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**DISCRETE MATHEMATICAL STRUCTURES**

**QUESTION BANK**

**Module 1**

1) Prove that the following are valid arguments

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r) \\ p \vee \neg s \\ q \\ \hline \therefore s \rightarrow r \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} \text{b) } p \rightarrow (q \wedge r) \\ r \rightarrow s \\ \neg (q \wedge r) \\ \hline \therefore \neg p \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ q \rightarrow (r \wedge s) \\ \neg r \vee (\neg r \vee u) \\ p \wedge t \\ \hline \therefore u \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} u \rightarrow r \\ (r \rightarrow s) \rightarrow (p \vee t) \\ q \rightarrow (u \wedge s) \\ \neg t \\ \hline \therefore q \rightarrow p \end{array}$$

$$\begin{array}{l} (p \wedge q) \\ p \rightarrow (r \wedge q) \\ r \rightarrow (s \vee t) \\ \neg s \\ \hline \therefore t \end{array}$$

2. Prove that for any propositions p, q, r the compound propositions

$\{p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)\} \rightarrow \{(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)\}$  is a tautology

3. Define a tautology and contradiction. Prove that the proposition,  $[(p \rightarrow r) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)] \rightarrow (p \vee q) \rightarrow r$  is tautology

4. Apply principle of duality for the following

$$(P \wedge Q) \vee (P \wedge R) \wedge T_0$$

5. Simplify:  $(p \vee q) \wedge \neg [(\neg p \vee q)]$

6. Prove the following logical equivalence using the laws of logic

$$\text{i) } (p \rightarrow q) \wedge [\neg q \wedge (r \vee \neg q)] \Leftrightarrow \sim [(q \vee p)]$$

$$\text{ii) } [\sim p \wedge (\sim q \wedge r)] \vee (q \wedge r) \vee (p \wedge r) \Leftrightarrow r$$

7. For the following statements consists of all non-zero integers. Determine the truth values of the following,

$$\text{i) } \exists x \exists y [xy = 1]$$

$$\text{ii) } \exists x \forall y [xy = 1]$$

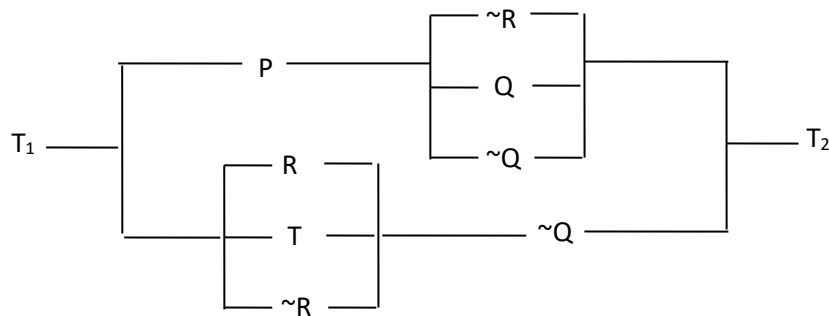
$$\text{iii) } \forall x \exists y [xy = 1]$$

8. Define an open statement. Write down the negation of following statements: i) For all integer 'n' if n is not divisible by 2 then n is odd. ii) If k, m, n are any integers when (k - m) and (m - n) are odd then (k - n) is even.

9. Give i) a direct proof ii) an indirect proof iii) proof by contradiction statement : "If n is an odd integer, then  $n + 9$  is an even integer".

10. The open statements p(x), q(x), r(x), and s(x) are given by  $p(x): x \geq 0$   $q(x): x^2 \geq 0$   $r(x): x^2 - 3x - 4 = 0$   $s(x): x^2 - 3 > 0$  Find the truth value of the following, i)  $\exists x[p(x) \wedge q(x)]$  ii)  $\forall x[p(x) \rightarrow q(x)]$  iii)  $\forall x[q(x) \rightarrow s(x)]$  iv)  $\forall x[r(x) \vee s(x)]$  v)  $\exists x[p(x) \wedge r(x)]$  vi)  $\forall x[r(x) \rightarrow p(x)]$

11. Simplify the following switch network



## Module 2

Q1. Prove by Mathematical Induction , for every positive integer 4 divides  $5^n + 2 \cdot 3^{n-1} + 1$  (06 M)

Q2. Prove that  $4^n < (n^2 - 7)$  for all positive integer  $n \geq 6$  (05 M)

Q3. Show that  $2^n > n^2$  for all positive integer n greater than 4.

