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FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. (CBCSS) [REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY] DEGREE  
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Mathematics

MTH 1C 04—DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

(2019 Admission onwards)

Maximum Weightage : 30

Time : Three Hours

## Part A

Answer all questions.

Each question carries a weightage 1.

1. Is the relation  $a | b$  meaning ' $a$  divides  $b$ ' defined on the set of non-negative integers a total ordering ? Justify.
2. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a partially ordered set and let  $x \in X$ . Let  $A = \{z \in X : x < z\}$ . Prove that  $y \in X$  covers  $x$  if and only if  $y$  is a minimal element of  $A$ .
3. State and prove laws of tautology.
4. Find the complement of the following graph :



5. Prove that the sum of degrees of all the vertices of a graph is equal to twice the number of edges.
6. Draw any two non-isomorphic trees on 4 vertices.
7. Find a grammar that generates  $L = \{a^n b^{n+1} : n \geq 0\}$ .
8. Prove that  $(L_1 L_2)^R = L_2^R L_1^R$ .

(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)

Turn over



**Part B**

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

**Unit I**

9. If  $R$  is a partial order on a set  $X$  then prove that  $R - \Delta X$  is a strict partial order on  $X$ .
10. Let  $X$  be a finite set and let  $\leq$  be a partial order on  $X$ . Let  $R$  be the binary relation on  $X$  defined by  $xRy$  if and only if  $x \leq y$  or  $y \leq x$ . Prove that  $\leq$  is the smallest order relation on  $X$  containing  $R$ .
11. Using residue class modulo 8, prove that no integer of the form  $8n + 7$ , where  $n$  is an integer, can be expressed as a sum of three perfect squares.

**Unit II**

12. Prove that a graph  $G$  is bipartite if and only if it does not contain any odd cycle.
13. Prove that an edge  $e = xy$  of a connected graph  $G$  is a cut edge of  $G$  if and only if  $e$  belongs to no cycle of  $G$ .
14. Prove that a tree  $T$  on  $n$  vertices contains  $n - 1$  edges. Is the converse true? Justify.

**Unit III**

15. Let the grammar  $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, S, P)$ , with  $P$  given by  $S \rightarrow aSb$  and  $S \rightarrow \lambda$  and the grammar  $G_1 = (\{A, S\}, \{a, b\}, S, P_1)$  with  $P_1$  given by  $S \rightarrow aAb \mid \lambda$  and  $A \rightarrow aAb \mid \lambda$ . Prove that  $G$  and  $G_1$  are equivalent.
16. Find a grammar that generates the following languages :
  - (i)  $L_1 = \{a^n b^m; n \geq 0, m > n\}$ .
  - (ii)  $L_2 = \{a^n b^{2n}; n \geq 0\}$ .
17. Show that the language  $L = \{awa : w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$  is regular.

(6 × 2 = 12 marks)

**Part C**

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

18. Let  $(X, \leq)$  be a poset and  $A$  a non-empty finite subset of  $X$  :
  - (i) Prove that  $A$  has at least one maximal element.
  - (ii) Prove also that  $A$  has a maximum element if and only if it has a unique maximal element.
  - (iii) Give an example of a set which is bounded above but do not have a maximum element.



19. Prove that for a nontrivial connected graph  $G$ , the following statements are equivalent :
- (i)  $G$  is Eulerian.
  - (ii) The degree of each vertex of  $G$  is an even positive integer.
  - (iii)  $G$  is an edge-disjoint union of cycles.
20. Prove that  $K_5$  and  $K_{3,3}$  are non-planar graphs.
21. Let  $L$  be the language accepted by a nondeterministic finite accepter  $M_N = (Q_N, \Sigma, \delta_N, q_0, F_N)$ . Prove that there exists a deterministic finite accepter  $M_D = (Q_D, \Sigma, \delta_D, \{q_0\}, F_D)$  such that  $L = L(M_D)$ .

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)