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**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018**

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**CC15P MT1 C05 / CC17P MT1 C05 – DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**

(Mathematics)

(2015 Admissions onwards)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 36 Weightage

**Part A**

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

1. Characterize atoms of a power set Boolean algebra.
2. Obtain the conjunctive normal form of the Boolean expression  $xy'(x' + y' + xy)$
3. Define Boolean algebra. Prove that  $x + x.y = x \quad \forall x, y \in X$  where  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$  is a Boolean algebra.
4. Define a strict partial order. If  $P$  is a partial order on the set  $X$ , show that  $P - \{(x, x) : x \in X\}$  is a strict partial order.
5. For any simple graph  $G$ , show that  $\sqrt{(G)} = \sqrt{(G^c)}$
6. If  $G$  is simple and  $\delta \geq \frac{n-1}{2}$ , then show that  $G$  is connected.
7. Prove that a connected graph  $G$  with at least two vertices contains at least two vertices that are not cut vertices.
8. If  $(G) \geq 2$ , then prove that  $G$  contains a cycle.
9. Show that the number of edges of a simple graph with  $\omega$  components cannot exceed  $\frac{(n-\omega)(n-\omega+1)}{2}$
10. Define connectivity and edge connectivity. Give an example.
11. Let  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  and  $L = \{a^n b^m : n \geq 0, m > n\}$ . Find a grammar that generates  $L$ .
12. If  $\Sigma = \{0,1\}$ , design an NFA to accept set of strings ending with two consecutive zeroes.
13. Find an NFA which accepts the set of all strings containing 'aabb' as a substring.
14. Find a DFA for the language  $L = \{a^n : n \text{ is odd. } n \neq 3\}$

**(14 x 1 =14 Weightage)**

### Part B

Answer any *seven* questions. Each question carries 2 weightage.

15. Let  $(X, +, \cdot, ')$  be a finite Boolean algebra. Then prove that every element of  $X$  can be uniquely expressed as the sum of atoms in it.
16. State and prove Stone representation theorem for finite Boolean algebras.
17. Prove that the relation  $' \leq '$  defined by  $x \leq y$  if  $x \cdot y' = 0$  makes the underlying set of Boolean algebra into a lattice.
18. Prove that a graph is bipartite iff it contains no odd cycles.
19. Prove that in a connected graph  $G$  with at least 3 vertices, any two longest paths have a vertex in common.
20. Prove that  $\kappa(G) \leq \lambda(G) \leq \delta(G)$  for any loopless connected graph  $G$ .
21. State and prove Euler's formula.
22. Show that an edge in a simple graph is a cut edge iff it belongs to no cycles.
23. Define NFA and DFA.
24. Design a DFA that accepts the language  $L = \{ab^n a^m, n \geq 2, m \geq 3\}$

(7 x 2 = 14 Weightage)

### Part C

Answer any *two* questions. Each question carries 4 weightage.

25. i) Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a poset and  $A$  be a non-empty finite subset of  $X$ . Then prove that  $A$  has at least one maximal element.  
ii) Prove that a finite non-empty subset of a poset has a maximum element iff it has a unique maximal element.
26. State and prove Whitney's theorem. Also show that a graph  $G$  with at least 3 vertices is 2-connected iff any two vertices of  $G$  lie on a common cycle.
27. Prove that a connected graph  $G$  with atleast two vertices is a tree iff its degree sequence  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  satisfies the condition  $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i = 2(n - 1)$
28. Show that the grammar  $G$  with  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  and productions  $S \rightarrow SS, S \rightarrow \lambda, S \rightarrow aSb, S \rightarrow bSa$ , generates the language  $L = \{w: n_a(w) = n_b(w)\}$  where  $n_a(w)$  and  $n_b(w)$  are number of  $a$ 's and  $b$ 's in  $w$  respectively.

(2 x 4 = 8 Weightage)

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