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# GATE SOLVED PAPER - CS

## THEORY OF COMPUTATION

YEAR 2001

- Q. 1 Consider the following two statements :  
 $S1 : \{0^{2n} | n \geq 1\}$  is a regular language  
 $S2 : \{0^m 1^n 0^{m+n} | m \geq 1 \text{ and } n \geq 1\}$  is a regular language  
Which of the following statements is incorrect ?  
(A) Only  $S1$  is correct (B) Only  $S2$  is correct  
(C) Both  $S1$  and  $S2$  are correct (D) None of  $S1$  and  $S2$  is correct.
- Q. 2 Which of the following statements true ?  
(A) If a language is context free it can be always be accepted by a deterministic push-down automaton.  
(B) The union of two context free language is context free.  
(C) The intersection of two context free language is context free  
(D) The complement of a context free language is context free
- Q. 3 Given an arbitrary non-deterministic finite automaton ( $NFA$ ) with  $N$  states, the maximum number of states in an equivalent minimized  $DFA$  is at least.  
(A)  $N^2$  (B)  $2^N$   
(C)  $2N$  (D)  $N!$
- Q. 4 Consider a  $DFA$  over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  accepting all strings which have number of  $a$ 's divisible by 6 and number of  $b$ 's divisible by 8. What is the minimum number of states that the  $DFA$  will have ?  
(A) 8 (B) 14  
(C) 15 (D) 48
- Q. 5 Consider the following languages :  
 $L1 = \{ww | w \in \{a, b\}^*\}$   
 $L2 = \{ww^R | w \in \{a, b\}^*, w^R \text{ is the reverse of } w\}$   
 $L3 = \{0^{2i} | i \text{ is an integer}\}$   
 $L4 = \{0^{i^2} | i \text{ is an integer}\}$   
Which of the languages are regular ?  
(A) Only  $L1$  and  $L2$  (B) Only  $L2, L3$  and  $L4$   
(C) Only  $L3$  and  $L4$  (D) Only  $L3$
- Q. 6 Consider the following problem  $x$ .  
Given a Turing machine  $M$  over the input alphabet  $\Sigma$ , any state  $q$  of  $M$ .  
And a word  $w \in \Sigma^*$  does the computation of  $M$  on  $w$  visit the state  $q$  ?  
Which of the following statements about  $x$  is correct ?  
(A)  $x$  is decidable  
(B)  $x$  is undecidable but partially decidable

- (C)  $x$  is undecidable and not even partially decidable  
 (D)  $x$  is not a decision problem

#### YEAR 2002

- Q. 7 The smallest finite automaton which accepts the language  $\{x \mid \text{length of } x \text{ is divisible by } 3\}$  has  
 (A) 2 states (B) 3 states  
 (C) 4 states (D) 5 states
- Q. 8 Which of the following is true ?  
 (A) The complement of a recursive language is recursive.  
 (B) The complement of a recursively enumerable language is recursively enumerable.  
 (C) The complement of a recursive language is either recursive or recursively enumerable.  
 (D) The complement of a context-free language is context-free.
- Q. 9 The  $C$  language is :  
 (A) A context free language (B) A context sensitive language  
 (C) A regular language (D) Parsable fully only by a Turing machine
- Q. 10 The language accepted by a Pushdown Automaton in which the stack is limited to 10 items is best described as  
 (A) Context free (B) Regular  
 (C) Deterministic Context free (D) Recursive

#### YEAR 2003

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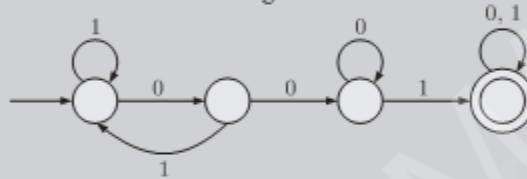
- Q. 11 Ram and Shyam have been asked to show that a certain problem  $\Pi$  is NP-complete. Ram shows a polynomial time reduction from the 3-SAT problem to  $\Pi$ , and Shyam shows a polynomial time reduction from  $\Pi$  to 3-SAT. Which of the following can be inferred from these reduction?  
 (A)  $\Pi$  is NP-hard but not NP-complete  
 (b)  $\Pi$  is in NP, but is not NP-complete  
 (C)  $\Pi$  is NP-complete  
 (D)  $\Pi$  is neither NP-hard, nor in NP
- Q. 12 Nobody knows yet if  $P = NP$ . Consider the language  $L$  defined as follows
- $$L = \begin{cases} (0+1)^* & \text{if } P = NP \\ \phi & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$
- Which of the following statements is true?  
 (A)  $L$  is recursive  
 (B)  $L$  is recursively enumerable but not recursive  
 (C)  $L$  is not recursively enumerable  
 (D) Whether  $L$  is recursive or not will be known after we find out if  $P = NP$

- Q. 13 The regular expression  $0^*(10)^*$  denotes the same set as  
 (A)  $(1^*0)^*1^*$   
 (B)  $0 + (0 + 10)^*$   
 (C)  $(0 + 1)^*10(0 + 1)^*$   
 (D) None of the above
- Q. 14 If the strings of a language  $L$  can be effectively enumerated in lexicographic (i.e. alphabetic) order, which of the following statements is true?  
 (A)  $L$  is necessarily finite  
 (B)  $L$  is regular but not necessarily finite  
 (C)  $L$  is context free but not necessarily regular  
 (D)  $L$  is recursive but not necessarily context free

YEAR 2003

TWO MARKS

- Q. 15 Consider the following deterministic finite state automaton  $M$ .



