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First Semester MCA Degree Examination, December 2011
Discrete Mathematics

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

Note: Answer any FIVE full questions.

- 1 a. For any three sets A, B and C, prove that
 $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$ (06 Marks)
- b. Prove that the set of rational numbers is countable. (07 Marks)
- c. Let $f : A \rightarrow B$ and $g : B \rightarrow C$
- i) If f and g are one to one, then prove that $g \circ f$ is one to one. (07 Marks)
- ii) If f and g are onto, then prove that $g \circ f$ is onto. (07 Marks)
- 2 a. Define: i) the principle of duality ii) tautology iii) contradiction. (06 Marks)
- b. Prove that $\neg(r \vee (q \vee (\neg r \rightarrow \neg q))) \equiv \neg r \wedge (p \vee \neg q)$ using truth tables. (07 Marks)
- c. Establish the validity of the following arguments:
 $j \wedge (\neg j \wedge k)$
 $j \rightarrow 1$
 $\therefore j \Leftrightarrow (1 \wedge j)$ (07 Marks)
- 3 a. Define an open statement, universal and existential quantifiers, with an example for each. (06 Marks)
- b. i) For $P(x) : |x| > 3$, $q(x) : x > 3$ and universe consists of all real numbers, write converse, inverse and contrapositive. (03 Marks)
- ii) Show that $\forall x (p(x) \wedge q(x))$ and $\forall x p(x) \wedge \forall x q(x)$ are equivalent. (04 Marks)
- c. If m is an even integer, then prove that $m + 7$ is odd. (07 Marks)
- 4 a. Prove by the mathematical induction that,
 $2^n < n!$ for every positive integer n with $n \geq 4$. (06 Marks)
- b. The Fibonacci numbers are defined recursively by $F_0 = 0$, $F_1 = 1$ and $F_n = F_{n-1} + F_{n-2}$, for $n \geq 2$.
 Then prove that $F_0 + F_1 + \dots + F_n = \sum_{i=0}^n F_i = F_{n+2} - 1$. (07 Marks)
- c. Define one to one, onto and bijection function, with an example for each. (07 Marks)
- 5 a. Define the Stirling number of second kind. If m, n are positive integers with $1 < n \leq m$ then prove that $s(m+1, n) = s(m, n-1) + ns(m, n)$. (06 Marks)
- b. State the pigeonhole principle. If $m \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ with m odd, then prove that there exists a +ve integer n , such that, m divides $2^n - 1$. (07 Marks)
- c. Prove that a function $f : A \rightarrow B$ is invertible if and only if it is one to one and onto. (07 Marks)

- 6 a. Draw a Hasse diagram, representing a partially ordering $\{ (a, b) \mid a \text{ divides } b \}$ on $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 12\}$. (06 Marks)
- b. If R is an equivalence relation in a set A and $x, y \in A$, then prove that i) $x \in [x]$
 ii) $x R y$ iff $[x] = [y]$ iii) $[x] = [y]$ or $[x] \cap [y] = \phi$. (07 Marks)
- c. Define a group and a subgroup, with an example for each. (07 Marks)
- 7 a. State and prove the Lagrange's theorem on groups. (06 Marks)
- b. Prove that every subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic. (07 Marks)
- c. The encoding function, $E : Z_2^2 \rightarrow Z_2^5$ is given by the generator matrix, $G = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$
- i) Determine all code words. What can be said about the error-detection capabilities of this code? What about its error correction capacity?
- ii) Find the associated parity-check matrix H .
- iii) Use H to decode the following received word 00111. (07 Marks)
- 8 a. Define a ring, with an example. (06 Marks)
- b. Let $E : Z_2^m \rightarrow Z_2^n$, $m < n$ be the encoding function given by the generator matrix G or associated parity-check matrix H . Then prove that $c = E(Z_2^m)$ is a group code. (07 Marks)
- c. Prove that a finite integral domain $(D, +, \cdot)$ is a field. (07 Marks)
