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23CSX503, NATURAL LANGUAGE PROCESSING FUNDAMENTALS

**UNIT I
INTRODUCTION**

QUESTION BANK

Natural Language Processing tasks in syntax, semantics, and pragmatics - challenges of NLP - NLP Phases - Language Modeling: Grammar-based LM, Statistical LM - Regular Expressions, Finite-State Automata – English Morphology, Transducers for lexicon and rules, Tokenization, Detecting and Correcting Spelling Errors, Minimum Edit Distance.

PART - A (2 MARKS)

Introduction

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| 1. Define Natural Language Processing (NLP). | K1 |
| 2. State the applications of NLP. | K1 |
| 3. Name the two main components of NLP. | K1 |

Natural Language Processing Tasks in Syntax, Semantics, and Pragmatics

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| 4. What is meant by pragmatics? | K1 |
| 5. Why is POS tagging important in syntactic analysis? | K2 |
| 6. How does lack of training data limit NLP performance? | K2 |

Challenges of NLP

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| 7. List any two challenges faced by NLP systems. | K1 |
| 8. Why does ambiguity affect the accuracy of NLP systems? | K2 |

NLP Phases

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| 9. Why can a sentence be syntactically correct but semantically incorrect? | K2 |
| 10. List the five phases of NLP. | K1 |

Language Modeling

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| 11. Define language modeling. | K1 |
| 12. How does a statistical language model predict the next word? | K2 |
| 13. Why do grammar-based language models have limited coverage? | K2 |

Regular Expression-Finite-State Automaton

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| 14. Why are regular expressions considered greedy? | K2 |
| 15. How do character classes simplify pattern matching? | K2 |
| 16. How does an FSA recognize a valid string? | K2 |

English Morphology

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| 17. What is a morpheme? | K1 |
| 18. List the types of affixes. | K1 |
| 19. How does derivational morphology differ from inflectional morphology? | K2 |

Tokenization

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| 20. Define tokenization. | K1 |
| 21. What is text normalization? | K1 |

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| 22. Why must dates and numbers be treated as single tokens? | K2 |
| 23. How does subword tokenization reduce the OOV problem? | K2 |

Detecting and Correcting Spelling Errors

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| 24. Define spelling error detection in NLP. | K1 |
| 25. List any two causes of spelling errors. | K2 |
| 26. How do non-word errors differ from real-word errors? | K2 |

Minimum Edit Distance

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| 27. List the three basic edit operations used in MED. | K1 |
| 28. Why is dynamic programming used to compute Minimum Edit Distance? | K2 |

Transducers for Lexicon and Rules

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| 29. What is the role of a lexicon in NLP? | K1 |
| 30. How does a finite-state transducer differ from a finite-state automaton? | K2 |

PART - B (16 Marks)

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| 1.(i) Discuss the tasks of syntax, semantics and pragmatics in NLP. | 6 | K2 |
| 1.(ii) Examine the challenges of NLP and discuss their impact on system performance. | 10 | K2 |
| 2.(i) Elaborate on the different phases of NLP and their significance in language processing. | 10 | K2 |
| 2.(ii) Describe the applications of NLP. | 6 | K2 |
| 3.(i) Apply grammar-based language modeling to parse a sentence using CFG rules. | 8 | K3 |
| 3.(ii) Apply a bigram language model to calculate the probability of the sentence: "I like to eat apples" using the provided corpus. | 8 | K3 |
| 4. Elaborate on morphological analysis and its importance in NLP applications. | 16 | K2 |
| 5. Explain different tokenization approaches used in NLP systems. | 16 | K2 |
| 6.(i) Evaluate how finite-state automata and regular expressions correspond to each other in language representation. | 8 | K4 |
| 6.(ii) Analyze the different types of spelling error detection and correction problems in NLP and explain how each requires different handling techniques. | 8 | K4 |
| 7.(i) Construct a finite-state automaton (FSA) to recognize the regular expression /baa+!/ and explain how it accepts valid strings. | 8 | K3 |
| 7.(ii) Apply the Normalization techniques for the given text and comment on the vocabulary before and after the normalization:

Raj and Vijay are best friends. They play together with other friends. Raj likes to play football but Vijay prefers to play online games. Raj wants to be a footballer. Vijay wants to become an online gamer. | 8 | K3 |
| 8. Analyze the working of the Edit Minimum Distance algorithm and explain why dynamic programming is suitable for solving it. | 16 | K4 |