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- (A) I only. (B) III only. (C) I and III. (D) I and II.

Question 3. Suppose that $P(x, y)$ means “ x is a parent of y ” and $M(x)$ means “ x is male.” If $F(v, w)$ equals

$$M(v) \wedge \exists x \exists y (P(x, y) \wedge P(x, v) \wedge (y \neq v) \wedge P(y, w)),$$

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Payoff matrix. Consider a game for 2 players. The game proceeds in a series of identical rounds, in each round the 2 players make a move and depending on the moves either a tie is declared or one player is declared the loser and has to pay the winner a certain amount. A payoff matrix for the player one is defined as the matrix $A = (a_{ij})$ such that $a_{ij} > 0$ if the player I wins, $a_{ij} < 0$ if the player II wins, and $a_{ij} = 0$ if the round is a tie.

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	H1G1	H1G2	H2G1	H2G2		H1G1	H1G2	H2G1	H2G2		
(A)	H1G1	0	2	-3	0	(B)	H1G1	1	2	-3	0
	H1G2	-2	0	0	3		H1G2	-2	1	0	3
	H2G1	3	0	0	-4		H2G1	3	0	1	-4
	H2G2	0	-3	4	0		H2G2	0	-3	4	1
	H1G1	H1G2	H2G1	H2G2		H1G1	H1G2	H2G1	H2G2		
(C)	H1G1	1	-2	3	0	(D)	H1G1	0	-2	3	0
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Question 6. Each row and column of the payoff matrix A for the player I respectively is a strategy of the player I and the player II. If $y := (y_1, y_2, y_3, y_4)$ is the probability of the 4 strategies that the player II uses, the expected winnings of the player I will be $x^T Ay$, where $x := (x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)$ is the probability of the 4 strategies that the player I plays. The player II thus wants $\min_y (x^T Ay)$, and the player I can win the game if he can find x maximizing $\min_y (x^T Ay)$. Let

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Question 7. The optimal value of z is

- (A) 0 (B) 1 (C) 3 (D) 2 or 4

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- (A) From $\neg B$ and $A \rightarrow B$ infer $\neg A$. (B) From A infer $A \wedge B$.
- (C) From A and $A \rightarrow B$ infer B . (D) From A infer $\neg \neg A$.

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- if neither A nor E won, then G won
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Who were the two people elected?

- (A) $C; G$. (B) $B; G$. (C) $B; E$. (D) $C; E$.

Question 11. Which of the following statements is true?

- (A) It is always possible to obtain an optimal solution to a linear programming problem by using the simplex method while it is not the case where we use the interior-point methods.
- (B) We begin the simplex algorithm and the interior-point methods at a vertex of the feasible polyhedron.
- (C) In the interior-point methods, the simplex tableaux must be established in order to obtain valid cuts.
- (D) If we can obtain an optimal solution to a linear programming problem by using interior-point methods, strong duality holds for the problem.

Question 12. A farmer has recently acquired a 110 hectares piece of land. He has decided to grow Wheat and Barley on that land. Due to the quality of the sun and the region’s excellent climate, the entire production of Wheat and Barley can be sold. He wants to know how to plant each variety in the 110 hectares, given the costs, net profits and labor requirements according to the data shown below:

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The farmer has a budget of US\$ 10000 and availability of 1200 man-days during the planning horizon. Find the maximum profit that he can attain.

- (A) US\$ 1200
- (B) US\$ 4500
- (C) US\$ 5400
- (D) US\$ 6500

Question 13. Consider the linear pogramming problem

$$\begin{aligned}
 &\max 5x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \\
 &\text{subject to} \quad \begin{array}{rclcl}
 x_1 & + & 3x_2 & - & x_3 & \leq & 6 \\
 & & x_2 & + & x_3 & \leq & 4 \\
 3x_1 & + & x_2 & & & \leq & 7
 \end{array}
 \end{aligned}$$

The dual problem is:

