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**Title of Paper: INTRODUCTION TO LOGIC**

**Course Number: CS235**

**Time Allowed: 3 hours**

**Total Marks: 100**

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**Instructions to candidates:**

*This question paper consists of **SIX (6)** questions. Answer any **FOUR (4)** questions.*

*Marks are indicated in square brackets.*

*All questions carry equal marks.*

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**SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS:**

**NO CALCULATORS ALLOWED**

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## QUESTION 1

- a) i) State 2 limitations of propositional logic and 2 limitations of truth tables. [4]
- ii) Explain the differences between propositional logic syntax and propositional logic semantics. [4]
- iii) What is the difference between Entailment and Inference? [2]
- iv) List 4 areas of application of Logic in Computer Science. [4]
- b) Suppose you encounter three members A, B and C of the island of TuFa (remember that the Tu's always tell the truth, the Fa's always lie). They each give you a statement which we will assume you have translated into propositional logic as follows, where A denotes the statement: [8]  
Member A says:  $\neg (A \vee B \vee C) \wedge (\neg A \vee \neg B \vee \neg C)$
- Use the truth table to determine whether A's proposition is a Tautology, a Contradiction or Contingent. To which tribe does this member belong?
- c) Using identities, rewrite the proposition  $(A \Rightarrow B \vee C) \wedge \neg B$  to one with fewer connectives. [3]

## QUESTION 2

- a) i) Using truth tables, show that  $(A \vee B) \rightarrow C$  is equivalent to  $(A \rightarrow C) \wedge (B \rightarrow C)$  [5]
- ii) From the truth table of i) above, determine the Conjunctive Normal Form (CNF) and the Disjunctive Normal Form (DNF) of  $(A \vee B) \rightarrow C$  [6]
- b) Three boys, Melusi, Brian and Nkosi are caught, suspected of breaking the glass in a lab.
- Melusi says: "Brian did it; Nkosi is innocent".
  - Brian says: "If Melusi is guilty then so is Nkosi".
  - Nkosi says: "I didn't do it; one of the others did".
- i) Are the statements consistent? [6]
- ii) Assuming that everyone is innocent, who told lies? [2]
- iii) Assuming that everyone's statement is true, who is innocent and who is guilty? [2]
- c) Given  $(A \vee B) \rightarrow \neg C$ ,  $\neg C \rightarrow D$ , A prove or deduce D [4]

### QUESTION 3

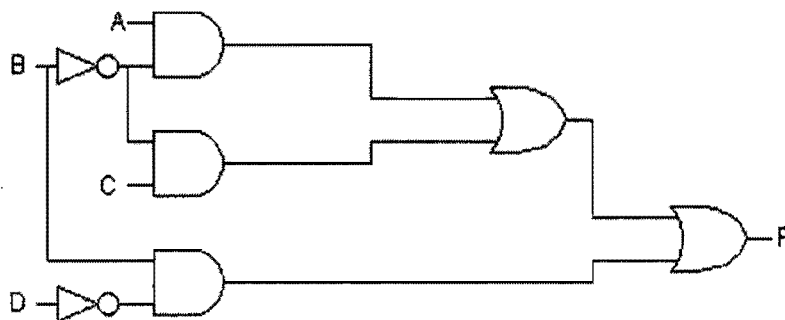
At University of Swaziland, students are registered in courses. At the end of the year, each course is allocated a mark, and a student is declared to have passed a course if the mark obtained in that course is greater than 50. A course can be supplemented if the mark is greater than 40 but less than 50.

