

CITY UNIVERSITY OF HONG KONG

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Course code and title : MA2184 Discrete Mathematics for Computing

Session : Semester B, 2008-2009

Time allowed : Two Hours

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Instructions to candidates:

1. This paper has FIVE questions.
2. Attempt ALL questions.
3. Each question carries 20 marks and the paper has 100 marks in total.
4. Start each question on a new page.
5. Show ALL workings.

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Materials, aids & instruments which students are permitted to use during examination: Approved calculators

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## Answer ALL Questions

### Question 1

(a) Use *Proof by Contradiction* to show the validity of  $\frac{\sim \exists x[F(x) \wedge G(x)]}{F(y)} \quad (10 \text{ marks})$   
 $\therefore \sim G(y)$

(b) Use (a), or otherwise, to show the validity of  $\frac{\sim \exists x[F(x) \wedge G(x)]}{\therefore \forall x[F(x) \rightarrow \sim G(x)]} \quad (5 \text{ marks})$

(c) There is a mistake in the following derivation, find it and explain.

1.  $\exists x(P(x) \wedge Q(x))$      $p$
2.  $P(c)$      $p$
3.  $P(c) \wedge Q(c)$     from 1,  $ei$
4.  $Q(c)$     from 3

(5 marks)

### Question 2

(a) Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be sets. Show that

(i)  $(A \setminus B) \setminus C \subseteq A \setminus C$  (5 marks)

(ii)  $A \cap (B \setminus C) = (A \cap B) \setminus (A \cap C)$  (5 marks)

(b) Let  $R$  be a binary relation on  $A \neq \emptyset$  and  $R^{-1}$  be its inverse. Suppose  $R \cap R^{-1} = \emptyset$ , show that  $R$  is not reflexive and  $R$  is antisymmetric. (10 marks)

### Question 3

(a) Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  and  $g : B \rightarrow C$ . Suppose that  $g$  is injective and  $(g \circ f)$  is surjective. Prove that  $f$  is surjective and  $g$  is surjective. (8 marks)

(b) How many solutions are there to the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 90$ , where  $x_1, x_2$  and  $x_3$  are nonnegative integer such that  $x_1 \geq 10, x_2 \leq 25, x_3 \leq 45$  (Use Inclusion-Exclusion Principle). (8 marks)

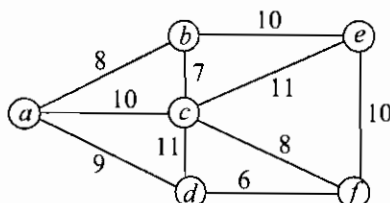
(c) A club with fifteen women and ten men needs to form a committee of size five. How many committees are possible if the committee must consist of all women or all men? (4 marks)

#### Question 4

- (a) Find a recurrence relation for the number of ways to form a postage of  $n$  cents if the post office has only 4-cents stamps and 6-cents stamps. Also, determine the initial condition(s) to solve the recurrence relation. (You are not required to solve the recurrence relation) (5 marks)
- (b) Find the solution for the recurrence relation  $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 4a_{n-2} + 4^n$  with initial conditions  $a_0 = 0$  and  $a_1 = -\frac{9}{5}$ . (10 marks)
- (c) Let  $G$  be a graph containing 14 vertices and 27 edges. Suppose each vertex of  $G$  is either of degree 3 or 6. How many vertices of degree 6 does  $G$  have? (5 marks)

#### Question 5

- (a) Use Prim's algorithm (in tabular form) to find a minimum spanning tree for the following graph starting at the vertex  $a$  (you have to list all steps of the algorithm). What is the weight of a minimum spanning tree? Note that the numbers indicated at edges are the weights of the edges.



(8 marks)

- (b) A train travels between pairs of stations  $A, B, C, D, E, F$ . The following table indicates in minutes the time it takes to travel from one station to another. The symbol  $\infty$  indicates that no direct route between those stations.

	$A$	$B$	$C$	$D$	$E$	$F$
$A$	0	6	5	$\infty$	4	$\infty$
$B$	6	0	$\infty$	5	6	2
$C$	5	$\infty$	0	7	$\infty$	3
$D$	$\infty$	5	7	0	4	3
$E$	4	6	$\infty$	4	0	2
$F$	$\infty$	2	3	3	2	0

Use Dijkstra's algorithm to find the shortest travel time from  $A$  to each station. Also, write down the shortest path from  $A$  to  $F$ . (12 marks)

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