Let  $S$  denote the set of seven bit binary strings in which the first, the fourth, and the last bits are 1. The number of strings in  $S$  that are accepted by  $M$  is

- (A) 1  
 (B) 5  
 (C) 7  
 (D) 8
- Q. 16 Let  $G = (\{S\}, \{a, b\}, R, S)$  be a context free grammar where the rule set  $R$  is  
 $S \rightarrow a S b \mid S S \mid \epsilon$

Which of the following statements is true?

- (A)  $G$  is not ambiguous  
 (B) There exist  $x, y \in L(G)$  such that  $xy \notin L(G)$   
 (C) There is a deterministic pushdown automaton that accepts  $L(G)$   
 (D) We can find a deterministic finite state automaton that accepts  $L(G)$
- Q. 17 Consider two languages  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  each on the alphabet  $\Sigma$ . Let  $f: \Sigma \rightarrow \Sigma$  be a polynomial time computable bijection such that  $(\forall x [x \in L_1 \text{ iff } f(x) \in L_2])$ . Further, let  $f^{-1}$  be also polynomial time commutable. Which of the following CANNOT be true?  
 (A)  $L_1 \in P$  and  $L_2$  finite  
 (B)  $L_1 \in NP$  and  $L_2 \in P$   
 (C)  $L_1$  is undecidable and  $L_2$  is decidable  
 (D)  $L_1$  is recursively enumerable and  $L_2$  is recursive

- Q. 18 A single tape Turing Machine  $M$  has two states  $q^0$  and  $q^1$ , of which  $q^0$  is the starting state. The tape alphabet of  $M$  is  $\{0, 1, B\}$  and its input alphabet is  $\{0, 1\}$ . The symbol  $B$  is the blank symbol used to indicate end of an input string. The transition function of  $M$  is described in the following table

	0	1	B
$q^0$	$q^{1,1,R}$	$q^{1,1,R}$	Halt
$q^1$	$q^{1,1,R}$	$q^{0,1,L}$	$qH0,B,L$

The table is interpreted as illustrated below.

The entry ( $q^{1,1,R}$ ) in row  $q^0$  and column 1 signifies that if  $M$  is in state  $q^0$  and reads 1 on the current tape square, then it writes 1 on the same tape square, moves its tape head one position to the right and transitions to state  $q^1$ .

Which of the following statements is true about  $M$ ?

- (A)  $M$  does not halt on any string in  $(0+1)^+$
- (B)  $M$  does not halt on any string in  $(00+1)^*$
- (C)  $M$  halts on all string ending in a 0
- (D)  $M$  halts on all string ending in a 1

Q. 19

Define languages  $L_0$  and  $L_1$  as follows

$L_0 = \{ \langle M, w, 0 \rangle \mid M \text{ halts on } w \}$

$L_1 = \{ \langle M, w, 1 \rangle \mid M \text{ does not halts on } w \}$

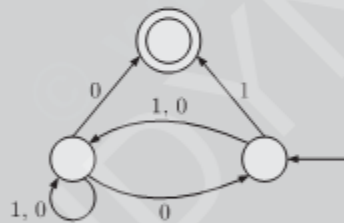
Here  $\langle M, w, i \rangle$  is a triplet, whose first component,  $M$  is an encoding of a Turing Machine, second component,  $w$ , is a string, and third component,  $i$ , is a bit.

Let  $L = L_0 \cup L_1$ . Which of the following is true?

- (A)  $L$  is recursively enumerable, but  $\bar{L}$  is not
- (B)  $\bar{L}$  is recursively enumerable, but  $L$  is not
- (C) Both  $L$  and  $\bar{L}$  are recursive
- (D) Neither  $L$  nor  $\bar{L}$  is recursively enumerable

Q. 20

Consider the NFAM shown below.



Let the language accepted by  $M$  be  $L$ . Let  $L_1$  be the language accepted by the NFAM<sub>1</sub>, obtained by changing the accepting state of  $M$  to a non-accepting state and by changing the non-accepting state of  $M$  to accepting states. Which of the following statements is true?

