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**Third Semester B.E. Degree Examination, June / July 08**  
**Discrete Mathematical Structures**

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

**Note : Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing at least TWO from each part.**

**PART - A**

- 1 a. Define the following terms and give an example for each i) Set ii) Proper subset  
 iii) Power set iv) Empty set v) Venn diagram. (05 Marks)
- b. Using the laws of set theory, simplify each of the following  
 i)  $A \cap (B - A)$  ii)  $\overline{(A \cup B) \cap C \cup \overline{B}}$  (05 Marks)
- c. In a class of 30 students, 15 take arts, 8 take science, 6 take commerce, 3 take all the three courses. Show that 7 or more students take none of the course. (05 Marks)
- d. A problem is given to four students A, B, C, D whose chances of solving it are  $\frac{1}{2}$ ,  $\frac{1}{3}$ ,  $\frac{1}{4}$ ,  $\frac{1}{5}$  respectively. Find the probability that the problem is solved. (05 Marks)
- 2 a. Let p, q be primitive statements for which the implication  $p \rightarrow q$  is false. Determine the truth values for each of the following. i)  $p \wedge q$  ii)  $\neg p \vee q$  iii)  $q \rightarrow p$  iv)  $\neg q \rightarrow \neg p$ . (05 Marks)
- b. Verify that  $[(p \leftrightarrow q) \wedge (q \leftrightarrow r) \wedge (r \leftrightarrow p)] \Leftrightarrow [(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r) \wedge (r \rightarrow p)]$ , for primitive statements p, q, and r. (05 Marks)
- c. Prove the following logical equivalence using the laws of logic :  $(\neg p \vee \neg q) \wedge (F_0 \vee P) \wedge P$ . (05 Marks)
- d. Establish the validity of the following argument using the rules of Inference.  
 $[p \wedge (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (s \vee r) \wedge (r \rightarrow \neg q)] \rightarrow (s \vee t)$ . (05 Marks)
- 3 a. What are the bound variables and free variables? Identify the same in each of the following expressions : i)  $\forall y \exists z [\cos(x + y) = \sin(z - x)]$  ii)  $\exists x \exists y [x^2 - y^2 = z]$ . (05 Marks)
- b. Let p(x) be the open statement " $x^2 = 2x$ ", where the universe comprises all integers. Determine whether each of the following statements is true or false. i) P(0) ii) P(1) iii) P(2) iv) P(-2) v)  $\exists x P(x)$ . (05 Marks)
- c. Provide the steps and reasons to establish the validity of the argument :  

$$\frac{\forall x [p(x) \rightarrow (q(x) \wedge r(x))]}{\forall x [p(x) \wedge s(x)]} \therefore \forall x [r(x) \wedge s(x)]$$
 (05 Marks)
- d. Give a direct proof for each of the following  
 i) For all integers K and l, if k, l are both even, then k+l is even.  
 ii) For all integers k and l, if k, l are even, then k.l is even. (05 Marks)
- 4 a. Prove by Mathematical Induction that for every positive integer n,  $n \geq 1$ ,  $2^{n-1}$ . (07 Marks)
- b. Apply backtracking technique to obtain an explicit formula for the sequence, defined by the recurrence relation  $b_n = 2b_{n-1} + 1$  with initial condition  $b_1 = 7$ . (06 Marks)
- c. Solve the linear recurrence relation  $a_n = 4a_{n-1} + 5a_{n-2}$  with  $a_1 = 2$ ,  $a_2 = 6$ . (07 Marks)

PART - B

- 5 a. Define the following terms and give an example for each i) Reflexive ii) Irreflexive  
iii) antisymmetric iv) Transitive v) partition set. (05 Marks)
- b. For  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $R = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (2, 4), (4, 4)\}$ . Compute i)  $R^2$  ii)  $R^3$  iii)  $R^\infty$   
iv)  $M_R$  v)  $(M_R)^t$ . (05 Marks)
- c. If  $A = A_1 \cup A_2 \cup A_3$ , where  $A_1 = \{1, 2\}$ ,  $A_2 = \{2, 3, 4\}$  and  $A_3 = \{5\}$ , define relation  $R$  on  $A$   
by  $xRy$  if  $x$  and  $y$  are in the same subset  $A_i$ , for  $1 \leq i \leq 3$ . Is  $R$  an equivalence relation?  
(05 Marks)
- d. Draw the diagraph and Hasse diagram representing the positive divisors of 36. (05 Marks)
- 6 a. For each of the following function, determine whether it is one-to-one and determine its  
range.  
i)  $f: Z \rightarrow Z, f(x) = 2x+1$  ii)  $f: Q \rightarrow Q, f(x) = 2x+1$  iii)  $f: Z \rightarrow Z, f(x) = x^3 - x$   
iv)  $f: R \rightarrow R, f(x) = e^x$  v)  $f: [0, \pi] \rightarrow R, f(x) = \sin x$ . (05 Marks)
- b. State the pigeonhole principle. Let  $ABC$  be an equilateral triangle with  $AB = 1$ . Show that  
if we select five points in the interior of this triangle, there must be atleast two whose  
distance apart is less than  $\frac{1}{2}$ . (05 Marks)
- c. Define function composition and let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ ,  $B = \{a, b, c\}$  and  $C = \{w, x, y, z\}$   
with  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$ , given by  $f = \{(1, a), (2, a), (3, b), (4, c)\}$  and  $g = \{(a, x),$   
 $(b, y), (c, z)\}$ . For each of the element of  $A$  find  $g \circ f$ . (05 Marks)
- d. Let  $f, g: Z^+ \rightarrow Z^+$  where for all  $x \in Z^+$ ,  $f(x) = x + 1$  and  $g(x) = \max\{1, x-1\}$ , the maximum  
of 1 and  $x-1$ . i) What is the range of  $f$ ? ii) Is  $f$  an onto function? iii) Is the function  
 $f$  one-to-one. iv) What is the range of  $g$ ? v) Is  $g$  an onto function. (05 Marks)
- 7 a. Define i) Group ii) Subgroup iii) homomorphism iv) Cyclic group v) Coset.  
(05 Marks)
- b. Prove that if  $G$  is a finite group of order  $n$  with  $H$  a subgroup of order  $m$ , then  $m$  divides  $n$ .  
(05 Marks)
- c. Let  $G = S_4$ , the symmetric group on four symbols and let  $H$  be the subset of  $G$  where  
$$H = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 1 & 4 & 3 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 3 & 4 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 4 & 3 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \right\}.$$
  
Construct a table to show that  $H$  is an abelian group of  $G$ . (05 Marks)
- d. If  $G$  is a group, prove that for all  $a, b, \in G$ , i)  $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$  ii)  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1} a^{-1}$ . (05 Marks)
- 8 a. If  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(R)$ , prove that  $\begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$  is a unit of this ring if and only if  $ad - bc \neq 0$ .  
(05 Marks)
- b. Let  $(R, +, \cdot)$  be a commutative ring and let  $z$  denote the zero element of  $R$ . for a fixed  
element  $a \in R$ , define  $N(a) = \{r \in R \mid ra = z\}$ . Prove that  $N(a)$  is an ideal of  $R$ . (05 Marks)
- c. Construct a decoding table (with syndromes) for the code given by the generator  
$$G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$
 (05 Marks)
- d. Prove that for all  $n \in N$ ,  $10^n \equiv (-1)^n \pmod{11}$ . (05 Marks)