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## NOVEMBER/DECEMBER MAIN EXAMINATION

COURSE TITLE : DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

COURSE CODE : CSC203

TOTAL MARKS :100

DURATION OF EXAM : THREE (3) HOURS

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Answer all questions

QUESTION ONE {40 marks}

1.1) Let  $f(x) = 3x - 2$ . What is its inverse? {3 marks}

1.2) Let  $f(x) = 2x - 1$ ,  $g(x) = 3x$ , and  $h(x) = x^2 + 1$ . Compute the following:

(i)  $f(g(-3))$  {3 marks}

(ii)  $f(h(7))$  {3 marks}

(iii)  $g(h(24))$  {3 marks}

1.3) Let  $\{a_n\}$  be a sequence that satisfies the recurrence relation  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 3$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, \dots$  and suppose that  $a_0 = 2$ .

[Here  $a_0 = 2$  is the initial condition.]

What are  $a_1$ ,  $a_2$  and  $a_3$ ? {3 marks}

1.4) The Fibonacci sequence is defined by  $f_0, f_1, f_2, \dots$ , where:

Initial Conditions:  $f_0 = 0, f_1 = 1$

Recurrence Relation:  $f_n = f_{n-1} + f_{n-2}$

Find  $f_2, f_3, f_4, f_5$  and  $f_6$ . {5 marks}

1.5) Given the matrices A and B,

Show that  $B = \begin{bmatrix} -5 & 2 \\ 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$  is the inverse of  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 3 & 5 \end{bmatrix}$ .

{4 marks}

1.6) An arithmetic progression has 3 as its first term. Also, the sum of the first 8 terms is twice the sum of the first 5 terms. Find the common difference. {3 marks}

1.7) Find the sum of the first five terms of the GP with first term 3 and common ratio 2. {3 marks}

1.8) How many different license plates can be made if each plate contains a

- sequence of three uppercase English letters followed by three digits? {3 marks}
- 1.9) A group of 30 people have been trained as astronauts to go on the first mission to Mars. How many ways are there to select a crew of six people to go on this mission? {3 marks}
- 1.10) A farmer purchased 3 cows, 2 pigs, and 4 hens from a man who has 6 cows, 5 pigs, and 8 hens. Find the number  $m$  of choices that the farmer has. {4 marks}

**QUESTION TWO** {20 marks}

- 2.1) Show that  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow (p \vee q)$  is a tautology.
- (a) Using logical equivalences. {4 marks}
- (b) Using truth tables. {4 marks}
- 2.2) Express each of these statements using quantifiers. Then form the negation of the statement so that no negation is to the left of a quantifier. Next, express the negation in simple English.
- (2.2.1) The file system cannot be backed up if there is a user currently logged on. {3 marks}
- (2.2.2) There are at least two paths connecting every two distinct endpoints on the network. {3 marks}
- (2.2.3) No one knows the password of every user on the system except for the system administrator, who knows all passwords. {3 marks}
- 2.3) As mentioned in the textbook, the notation  $\exists!xP(x)$  denotes "There exists a unique  $x$  such that  $P(x)$  is true." If the domain consists of all integers, what is the truth value of the statement  $\exists!x(x + 3 = 2x)$  Justify your answer. {3 marks}

**QUESTION THREE** {25 marks}

- 3.1) Use mathematical induction to prove that  $n(n + 5)$  is divisible by 2 for any positive integer  $n$ . {5 marks}
- 3.2) Prove by contradiction the following:  
For all integers  $n$ , if  $n^2$  is odd, then  $n$  is odd. {4 marks}
- 3.3) For any sets  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$ , prove the following (Do not use truth tables):  
 $(A \cup B) \cup C = A \cup (B \cup C)$  {6 marks}
- 3.4) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  and  $R = \{(1, 1), (1, 3), (2, 2), (2, 4), (3, 1), (3, 3), (4, 2), (4, 4)\}$ .  
Show that  $R$  is an Equivalence Relation. {6 marks}
- 3.5) Determine the value of the following:
- 3.5.1)  $35 \pmod{7}$  {2 marks}
- 3.5.2)  $20 \pmod{3}$  {2 marks}

**QUESTION FOUR** {15 marks}

- 4.1) Using the Pigeonhole Principle, find the minimum number of student's in a class to be sure that three of them are born in the same month. {2 marks}
- 4.2) If  $A$  and  $B$  are two mutually exclusive events, then  $P(A \cup B) = P(A) + P(B)$

Two dice are tossed once. Find the probability of getting an even number on first dice or a total of 8. {4 marks}

4.3) Consider the graph shown in Fig 1. Give an example of the following:

4.3.1) An elementary path from  $V_1$  to  $V_6$ . {3 marks}

4.3.2) A simple path which is not elementary from  $V_1$  to  $V_6$ . {3 marks}

4.3.3) A circuit which is not simple and starting from  $V_2$ . {3 marks}

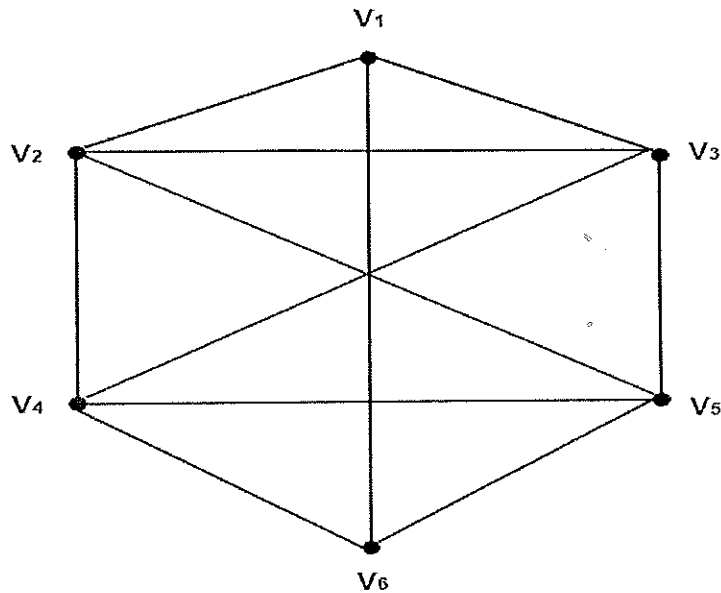


Fig 1