Let  $\mathcal{M}$  be a  $(\mathbb{ZF}^{\circ} \cup \mathsf{INF})$ -universe. Denote by  $\in$  the relation on  $M = \underline{\mathcal{M}}$  given by  $\epsilon^{\mathcal{M}}$  and denote by  $\mathbb{O}$  the  $\mathcal{M}$ -class consisting of all  $\mathcal{M}$ -ordinals.

A cumulative  $\mathcal{M}$ -hierarchy is by definition a sequence  $\langle V_{\alpha} \rangle_{\alpha \in \mathbb{O}}$  of  $\mathcal{M}$ -sets with the properties  $V_{\beta-1} \sqsubseteq V_{\beta}$  for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{O}_{+1}$  and  $V_{\beta} = \bigsqcup V[\beta]$  for all  $\beta \in \mathbb{O}_{\lim}$ .

**1.** Let  $\langle V_{\alpha} \rangle_{\alpha \in \mathbb{O}}$  be a cumulative  $\mathcal{M}$ -hierarchy and  $\mathbb{V} = \bigcup_{\alpha \in \mathbb{O}} \mathbb{V}_{\alpha}$  with  $\mathbb{V}_{\alpha} = \varepsilon^{-1}(V_{\alpha})$ .

Prove the *Reflection Principle*, which states that for every  $S^{\text{Set}}$ -sentence  $\pi$  there is a closed and unbounded  $\mathcal{M}$ -class  $C_{\pi}$  in  $\mathbb{O}$  such that for every  $\alpha \in C_{\pi}$ 

$$\mathcal{M}|_{\mathbb{V}} \vDash \pi \Leftrightarrow \mathcal{M}|_{\mathbb{V}_{\alpha}} \vDash \pi.$$

*Hint:* Convince yourself in a first step that for every  $\mathcal{M}$ -class function  $f: \mathbb{O} \to \mathbb{O}$  the  $\mathcal{M}$ -class  $\{\alpha \in \mathbb{O} : f(\gamma) < \alpha \text{ for all } \gamma < \alpha\}$  is closed and unbounded in  $\mathbb{O}$ .

**2.** Let  $\prec$  be a set-like  $\mathcal{M}$ -class relation  $\prec$  on C and call  $\mathcal{M}$ -class functions  $r \colon C \to \mathbb{O}$  $\prec$ -ranking if the strict inequality r(X) < r(Y) holds for all  $X, Y \in C$  with  $X \prec Y$ .

Prove:

(a)  $\prec$  is well-founded on C iff there exists a  $\prec$ -ranking  $\mathcal{M}$ -class function r on C.

Assume from now on that  $\prec$  is well-founded on C. Prove the following:

- (b) The rank  $\operatorname{rk}_{C,\prec}$  is the unique  $\prec$ -ranking  $\mathcal{M}$ -class function r on C such that for all  $Y \in C$  and  $\alpha < r(Y)$  there exists some  $X \in C_{\preceq \infty Y}$  with  $r(X) = \alpha$ .
- (c) If  $\prec$  is transitive on C, then the transitive collapse and rank on C w.r.t  $\prec$  coincide, i.e.  $t_{C,\prec} = \operatorname{rk}_{C,\prec}$ .

Compute transitive collapse  $t_{X, \in}$  and rank  $\operatorname{rk}_{X^{\infty}, \in}$  for the following  $\mathcal{M}$ -sets X:

- (d)  $X = \langle \underline{2}, \underline{1} \rangle$ .
- (e)  $X = \underline{2} * \underline{1}$ .
- (f)  $X = \mathsf{P}(\underline{3})$ .

**3.** Let  $\mathbb{HF}$  be the  $\mathcal{M}$ -class consisting of all well-founded  $\mathcal{M}$ -sets X with  $\mathrm{rk}(X) \in \mathbb{N}^{\mathcal{M}}$ . Prove that  $\mathcal{M}|_{\mathbb{HF}}$  is a (ZF°  $\cup$  POW  $\cup$  CHO  $\cup$  REG)-universe, i.e. it satisfies all ZFC axioms except INFINITY.

**4.** Prove that every  $\mathcal{M}$ -set is well-orderable if for every infinite  $\mathcal{M}$ -set X there is an injective  $\mathcal{M}$ -function  $X * X \to X$ . Conclude that ZF-universes  $\mathcal{M}$  satisfy CHOICE if and only if  $X * X \simeq X$  for all infinite  $\mathcal{M}$ -sets X.