- (A)  $L_1 = \{0, 1\}^* - L$
- (B)  $L_1 = \{0, 1\}^*$
- (C)  $L_1 \subseteq L$
- (D)  $L_1 = L$

YEAR 2004

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Q. 21

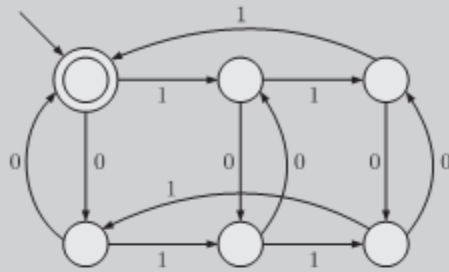
The problems 3-SAT and 2-SAT are

- (A) both in P
- (B) both NP-complete
- (C) NP-complete and in P respectively
- (D) undecidable and NP-complete respectively



Q. 22

The following finite state machine accepts all those binary strings in which the number of 1's and 0's are respectively



(A) divisible by 3 and 2

(B) odd and even

(C) even and odd

(D) divisible by 2 and 3

Q. 23

The language  $\{a^m b^{n+n} \mid m, n \leq 1\}$  is

(A) regular

(B) context-free but not regular

(C) context sensitive but not context free

(D) type-0 but not context sensitive

Q. 24

Consider the following grammar  $G$

$$S \rightarrow bS \mid aA \mid b$$

$$A \rightarrow bA \mid aB$$

$$B \rightarrow bB \mid aS \mid a$$

Let  $N_a(W)$  and  $N_b(W)$  denote the number of a's and b's in a string  $W$  respectively.

The language  $L(G) \subseteq \{a, b\}^+$  generated by  $G$  is

(A)  $\{W \mid N_a(W) > 3N_b(W)\}$ (B)  $\{W \mid N_b(W) > 3N_a(W)\}$ (C)  $\{W \mid N_a(W) = 3k, k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}\}$ (D)  $\{W \mid N_b(W) = 3k, k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots\}\}$ 

Q. 25

$L_1$  is a recursively enumerable language over  $\Sigma$ . An algorithm  $A$  effectively enumerates its words as  $w_1, w_2, w_3, \dots$ . Define another language  $L_2$  over  $\Sigma \cup \{\#\}$  as  $\{w_i \# w_j \mid w_i, w_j \in L_1, i < j\}$ . Here  $\#$  is a new symbol. Consider the following assertion.

$S_1: L_1$  is recursive implies  $L_2$  is recursive

$S_2: L_2$  is recursive implies  $L_1$  is recursive

Which of the following statements is true?

(A) Both  $S_1$  and  $S_2$  are true(B)  $S_1$  is true but  $S_2$  is not necessarily true(C)  $S_2$  is true but  $S_1$  is not necessarily true

(D) Neither is necessarily true

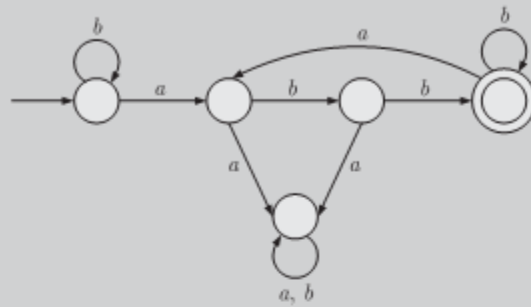
Q. 26

Consider three decision problem  $P_1, P_2$  and  $P_3$ . It is known that  $P_1$  is decidable and  $P_2$  is undecidable. Which one of the following is TRUE?

(A)  $P_3$  is decidable if  $P_1$  is reducible to  $P_3$ (B)  $P_3$  is undecidable if  $P_3$  is reducible to  $P_2$ (C)  $P_3$  is undecidable if  $P_2$  is reducible to  $P_3$ (D)  $P_3$  is decidable if  $P_3$  is reducible to  $P_2$ 's complement

Q. 27

Consider the machine  $M$



The language recognized by  $M$  is

- (A)  $\{W \in \{a,b\}^* \mid \text{every } a \text{ in } w \text{ is followed by exactly two } b\text{'s}\}$
- (B)  $\{W \in \{a,b\}^* \mid \text{every } a \text{ in } w \text{ is followed by at least two } b\text{'s}\}$
- (C)  $\{W \in \{a,b\}^* \mid w \text{ contains the substring 'abb'}\}$
- (D)  $\{W \in \{a,b\}^* \mid w \text{ does not contain 'aa' as a substring}\}$

Q. 28

Let  $N_f$  and  $N_p$  denote the classes of languages accepted by non-deterministic finite automata and non-deterministic push-down automata, respectively. let  $D_f$  and  $D_p$  denote the classes of languages accepted by deterministic finite automata and deterministic push-down automata, respectively. Which one of the following is TRUE?

- (A)  $D_f \subset N_f$  and  $D_p \subset N_p$
- (B)  $D_f \subset N_f$  and  $D_p = N_p$
- (C)  $D_f = N_f$  and  $D_p = N_p$
- (D)  $D_f = N_f$  and  $D_p \subset N_p$

Q. 29

Consider the languages

$$L_1 = \{a^n b^n c^m \mid n, m > 0\} \text{ and } L_2 = \{a^n b^m c^m \mid n, m > 0\}$$

- (A)  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is a context-free language
- (B)  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is a context-free language
- (C)  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are context-free language
- (D)  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is a context sensitive language

Q. 30

Let  $L_1$  be a recursive language, and let  $L_2$  be a recursively enumerable but not a recursive language. Which one of the following is TRUE?

