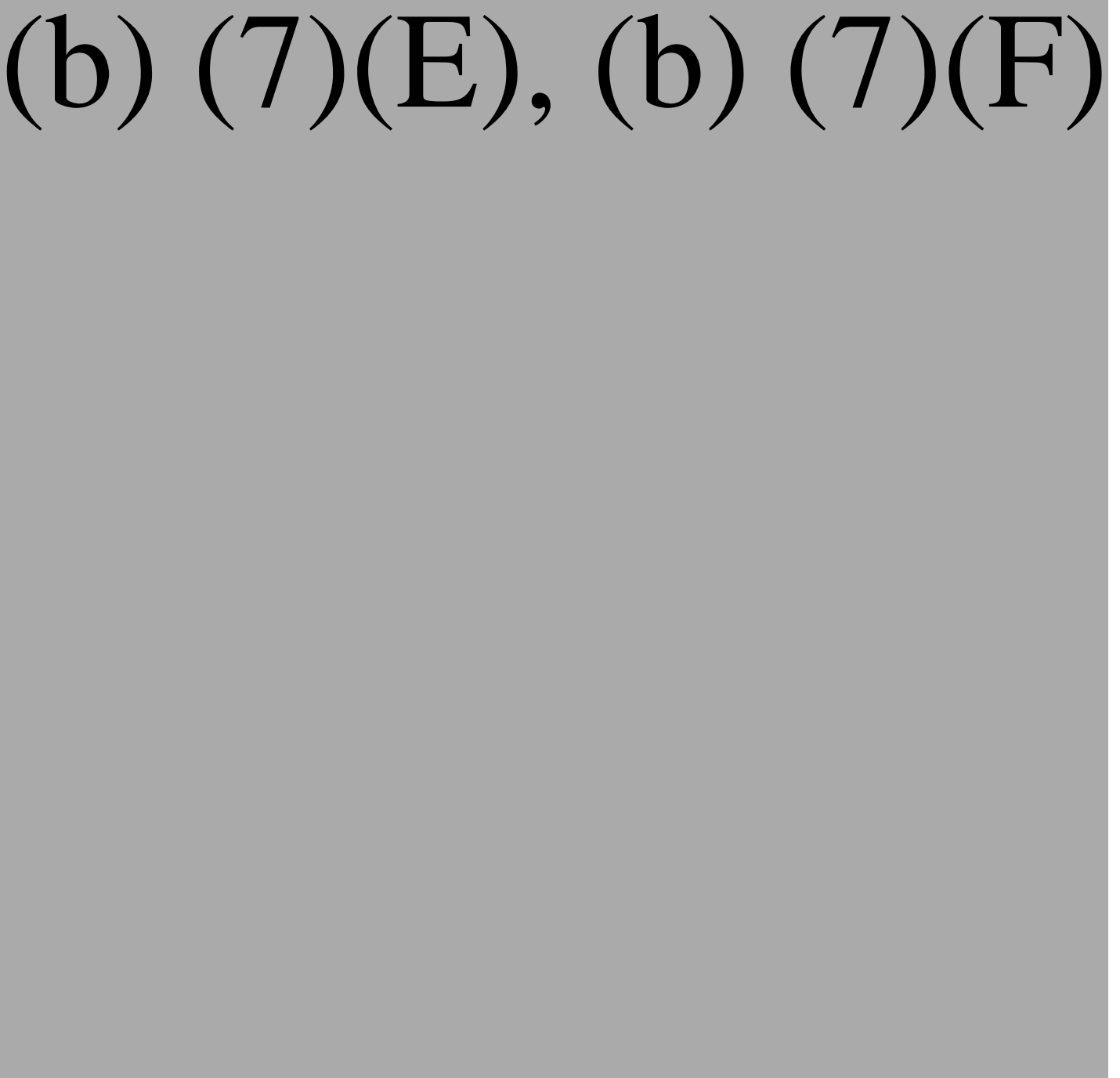
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