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**Question 1**

- (a) Consider the equivalence:

$$(P \vee Q) \wedge (\neg P \vee R) \equiv Q \vee R$$

- (i) Prove the correctness of the equivalence by truth table. [7]
- (ii) State the dual of the equivalence. [3]

- (b) Prove by truth table that the following proposition is a contradiction:

$$\neg A \wedge C \wedge (A \Leftrightarrow B) \wedge (C \Rightarrow B) \quad [10]$$

**Question 2**

- (a) State the contra-positive law of equivalence. [2]

- (b) Prove the correctness of the contra-positive law using other laws of equivalence. [4]

- (c) Simplify the following propositions using laws of equivalence:

(i)  $\neg(A \wedge B \vee \neg(\neg A \Rightarrow B))$  [6]

(ii)  $A \wedge B \wedge (C \vee \neg D) \vee A \wedge (B \vee D)$  [8]

**Question 3**

Verify the following by natural deduction:

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{(a)} \quad A \wedge (B \Rightarrow C) \\
 \quad \quad \underline{A \Rightarrow C} \\
 \quad \quad \neg C \Rightarrow \neg D
 \end{array}
 \qquad [4]$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{(b)} \quad \neg(A \wedge B) \wedge C \\
 \quad \quad \underline{B \wedge C \Leftrightarrow A} \\
 \quad \quad \neg B
 \end{array}
 \qquad [8]$$

$$\begin{array}{l}
 \text{(c)} \quad \neg A \Rightarrow B \wedge C \vee D \\
 \quad \quad \underline{\neg C \wedge \neg D} \\
 \quad \quad A
 \end{array}
 \qquad [8]$$

**Question 4**

- (a) Draw a truth table for the Boolean function that is defined as follows:
- Input: 4 variables representing the 4 binary digits of an integer. The integer will lie in the range between zero and 15, inclusive.
  - Output: 1 if the 4 input binary digits represent an integer that is a multiple of 4 (i.e. zero, 4, 8 or 12.) Otherwise output zero.
- [4]
- (b) Express the function defined in part (a) in disjunctive normal form (DNF).
- [4]
- (c) Using a Karnaugh map, minimize the expression given in the answer to part (b).
- [6]
- (d) Draw a circuit, consisting of NOR gates alone, that implements the function defined in part (a).
- [6]

**Question 5**

- (a) Distinguish between *level-triggered* and *edge-triggered* sequential logic circuits. [2]
- (b) Draw a complete circuit diagram of a D-latch, showing all logic gates contained in the device. [6]
- (c) Describe how D-latches may be used to construct a D-flip-flop. [6]
- (d) Describe how the values stored within a D-flip-flop will vary in response to input from a clock. [6]

**Question 6**

Design a logic circuit that will take input from a clock and produce output in the form of a repeating sequence of integers from 2 up to 17 as follows: 2, 3, 4, ..., 15, 16, 17, 2, 3, 4, ..., 15, 16, 17, 2, ...

The outputs of the circuit must be labelled S0, S1, S2, S3 and S4, each corresponding to one of the 5 binary digits of the output integer, starting from the least significant (or rightmost) digit, S0, and progressing to the most significant (or leftmost) digit, S4.

[20]

**Question 7**

- (a) Copy the following predicates and circle each occurrence of a *free* variable:

$$\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(y)) \wedge \forall y(R(x) \wedge S(y))$$

$$\forall x(A(x, y) \wedge \exists y(B(x)) \wedge \forall z(C(y, z)))$$

[6]

- (b) Rewrite the following predicate such that all variables are *existentially* quantified:

$$\neg \forall x(P(x)) \vee \neg \exists y(\forall z(Q(y, z)))$$

[6]

- (c) Give a model of the first predicate that is not a model of the second predicate:

$$\forall x(\exists y(P(x) \Rightarrow Q(x, y) \wedge \neg P(y)))$$

$$\exists x(P(x) \Rightarrow \forall y(Q(x, y) \wedge \neg P(y)))$$

[8]