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OF SCIENCE AND BACHELOR EDUCATION

SST 102: DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

DATE: Thursday, 29th March, 2012

TIME: 8.00 a.m. – 10.00 a.m.

INSTRUCTIONS:

Answer question **ONE** and any other **TWO** questions.

Question One (30 marks)

- a) Illustrate the set $A \cap B$ on a Venn Diagram. (1 mark)
- b) Prove that $A \cap B^c = A - B$ (4 marks)
- c) Let A and B be disjoint finite sets, show that $n(A \cup B) = n(A) + n(B)$. (3 marks)
- d)
 - i) Define a group (1 mark)
 - ii) Show that $(R, +)$ is an Abelian group (5 marks)
- e) Use truth tables to show that $[(p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow r)] \rightarrow (p \rightarrow r)$ is a tautology. (4 marks)
- f) Let $R(x, y, z)$ denote the statement “ $x + y = z$ ”.

What are the truth values of the propositions $R(1, 2, 3)$ and $R(0, 0, 1)$?

(2 marks)

g) Fill in the following table on graph terminology

Type	Edges (Directed or Undirected)	Multiple edges allowed?	Loops allowed?
Simple graph			
Multi graph			
Pseudograph			
Simple Directed graph			
Directed Multi-graph			
Mixed graph			

(6 marks)

h) Use an adjacency matrix to represent the following graph

(1 mark)

i) Let R be a relation on a set A . There is a path of length n (a positive integer) from a to b iff $(a, b) \in R^n$. Prove.

(3 marks)

Question Two (20 marks)

a) Prove that $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$

(4 marks)

b) In a survey of 60 people, it was found that 25 people read Newsweek magazine, 26 read Time, 26 read Fortune, 9 read both Newsweek and Fortune, 11 read both Time and Newsweek, 8 read both Time and Fortune, 3 read all magazines.

i) Find the number of people who read at least one of the three magazines.

(3 marks)

ii) Fill in the correct number of people in a Venn diagram.

(6 marks)

- iii) Find the number of people who read exactly one magazine. (1 mark)
- c) Define the following relation:
- i) reflexive (1 mark)
- ii) symmetric (1 mark)
- iii) transitive (1 mark)
- d) Show that the relation ' $=$ ' on the set of real numbers is an equivalence relation. (3 marks)

Question Three (20 marks)

- a) Define the terms
- i) Ring (2 marks)
- ii) Division ring (1 mark)
- iii) Field (1 mark)
- b) Let $G = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. The binary operation on G is given by the following table

	1	2	3	4
1	1	2	3	4
2	2	4	2	4
3	3	2	1	4
4	4	4	4	4

- i) Find the identity element, if any, in G .
- ii) Which elements have inverses
- iii) Are inverses unique?
- iv) Is G associative? (4 marks)
- c) Show that the set $M(R)$ of 2×2 matrices over the real numbers is a ring with identity (9 marks)
- d) Determine whether or not $\mathbb{Z}$, the set of integers, is a field. (3 marks)

Question Four (20 marks)

a) Which of the following are propositions?

- i) Boston is the capital of Massachusetts
- ii) Lagos is the capital of Nigeria
- iii) Do not pass
- iv) What exam is this?

(4 marks)

b) Let p and q be the propositions

p : "The election is fair"

q : "There will be no by-elections"

Express each of the following compound propositions as an English sentence

- i) $\sim p \rightarrow \sim q$
- ii) $p \leftrightarrow q$
- iii) $\sim q \rightarrow \sim p$
- iv) $\sim p \vee q$

(4 marks)

c) Show that $p \vee (q \wedge r)$ and $(p \vee q) \wedge (p \vee r)$ are logically equivalent

(6 marks)

d) Use truth tables to show that $(p \vee q) \wedge (\sim p \vee r) \rightarrow (q \vee r)$ is a tautology.

(6 marks)

Question Five (20 marks)

a) Define a graph

(1 mark)

b) What are the degrees of the vertices in the graphs G and H displayed below?

(12 marks)

- c) Illustrate the cycle C_n , $n \geq 3$ in a diagram. (4 marks)
- d) Represent the following graph with an incidence matrix. (3 marks)