Q4. Prove that  $[1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2] = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$  using mathematical Induction (05 M)

Q5. Assume PASCAL language is case insensitive, an identifier consists of a single letter followed by upto seven symbols which may be letters or digits ( 26 letters , 10 digits). There are 36 reserved words. How many distinct Identifiers are possible in this version of PASCAL. (05 M)

Q6. Find the co-efficient of  $a^2 b^3 c^2 d^5$  in the expression of  $(a + 2b - 3c + 2d + 5)^{16}$  (05 M)

Q7. Find the number of distinct terms in the expansion of  $(W+X+Y+Z)^{12}$  (05 M)

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$$1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{n(2n+1)(2n-1)}{3} \quad (05 M)$$

Q9. If  $U_1 = 3$  and  $U_2 = 5$ ,  $U_n = 3U_{n-1} - 2U_{n-2}$  where  $n \geq 3$ . Then prove that  $U_n = 2^n + 1$  for all positive integers n.

Q10. Find an explicit definition of the sequence defined recursively as follows

$$a_1 = 7, a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 1 \text{ for } n \geq 2$$

Q11. Using mathematical induction prove that  $3^n < (n+1)!$  for all positive integer  $n \geq 4$ .

Q12. If  $F_0, F_1, F_2 \dots$  are Fibonacci numbers, Prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^n \frac{F_i - 1}{2^i} = 1 - \frac{F_{n+2}}{2^n}$  for all positive integers of  $n$ .

If  $F_i$ 's are the Fibonacci numbers and  $L_i$ 's are the Lucas numbers, prove that  $L_{n+4} - L_n = 5F_{n+2}$  for all positive integers  $n \geq 0$ .

Q13. A woman has 11 close relatives and she wishes to invite 5 of them to dinner. In how many ways can she invite them in the following situations?

- i) There is no restriction on the choice.
- ii) Two particular persons will not attend separately.
- iii) Two particular persons will not attend together.

Q14. i) How many arrangements are there for all letters in the word SOCIOLOGICAL  
 ii) In how many of these arrangements A and G are adjacent.  
 iii) In how many of these arrangements all the vowels are adjacent. (04 M)

Q15. In the expression of  $(x+y+z)^7$  find the number of distinct terms (04 M)

Q16. Show that for positive integers  $n, t$  the co-efficient of  $X_1^{n_1} X_2^{n_2} X_3^{n_3} \dots X_t^{n_t}$  in the expression of  $(X_1 + X_2 + X_3 + \dots + X_t)^n$  is  $\frac{n!}{(n_1! n_2! n_3! \dots n_t!)}$  where each  $n_i$  is an integer with  $0 \leq n_i \leq n$ , for all  $1 \leq i \leq t$  and  $n_1 + n_2 + n_3 + \dots + n_t = n$ . (04M)

Q17. How many ways 10 pens, 14 pencils and 15 books can be distributed among 3 boys. (04M)

Q18. Determine the co-efficient of  $xyz^2$  in the expansion of  $(2x-y-z)^4$ .

Q19. How many ways 10 roses, 14 sunflowers, 15 daffodils can be distributed among 3 girls.

Q20. A certain question paper contains two parts **A** and **B**, each containing **4** questions. How many different ways a student can answer **5** questions by selecting at least **2** questions from each part?

Q20. How many numbers greater than **1000000** be formed by using digits **1,2,2,2,4,4,0**

Q21. Using mathematical induction show that 3 divides  $n^3 - 7n + 3$  for all positive integer  $N$ .

Q22. Q30. For the Fibonacci sequence  $F_0, F_1, F_2 \dots$  prove that  $F_n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{5}} \left[ \left( \frac{1+\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n - \left( \frac{1-\sqrt{5}}{2} \right)^n \right]$