- (A)  $\overline{L_1}$  is recursive and  $\overline{L_2}$  is recursively enumerable
- (B)  $\overline{L_1}$  is recursive and  $\overline{L_2}$  is not recursively enumerable
- (C)  $\overline{L_1}$  and  $\overline{L_2}$  are recursively enumerable
- (D)  $\overline{L_1}$  is recursively enumerable and  $\overline{L_2}$  is recursive

Q. 31

Consider the languages

$$L_1 = \{WW^R \mid W \in \{0,1\}^*\}$$

$$L_2 = \{W\#W^R \mid W \in \{0,1\}^*\}, \text{ where } \# \text{ is a special symbol}$$

$$L_3 = \{WW \mid W \in \{0,1\}^*\}$$

Which one of the following is TRUE?

- (A)  $L_1$  is a deterministic CFL
- (B)  $L_2$  is a deterministic CFL
- (C)  $L_3$  is a CFL, but not a deterministic CFL
- (D)  $L_3$  is a deterministic CFL



Q. 32

Consider the following two problems on undirected graphs

 $\alpha$ : Given  $G(V, E)$ , does  $G$  have an independent set of size  $|V| - 4$ ? $\beta$ : Given  $G(V, E)$ , does  $G$  have an independent set of size 5?

Which one of the following is TRUE?

- (A)  $\alpha$  is in the  $P$  and  $\beta$  is NP-complete
- (B)  $\alpha$  is NP-complete and  $\beta$  is  $P$
- (C) Both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are NP-complete
- (D) Both  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are in  $P$

YEAR 2006

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Q. 33

Let  $S$  be an NP-complete problem  $Q$  and  $R$  be two other problems not known to be in NP.  $Q$  is polynomial-time reducible to  $S$  and  $S$  is polynomial-time reducible to  $R$ . Which one of the following statements is true?

- (A)  $R$  is NP-complete
- (B)  $R$  is NP-hard
- (C)  $Q$  is NP-complete
- (D)  $Q$  is NP-hard

Q. 34

Let  $L_1 = \{0^{n+m} 1^n 0^m \mid n, m \leq 0\}$ ,  $L_2 = \{0^{n+m} 1^{n+m} 0^m \mid n, m \leq 0\}$ , and  $L_3 = \{0^{n+m} 1^{n+m} 0^{n+m} \mid n, m \leq 0\}$ . Which of these languages are NOT context free?

- (A)  $L_1$  only
- (B)  $L_3$  only
- (C)  $L_1$  and  $L_2$
- (D)  $L_2$  and  $L_3$

YEAR 2006

TWO MARKS

Q. 35

If  $s$  is a string over  $(0+1)^*$ , then let  $n_0(s)$  denote the number of 0's in  $s$  and  $n_1(s)$  the number of 1's in  $s$ . Which one of the following languages is not regular?

- (A)  $L = \{s \in (0+1)^* \mid n_0(s) \text{ is a 3-digit prime}\}$
- (B)  $L = \{s \in (0+1)^* \mid \text{for every prefixes } s' \text{ of } s, |n_0(s') - n_1(s')| \leq 2\}$
- (C)  $L = \{s \in (0+1)^* \mid n_0(s) - n_1(s) \leq 4\}$
- (D)  $L = \{s \in (0+1)^* \mid n_0(s) \bmod 7 = n_1(s) \bmod 5 = 0\}$

Q. 36

For  $s \in (0+1)^*$  let  $d(s)$  denote the decimal value of  $s$  (e.g.  $d(101) = 5$ )Let  $L = \{s \in (0+1)^* \mid d(s) \bmod 5 = 2 \text{ and } d(s) \bmod 7 \neq 4\}$ 

Which one of the following statements is true?

- (A)  $L$  is recursively enumerable, but not recursive
- (B)  $L$  is recursive, but not context-free
- (C)  $L$  is context\_free, but not regular
- (D)  $L$  is regular

Q. 37

Let SHAM, be the problem of finding a Hamiltonian cycle in a graph  $G = (V, E)$  with  $|V|$  divisible by 3 and DHAM' be the problem of determining if a Hamiltonian cycle exists in such graphs. Which one of the following is true?

- (A) Both DHAM, and SHAM, are NP-hard
- (B) SHAM, is NP-hard, but DHAM, is not
- (C) DHAM, is NP-hard, but SHAM, is not
- (D) Neither DHAM, nor SHAM, is NP-hard

- Q. 38 Consider the following statements about the context-free grammar,  
 $G = \{S \rightarrow SS, S \rightarrow ab, S \rightarrow ba, S \rightarrow \epsilon\}$
1.  $G$  is ambiguous.
  2.  $G$  produces all strings with equal number of  $a$ 's and  $b$ 's.
  3.  $G$  can be accepted by a deterministic  $PDA$ .
- Which combination below expresses all the true statements about  $G$ ?
- (A) 1 only (B) 1 and 3 only  
 (C) 2 and 3 only (D) 1, 2 and 3
- Q. 39 Let  $L_1$  be regular language,  $L_2$  be a deterministic context-free language and  $L_3$  a recursively enumerable, but not recursive, language. Which one of the following statements is false?
- (A)  $L_1 \cap L_2$  is a deterministic  $CFL$  (B)  $L_3 \cap L_1$  is recursive  
 (C)  $L_1 \cup L_2$  is context free (D)  $L_1 \cap L_2 \cap L_3$  is recursively enumerable
- Q. 40 Consider the regular language  $L = (111 + 11111)^*$ . The minimum number of states in any  $DFA$  accepting this languages is
- (A) 3 (B) 5  
 (C) 8 (D) 9

