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**Third Semester B.E. Degree Examination, January 2013**  
**Discrete Mathematical Structures**

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

**Note: Answer FIVE full questions, selecting  
atleast TWO questions from each part.**

**PART – A**

- 1** a. For any three sets A, B, C prove the following :
- $A \cap (B - C) = (A \cap B) - C$
  - $(A - B) \cap (A - C) = A - (B \cup C)$  (06 Marks)
- b. Using Venn diagram, prove that, for any three sets A, B, C  
 $A \Delta (B \Delta C) = (A \Delta B) \Delta C$  (06 Marks)
- c. A fair die is thrown (tossed) twice. Find the probability that
- Even numbers occur on both throws
  - An even number occurs in atleast one throw. (08 Marks)
- 2** a. Define tautology and contradiction. Prove that, for any propositions p, q, r, the compound proposition  
 $[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)] \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$ . (08 Marks)
- b. Verify the principle of duality for the logical equivalence :  
 $[\sim (p \wedge q) \rightarrow \sim p \vee (\sim p \vee q)] \Leftrightarrow (\sim p \vee q)$ . (06 Marks)
- c. Define the following :
- Rule of syllogism
  - Modus ponens
  - Modus Tollens. Test whether the following argument is valid : if Sachin hits a century, he gets a free car. Sachin does not get a free car.  
 $\therefore$  Sachin has not hit a century. (06 Marks)
- 3** a. Define : i) Open sentence ii) Quantifiers. Write down the following propositions in symbolic form and find its negation :  
 “If all triangles are right – angled, then no triangle is equiangular”. (07 Marks)
- b. Find whether the following argument is valid : no engineering student of first and second semester studies logic.  
 Anil is an engineering student who studies logic.  
 $\therefore$  Anil is not in second semester (07 Marks)
- c. Give : i) A direct proof ii) an indirect proof and iii) proof by contradiction, for the following statement. “If n is an odd integer, then n+11 is an even integer.” (06 Marks)
- 4** a. Prove that, for each  $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$   
 $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{1}{6} n (n + 1) (2n + 1)$ . (06 Marks)
- b. A sequence  $\{a_n\}$  is defined recursively by  
 $a_1 = 4, a_n = a_{n-1} + n$  for  $n \geq 2$ . Find  $a_n$  in explicit form. (06 Marks)
- c. If  $F_0, F_1, F_2, \dots$  are Fibonacci numbers, prove that  
 $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{F_{i-1}}{2^i} = 1 - \frac{F_{n+2}}{2^n}$  for all positive integers n. (08 Marks)

## PART – B

- 5 a. Define Cartesian product of two sets. For any three non – empty sets A, B, C prove that  $A \times (B - C) = (A \times B) - (A \times C)$ . (06 Marks)
- b. Prove that a function  $f: A \rightarrow B$  is invertible if and only if it is one – to – one and onto. (06 Marks)
- c. Define stirling number of the second kind. Find the number of ways of distributing four distinct objects among three identical containers, with some containers possibly empty. (08 Marks)
- 6 a. For a fixed integer  $n > 1$ , prove that the relation “congruent modulo  $n$ ” is an equivalence relation on the set of all integers,  $Z$ . (08 Marks)
- b. Draw the Hasse diagram representing the positive divisors of 36. (06 Marks)
- let A, B, C, D be sets. Suppose R is a relation from A to B, S is a relation from B to C and T is a relation from C to D. Then prove that  $Ro(SoT) = (RoS) oT$  (06 Marks)
- 7 a. Define an Abelian group. List G be the set of all non – zero real numbers and let  $a * b = \frac{1}{2} ab$  in G. Show that  $(G, *)$  is an Abelian group. (08 Marks)
- b. Define a subgroup. Let G be a group and let  $J = \{x \in G / xy = yx \text{ for all } y \in G\}$ . Prove that J is a subgroup of G. (06 Marks)
- c. State and prove Lagrange’s theorem. (06 Marks)
- 8 a. Define a ring. If R is a ring with unity and a, b are units in R, prove that ab is a unit in R and that  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$ . (06 Marks)
- b. If  $f: G \rightarrow H$ ,  $g: H \rightarrow K$  are homomorphisms, prove that the composite function  $gof: G \rightarrow K$ , where  $(gof)(x) = g\{f(x)\}$ , is a homomorphism. (06 Marks)
- c. Define a group code. Let  $E: Z_2^m \rightarrow Z_2^n$  be an encoding function given by a generator matrix G or the associated parity – check matrix H. then prove that  $C = E(Z_2^m)$  is a group code. (08 Marks)

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