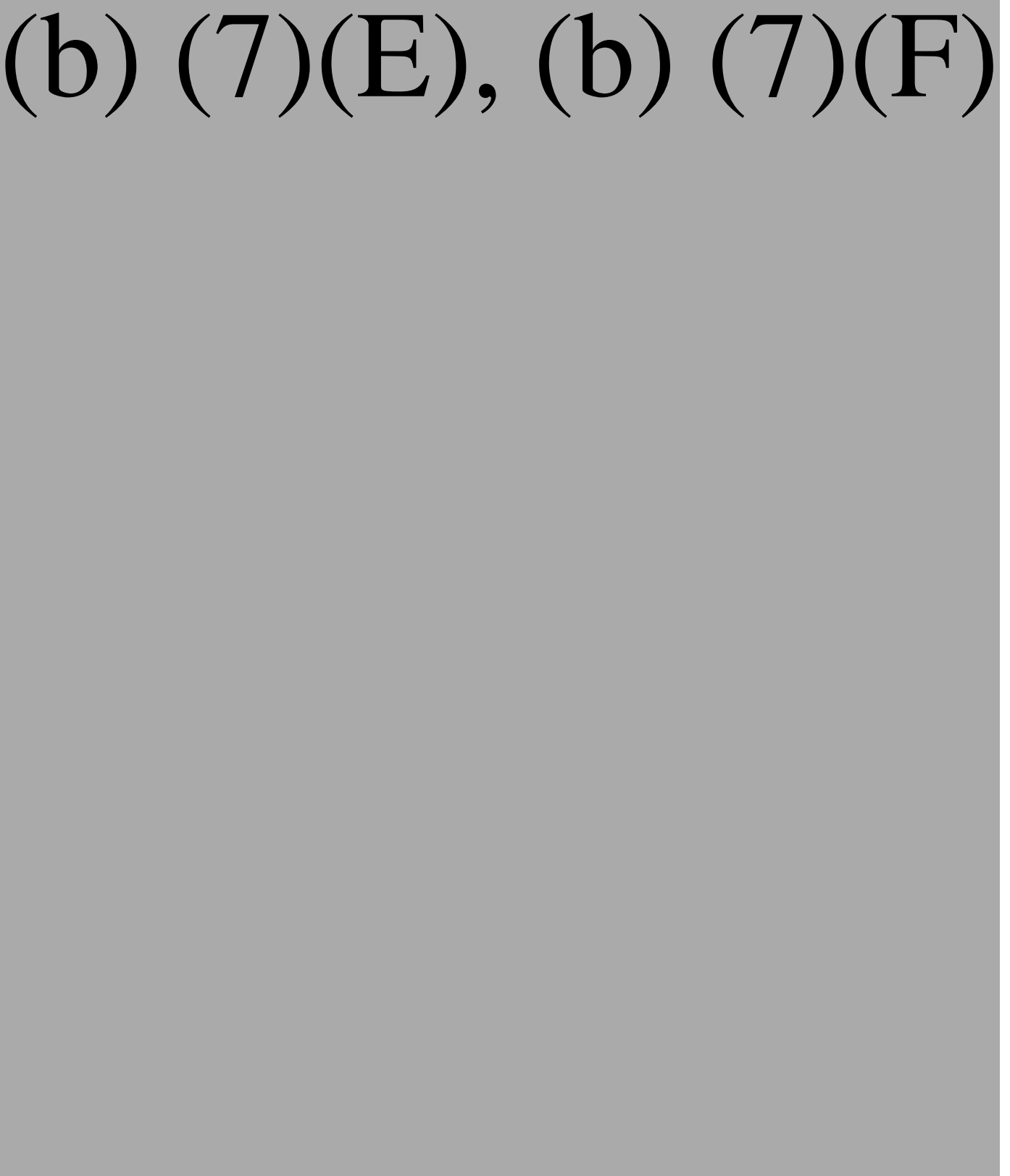


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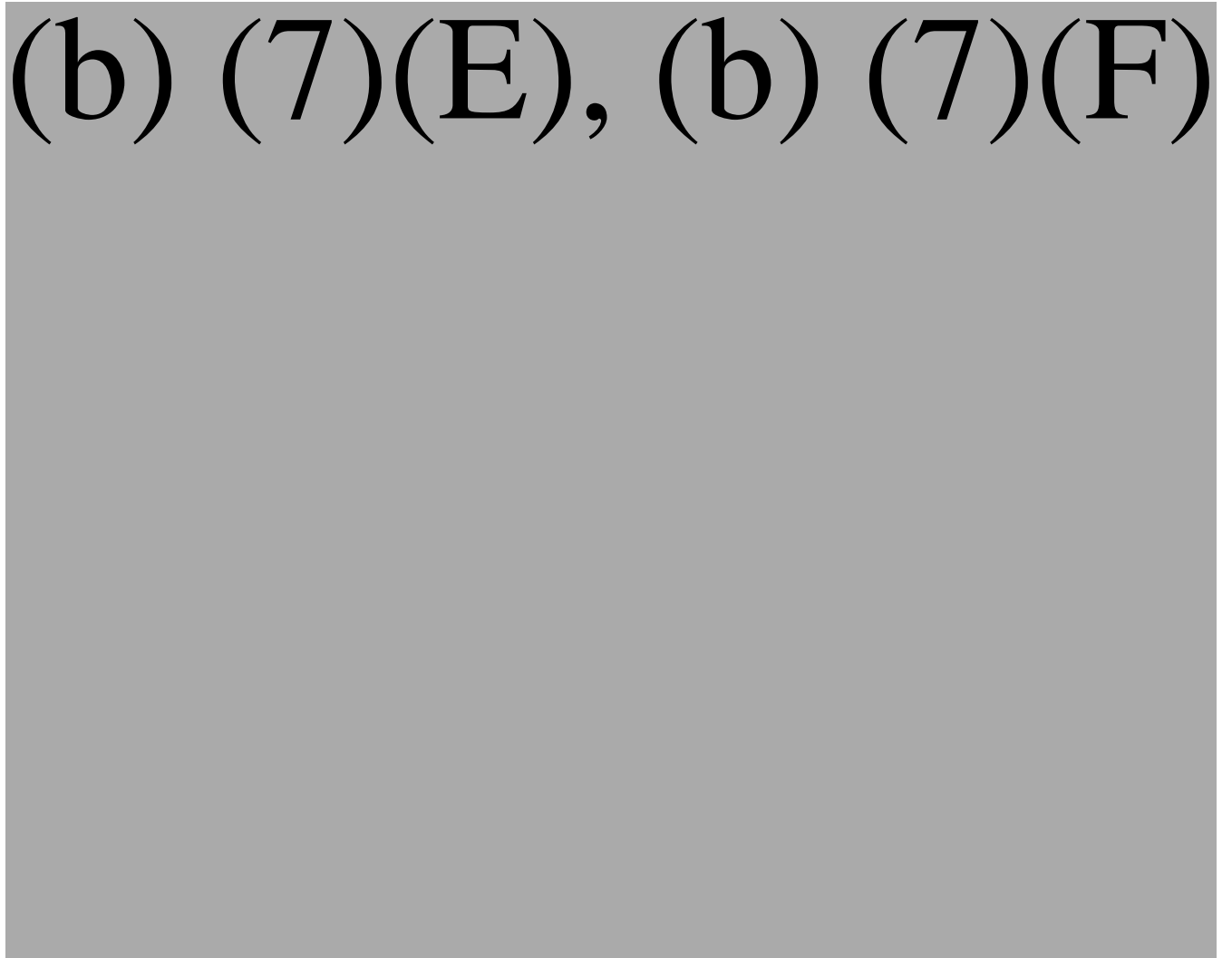