YEAR 2007

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- Q. 41 Which of the following problems is undecidable?
- (A) Membership problem for  $CFGs$   
 (B) Ambiguity problem for  $CFGs$   
 (C) Finiteness problem for  $FSAs$   
 (D) Equivalence problem for  $FSAs$
- Q. 42 Which of the following is TRUE?
- (A) Every subset of a regular set is regular  
 (B) Every finite subset of a non-regular set is regular  
 (C) The union of two non-regular sets is not regular  
 (D) Infinite union of finite sets is regular

YEAR 2007

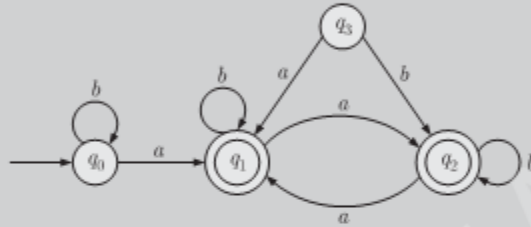
TWO MARKS

- Q. 43 A minimum state deterministic finite automation accepting the language  $L = \{w \mid w \in (0,1)^*, \text{ number of 0s \& 1s in } w \text{ are divisible by 3 and 5, respectively}\}$  has
- (A) 15 states (B) 11 states  
 (C) 10 states (D) 9 states
- Q. 44 The language  $L = \{0^i 21^i \mid i \geq 0\}$  over the alphabet  $\{0,1,2\}$  is
- (A) not recursive  
 (B) is recursive and is a deterministic  $CFL$   
 (C) is a regular language  
 (D) is not a deterministic  $CFL$  but a  $CFL$

- Q. 45 Which of the following languages is regular?
- (A)  $\{WW^R \mid W \in \{0,1\}^+\}$
- (B)  $\{WW^RX \mid X, W \in \{0,1\}^+\}$
- (C)  $\{WXXW^RX \mid X, W \in \{0,1\}^+\}$
- (D)  $\{XWW^RX \mid X, W \in \{0,1\}^+\}$

Common Data For Q. 46 & 47

Solve the problems and choose the correct answers.  
Consider the following Finite State Automation



- Q. 46 The language accepted by this automaton is given by the regular expression
- (A)  $b^*ab^*ab^*ab^*$  (B)  $(a+b)^*$
- (C)  $b^*a(a+b)^*$  (D)  $b^*ab^*ab^*$
- Q. 47 The minimum state automaton equivalent to the above FSA has the following number of states
- (A) 1 (B) 2
- (C) 3 (D) 4

YEAR 2008

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- Q. 48 Which of the following is true for the language  $\{a^P \mid P \text{ is a prime}\}$ ?
- (A) It is not accepted by a Turing Machine
- (B) It is regular but not context-free
- (C) It is context-free but not regular
- (D) It is neither regular nor context-free, but accepted by a Turing machine

- Q. 49 Which of the following are decidable?
- Whether the intersection of two regular languages is infinite
  - Whether a given context-free language is regular
  - Whether two push-down automata accept the same language
  - Whether a given grammar is context-free
- (A) 1 and 2 (B) 1 and 4
- (C) 2 and 3 (D) 2 and 4

- Q. 50 If  $L$  and  $\bar{L}$  are recursively enumerable then  $L$  is
- (A) regular (B) context-free
- (C) context-sensitive (D) recursive

Q. 51

Which of the following statements is false?

- (A) Every *NFA* can be converted to an equivalent *DFA*  
 (B) Every non-deterministic Turing machine can be converted to an equivalent deterministic Turing machine  
 (C) Every regular language is also a context-free language  
 (D) Every subset of a recursively enumerable set is recursive

Q. 52

Given below are two finite state automata ( $\rightarrow$  indicates the start and  $F$  indicates a final state)

Y:

	a	b
$\rightarrow$	1	2
2F	2	1

Z:

	a	b
$\rightarrow$	2	2
2F	1	1

(A)

	a	b
-P	S	R
Q	R	S
R(F)	Q	P
S	Q	P

(B)

	a	b
-P	S	Q
Q	R	S
R(F)	Q	P
S	Q	P

(C)

	a	b
-P	Q	S
Q	R	S
R(F)	Q	P
S	Q	P

(D)

	a	b
-P	S	Q
Q	S	R
R(F)	Q	P
S	Q	P

Q. 53

Which of the following statements are true ?

- Every left-recursive grammar can be converted to a right-recursive grammar and vice-versa
- All  $\epsilon$ -productions can be removed from any context-free grammar by suitable transformations
- The language generated by a context-free grammar all of whose production are of the form  $X \rightarrow w$  or  $X \rightarrow wY$  (where,  $w$  is a string of terminals and  $Y$  is a non-terminal), is always regular
- The derivation trees of strings generated by a context-free grammar in Chomsky Normal Form are always binary trees.

