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**MASINDE MULIRO UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**(MMUST)**

**DEPARTMENT OF INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS**  
**2021/2022 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**(MAIN EXAMINATION)**

**SECOND YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**

**FOR THE**

**DIPLOMA IN**

**INFORMATION TECHNOLOGY**

**COURSE CODE: DIT 071**

**COURSE TITLE: DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**

**DATE: 22/04/2022**

**TIME: 8:00 a.m - 10:00 a.m**

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Answer question **ONE** and **ANY OTHER TWO** questions.  
**Time 2 Hours**

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### QUESTION ONE - COMPULSORY

[24 MARKS]

- a) Define the following terms
- i) Function (2 marks)
  - ii) Set (1 mark)
  - iii) Binary tree (2 marks)
- b) Assume that in a class of 800 students, 300 students are taking a mathematic course, 400 are taking a course in physics and 100 are taking both mathematics and physics. How many students are taking at least one of those courses? Draw a Venn diagram to represent this information [4 marks]
- c) Show that  $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\neg p \vee q)$  is a tautology [4 marks]
- d) Given the sets  $A = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$   $B = \{3, 4, 5, 6\}$   $C = \{2, 3, 5\}$  and the universal set  $\Omega = \{x : 0 \leq x \leq 10\}$ . Prove that;
- i)  $\overline{A \cup B} = \overline{A} \cap \overline{B}$  (4 marks)
  - ii)  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$  (4 marks)
- e) Given the functions  $f(x) = x^2 + 2x + 5$  and  $g(x) = 2x + 6$ . Find
- i.  $f \circ g(-2)$  (3 marks)
  - ii.  $g^{-1}(x)$  (2 marks)

### QUESTION TWO

[18 MARKS]

- a) Define the following
- i) A predicate. (2 marks)
  - ii) A theorem (2 marks)
  - iii) A proof (2 marks)
- b) Proof by contradiction that if  $x + y > 5$  then either  $x > 2$  or  $y > 3$  (4 marks)
- c) Assume that in a class of 1000 students, 200 students are taking a mathematic course, 300 are taking a course in physics and 100 are taking both mathematics and physics. How many students are taking at least one of those courses? Draw a Venn diagram to represent this information (4 marks)
- d) Define
- i) Planar graph (2 marks)
  - ii) Rooted tree (2 marks)

### QUESTION THREE

[18 MARKS]

- a) Show that  $(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow (\neg p \vee q)$  is a tautology [4 marks]
- b) Given the function  $f(x) = \frac{x+3}{x-1}$ . Find  $f^{-1}(x)$  hence show that [5 marks]
- $$f \circ f^{-1}(x) = x$$
- c) Use the truth tables to prove that  $\neg(r \vee s) \equiv \neg r \wedge \neg s$  (4 marks)
- d) Let M, P and C be the sets of students taking mathematics, Physics and Computer courses respectively in a college. Assume that  $|M| = 300$ ,  $|P| = 350$ ,  $|C| = 450$ ,  $|M \cap P| = 100$ ,  $|M \cap C| = 150$ ,  $|P \cap C| = 75$  and  $|M \cap P \cap C| = 10$
- Represent the information on a Venn diagram. (3 marks)
  - How many students are taking at least one of the courses? (2 marks)

### QUESTION FOUR

(18 MARKS)

- a) Differentiate between a Simple graph and a Multigraph (2 Marks)
- b) Let A and B be two sentences A: "Jack is a boy" and B: "Jill is a girl" Express the following symbolic form to statement (1 marks)
- $A \wedge B$  (1 mark)
  - $A \rightarrow B$
- c) Show that  $p \leftrightarrow q \equiv (p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p)$  is logically equivalent. [4 marks]
- d) Show that  $(p \wedge \neg q) \wedge (\neg p \vee q)$  is a contradiction. [5 marks]
- e) Represent on a Venn diagram  $A \cap B$ ,  $\overline{A \cap B}$  and  $\overline{A} \cap B$  (4 marks)

### QUESTION FIVE

[18 MARKS]

- a) Show that the following propositions are logically equivalent
- $\neg(p \leftrightarrow q)$  and  $p \oplus q$  (4 marks)
  - Hence show that  $\neg(p \leftrightarrow q) \leftrightarrow (p \oplus q)$  is a tautology (2 marks)
  - Proof by contradiction that if  $x + y > 9$  then either  $x > 5$  or  $y > 4$  (4 marks)
  - If  $A = \{a, b, c, d\}$  and  $B = \{c, d, e, f, g\}$ . Show that  $A - (A - B) = A \cap B$  (3 marks)
  - Proof by contradiction that  $\sqrt{2}$  is not a rational number [5 marks]