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INSTRUCTIONS

Answer **ANY ONE** of the given questions. Each question carry **50** marks.

Show all working on your answer sheet.

The marks allocated to **each** question are shown at the end of the part question.

Question 1

a) Suppose that **Smartphone A** has **256 MB RAM** and **32 GB ROM**, and the resolution of its camera is **8 MP**; **Smartphone B** has **288 MB RAM** and **64 GB ROM**, and the resolution of its camera is **4 MP**; and **Smartphone C** has **128 MB RAM** and **32 GB ROM**, and the resolution of its camera is **5 MP**. Determine the truth value of each of these propositions.

- i) Smartphone B has the most RAM of these three smartphones.
- ii) Smartphone C has more ROM or a higher resolution camera than Smartphone B.
- iii) Smartphone B has more RAM, more ROM, and a higher resolution camera than Smartphone A.
- iv) If Smartphone B has more RAM and more ROM than Smartphone C, then it also has a higher resolution camera.
- v) Smartphone A has more RAM than Smartphone B if and only if Smartphone B has more RAM than Smartphone A.

[5]

b) Find the conjunction of the propositions p and q where p is the proposition “Rebecca’s PC has more than 16 GB free hard disk space” and q is the proposition “The processor in Rebecca’s PC runs faster than 1 GHz.” [3]

c) Determine whether the statement is a tautology, a contingency or a contradiction $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow p)$ [3]

d)

i) Translate the following statement into symbolic form:
“If James does not quit his job then Mary will not get any money and James’ family will be happy” [2]

ii) Let P = I cheat; Q = I will get caught;

R = I will write an examination and S = I will fail.

Translate $(R \wedge P) \rightarrow (Q \rightarrow S)$ into simple English [2]

e) Show that $p \oplus q$ is equivalent to $(p \wedge \neg q) \vee (\neg p \wedge q)$. [4]

f) Propositions p and q are defined on the universal set

$U = \{\text{quadrilaterals}\}$. Let p be the proposition “ x is a square” and q

be the proposition “ x is a rectangle”. If the implication is given as $q \rightarrow$

p , then state the converse, inverse and contrapositive in words. [3]

- g) For each of these pairs of sets, determine whether the first is a subset of the second, the second is a subset of the first, or neither is a subset of the other.
- i) the set of airline flights from New York to New Delhi, [2]
 - ii) the set of nonstop airline flights from New York to New Delhi [2]
 - iii) the set of people who speak English, the set of people who speak Chinese [2]
 - iv) the set of flying squirrels, the set of living creatures that can fly [2]
- h)
- i) Prove that for any set A , $A \cup \emptyset = A$. [3]
 - ii) For all sets A, B and C prove that if $A \subseteq B$ and $B \subseteq C$ then $A \subseteq C$. [3]
 - iii) Let A, B and C be sets. Prove that

$$A \times (B \cap C) = (A \times B) \cap (A \times C) \quad [3]$$
- i) In a survey of 120 people, it was found out that: 65 read Daily News; 45 read Newsday; 42 read Herald; 20 read both Daily News and Newsday; 25 read both Daily News and Herald; 15 read both Newsday and Herald and 8 read all three newspapers. Find the number of people who read exactly one newspaper. [4]
- j) Suppose that $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$ and $B = \{1, 2\}$, write down the following sets:
- iv) $A \times B$ [2]
 - v) $P(B)$ [2]
- k) Let U consist of all student residents in Varsity Hall, N the set of all student residents who attended netball practice on Thursday night, T the set of all student residents who watched TV on Thursday night and S the set of all student residents who studied maths on Thursday night.

Express in terms of N, T, S , and the appropriate set operators:

- i) The set of all student residents who did not attend netball practice on Thursday night. [1]
- ii) The set of all student residents who, on Thursday night, studied maths but did not attend netball practice. [2]

Question 2

a) Determine whether the relation R on the set of all people is reflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and/or transitive, where $(a, b) \in R$ if and only if

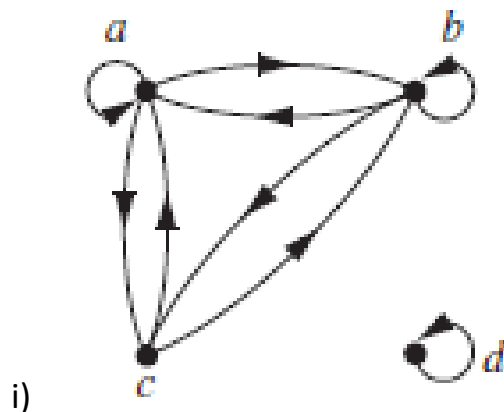
- i) a is taller than b . [2]
- ii) a and b were born on the same day. [2]
- iii) a has the same first name as b . [2]
- iv) a and b have a common grandparent. [2]

b) Consider these relations on the set of integers:

- i) $R_1 = \{(a, b) \mid a \leq b\}$,
- ii) $R_2 = \{(a, b) \mid a > b\}$,
- iii) $R_3 = \{(a, b) \mid a = b \text{ or } a = -b\}$,
- iv) $R = \{(a, b) \mid a = b\}$,
- v) $R = \{(a, b) \mid a = b + 1\}$,
- vi) $R = \{(a, b) \mid a + b \leq 3\}$.