- (A) 1, 2, 3 and 4  
 (B) 2, 3 and 4 only  
 (C) 1, 3 and 4 only  
 (D) 1, 2 and 4 only

Q. 54

Match List-I with List-II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

	List-I		List-II
P.	Checking that identifiers are declared before their use	1.	$L = \{a^n b^m c^n d^m \mid n \leq 1, m \leq 1\}$
Q.	Number of formal parameters in the declaration to a function agrees with the number of actual parameters in a use of that function	2.	$X \rightarrow XbX \mid XcX \mid dXf \mid g$
R.	Arithmetic expressions with matched pairs of parentheses	3.	$L = \{wcw \mid w \in (a \mid b)^*\}$
S.	Palindromes	4.	$X \rightarrow bXb \mid cXc \mid \varepsilon$

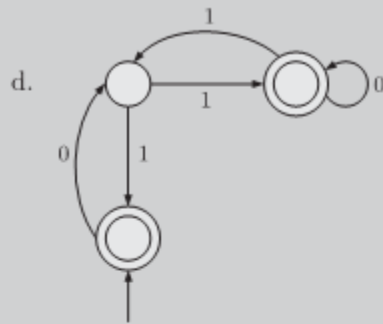
Codes:

	P	Q	R	S
(A)	1	3	2	4
(B)	3	1	4	2
(C)	3	1	2	4
(D)	1	3	4	2

Q. 55

Match List I with List II and select the correct answer using the codes given below the lists:

	List I	List II
a.		1. $\varepsilon + 0(01^*1 + 00)^*01^*$
b.		2. $\varepsilon + 0(10^*1 + 00)^*0$
c.		3. $\varepsilon + 0(10^*1 + 10)^*1$



4.  $\varepsilon + 0(10^*1 + 10)^*10^*$

Code:

	a	b	c	d
(A)	2	1	3	4
(B)	1	3	3	4
(C)	1	2	3	4
(D)	3	2	1	4

Q. 56

Which of the following are regular sets?

1.  $\{a^n b^{2m} \mid n \leq 0, m \leq 0\}$
2.  $\{a^n b^m \mid n = 2m\}$
3.  $\{a^n b^m \mid n \neq m\}$
4.  $\{xycy \mid x, y \in \{a, b\}^*\}$

(A) 1 and 4 only

(B) 1 and 3 only

(C) 1 only

(D) 4 only

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Q. 57

$$S \rightarrow aSa \mid bSb \mid a \mid b$$

The language generated by the above grammar over the alphabet  $\{a, b\}$  is the set of

- (A) all palindromes
- (B) all odd length palindromes
- (C) strings that begin and end with the same symbol
- (D) all even length palindromes

Q. 58

Which one of the following languages over the alphabet  $\{0, 1\}$  is described by the regular expression :

$$(0+1)^*0(0+1)^*0(0+1)^*?$$

- (A) The set of all strings containing the substring 00
- (B) The set of all strings containing at most two 0's
- (C) The set of all strings containing at least two 0's
- (D) The set of all strings that begin and end with either 0 or 1

Q. 59

Which one of the following is FALSE ?

- (A) There is a unique minimal *DFA* for every regular language
- (B) Every *NFA* can be converted to an equivalent *PDA*
- (C) Complement of every context-free language is recursive
- (D) Every nondeterministic *PDA* can be converted to an equivalent deterministic *PDA*



Q. 60

Match all items in Group I with correct options from those given in Group 2

Group 1		Group 2	
P.	Regular expression	1.	Syntax analysis
Q.	Pushdown automata	2.	Code generation
R.	Data flow analysis	3.	Lexical analysis
S.	Register allocation	4.	Code Optimization

(A) P-4, Q-1, R-2, S-3

(B) P-3, Q-1, R-4, S-2

(C) P-3, Q-4, R-1, S-2

(D) P-2, Q-1, R-4, S-3

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TWO MARKS

Q. 61

Given the following state table of an *FSM* with two states *A* and *B*, one input and one output :

Present State A	Present State B	Input	Next State A	Next State B	Output
0	0	0	0	0	1
0	1	0	1	0	0
1	0	0	0	1	0
1	1	0	1	0	0
0	0	1	0	1	0
0	1	1	0	0	1
1	0	1	0	1	1
1	1	1	0	0	1

If the initial state is  $A = 0, B = 0$ , what is the minimum length of an input string which will take the machine to the state  $A = 0, B = 1$  with Output = 1 ?

