

**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2014**

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MAT 1C 05—DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

**Part A (Short Answer Questions) (1 - 14)***Answer all questions.**Each question carries 1 weightage.*

1. Define strict partial order and give an example of it. If  $R$  is a partial order on a set  $X$ , then prove that  $R - \{(x, x) : x \in X\}$  is a strict partial order on  $X$ .
2. Prove that intersection of two chains is a chain.
3. Let  $(X, +, \cdot)$  be a Boolean algebra. Prove that  $x + x = x$  for all  $x \in X$ .
4. Prepare the table of values of the following function :

$$f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1' x_2 (x_1' + x_2 + x_1 x_3).$$

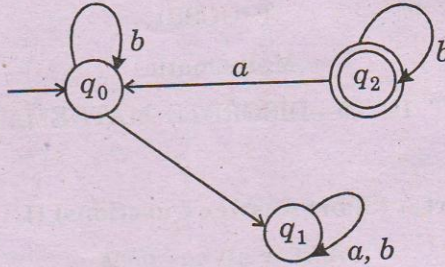
5. Define Chromatic number of a graph. Find the chromatic number of  $P_5$ .
6. Prove that every graph with  $n$  vertices and  $k$  edges has at least  $n - k$  components.
7. If every vertex of a graph  $G$  has degree at least 2, then prove that  $G$  contains cycle.
8. Prove that every tree with at least two vertices has at least two end leaves.
9. Define Connectivity of a graph. Prove that  $k(K_n) = n - 1$ .
10. Is every subgraph of a non-planar graph non-planar? Justify your answer.
11. Let  $u$  be a string on the alphabet  $\Sigma$ . Prove that  $|u^n| = n|u|$  for all  $n = 1, 2, \dots$ .
12. Let  $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, S, P)$  be a grammar with productions  $P$  given by

$$S \rightarrow aA, A \rightarrow bS, S \rightarrow \lambda.$$

Give a simple description of the language generated by  $G$ .

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13. Define non-deterministic acceptor and give an example of it.  
 14. Find the set of strings accepted by the following deterministic finite acceptor.



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**Part B**

Answer any **seven** from the following ten questions (15 – 24).  
 Each question carries weightage 2.

15. Let  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$  be a Boolean algebra. Prove that the corresponding lattice  $(X, \leq)$  is complement and distributive.  
 16. Let  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$  be a finite Boolean algebra. Prove that every non-zero element of  $X$  contains at least one atom.  
 17. Prove that the characteristic numbers of a symmetric Boolean function completely determine it.  
 18. Prove that Petersen graph has diameter 2.  
 19. Prove that every  $u, v$ -walk contains a  $u, v$ -path.  
 20. Let  $G$  be a graph. Prove that

$$\delta(G) \leq \frac{2e(G)}{n(G)} \leq \Delta(G),$$

here  $e(G)$  and  $n(G)$  denote the number of edges and vertices in  $G$  respectively.

21. Draw a graph  $G$  with  $k(G) < k'(G) < \delta(G)$ .  
 22. Is Euler's formula valid for a disconnected graph? Justify your answer.  
 23. Find a grammar that generate the language  $\{a^{n+2}b : n \geq 1\}$ .  
 24. Construct a nondeterministic acceptor that accepts the language  $\{ab, abc\}^*$ .

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## Part C

Answer any **two** from the following four questions. (25 – 28)  
Each question carries weightage 4.

25. (a) Let  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$  be a finite Boolean algebra. Prove that every element of  $X$  can be uniquely expressed as sum of atoms.  
(b) Write the Boolean function :

$$f(a, b, c) = a + b + c'$$

in their disjunctive normal form.

26. (a) Prove that a graph is a bipartite graph if and only if it has no odd cycle.  
(b) Let  $G$  be a graph. Prove that

$$\sum_{v \in V(G)} d(v) = 2e(G).$$

27. Let  $G$  be an  $n$ -vertex graph with  $n \geq 1$ . Prove that the following are equivalent :

- (a)  $G$  is connected and has no loops.  
(b)  $G$  is connected and has  $n - 1$  edges.  
(c)  $G$  has  $n - 1$  edges and no cycles.  
(d)  $G$  has no loops and has, for each  $u, v \in V(G)$ , exactly one  $u, v$ -path.

28. Define equivalent grammars. Prove that the grammar  $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, S, P)$  with productions  $P$  given by :

$$S \rightarrow SS | SSS | aSb | bSa | \lambda,$$

is equivalent to the grammar  $G' = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, S, P')$  with production  $P'$  given by :

$$S \rightarrow SS | aSb | bSa | \lambda.$$

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)