- (A) $\min 6x_1 + 4x_2 + 7x_3$ subject to $\{x_1 + 3x_3 \geq 5; 3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 2; x_2 - x_1 \geq 1\}$
- (B) $\min 6x_1 + 4x_2 + 7x_3$ subject to $\{x_1 + 3x_3 \geq 5; 3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 2; -x_2 + x_1 \geq 1\}$
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Question 14. In the first step of a branch and bound approach to solving integer programming problems is to

- (A) Graph the problem.
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Question 15. By assigning $p = r = 0$, and $q = 1$, the true value of the following propositions $(p \longrightarrow q) \wedge (q \longrightarrow r); p \longrightarrow q \longrightarrow r$ are, respectively,

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- (B) 1; 1.
- (C) 0; 1.
- (D) 1; 0.

Question 16. Consider the set of 12 bit string of length 6 as follow:
 $\{(000000), (100000), (110000), (111000), (111100), (111110),$
 $(111111), (011111), (001111), (000111), (000011), (000001)\}.$

For each $0 \leq i \leq 5$, let's denote by b_i the proposition “the i -th bit in the string is 1.” Which of the following formula cab be used for modeling the given set?

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$$\bigvee_{k=0}^5 \left(\left(\bigwedge_{i=0}^k \neg b_i \wedge \bigwedge_{i=k+1}^5 b_i \right) \wedge \left(\bigwedge_{i=0}^k b_i \wedge \bigwedge_{i=k+1}^5 \neg b_i \right) \right)$$

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Question 17. There are three suspects for a murder: Adam, Brown, and Clark. It has been established beyond any reasonable doubt that exactly one of them is the killer. [So, two are innocents, one is guilty.] Your task is to figure out which one. You questioned Adam, Brown, and Clark one-by-one. Adam says “I didn’t do it. The victim was old acquaintance of Brown’s. But Clark hated him.” Brown states “I didn’t do it. I didn’t know the guy. Besides I was out of town all week.” Finally, Clark says “I didn’t do it. I saw both Adam and Brown downtown with the victim that day; one of them must have done it.” Assuming that the innocent men are telling the truth, but that the guilty man might not be, discover the killer.

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$W(x, y) : x$ wrote y	$h : \text{Hardy}$	$p : \text{Pride and Predjudice}.$
$L(x, y) : x$ is longer than y	$a : \text{Austen}$	
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Given these specifications, which of the predicate logic formulas below represent the sentence, “Hardy wrote a novel which is longer than any of Austen’s” in predicate logic?

- Ⓐ $\forall x(W(h, x) \rightarrow L(x, a)).$

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- (C)

$m \geq 0.$
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- (C)

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- (D) 57.15% of the time hide 2 and guess 1.

Question 19. Consider the linear pogramming problem

$$\begin{aligned} \max \quad & 5x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \\ \text{subject to} \quad & x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 \leq 6 \\ & x_2 + x_3 \leq 4 \\ & 3x_1 + x_2 \leq 7 \end{aligned}$$

The dual problem is:

- (A) $\min 5x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3$ subject to $\{x_1 + 3x_3 \geq 6; 3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 4; x_2 - x_1 \geq 7\}$
- (B) $\min 6x_1 + 4x_2 + 7x_3$ subject to $\{x_1 + 3x_3 \geq 5; 3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 2; x_2 - x_1 \geq 1\}$
- (C) $\min 6x_1 + 4x_2 + 7x_3$ subject to $\{x_1 + 3x_3 \geq 5; 3x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \geq 2; -x_2 + x_1 \geq 1\}$
- (D) $\min 6x_1 + 4x_2 + 7x_3$ subject to $\{x_1 + 3x_2 - x_3 \geq 5; x_2 + x_3 \geq 2; 3x_1 + x_2 \geq 1\}$

Question 20. Which of the following statements is true?

- (A) If we can obtain an optimal solution to a linear programming problem by using interior-point methods, strong duality holds for the problem.
- (B) It is always possible to obtain an optimal solution to a linear programming problem by using the simplex method while it is not the case where we use the interior-point methods.
- (C) We begin the simplex algorithm and the interior-point methods at a vertex of the feasible polyhedron.
- (D) In the interior-point methods, the simplex tableaux must be established in order to obtain valid cuts.