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**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2020**

(CBCSS-PG)

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

**CC19P MTH1 C04 - DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**

(Mathematics)

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 30 Weightage

**Part A**

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

1. Define a lattice. Give an example.
2. Let  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$  be a Boolean algebra. Prove that  $(x')' = x$  for all  $x \in X$ .
3. Find all the characteristic numbers of the function  $f(x_1, x_2, x_3) = x_1x_2 + x_2x_3 + x_3x_1$ .
4. Show that the sequence  $d = (7,6,3,3,2,1,1,1)$  is not graphical.
5. Show that if  $G$  is a self-complementary graph of order  $n$ , then  $n \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$ .
6. Prove that the Petersen graph is nonplanar.
7. Find a grammar for  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  that generates the set of all strings with at least one  $a$ .
8. If  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ , design an *nfa* to accept the set of strings either ending with two consecutive zeros or two consecutive ones.

**(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)**

**Part B**

Answer any *two* questions from each unit. Each question carries 2 weightage.

UNIT- I

9. Let  $X$  be a finite set and  $\leq$  be a partial order on  $X$ .  $R$  is a binary relation on  $X$  defined by  $xRy$  iff  $y$  covers  $x$ . Prove that  $\leq$  is the smallest order relation containing  $R$ .
10. Let  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$  be a finite Boolean algebra. Prove that every non-zero element of  $X$  contains at least one atom.
11. Write the Boolean function  $f(a, b, c) = a + b + c'$ , in their disjunctive normal form.

UNIT- II

12. Prove that for any loopless connected graph  $G$ ,  $\kappa(G) \leq \lambda(G) \leq \delta(G)$ .
13. Prove that a graph is planar if and only if it is embeddable on a sphere.
14. Let  $G$  be a planar graph with at least three vertices, then show that  $m \leq 3n - 6$ .

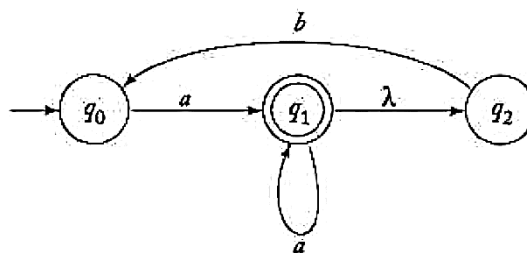
UNIT- III

15. (a) Prove that  $(w^R)^R = w$  for all  $w \in \Sigma^*$ .  
 (b) Find the grammar for the language  $L = \{w: |w| \bmod 3 = 0\}$  on  $\Sigma = \{a\}$ .
16. Find a *dfa* for the language  $L = \{w: (n_a(w) - n_b(w)) \bmod 3 > 0\}$  on  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ .
17. Design an *nfa* with no more than 5 states for the set  $\{abab^n : n \geq 0\} \cup \{aba^n : n \geq 0\}$   
**(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)**

**Part C**

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

18. Prove that  $(X, \leq)$  is a lattice where  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$  is the Boolean algebra and  $\leq$  is defined in  $X$  by  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x \cdot y' = 0$ . Find the maximum and minimum elements of this lattice.  
 (b) Prove that every finite Boolean algebra is isomorphic to a power set Boolean algebra.
19. Prove that the set of all symmetric Boolean functions of  $n$  Boolean variables  $x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n$  is a subalgebra of the Boolean algebra of all Boolean functions of these variables. Also prove that as a Boolean algebra, it is isomorphic to the power set Boolean algebra of the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, n\}$ .
20. (a) Prove that a graph is bipartite if and only if it contains no odd cycles.  
 (b) Prove that a simple graph is a tree if and only if any two distinct vertices are connected by a unique path.
21. (a) Show that the language  $L = \{awa : w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$  is regular.  
 (b) Find a *dfa* equivalent to the following *nfa*.



**(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)**

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