

**I) Give a formal definition with any notations for each of the following: Alphabet, String, Language, Concatenation of strings, Reverse of a string, Substring, Length of a string, Star-Closure of an alphabet, Positive Closure of an alphabet, Sentence of a language**

Alphabet - An alphabet  $\Sigma$  is a finite, nonempty set of symbols

String - a finite sequence of symbols from an alphabet

Language - a set of strings

Concatenation of strings - The concatenation of strings  $u$  and  $v$  means appending the symbols of  $v$  to the right end of the symbols of  $u$ , denoted as  $uv$

Reverse of a string - The reverse of a string (denoted as  $w$ ) is denoted as  $w^R$ .  $w^R$  is the string with the same symbols in reverse order

Substring - A substring is a sequence of consecutive characters taken from the original string to make a new string

Star-Closure of an alphabet -  $\Sigma^*$  for an alphabet  $\Sigma$ , is the set of all strings obtained by concatenating zero or more symbols from the alphabet

Positive-Closure of an alphabet -  $\Sigma^+$ , for an alphabet  $\Sigma$ , is the set of all strings from the alphabet  $\Sigma$  except ( $\Lambda$ )

Sentence of a language - A string from a language is referred to as a sentence. For Language  $L: \{a, aa, ab\}$ , "a", "aa", "ab" are sentences

**II) For a language  $L$ , describe the Complementation, and Star-Closure**

Complementation -  $LC = \Sigma^* - L$

Star-Closure -  $L^* = L^0 \cup L^1 \cup L^2 \cup \dots$

**III) Describe the relationship of Language, Grammar and Automata (over a given alphabet)**

A language is a set of strings; a grammar is a set of rules used to define which symbols of an alphabet can be sequenced into strings of a language; and an automata is a mathematical model of a computer which can determine if a string is a part of a Language.

**IV) Write derivations for four strings of various lengths and describe what is the language generated,  $L(G)$  by the following grammar  $G$ .**

$V = \{S, A, B\}$

$T = \{a, b\}$ ,

$P = \{$

$S \rightarrow A,$

$S \rightarrow B,$

$B \rightarrow bB,$

$A \rightarrow aA,$

$A \rightarrow \lambda,$

**$B \rightarrow \lambda$**

**}**

**S is the start nonterminal**

**V) Write derivations for four strings of various lengths and describe what is the language generated,  $L(G)$  by the following grammar**

**$S \rightarrow aSaa \mid B$**

**$B \rightarrow bB \mid \lambda$**

**VI) Write derivations for four strings of various lengths and describe what is the language generated,  $L(G)$  by the following grammar**

**$S \rightarrow aSaa \mid B$**

**$B \rightarrow bB$**

**VII) Describe the operation of Automaton as an Acceptor**

An automaton as an acceptor operates by taking an input then giving either a yes or no output.

**VIII) Let  $\Sigma = \{a,b\}$   $L_1 = \{a,ab,abb\}$   $L_2 = \{\lambda, b, bb\}$  Describe all the following languages as a set of strings.**

**(i)  $L_3 = L_1 \cap L_2$**

**(ii)  $L_1 L_3$**

**(iii)  $L_3 L_1$**

**(iv)  $L_1 L_2$**

**(v)  $L_1 \emptyset$**

**(vi)  $|L_1||L_3|$**

$$\textbf{(vii)} \quad |L_1||L_2|$$

$$\textbf{(viii)} \quad |L_1L_2|$$

$$\textbf{(ix)} \quad L_1^R$$

$$\textbf{(x)} \quad L_2^R$$

$$\textbf{(xi)} \quad \Sigma^*$$

$$\textbf{(xii)} \quad L_2^c$$

$$\textbf{(xiii)} \quad L_1^0$$

$$\textbf{(xiv)} \quad L_1^1$$

$$\textbf{(xv)} \quad L_1^2$$

**(xvi)**  $L_2^2$