

**National Examination – May 2014**  
**04-BS-16: Discrete Mathematics**  
**Duration: 3 hours**

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This exam paper contains 13 pages (including this one).  
Answer 10 out of 12 questions. Ten questions constitute a full paper.  
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*Good Luck!*

**Question 1.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [6 MARKS]

Let the universe of discourse be positive integer. Let

- $P(x)$ : "x is primes"
- $L(x, y)$ : "x is less than y"
- $E(x)$ : "x is even"
- $A(x, y, z)$ : " $x + y = z$ "

Write the following statement using predicates, quantifiers and logic connectives.

- a. Not all positive integers are prime.
  
  
  
  
- b. There exists an even prime.
  
  
  
  
- c. Every even integer greater than 2 is a sum of two prime numbers.
  
  
  
  
- d. There does not exist the largest prime, (i.e., there are infinitely many primes).
  
  
  
  
- e. There are infinitely many twin primes. (Twin primes are two prime numbers of the form  $n$  and  $n + 2$ .)

**Question 2.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [5 MARKS]

Show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^n i^3 = \frac{n^2(n+1)^2}{4}$$

**Part (b)** [5 MARKS]Show that for all  $n \geq 1$ ,  $9^n - 2^n$  is divisible by 7.

**Question 3.** [10 MARKS]

A 5-card poker hand is dealt from a 52-card deck. Find the probability of getting

- a. Four of a kind, (four cards of the same rank).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. Flush or straight flush, (all five cards are of the same suit, may or may not be in sequence).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. Two pairs, (two cards of the same rank, plus two cards of another rank, plus another card of different rank).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- d. Three of a kind, (three cards of the same rank, plus two cards which are not of this rank nor the same rank as each other).
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- e. Full house, (three cards of same rank, and two matching cards (i.e., pair) of different rank)

**Question 4.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [6 MARKS]

Among 12 men and 12 women, how many committees can be chosen so that the committee consists of 8 people and

- a. has at least one woman and at least one man?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. with equal number of men and women?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- c. cannot have both John and Rob serving on the same committee?

**Part (b)** [4 MARKS]

How many ways there are to re-arrange the letters in ABBACADABRA, if

- a. there are no restrictions?
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
  
- b. all the A's are together

**Question 5.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [6 MARKS]

Prove

- $p \rightarrow (q \rightarrow r)$  is equivalent to  $(p \wedge q) \rightarrow r$ .

- $((a \wedge p) \vee p) \rightarrow p$  is a tautology.

**Part (b)** [4 MARKS]

- a. For a sequence  $a_n$ , define what it means that  $a_n = O(f(n))$ .

- b. A Fibonacci sequence with the initial condition,  $a_1 = 3, a_2 = 4$  and  $a_n = a_{n-1} + a_{n-2}$  can be written in closed-form as

$$a_n = \left(\frac{1 + \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1} + \left(\frac{1 - \sqrt{5}}{2}\right)^{n+1}$$

What is the smallest  $x$  for which  $a_n = O(x^n)$ ? Explain.

**Question 6.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [5 MARKS]

The English alphabet contains 26 letters, 5 of which are vowels (a, e, i, o, u), and 21 are consonants. Show that if the 26 letters are arranged in a sequence, there must be at least one occurrence of 4 consecutive consonants in the sequence.

**Part (b)** [3 MARKS]

What is the probability that if we arrange the letters A, A, A, B, B, B at random, the resulting sequence happens to be exactly AAABBB?

**Part (c)** [2 MARKS]

How many different functions are there mapping the 26-letter English alphabet to binary numbers  $\{0, 1\}$ ?

**Question 7.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [5 MARKS]

Consider a set of pairs of integers  $(m, n)$  with  $n \neq 0$ . Define a relation as follows:  $(m, n)$  and  $(p, q)$  are related if  $\frac{m}{n} = \frac{p}{q}$ . Explain whether this relation is an equivalence relation. If so, describe the set of equivalence classes in the simplest mathematical term.

**Part (b)** [5 MARKS]

Consider  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ,  $f(x) = \lfloor x^3 + 0.5 \rfloor$ , where  $\mathbb{R}$  is the set of real numbers,  $\mathbb{Z}$  is the set of integers, and  $\lfloor \cdot \rfloor$  is the floor operation. Is  $f$  one-to-one? Is  $f$  onto? Does  $f$  have an inverse? Explain.



**Question 8.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [5 MARKS]

Below are the adjacency matrices of two graphs. Please draw the graphs, and explain whether they are isomorphic.

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \quad \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

**Part (b)** [5 MARKS]

How many non-isomorphic simple graphs are there with 4 vertices? Please draw them all.

**Question 9.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [7 MARKS]

Describe how quick sort works. What is the average run-time complexity of quick sort?

**Part (b)** [3 MARKS]

Please order the following run-time complexity in big-O notation from slowest to fastest.

$O(n^n)$ ,  $O(\sqrt{n})$ ,  $O(n^{\log(n)})$ ,  $O(\log(n))$ ,  $O(n \log(n))$ ,  $O(n^4)$ ,  $O(n^3 \log(n))$ ,  $O(2^{\sqrt{n}})$

**Question 10.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

What is a Euler circuit? Under what condition does a simple connected graph have an Euler circuit?

**Part (b)** [2 MARKS]

What is a Euler path? Under what condition does a simple connected graph have an Euler path?

**Part (c)** [2 MARKS]

Which complete graphs  $K_n$  have an Euler circuit?

**Part (d)** [2 MARKS]

Which complete bipartite graphs  $K_{m,n}$  have an Euler circuit?

**Part (e)** [2 MARKS]

Which complete bipartite graphs  $K_{m,n}$  have an Euler path?

**Question 11.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [4 MARKS]

It is estimated that in a population of 1000 people in the winter, at any given time, 10 are having a headache, 20 are having fever, and 5 have both.

- a. What is the probability that a person is sick (either fever or headache)?
- b. What is the probability that a person has headache given that the person has a fever?
- c. What is the probability that a person has fever given that the person has headache?
- d. What is the probability that a person has headache given that the person does not have fever?

**Part (b)** [6 MARKS]

A byte consists of 8 bits. Suppose that we generate a byte at random. Each bit has 50% probability of being 1 or 0. What is the probability that it contains no more than 4 consecutive 0's?

**Question 12.** [10 MARKS]**Part (a)** [2 MARKS]

Euler's polyhedron formula relates the number of vertices, faces, and edges in a polyhedron. Write down this relationship.

**Part (b)** [3 MARKS]

In computer graphics, 3-dimensional objects are often represented by triangle meshes. Suppose that a triangle mesh representing a polyhedron consists of  $K$  triangles, where each edge is shared by two triangles but each vertex may be shared by multiple triangles. How many vertices are there in such a mesh?

**Part (c)** [5 MARKS]

Bucky-ball  $C_{60}$  (buckminsterfullerene) is a truncated icosahedron with 60 vertices and 32 faces. The faces are either hexagons or pentagons. Among the 32 faces, how many are hexagons and how many pentagons?

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