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

**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS  
2022/2023 ACADEMIC YEAR**

**MAIN EXAMINATIONS FOR**

**FIRST YEAR SECOND SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS  
FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (COM, SIK)**

**COURSE CODE:** BCS 121

**COURSE TITLE:** DISCRETE STRUCTURES II

**DATE:** 17/04/2023

**TIME:** 08:00-10:00AM

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**Instructions to candidates:**

Answer Question one and any other two questions.

Time: 2 hours

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### QUESTION ONE (30 MARKS)

- a) A pair of fair dice is thrown. Find the probability that the sum is 10 or greater if:
- 5 appears on the first die
  - 5 appears on at least one die. (6 Marks)
- b) Let  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  and  $B = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$  be Boolean matrices. Find  $AB$  and  $BA$ . (4 Marks)
- c) Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . Determine the truth value of each of the following statements:
- $(\exists x \in A)(x + 3 = 10)$
  - $(\exists x \in A)(x + 3 < 5)$
  - $(\forall x \in A)(x + 3 < 10)$  (6 Marks)
- d) Discuss the following terms:
- Stack
  - Queues (4 Marks)
- e) What is a homogeneous recurrence relation? (2 Marks)
- f) Consider the second-order homogeneous recurrence relation  $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}$  with initial conditions  $a_0 = 2, a_1 = 7$ ,
- Find the next three terms of the sequence. (3 Marks)
  - Find the general solution. (2 Marks)
  - Find the unique solution with the given initial conditions. (3 Marks)

### QUESTION TWO (20 MARKS)

- a) Consider the third-order homogeneous recurrence relation  $a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 12a_{n-2} + 8a_{n-3}$
- Find the general solution. (4 Marks)
  - Find the solution with initial conditions  $a_0 = 3, a_1 = 4, a_2 = 12$ . (5 Marks)
- b) Draw a binary search tree for the set  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ . (5 Marks)
- c) Define the following terms as used in Graph theory.
- Rooted tree
  - Binary tree
  - Decision tree (6 Marks)

### QUESTION THREE (20 MARKS)

a) Assume that in a country with currently 100million people has a population growth rate of 1% per year and it also receives a hundred thousand immigrants per year. Find its population in 10 years. (6 Marks)

b) Convert these adjacency matrices into incidence matrices. (6 Marks)

i)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 \\ 2 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$

ii)  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 3 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 3 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

c) A fair coin is tossed three times yielding the equiprobable space

$$S = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT, THH, THT, TTH, TTT\}$$

Consider the three events

$$A = \{\text{First toss is heads}\} = \{HHH, HHT, HTH, HTT\}$$

$$B = \{\text{Second toss is heads}\} = \{HHH, HHT, THH, THT\}$$

$$C = \{\text{Exactly two heads in a row}\} = \{HHT, THH\}$$

Show that  $A$  and  $B$  and  $A$  and  $C$  are independent, but  $B$  and  $C$  are dependent.

(8 Marks)

#### QUESTION FOUR (20 MARKS)

a) Draw the graph with vertices  $A, B, C, D, E$  and edges  $BD, BC, CE, DE$ . (5 Marks)

b) Find the degree of each vertex in part a) (5 Marks)

c) Find the incidence matrix of the graph in part a). (5 Marks)

d) Negate each of the following statements:

i)  $\exists x \forall y, p(x, y);$

ii)  $\exists x \forall y, p(x, y);$

iii)  $\exists y \exists x \forall z, p(x, y, z).$

Use  $\neg \forall x p(x) \equiv \exists x \neg p(x)$  and  $\neg \exists x p(x) \equiv \forall x \neg p(x).$

(5 Marks)

#### QUESTION FIVE (20 MARKS)

a) Prove that the complete graph  $K_n$  with  $n \geq 3$  vertices have  $H = (n - 1)!/2$  Hamiltonian circuits. (5 Marks)

b) (i) Write in math notation the following English sentence: "Every number is divisible by 2 or by 3" (use  $d|n$  for "n is divisible by d"). (4 Marks)

(ii) For which universe of discourse is it true? (1 Mark)

(iii) For which universe of discourse is it false? (2 Marks)

(iv) State it is true or false if the universe of discourse complex numbers (2 Marks)

c) Form a binary search tree for the data 16, 24, 7, 5, 8, 20, 40 and 3 in the given order. (6 Marks)

