



## ICS 2405 Knowledge Based Systems

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**YEAR 4 SEMESTER 1 SPECIAL/SUPPLEMENTARY EXAMINATIONS FOR THE DEGREE  
OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE IN INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**ICS 2405: KNOWLEDGE BASED SYSTEMS**

**DATE: MARCH 2019**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**INSTRUCTIONS: ATTEMPT QUESTION ONE AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE**

- a) Define the following terms (3 marks)
  - i) Knowledge
  - ii) Case based Reasoning
  - iii) Symbolic Reasoning
- b) Differentiate between breadth first search and depth first search (2 marks)
- c) Discuss how reasoning is done using:
  - i) Backward chaining (2 marks)
  - ii) Forward chaining (2 marks)
- d) How does propositional logic work (3 marks)
- e) Discuss knowledge representation under
  - i) Lists (2 marks)
  - ii) Decision Trees (2 marks)
- f) Knowledge bases form the basis of artificial intelligent systems. Explain why this statement is true. (4 marks)
- g) Consider the set of rules given below. Assuming that the goal is F, use BOTH Forward Chaining and Backward chaining to prove whether F is true or not. Given facts are: A, B and E. explain every step taken. (10 marks)

*If E then B*

*If B Or E then C*

*If A and C then D*

*If D and A then H*

*If H and D then F*

## QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Write each of the following in well-formed formulas (6 marks)
- i) Everybody loves someone
  - ii) Jane loves food
  - iii) A day is either cold or hot
- b) In which reasoning circumstances would each of the following be applicable (4 marks)
- i) Inductive Reasoning
  - ii) Deductive Reasoning
- c) Describe Case Based Reasoning by providing a clear example (4 marks)
- d) Identify and explain three ways in which case based reasoning is different from other Artificial Intelligence approaches. (6 marks)

## QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

- a) Discuss the following reasoning types (8 marks)
- i) Reasoning from signs
  - ii) Cause and effect
  - iii) Reasoning by analogy
  - iv) Reasoning by Example
- b) Describe the principle of Modus Ponens and Modus Tollens (4 marks)
- c) How was Turing Test of intelligence used in Intelligence Test (4 marks)
- d) Explain two challenges associated with knowledge representation and describe what needs to be done to handle such challenges (4 marks)

## QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

- a) Briefly explain the following terms:
- i) Knowledge
  - ii) Atomic sentence (4 marks)
- bi) Write a logical expression that describes the following sentence: *If I pass the exam and I pass the course work then I will pass the course or the marking system is faulty.* State the meaning of any terminology you introduce. (2 marks)

- ii) Build the truth table for the expression (4 marks)
- c) Explain what is meant by conflict resolution and describe any two strategies for dealing with it.
- d) Briefly, explain any four characteristics of knowledge Base systems (6 marks)
- e) Questioning is a knowledge acquisition method that involves the knowledge engineer interviewing the expert in a series of meetings, or asks the expert to fill out a questionnaire. Briefly explain the two strategies used in questioning the expert (4 marks)