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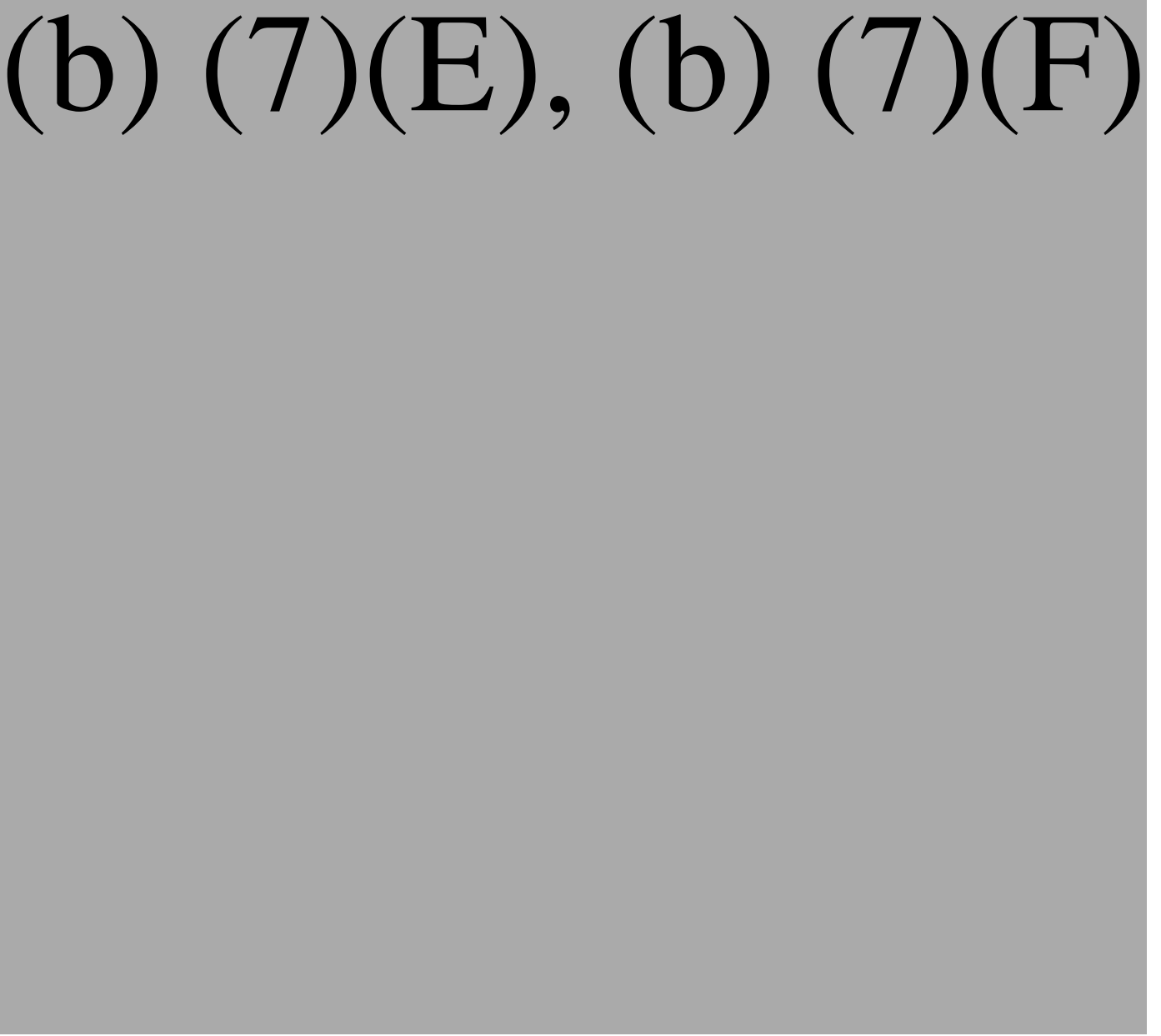
