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Sixth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, December 2012
Compiler Design

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

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

PART – A

- 1 a. Explain the various phases of a compiler with the help of a neat block diagram. (10 Marks)
- b. What is meant by input buffering? Explain the use of sentinels in recognizing tokens. (06 Marks)
- c. Write the transition diagrams to recognize the following tokens:
 - i) Relational operators. ii) Unsigned numbers. (04 Marks)
- 2 a. Show that the following grammar is ambiguous: $S \rightarrow iEtS|iEtSeS|a$, $E \rightarrow b$. Also, write an equivalent unambiguous grammar for the same. (06 Marks)
- b. Write an algorithm to eliminate left recursion from a grammar. (04 Marks)
- c. Given the grammar, $S \rightarrow (L)|a$, $L \rightarrow L, S|S$
 - i) Make necessary changes to make it suitable for LL(1) parsing.
 - ii) Construct FIRST and FOLLOW sets for non-terminals.
 - iii) Construct the predictive parsing table.
 - iv) Show the moves made by the parser on the input $(a, (a, a))$. (10 Marks)
- 3 a. Explain the various conflicts that may occur during shift – reduce parsing with examples. (06 Marks)
- b. Construct the simple LR(1) parsing table for the following grammar:

$$E \rightarrow E + T | T$$

$$T \rightarrow T * F | F$$

$$F \rightarrow (E) | a$$
 Also, show the moves made by the parser on the input $a * a + a$. (14 Marks)
- 4 a. Write an algorithm to construct canonical LR(1) parsing table. (06 Marks)
- b. Given the grammar, $S \rightarrow AA$, $A \rightarrow Aa | b$
 - i) Construct sets of LR(1) items.
 - ii) Draw the GOTO graph. (08 Marks)
- c. Explain the working of YACC parser generator with a suitable example. (06 Marks)

PART – B

- 5 a. Explain the concept of syntax-directed definition with a suitable example. (06 Marks)
- b. Write an SDD to construct syntax trees for simple expressions. Using this, construct the syntax tree for the expression $a - 4 + c$. (07 Marks)
- c. Explain the parser – stack implementation of postfix SDT's by taking simple desk calculator as an example. (07 Marks)

Important Note : 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.
2. Any revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator and/or equations written eg. 42+8 = 50, will be treated as malpractice.

- 6 a. Explain the following with suitable examples:
i) Quadruples. (08 Marks)
ii) Triples. (06 Marks)
iii) Indirect triples. (06 Marks)
- b. Write an SDD for flow-of-control statements. (06 Marks)
- c. Explain the syntax-directed translation of switch statements. (06 Marks)
- 7 a. Describe the structure of a general activation record. (08 Marks)
- b. Write a note on Heap management. (06 Marks)
- c. Explain the various performance metrics to be considered while designing a garbage collector. (06 Marks)
- 8 a. Discuss the various issues involved in the design of a code generator. (10 Marks)
- b. Write short notes on:
i) Basic blocks.
ii) Flow graphs. (10 Marks)

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