



**Recommender Systems**  
**Assignment- Week 5**  
**TYPE OF QUESTION: MCQ/MSQ**

**Number of questions: 20**

**Total marks:**

---

**QUESTION 1:**

One of the advantage of the content-based recommendation system is

- a) It can recommend items to new users without any difficulty
- b) It can recommend new items to existing users without any difficulty**
- c) It can avoid both user and item cold start problems
- d) It does not require the item features for generating recommendations.

**Correct Answer: b**

**Explanation:** Refer to Week 5 lecture 1 slide 5

**QUESTION 2:**

Content based recommender systems use prediction models for recommending items to the users. In these models the independent variables are \_\_\_\_\_ and the dependent variable is \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Item features, Preference rating by the particular user**
- b) Preference rating by the particular user, Item features
- c) All Item feature, the target item features
- d) All preference rating by the users, the preference rating for a target item

**Correct Answer: a**

**Explanation:** Refer to Week 5 lecture 1 slide 9



**QUESTION 3:**

Process of finding the features from raw data, selecting the best set of features that makes the prediction accuracy better, and transforming the original set of features to a lower dimensional space are termed as \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ respectively.

- a) Feature Selection, Dimensionality reduction, Feature extraction
- b) Feature Selection, Feature extraction, Dimensionality reduction
- c) Feature extraction, Dimensionality reduction, Feature Selection
- d) Feature extraction, Feature Selection, Dimensionality reduction**

**Correct Answer: d**

**Explanation:** Refer to Week 5 lecture 2 slide 4

**QUESTION 4:**

During feature extraction the raw data is transformed in to \_\_\_\_\_ form for further processing.

- a) Text
- b) Numeric
- c) Dimension
- d) Feature

**Correct Answer: b**

**Explanation:** Refer to Week 5 lecture 2 slide 5

**QUESTION 5:**

During text feature extraction, the process of splitting a text documents into words is called \_\_\_\_\_.

- a) Stemming
- b) Lemmatization
- c) Feature extraction
- d) Tokenization**

**Correct Answer: d**

**Explanation:** Refer to Week 5 lecture 3 slide 4



---

**QUESTION 6:**

WordNet is an example of a database of \_\_\_\_\_

- a) Root words to be used during lemmatization
- b) Stop words
- c) Named entities
- d) Lexical relations**

**Correct Answer: d**

**Explanation:** Refer to Week 5 lecture 3 slide 13

**QUESTION 7:**

Which of the following represents the entropy associated with a random variable  $X$

- a)  $\log_2 p(x)$
- b)  $-\log_2 p(x)$
- c)  $-\sum_x p(x) \log_2 p(x)$
- d)  $\sum_x p(x) \log_2 p(x)$**

**Correct Answer: c**

**Explanation:** Refer to Week 5 lecture 4 slide 5

**QUESTION 8:**

Which of the following is the correct formula to calculate the mutual information  $I(X,Y)$  between two random variables  $X$  and  $Y$ . Please note that  $H(\cdot)$  represents entropy.

- a)  $H(X) - H(X|Y)$
- b)  $H(Y) - H(Y|X)$
- c)  $H(X) + H(Y) - H(X,Y)$
- d) all of the above**

**Correct Answer: d**

**Explanation:** Refer to Week 5 lecture 4 slide 7, 11



**QUESTION 9:**

A customer's binary rating data suggest, out of 10 products he has rated 5 as positive and 5 as negative. What is the Gini index value associated with the rating variable?

- a) 0
- b) 1/2**
- c) 3/4
- d) 1

**Correct Answer: b**

**Explanation:** Refer to Week 5 lecture 5 slide 3-4

**QUESTION 10:**

In a wrapper based feature selection approach which of the following is the right sequence of activities

- a) Initial subset selection, Trying the subset with a learner, Measuring the difference, Modifying the feature subset, Trying again
- b) Initial subset selection, Modifying the feature subset, Trying the subset with a learner, Measuring the difference, Trying again
- c) Initial subset selection, Measuring the difference, Trying the subset with a learner, Modifying the feature subset, Trying again
- d) Initial subset selection, Trying the subset with a learner, Modifying the feature subset, Measuring the difference, Trying again**

**Correct Answer: d**

**Explanation:** Refer to Week 5 lecture 5 slide 7

\*\*\*\*\***END**\*\*\*\*\*