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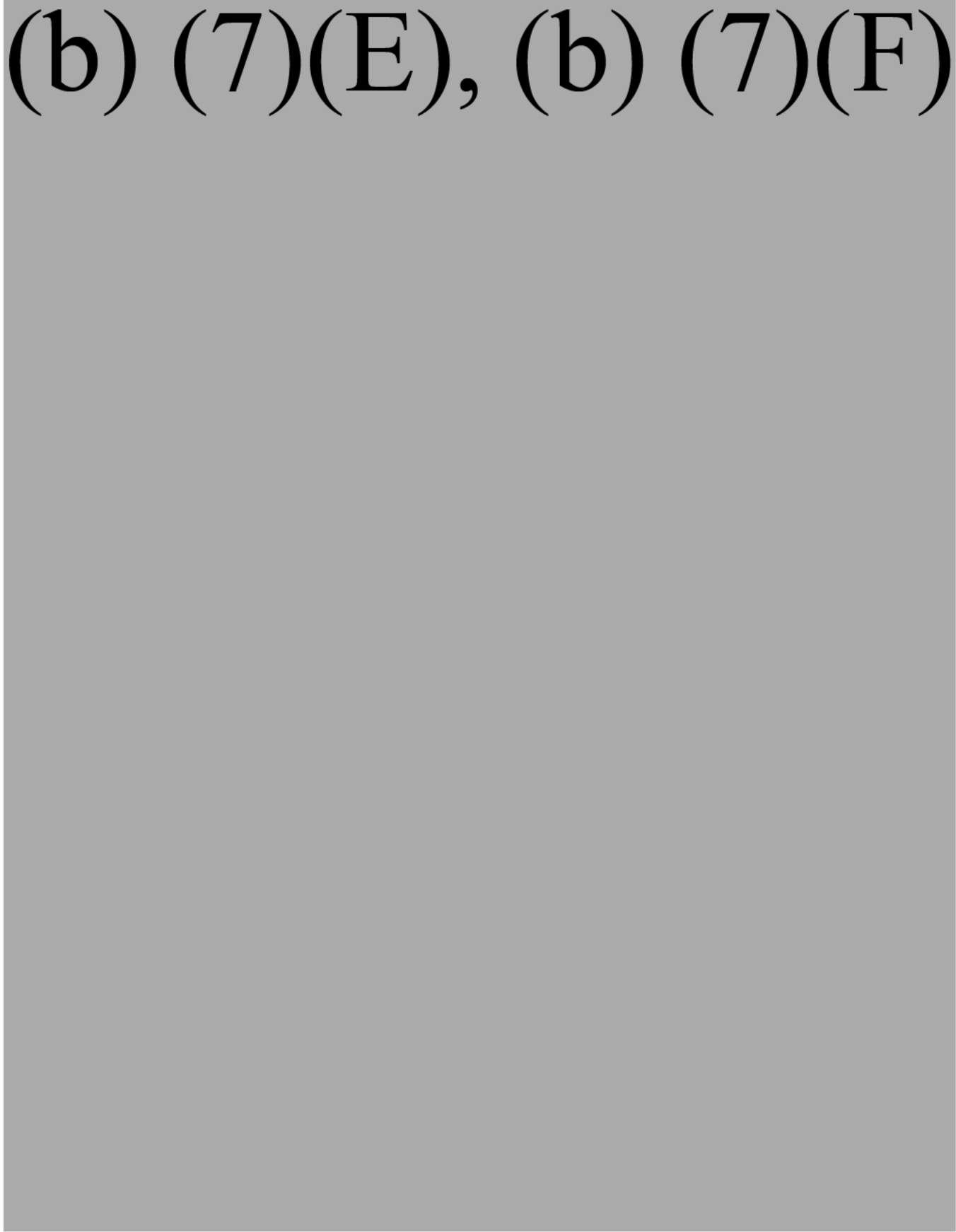


