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## Discrete Structures (CS1005)

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## Sessional-I Exam

**Total Time: 1 Hour**

**Total Marks: 30**

**Total Questions: 03**

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**CLO #1:** Express statements in terms of predicates, quantifiers and logical connectives. Apply formal logic proofs, logical reasoning to practical problems related to offered program.

### Q. No 1:

i) Write the following English sentences in symbolic form.

[5]

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| a) To qualify the programming contest, it is necessary to submit code in Python or Java, but not both. | $r \rightarrow (p \oplus q)$  |
| b) The room is dark whenever the lights are not on,  | $\sim p \rightarrow q$  |
| c) The team played well but they lost the match.   | $p \wedge \sim q$   |
| d) If the passenger shows neither a passport nor an ID card, then entry is denied.                     | Or $\sim(p \vee q) \rightarrow r$<br>$(\sim p \wedge \sim q) \rightarrow r$ |
| e) A triangle is equilateral only if all its sides are equal, and conversely                           | $p \leftrightarrow q$   |

ii) Use Laws of equivalence to prove that  $(\neg p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg p$  is tautology. [5]

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| $L.H.S \equiv (\neg p \wedge (p \rightarrow q)) \rightarrow \neg p$<br>$\equiv \neg(\neg p \wedge (\neg p \vee q)) \vee \neg p$<br>$\equiv (p \vee \neg(\neg p \vee q)) \vee \neg p$<br>$\equiv p \vee (p \wedge \neg q) \vee \neg p$<br>$\equiv (p \vee \neg p) \vee (p \wedge \neg q)$<br>$\equiv T \vee (p \wedge \neg q)$<br>$\equiv (T \vee p) \wedge (T \vee \neg q)$<br>$\equiv T \wedge T$<br>$\equiv T$ | <i>Conditional Disjunction</i><br><i>De Morgan's Law</i><br><i>De Morgan's Law and Double Negation</i><br><i>Associative Law</i><br><i>Negation Law</i><br><i>Distributive Law</i><br><i>Domination Law</i><br><i>Idempotent Law</i> |
| $\equiv R.H.S$   |  |

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**Q. No 2:**

**i) Write the following statement in the form of if p then q. Also, write its contraposition.**

“Having a valid passport is necessary but not sufficient for international travel.” [2]

**If p then q:** If a person can travel internationally, then they have a valid passport.

**Contrapositive:** If a person does not have a valid passport, then they cannot travel internationally.

**ii) Use quantifiers and predicates with more than one variable to express these statements.** [2]

Let  $C(x, y)$  be the statement “ $x$  and  $y$  have chatted over the Internet,” where the domain for the variables  $x$  and  $y$  consists of all students in your class.

a) There is a student in your class who has chatted with everyone in your class over the Internet.

**Solution:**  $\exists x \forall y C(x, y)$

b) There are two students in your class who have not chatted with each other over the Internet.

**Solution:**  $\exists x \exists y ((x \neq y) \wedge \sim C(x, y))$

**iii) Answer the following questions.**

[6]

a) Determine the truth value of  $\exists x \forall y (y \neq 0 \rightarrow xy = 1)$  if the domain of each variable consists of all real numbers. Give a counter example if it is false.

**Solution:** This is false, since the reciprocal of  $y$  depends on  $y$  - there is not one  $x$  that works for all  $y$ .

b) Translate the  $\forall x \forall y ((x < 0) \wedge (y < 0)) \rightarrow (xy > 0)$  into an English. The domain in each case consists of all real numbers.

**Solution:** For all real numbers  $x$  and for all real numbers  $y$ , if both  $x$  and  $y$  are negative, then their product is positive. **“Product of two negative real numbers gives a positive real number.”**

c) Express the negations of “No one has climbed every mountain in the Himalayas.” using quantifiers, and in English.

**Solution:** Logically it means “ $\neg \exists x \forall m C(x, m)$ ”

Using De Morgan’s  $\neg(\neg \exists x \forall m C(x, m)) \equiv \forall x \exists m \neg C(x, m)$

In English “Every person has at least one Himalayan Mountain they haven’t climbed.”

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### Q. No. 3

- i) Use rules of inference to determine if the following argument is valid, [5]  
 “If Lois will not mow her lawn, then there is either a chance of rain, or her red headband is missing.” “Whenever the temperature is over 80°F, there is no chance for rain.”, “Today the temperature is 85°F and Lois red headband is not missing”. Therefore (sometime today) Lois will mow her lawn.

**Solution: Let:**

- **p: Lois will mow her lawn.**
- **q: There is a chance of rain.**
- **r: Her red headband is missing.**
- **s: The temperature is over 80°F**

**Premises:**

If Lois will not mow her lawn, then there is either a chance of rain, or her red headband is missing.

$$P_1 \quad \sim p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$$

Whenever the temperature is over 80°F, there is no chance of rain.

$$P_2 \quad s \rightarrow \sim q$$

Today the temperature is 85°F and Lois red headband is not missing.

$$P_3 \quad s \wedge \sim r$$

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**Lois will mow her lawn.**

$\therefore$  **p**

| Steps                              | Reasons                  |
|------------------------------------|--------------------------|
| 1) $s \wedge \sim r$               | Premise 3                |
| 2) $s$                             | Simplification 1         |
| 3) $s \rightarrow \sim q$          | Premise 2                |
| 4) $\sim q$                        | Modus Ponens on 2 and 3  |
| 5) $\sim r$                        | Simplification on 1      |
| 6) $\sim q \wedge \sim r$          | Conjunction on 4 and 5   |
| 7) $\sim (q \vee r)$               | Demorgan's law on 6      |
| 8) $\sim p \rightarrow (q \vee r)$ | Premise 1                |
| 9) $\sim(\sim p)$                  | Modus Tollens on 7 and 8 |
| 10) $p$                            | Double Negation on 9     |

$\Rightarrow$  **Argument is Valid**

- ii) Let  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Use a direct proof to show that if  $n$  is odd, then  $n^2 - 1$  is divisible by 8. [5]

**Solution:** Let's be an odd integer,

So  $n = 2k + 1$ , where  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$

Squaring both sides we have

$$n^2 = (2k + 1)^2$$

$$n^2 = 4k^2 + 4k + 1$$

Subtracting 1 from both sides, we have

$$n^2 - 1 = 4k^2 + 4k$$

$$n^2 - 1 = 4k(k + 1)$$

Since  $k(k + 1)$  represents the product of two consecutive terms.

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We know that the “Product of two consecutive terms is even”

$$\text{So } k(k + 1) = 2m, \text{ where } m \in \mathbb{Z}$$

Substituting in equation above, we get

$$n^2 - 1 = 4(2l) = 8m$$

This implies that  $n^2 - 1$  is divisible by 8.