(A) 3

(B) 4

(C) 5

(D) 6

Q. 62

Let  $L = L_1 \cap L_2$  where  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  are language as defined below :

$$L_1 = \{a^m b^n c a^n b^m \mid m, n \geq 0\}$$

$$L_2 = \{a^i b^j c^k \mid i, j, k \geq 0\}$$

Then  $L$  is

(A) Not recursive

(B) Regular

(C) Context-free but not regular

(D) Recursively enumerable but not context-free

Q. 63

The following *DFA* accept the set of all string over  $\{0, 1\}$  that



(A) Begin either with 0 or 1

(B) End with 0

(C) End with 00

(D) Contain the substring 00

- Q. 64 Let  $L1$  be a recursive language. Let  $L2$  and  $L3$  be language that are recursively enumerable but not recursive. What of the following statements is not necessarily true ?
- (A)  $L1 - L1$  is recursively enumerable
  - (B)  $L1 - L3$  is recursively enumerable
  - (C)  $L2 \cap L3$  is recursively enumerable
  - (D)  $L2 \cap L3$  is recursively enumerable

- Q. 65 Let  $L = \{\omega \in (0+1)^* \mid \omega \text{ has even number of 1s}\}$ , i.e.,  $L$  is the set of all bit strings with even number of 1s. Which one of the regular expressions below represents  $L$  ?
- (A)  $(0^*10^*1)^*$
  - (B)  $0^*(10^*10^*)^*$
  - (C)  $0^*(10^*1)^*0^*$
  - (D)  $0^*1(10^*1)^*10^*$
- Q. 66 Consider the language  $L1 = \{0^i1^j \mid i \neq j\}$ ,  $L2 = \{0^i1^j \mid i = j\}$ ,  $L3 = \{0^i1^j \mid i = 2j + 1\}$   $L4 = \{0^i1^j \mid i \neq 2j\}$ . Which one of the following statements is true ?
- (A) Only  $L2$  is context free
  - (B) Only  $L2$  and  $L3$  are context free
  - (C) Only  $L1$  and  $L2$  are context free
  - (D) All are context free
- Q. 67 Let  $\omega$  be any string of length  $n$  in  $\{0,1\}^*$ . Let  $L$  be the set of all substring so  $\omega$ . What is the minimum number of states in a non-deterministic finite automation that accepts  $L$  ?
- (A)  $n - 1$
  - (B)  $n$
  - (C)  $n + 1$
  - (D)  $2^{n+1}$

- Q. 68 Which of the following pairs have DIFFERENT expressive power?
- (A) Deterministic finite automata (DFA) and Non-deterministic finite automata (NFA)
  - (B) Deterministic push down automata (DPDA) and Non-deterministic push down automata (NPDA)
  - (C) Deterministic single-tape Turing machine and Non-deterministic single-tape Turing machine
  - (D) Single-tape Turing machine and multi-tape Turing machine
- Q. 69 The lexical analysis for a modern computer language such as Java needs the power of which one of the following machine models in a necessary and sufficient sense?
- (A) Finite state automata
  - (B) Deterministic pushdown automata
  - (C) Non-deterministic pushdown automata
  - (D) Turing machine

Q. 70

Let  $P$  be a regular language and  $Q$  be a context-free language such that  $Q \subseteq P$ . (For example, let  $P$  be the language represented by the regular expression  $p^*q^*$  and  $Q$  be  $\{p^nq^n \mid n \in N\}$ . Then which of the following is ALWAYS regular?

- (A)  $P \cap Q$  (B)  $P - Q$   
(C)  $\Sigma^* - P$  (D)  $\Sigma^* - Q$

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Q. 71

Consider the languages  $L_1$ ,  $L_2$  and  $L_3$  are given below:

$L_1 \{0^p1^q \mid p, q \in N\}$ ,  $L_2 \{0^p1^q \mid p, q \in N \text{ and } p = q\}$  and

$L_3 \{0^p1^q0^r \mid p, q, r \in N \text{ and } p = q = r\}$

Which of the following statements is NOT TRUE?

- (A) Push Down Automata (PDA) can be used to recognize  $L_1$  and  $L_2$   
(B)  $L_1$  is a regular language  
(C) All the three languages are context free  
(D) Turing machines can be used to recognize all the languages

Q. 72

Definition of a language  $L$  with alphabet  $\{a\}$  is given as follows:

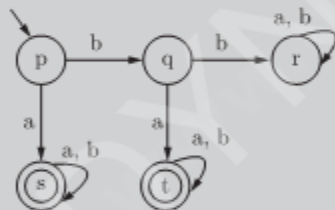
$L = \{a^{nk} \mid k > 0\}$ , and  $n$  is a positive integer constant

What is the minimum number of states needed in a dfa to recognize  $L$ ?

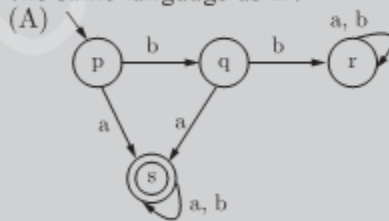
- (A)  $k + 1$  (B)  $n + 1$   
(C)  $2^{n+1}$  (D)  $2^{k+1}$

Q. 73

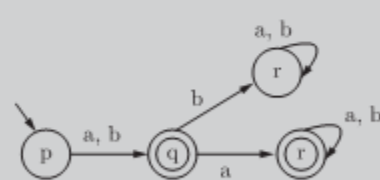
A deterministic finite automaton (DFA)  $D$  with alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$  is given below:



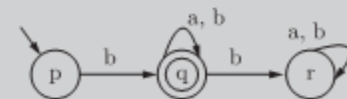
Which of the following finite state machines is a valid minimal DFA which accepts the same language as  $D$ ?



