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**BLG311E – FORMAL LANGUAGES AND AUTOMATA**

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**QUIZ 5**

Convert the following grammar into Chomsky normal form (CNF).

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ASA \mid aB \\ A &\rightarrow B \mid S \\ B &\rightarrow b \mid \Lambda \end{aligned}$$

Duration: 15 mins

**Solution:**

Eliminate  $\Lambda$  productions ( $B \rightarrow \Lambda$  and  $A \rightarrow B \rightarrow \Lambda$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid AS \mid SA \mid a \\ A &\rightarrow B \mid S \\ B &\rightarrow b \end{aligned}$$

Eliminate unit productions ( $A \rightarrow B$  and  $A \rightarrow S$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ASA \mid aB \mid AS \mid SA \mid a \\ A &\rightarrow b \mid ASA \mid aB \mid AS \mid SA \mid a \\ B &\rightarrow b \end{aligned}$$

Break-down strings of two or more than two symbols involving terminals ( $aB$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow ASA \mid CB \mid AS \mid SA \mid a \\ A &\rightarrow b \mid ASA \mid CB \mid AS \mid SA \mid a \\ B &\rightarrow b \\ C &\rightarrow a \end{aligned}$$

Replace each production having more than two non-terminal occurrences on the right by an equivalent set of double-non-terminal productions ( $ASA$ ):

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow AD \mid CB \mid AS \mid SA \mid a \\ A &\rightarrow b \mid AD \mid CB \mid AS \mid SA \mid a \\ B &\rightarrow b \\ C &\rightarrow a \\ D &\rightarrow SA \end{aligned}$$