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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:<br>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 |