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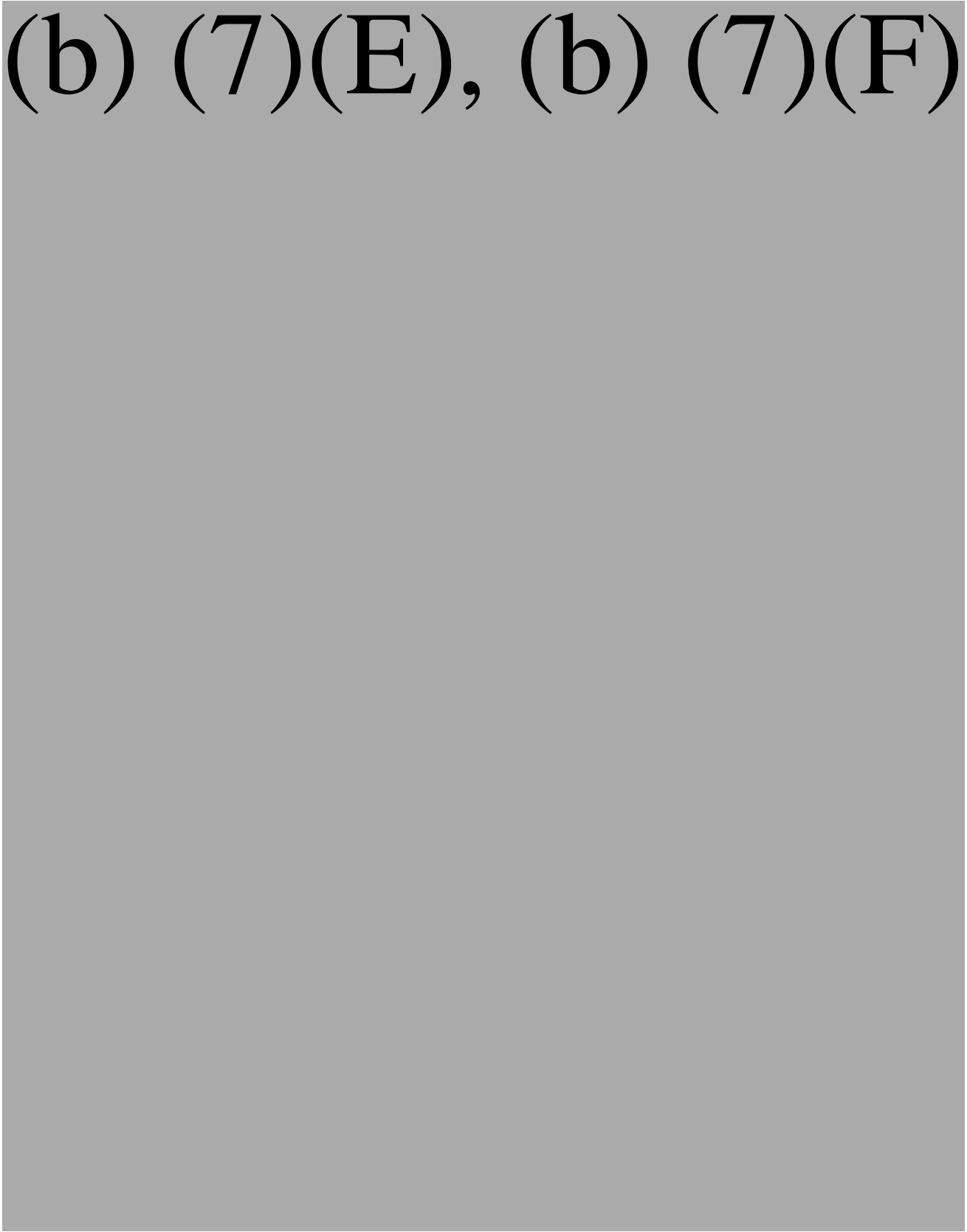