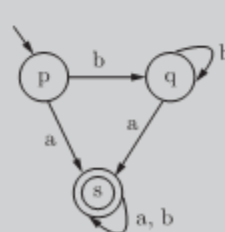
(B)



(C)



(D)



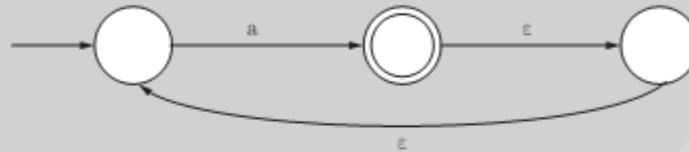
Q. 74

assuming  $P \neq NP$ , which of the following is TRUE?

- (A)  $NP\text{-complete} = NP$
- (B)  $NP\text{-complete} \cap P = \emptyset$
- (C)  $NP\text{-hard} = NP$
- (D)  $P = NP\text{-complete}$

Q. 75

What is the complement of the language accepted by the NFA shown below?  
Assume  $\Sigma = \{a\}$  and  $\varepsilon$  is the empty string.



- (A)  $\emptyset$
- (B)  $\{\varepsilon\}$
- (C)  $a^*$
- (D)  $\{a, \varepsilon\}$

Q. 76

Which of the following problems are decidable?

1. Does a given program ever produce an output?
2. If  $L$  is a context-free language, then, is  $\bar{L}$  also context-free?
3. If  $L$  is a regular language, then, is  $\bar{L}$  also regular?
4. If  $L$  is a recursive language, then, is  $\bar{L}$  also recursive?

- (A) 1, 2, 3, 4
- (B) 1, 2
- (C) 2, 3, 4
- (D) 3, 4

Q. 77

Given the language  $L = \{ab, aa, baa\}$ , which of the following strings are in  $L^*$ ?

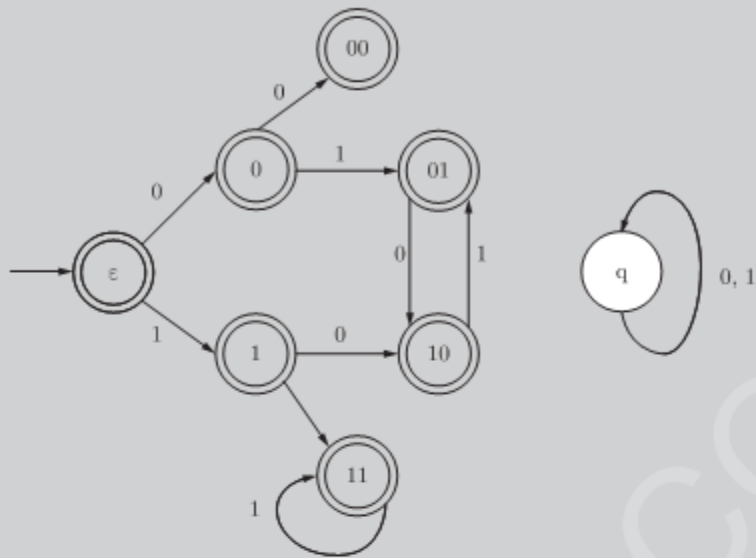
1.  $abaabaaabaa$
2.  $aaaabaaaa$
3.  $baaaaabaaaab$
4.  $baaaaabaa$

- (A) 1, 2 and 3
- (B) 2, 3 and 4
- (C) 1, 2 and 4
- (D) 1, 3 and 4

Q. 78

Consider the set of strings on  $\{0,1\}$  in which, every substring of 3 symbols has at most two zeros. For example, 001110 and 011001 are in the language, but 100010 is not. All strings of length less than 3 are also in the language. A partially complete DFA that accepts this language is shown below.

The missing arcs in the DFA are



(A)

	00	01	10	11	q
00	1	0			
01				1	
10	0				
11			0		

(B)

	00	01	10	11	q
00		0			1
01		1			
10				0	
11		0			

(C)

	00	01	10	11	q
00		1			0
01		1			
10			0		
11		0			

(D)

	00	01	10	11	q
00		1			0
01				1	
10	0				
11			0		

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## ANSWER KEY

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
(A)	(B)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(A)	(A)	(B)
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20
(C)	(A)	(?)	(D)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)
21	22	23	24	25	26	27	28	29	30
(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(B)	(C)	(B)	(D)	(A)	(B)
31	32	33	34	35	36	37	38	39	40
(B)	(?)	(B)	(D)	(C)	(D)	(?)	(B)	(B)	(D)
41	42	43	44	45	46	47	48	49	50
(B)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(C)	(B)	(D)	(B)	(D)
51	52	53	54	55	56	57	58	59	60
(D)	(A)	(C)	(C)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(C)	(D)	(B)
61	62	63	64	65	66	67	68	69	70
(A)	(C)	(A)	(B)	(B)	(D)	(C)	(B)	(A)	(C)
71	72	73	74	75	76	77	78		
(C)	(B)	(A)	(B)	(B)	(D)	(C)	(D)		