Using prolog notation:

- (i) Define suitable ground predicates to express the following facts in a knowledge base:
- Five (5) students: **gugu, kim, joe, musa, fana**, [3]
  - Three (3) courses): **cs211, m220, b204** [2]
  - Five (5) student registration details. Each registration specifies the student name, the course and the mark obtained. A student may register for more than one course. Two of the students should not be registered in any course. [4]
- (ii) Define a rule predicate, called **pass (S,C)**, that returns true if student **S** registered in course **C** and passed the course. [3]
- (iii) Define a rule predicate, called **supplement (S,C)**, that returns true if student **S** registered in course **C**, and can supplement the course. [3]
- (iv) Write a query for each of the following:- in each case indicate the expected result of the query [based on your facts in (i)].
- (a) Determine if **gugu** is a student. [1]
  - (b) Determine if **fana** is registered in b204. [1]
  - (c) Find all courses that have a mark less than 30 [2]
  - (d) Find all students who failed some course [3]
  - (e) Find all students who are not registered in any course [3]

#### QUESTION 4

- a) Digital circuits can be classified as either combination circuits or sequential circuits. Explain the differences between these circuits? Use diagrams in your explanation. [4]
- b) A device accepts natural numbers in the range 0000 to 1111 that represent 0 to 15. The output F of the circuit is true if the input to the circuit represents a prime number and is false otherwise. [12]
- Draw the truth table for this function.
  - Hence, determine the canonical Sum of Products (SOP) and canonical Product of Sums (POS) expressions for the output F.
  - Write the short hand notation of the SOP and POS expressions.
  - Design a circuit using AND, OR and NOT gates to carry out this function.
- c) Convert the following into SOP form and minimize using the Karnaugh map method.  
 $F = (AB + C)(B + \bar{C}D)$  [6]
- d) Write down and simplify the logic function represented by the circuit diagram below: [3]



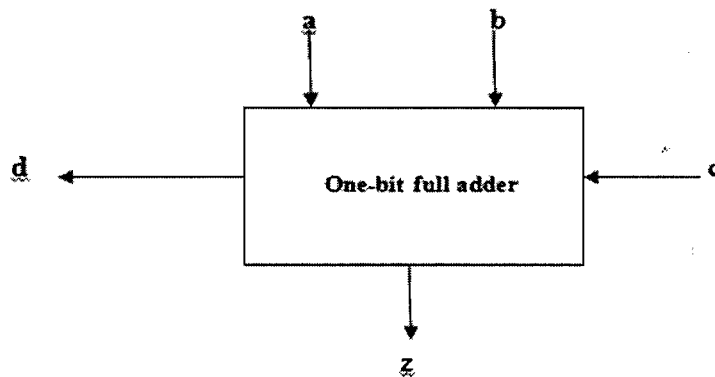
#### QUESTION 5

- a) i) Briefly explain the difference between the Karnaugh map method and the Quine-McCluskey method. [3]
- ii) Minimize the function  $F(A, B, C, D) = \sum(0,1,2,3,6,7,8,9,14,15)$  using the Quine-McCluskey method. [10]
- b) Flip flops can be implemented using R-S, D-type or J-K. Explain the different behaviors of these flip-flops. What additional logic is required to convert a J-K flip-flop into a D-type flip flop? [8]
- c) Simplify the following Boolean expressions using Boolean theorems. [4]

$$\overline{(A + B)CD + F}$$

## QUESTION 6

- (i) Using binary arithmetic evaluate the binary arithmetic expression:  $101110 + 1101111$  [4]
- (ii) The binary ripple-carry addition algorithm used in (i), can be implemented using a one-bit full adder that takes two input bits **a** and **b**, and a carry-in bits **c** and compute a sum bit **z** and a carry-out bit **d**. The diagram below illustrates the input and outputs of a one-bit adder.



- (a) Draw a truth table for the one-bit full-adder. [6]
- (b) Based on the truth table obtained in (a) write the logical expressions for the sum bit **z** and the carry-out bit **d**. [4]
- (c) Simplify the logical expressions obtained in (b), and draw one circuit diagram for the one-bit full adder. [6]
- (iii) Using a diagram similar to one shown above for the one-bit adder, draw a diagram that illustrates how a 3-bit adder could be implemented using a combination of one-bit adders. [5]

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