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Mathematics

**MTH 1C 04—DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**Part A**

*Answer all questions.  
Each question carries weightage 1.*

1. Define a graph isomorphism. Illustrate with an example.
2. Prove or disprove : If  $G$  is connected and  $E'$  is the set of edges whose deletion results in a disconnected graph then  $E'$  contains an edge cut of  $G$ .
3. Show that every Eulerian graph is connected.
4. Prove that a connected graph is a tree if and only if it has only one face.
5. Define partial order and total order relations on a set  $X$ . Give an example of a partial order which is not a total order.
6. If  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$  is a Boolean algebra, prove that :

(i)  $(x + y)' = x' \cdot y'$  ; and

(ii)  $(x \cdot y)' = x' + y'$ ,  $x, y \in X$ .

7. Find a grammar that generates  $L = \{a^n b^{n+1} : n \geq 0\}$ .

8. Prove that  $(w^R)^R = w$  for all  $w \in \Sigma^*$ .

(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)

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## Part B

*Answer six questions, choosing two from each unit.  
Each question carries weightage 2.*

## UNIT I

9. (a) If  $G$  is a simple graph with  $\delta \geq \frac{n-1}{2}$ , prove that  $G$  is connected.
- (b) If the simple graph  $G$  is not connected, then show that  $G^c$  is connected.
10. (a) If  $G$  is a simple connected graph with a cut edge and  $n(G) \geq 3$ , prove that  $G$  has a cut vertex.
- (b) Show that a simple graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices,  $n \geq 2$ , is complete if and only if  $k(G) = n - 1$ .
11. (a) Prove that a graph is planar if and only if it is embeddable on a sphere.
- (b) If  $G$  is a simple connected planar bipartite graph with  $n \geq 3$ , then prove that  $m \leq 2n - 4$ .

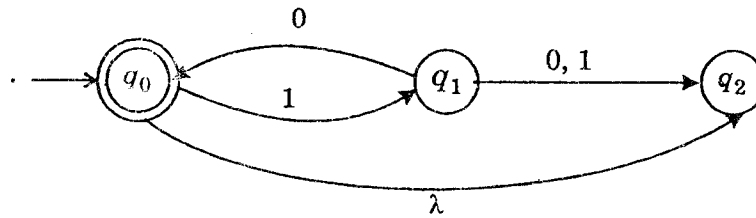
## UNIT II

12. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and  $x \in X$ . Let  $A = \{x \in X : x < z\}$ . Prove that  $y \in X$  covers  $x$  if and only if  $y$  is a minimal element of  $A$ .
13. (a) What is a Boolean algebra. Give a non-trivial example of a Boolean algebra with two elements.
- (b) What is a subalgebra of the Boolean algebra  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$ . If  $Y$  is a subalgebra of the Boolean algebra  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$ , prove that  $(Y, +, \cdot, ')$  is also a Boolean algebra.
14. (a) What is a Boolean variable and a Boolean function.
- (b) Write the Boolean function  $f(a, b, c) = (a + b + c)(a' + b + c')(a + b' + c')(a' + b' + c')(a + b + c')$  in its DNF.

## UNIT III

15. (a) Find dfa for  $L = \{w : |w| \bmod 3 = 0\}$ , with  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ .
- (b) Find a nfa with three states that accepts the language  $\{ab, abc\}^*$ .
16. Find a dfa that accepts the set of all strings on  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  starting with the prefix  $ab$ .

17. Find the language accepted by the automaton in the following transition diagram :

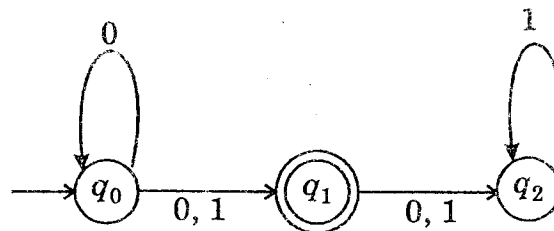


(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

### Part C

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries weightage 5.*

18. (a) Prove that a graph is bipartite if and only if it contains no odd cycles.  
(b) For any loopless connected graph  $G$ , prove that  $k(G) \leq \lambda(G) \leq \delta(G)$ .
19. (a) If each block of  $G$  is planar, prove that the graph  $G$  itself is planar.  
(b) Show that the complement of a simple planar graph with 11 vertices is non-planar.
20. (a) Prove that a symmetric Boolean function is completely determined by its characteristic numbers.  
(b) Show that every Boolean function on  $n$  variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  can be uniquely expressed as the sum of terms of the form  $x_1^{\epsilon_1} x_2^{\epsilon_2} \dots x_n^{\epsilon_n}$  where each  $x_i^{\epsilon_i}$  is either  $x_i$  or  $x_i'$ .
21. Convert the nfa given by the following transition diagram into an equivalent dfa.



(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)