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There are **TEN** questions in this paper. Candidates should answer all **TEN** questions. All questions carry equal marks and full marks can be obtained for complete answers to **TEN** questions. The marks for each part of a question are indicated at the end of the part in [.] brackets.

There are 100 marks available on this paper.

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### Question 1

(a) Working in binary and showing all carries, compute  $(110011)_2 + (1011)_2$ . [2]

(b) Consider the integer  $s$  defined by

$$s = \sum_{i=0}^8 2^{2^i}.$$

Showing your working, express  $s$  and  $2s$  in

i. binary notation;

ii. hexadecimal notation. [5]

(c) Showing your working, express the repeating decimal

$0.353535353535 \dots$

as a rational number in its simplest form. [3]

### Question 2

Let  $B$  denote the set of all 9-bit binary strings and consider the function  $\varphi : B \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by

$\varphi(s) =$  the sum of all bits in the binary string  $s$ .

(a) Give the cardinality of the set  $B$ . [1]

(b) i. Compute  $\varphi(001001000)$ .

ii. Give the *range* of  $\varphi$ .

iii. Find the number of strings  $s$  in  $B$  with  $\varphi(s) = 2$  and explain why this shows that the function  $\varphi$  is *not* one-to-one. [4]

(c) A computer program generates a random 9-bit binary string. Justifying your answers, find the probability that

i. the string contains precisely four 0s;

ii. the string has an equal number of 0s and 1s;

iii. the string has more 0s than it has 1s. [5]

### Question 3

- (a) When is a positive integer  $p$  said to be a prime? [2]
- (b) Express the integer 5040 as a product of its prime factors, using power notation for repeated factors. [2]
- (c) Justifying your answer, say whether each of the following two propositions are true or false.
- i. If  $x = n^2 + 2n$  for some positive integer  $n$ , then  $n$  and  $n + 2$  are factors of  $x$ .
  - ii. The number  $n^2 + n + 41$  is a prime for all positive integers  $n$ . [4]
- (d) Give the contrapositive of the following proposition concerning an integer  $p$ .

“If  $p$  is odd and  $p > 3$  then  $p + 1$  and  $p - 1$  are not primes”

[2]

### Question 4

- (a) Consider the relation  $R$  on the set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$  defined by

$aRb$  if and only if 6 is a factor of  $a - b$ .

Justifying your answers, say whether  $R$  is

- i. symmetric;
- ii. reflexive;
- iii. transitive.

[7]

- (b) Consider the relation  $R'$  on the set  $\{1, 2, 3, \dots, 10\}$  defined by

$aR'b$  if and only if 6 is a factor of  $a + b$ .

Show that  $R'$  is neither reflexive, nor transitive.

[3]

### Question 5

- (a) Let  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  be subsets of a universal set  $U$  and consider the two sets  $X = (A \cup C) \cap (B \cup C)$  and  $Y = A \cap B$ .
- i. Draw a labelled Venn diagram depicting the sets  $A$ ,  $B$  and  $C$  in such a way that they divide  $U$  into 8 disjoint regions, and shade the two regions corresponding to  $X$  and  $Y$ . [3]
  - ii. Construct a membership table which shows that  $(X - C) \subseteq Y$ . [3]
- (b) Give the set  $A = \{a \in \mathbb{Z} \mid (3a + 1)(a + 2)(a - 7) = 0\}$  by the listing method. [2]
- (c) Give the set  $B = \{-14, -9, -4, 1, 6, 11, 16, \dots, 61\}$  by using rules of inclusion. [2]

### Question 6

- (a) Suppose that it is given that a graph  $G$  has degree sequence 4, 3, 3, 2, 2, 2.
- i. Explain why this information is not sufficient to enable us to draw  $G$ .
  - ii. Justifying your answer, find the number of vertices in  $G$ .
  - iii. Justifying your answer, find the number of edges in  $G$ . [4]
- (b) Let  $G$  be the simple graph on the vertex set  $V = \{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4, v_5, v_6\}$  with adjacency matrix

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}.$$

- i. Draw  $G$ .
- ii. Find a 6-cycle in  $G$ .
- iii. Construct a graph  $H$ , which contains a 6-cycle and has the same degree sequence as  $G$ , but is non-isomorphic to  $G$ . Explain why the two graphs are not isomorphic. [6]

### Question 7

- (a) Explain why the number of edges in a simple graph  $G$  is precisely half the sum of the degrees of the vertices of  $G$ . [2]
- (b) What properties must a graph satisfy in order for it to be a *tree*? [2]
- (c) How many edges are there in a tree on  $n$  vertices? [1]
- (d) Justifying your answer, say whether it is possible to construct a tree on 19 vertices in which every vertex has degree 1 or 3. [2]
- (e) A binary search tree  $T$  is designed to store an ordered list of 21 records at its internal nodes.
  - i. Which record is stored at the root of  $T$ ?
  - ii. Which records are stored at level 1 of  $T$ ? [3]

### Question 8

- (a) Showing all your working, find the simplest possible form of the following two expressions.
  - i.  $4 \cdot 2^n + 2^{n+2}$ ;
  - ii.  $\log_2(\sqrt{2^x})$ . [3]

- (b) Consider the function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by

$$f(x) = 3x^2 - 4x + 1.$$

- i. Compute  $f(2)$  and  $f(f(2))$ . [2]
- ii. Find all the pre-images (ancestors) of 0 under  $f$ . [2]
- iii. Show that the function  $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by the rule

$$h(x) = f(f(x))$$

is  $O(x^4)$ . [3]

**Question 9**

A sequence is defined for  $n \geq 0$  by the recurrence relation

$$a_{n+1} = 3a_n + 1$$

and the initial term  $a_0 = 2$ .

(a) Use the recurrence relation to calculate  $a_1, a_2, a_3$  and  $a_4$ . [4]

(b) Prove by induction that  $a_n > 3^n$  for all  $n \geq 0$ . [6]

**Question 10**

(a) Consider the two matrices

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 0 & 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 1 & 1 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } N = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & 2 & 1 \\ 4 & -9 & -2 \\ -2 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}.$$

i. Showing your working, compute  $NM$ . [2]

ii. Show for all  $3 \times 1$  matrices  $\mathbf{x}$  and  $\mathbf{y}$  that if  $M\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{y}$ , then  $\mathbf{x} = N\mathbf{y}$ . [3]

(b) Write the following system of equations as a matrix equation  $A\mathbf{x} = \mathbf{b}$ .

$$x + 3y + 5z = 1$$

$$y + 2z = 1$$

$$2x + y + z = 3.$$

[2]

(c) Solve the system of equations from part (b). [3]

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