Which of these relations contain each of the pairs $(1, 1)$, $(1, 2)$, $(2, 1)$, $(1, -1)$, and $(2, 2)$? [9]

c) List the ordered pairs in the relations represented by the directed graphs.



[3]



[2]

- d) Let R be the relation with ordered pairs (Abdul, 22), (Brenda, 24), (Carla, 21), (Desire, 22), (Eddie, 24), and (Felicia, 22). Here each pair consists of a graduate student and this student's age. Specify a function determined by this relation. [3]

e) Show that

- i) $f(x) = 5x + 2$ is surjective for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. [3]

- ii) the function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = \frac{(x+1)^3}{(x-1)^3}$ is bijective.

[4]

f)

- i) Data stored on a computer disk or transmitted over a data network are usually represented as a string of bytes. Each byte is made up of 8 bits. How many bytes are required to encode 100 bits of data? [3]

- ii) In asynchronous transfer mode (ATM) (a communications protocol used on backbone networks), data are organized into cells of 53 bytes. How many ATM cells can be transmitted in 1 minute over a connection that transmits data at the rate of 500 kilobits per second?

[4]

- g) Given $f(x) = \frac{2x+1}{2-3x}$ where $x \in \mathbb{R}; x \neq k$.

- iii) State the value of k [1]

- iv) find $f^{-1}(x)$ and clearly state the domain. [3]

h) If $f(x) = 5x - 5 : x \in \mathbb{R}$ and $g(x) = \frac{1}{2x+1} : x \in \mathbb{R}; x \neq -\frac{1}{2}$, show that

$$f \circ g \neq g \circ f \quad [3]$$

i) Prove that if $f: A \rightarrow B$, $g: B \rightarrow C$ and $g \circ f: A \rightarrow C$ is onto, then g is onto C . [4]

Question 3

a) Prove by an appropriate method that for all integers n :

$$2 + 4 + 6 + \dots + 2n = n(n + 1) \quad [4]$$

b) Show that at least four of any 22 days must fall on the same day of the week. [3]

c) Show that the statement “Every positive integer is the sum of the squares of two integers” is false. [3]

d) What is wrong with this famous supposed “proof” that $1 = 2$?

“Proof:” We use these steps, where a and b are two equal positive integers.

Step	Reason	
1. $a = b$	Given	
2. $a^2 = ab$	Multiply both sides of (1) by a	
3. $a^2 - b^2 = ab - b^2$	Subtract b^2 from both sides of (2)	
4. $(a - b)(a + b) = b(a - b)$	Factor both sides of (3)	
5. $a + b = b$	Divide both sides of (4) by $a - b$	
6. $2b = b$	Replace a by b in (5) because $a = b$ and simplify	
7. $2 = 1$	Divide both sides of (6) by b	[3]

e) For each of the following prove using both the direct proof and contrapositive proof:

i) If n is an even integer then $3n + 5$ is odd. [3]

ii) Let n be an integer. If $n^2 + 5$ is odd then n is even. [3]

f) Show that these statements about the integer n are equivalent:

p_1 : n is even.

p_2 : $n - 1$ is odd.

p_3 : n^2 is even. [4]

g) What is the probability that Abby, Barry, and Sylvia win the first, second, and third prizes, respectively, in a drawing if 200 people enter a contest and

i) no one can win more than one prize. [2]

ii) winning more than one prize is allowed. [3]

h) When a car owner needs her car serviced, she phones one of the three garages A, B or C. Of her phone calls, 30% are to garage A, 10% to B and 60% to C. The percentages of occasions that when the garage is phoned they can take the car in on the day of phoning are 20% for A, 6% for B and 9% for C.

i) Draw a tree diagram to represent the above information. [3]

ii) Find the probability that the garage phoned will be able to take the car in on the day of phoning [3]

iii) Given that the car owner phones a garage and the garage can take in on that day, find the probability that she phoned garage B. [3]

i) Show that if X and Y are independent random variables on a sample space S , then $E(XY) = E(X)E(Y)$. [5]

j) If X is the r.v the random number on a number a biased die. The probability mass function (p.m.f) of X is as shown

X	1	2	3	4	5	6
$P(X = x)$	1/6	1/6	1/5	a	1/5	1/6

Find

iv) the value of a [2]

v) $E(X)$ [2]

- vi) $E(X^2)$ [2]
- vii) $\text{Var}(X)$ [2]

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