

BRAC University  
CSE230 : Discrete Mathematics  
Midterm Examination

Duration : 100 minutes (4:30 pm - 6:10 pm)

Total Marks : 60      Set: A

***[Answer all the questions from 1,2,3. Answer any 1 question from 4,5.]***

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**Q01: [CO1] [15 Points]**

- a) Prove whether  $(p \wedge q) \vee (\neg p \wedge \neg q)$  and  $p \leftrightarrow q$  are logically equivalent. (Truth table is one way to solve the problem.) **[5 points]**
- b) Write the converse, inverse and contrapositive of the following statement: **[6 points]**  
An integer has two factors only if it is prime.
- c) Let  $L(x, y)$  be the statement “x loves y,” where the domain for both x and y consists of all people in the world. Use quantifiers to express each of these statements. **[4 points]**
- i) Everybody loves Ali.
  - ii) Nobody loves Babul.
  - iii) There is somebody whom Cindy loves.
  - iv) Didar loves nobody.

**Q02: [CO4] [15 Points]**

- a) Using mathematical induction, prove the following statement for all positive integers n:  
$$1 \times 2 + 2 \times 2^2 + 3 \times 2^3 + 4 \times 2^4 + \dots + n \times 2^n = (n - 1) \cdot 2^{n+1} + 2$$
**[8 points]**
- b) Prove by induction that  $4^{2n+1} + 10 \times 11^{2n}$  is divisible by 7 for all non-negative integers n. **[7 points]**

**Q03: [CO6] [15 Points]**

- a) In 2023, XYZ Bank completed its 12 year anniversary. On this occasion, it has announced a new account scheme. According to the scheme, at the end of each year, the account holders will receive a 5% interest on the currently saved amount and also an additional 500 taka will be added each year. Model the recurrence relation from the above scenario. **[5 points]**
- b) Solve the following recurrence relation: **[8 points]**  
$$a_{n+1} + 40a_{n-2} = 3a_n + 18a_{n-1} \quad \text{where } a_1 = 16, a_3 = 322, \text{ and } a_4 = 1010$$
  
Also find the value of  $a_9 - 18a_7$  **[2 points]**

**Q04: [CO7] [15 Points]**

- a) Find the remainder when  $5^{250}$  is divided by 227 using modular arithmetic. [7 points]
- b) Determine the greatest common divisor of 1267 and 491 using the Euclidean algorithm. [4 points]
- c) Show that if  $a$ ,  $b$  and  $c$  be integers, where  $a \neq 0$ ,  $b \neq 0$ ,  $a|b$  and  $b|c$ , then  $ab \mid (4b^2 + 19bc)$  [4 points]

**Or,**

**Q05: [CO7] [15 Points]**

- a) Solve the linear congruence  $33x \equiv 4 \pmod{19}$  [5 points]
  - b) Prove that for any two positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ , the product of their GCD and LCM is equal to the product of the two numbers, i.e.,  $\text{GCD}(a, b) * \text{LCM}(a, b) = a * b$ . [5 points]
  - c) Multiply the numbers  $(34334)_5$  and  $(41303)_5$  and give your answer in base-5. Show all necessary workings. [5 points]
- Hint:** You may convert the numbers to decimal to perform your desired operations