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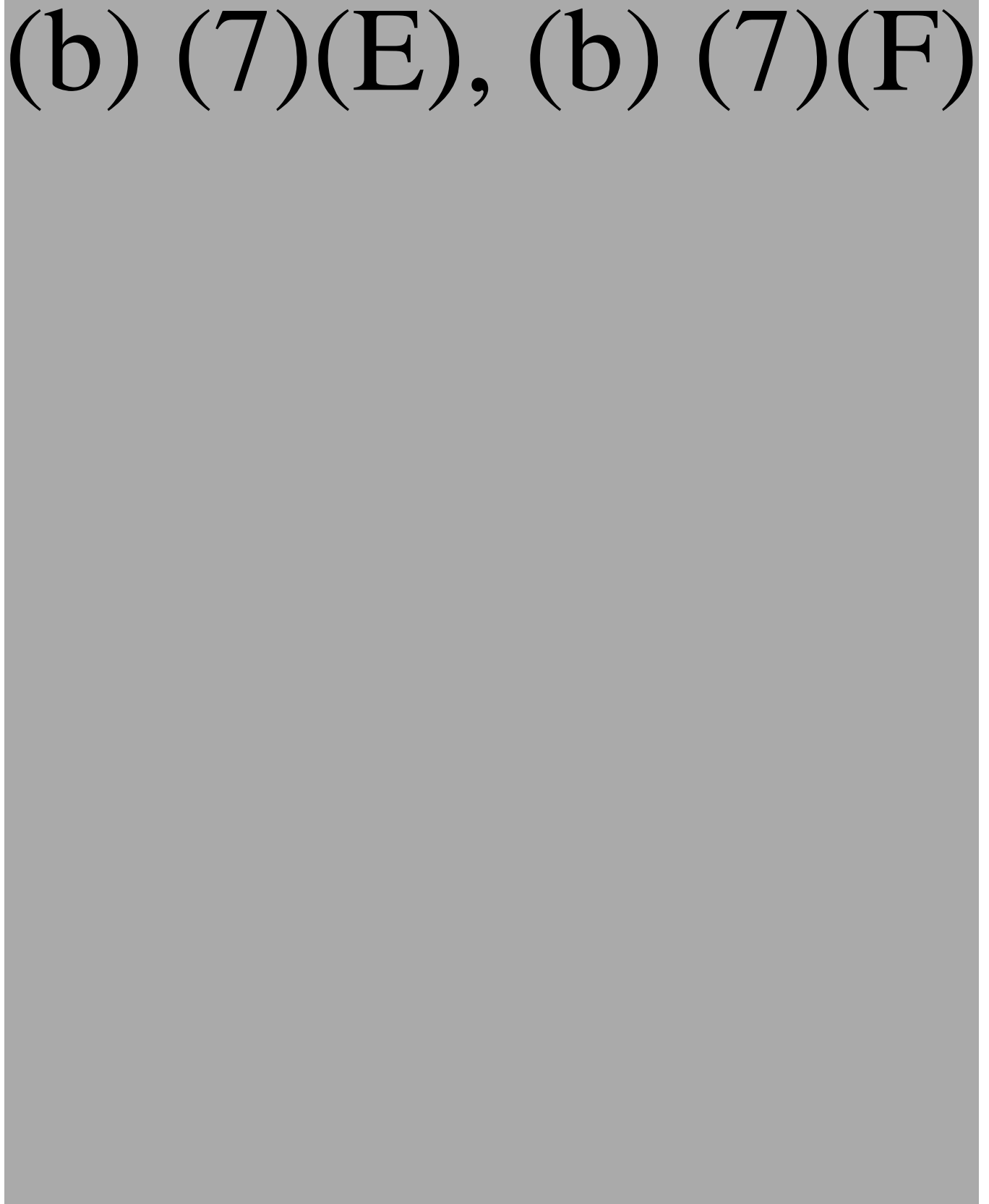
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Appendix VI: Firearms Form



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