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Fourth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, December 2010
Graph Theory and Combinatorics

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing at least two questions from each part.

PART – A

- 1 a. Define: i) Connected graph ii) Spanning subgraph, and iii) Complement of a graph. Give one example for each. (06 Marks)
- b. Explain, with an example, graph isomorphism. Show that in a graph G , the number of odd degree vertices is even. (07 Marks)
- c. Write a note on “Konigsberg-bridge problem”. (07 Marks)
- 2 a. Define complete bipartite graph. Prove that Kuratowski’s second graph $K_{3,3}$, is nonplanar. (06 Marks)
- b. Show that in any connected planar graph with ‘ n ’ vertices, ‘ e ’ edges and ‘ f ’ faces, $e-n+2=f$ (Euler’s formula). (07 Marks)
- c. Define chromatic number and chromatic polynomial. Find the chromatic polynomial for the graph given below: (07 Marks)

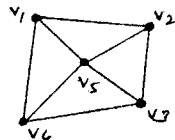


Fig. Q2 (c)

- 3 a. Define : i) Tree ii) Binary rooted tree, and iii) Prefix code. Give one example for each. (06 Marks)
- b. Prove that a tree with ‘ n ’ vertices has $(n-1)$ edges. (07 Marks)
- c. Find all the spanning trees of the graph given below: (07 Marks)

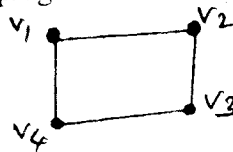


Fig. Q3 (c)

- 4 a. Define : i) Matching ii) Complete matching and iii) Edge-connectivity (with example). (06 Marks)
- b. Find a minimal spanning tree using prims algorithm for the weighted graph given below: (07 Marks)

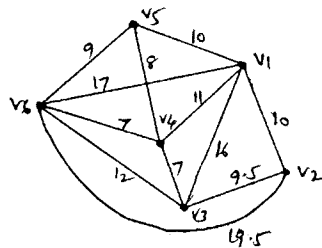


Fig. Q4 (b)

- 4 c. Find the maximum flow possible between the vertices A and D for the following graph: (07 Marks)

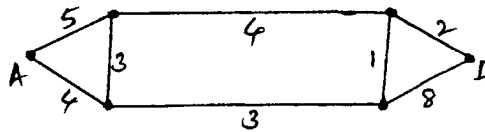


Fig. Q4 (c)

PART – B

- 5 a. In how many ways can one distribute 10 identical white marbles among six distinct containers? (06 Marks)
- b. i) How many 9 letter words can be formed using the letters of the word “Difficult”?
 ii) A certain question paper contains two parts A and B each having 4 questions. How many different ways a student can answer 5 questions by selecting at least two questions from each part? (07 Marks)
- c. Let a triangle ABC be equilateral, with $AB = 1$. Show that if we select 10 points in the interior of this triangle, there must be at least two points, whose distance apart is less than $\frac{1}{3}$. (07 Marks)
- 6 a. In how many ways can the integers 1, 2, 3, ..., 10 be arranged in a line, so that, no even integer is in its natural place? (06 Marks)
- b. In how many ways can one arrange the letters in CORRESPONDENTS so that:
 i) There are exactly two pairs of consecutive identical letters.
 ii) There are at least three pairs of consecutive identical letters. (07 Marks)
- c. An apple, a banana, a mango and an orange are to be distributed to four boys B_1, B_2, B_3 and B_4 . The boys B_1 and B_2 do not wish to have the apple, the boy B_3 does not want the banana or mango and B_4 returns the orange. In how many ways the distribution can be made so that no boy is displeased? (07 Marks)
- 7 a. Let $f(x) = (1 + x + x^2)(1 + x)^n$, where $n \in \mathbb{Z}^+$. Find the coefficient of the following in the expansion of $f(x)$:
 i) x^7 ii) x^8 iii) x^r , $0 \leq r \leq (n + 2)$, $r \in \mathbb{Z}$. (06 Marks)
- b. In how many ways can 12 oranges be distributed among three children A, B, C so that A gets at least four, B and C get at least two but C gets no more than five? (07 Marks)
- c. Find the exponential generating function for the number of ways to arrange ‘n’ letters, $n \geq 0$, selected from each of the following words:
 i) HAWAII ii) MISSISSIPPI iii) ISOMORPHISM (07 Marks)
- 8 a. The number of bacteria in a culture is 1000 (approximately) and this number increases 250% every two hours. Use a recurrence relation to determine the number of bacteria present after one day. (06 Marks)
- b. Solve the recurrence relation,
 $a_n - 6a_{n-1} + 9a_{n-2} = 0$, $n \geq 2$, given $a_0 = 5$, $a_1 = 12$ (07 Marks)
- c. Find the generating function for the recurrence relation,
 $a_{n+2} - 5a_{n+1} + 6a_n = 2$, $n \geq 0$, with $a_0 = 3$, $a_1 = 7$. Hence solve it. (07 Marks)

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