Fast**National University of Computer & Emerging Sciences, Karachi  
Spring-2018 CS-Department  
MidTerm 1  
23rd February 2018, 10:30 am – 11:30am**

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| **Course Code:** | **Course Name:**Theory of Automata | |
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Instructions:

* Return the question paper.
* Read each question completely before answering it. There are **3 questions and 2 pages**.
* In case of any ambiguity, you may make assumption. But your assumption should not contradict any statement in the question paper.
* All the answers must be solved according to the sequence given in the question paper.
* This paper is subjective. All the questions should be attempted on the answer sheet.
* All questions carry equal marks and equally distributed in sub parts.

**Time**: 60 minutes. **Max Marks**: 60 points

**Question 1 (20 points = 1 \* 20):**

Select the best answer and write either A, B, C or D from the options given below in each statement:

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| 1) (a\* + b\*)\* = (a + b)\* this expression is \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_   1. True 2. False | 2) (L1 ∪ L2)\* = L1\* ∪ L2\*   1. True 2. False |
| 3) (ab)\*a = a(ba)\*   1. True   False | 4) L1\* = L1+ ∪∅   1. True 2. False |
| 5) (L1 ∪ L2)\* = (L2 ∪ L1)\*   1. True 2. False | 6) (a ∪ b)\* b (a ∪ b)\* = a\* b (a ∪ b)\*   1. True 2. False |
| 7) [(a ∪ b)\* b a (a ∪ b)\* ∪ a\*b\*] = (a ∪ b)\*   1. True 2. False | 8) (L1L2)\* = L1\*L2\*   1. True 2. False |
| 9) [(a ∪ b)\* b (a ∪ b)\* ∪ (a ∪ b)\* a (a ∪ b)\*] =   1. True 2. False | 10) a+ = a. a\*   1. True 2. False |
| 11) If S = { x }, then S\* will be   1. {x,xx,xxx,xxxx,…} 2. {^ ,x,xx,xxx,xxxx,…} | 12) If S = {aa, bb}, then S\* will not contain   1. aabbaa 2. bbaabbbb 3. aaabbb 4. aabbaaaa |
| 13) Language can be expressed by more than one FA's. This statement is \_\_\_\_\_\_   1. True 2. False 3. Sometimes true & sometimes false 4. None of these | 14) (b+ab)\*(a+λ)is equivalent to   1. b\*(abb\*)\*+b\*(abb\*)\*a 2. b\*(ab\*)\*(a+λ) 3. b\*(abb\*)\* 4. None of these |
| 15) (aa+bb\*)\* is equivalent to:   1. (aa+ab)\* 2. (b\*aaab\*)\* 3. (aa+a+b)\* 4. None of these | 16) (a+b+c)\*a(a+b+c)\*b(a+b+c)\*c(a+b+c)\*is equivalent to   1. (b+c)\* a(a+c)\* b(a+b)\* c(a+b+c)\* 2. (a+b+c)\* a(b+c)\* b(a+c)\* c(a+b+c)\* 3. (b+c)\* abc(a+b+c)\* 4. None of these |
| 17) In an FA, when there is no path starting from initial state and ending in final state then that FA   1. accept null string 2. accept all strings 3. accept all non-empty strings 4. does not accept any string | 18) (aa+bb)\*is equivalent to   1. (aa+ab)\* 2. (aa)\*+(bb)\* 3. (aa+b)\* 4. None of these |
| 19) (a+b)\*(a+λ)\*b+λ is equivalent to   1. (a+b)a\*b 2. (a+b)a\*b+λ 3. (a+b)a\*ab+ λ 4. None of these | 20) What does automata means   1. Performs operation manually 2. Performs operation automatically |

**Question 2 (20 points = 10 \* 2):**

1. Consider the language L which recognize the string w defined over ∑ = {a,b,0,1 }, if w belong to language then it must satisfies the following conditions:
2. |w|<=2
3. String must start with either a or b.
4. String can end with any of the alphabets.

Find Regular Expression and draw DFA of the above given language?

1. Design NFA’s to recognize the following set of strings
2. abc, abd, aacd. Assume the alphabet is {a,b,c,d}.
3. 0101, 101, and 011.

**Question 3 (20 points = 10 \* 2):**

Consider the following expressions:

1. ((a ∪ b) ∪ (ab))\*
2. ()
3. ((ab)\* ∅)
4. (((ab) ∪ c)\*∩(b ∪ c\*))
5. (∅\* ∪ (bb\*))

(ii) Which of the above is not a regular expression. Give precise reasoning. And for each of the above that is a regular expression, give a simplified equivalent regular expression.

(iii) For each of the above that is a regular expression, give descriptive definition of that language.

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