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**MCA**  
**(SEM I) THEORY EXAMINATION 2025-26**  
**DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**

TIME: 3 HRS

M.MARKS: 70

**Note:** Attempt all Sections. In case of any missing data; choose suitably.

## SECTION A

1. Attempt *all* questions in brief.

02 x 7 = 14

| Q no. | Question  | CO | Level |
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| a.    | Is function $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , defined as $f(x) =  x  + x$ , one to one? Reason?  | 1  | K3    |
| b.    | Define Multiset with an example.  | 1  | K2    |
| c.    | Define Lattice and Complete lattice.  | 2  | K1    |
| d.    | Use quantifiers to express the statement "All students in the class have taken a course in Discrete Mathematics" and also write its negation.       | 3  | K2    |
| e.    | State the Lagrange's theorem with reference to Group theory.  | 4  | K1    |
| f.    | Test whether the permutation $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 1 & 4 & 3 & 5 & 2 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ is even permutation or odd permutation? | 4  | K3    |
| g.    | Use Pigeonhole principle to find the minimum number of students in a class to be sure that four out of them are born in the same month.             | 5  | K3    |

## SECTION B

2. Attempt any *three* of the following:

07 x 3 = 21

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| a. | Let $R$ be a relation in a set of integers $Z$ , defined by $R = \{(x, y): x - y \text{ is divisible by } 6, x \in Z, y \in Z\}$ . Justify that $R$ is an equivalence relation or partially ordered relation in $Z$ . | 1 | K3 |
| b. | Convert the Boolean expression $[(xy' + xz)' + x']$ into Disjunctive normal form and Conjunctive normal form.   | 2 | K2 |
| c. | Check the validity of the following argument:<br>If 2 is an odd number then 4 does not divide 10. Either 11 is not a prime number or 4 divides 10. But 11 is a prime number, therefore 2 is an even number.           | 3 | K3 |
| d. | Prove that the set of all positive rational numbers $Q^+$ forms an abelian group under the operation $' * '$ , defined as $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$ .  | 4 | K4 |
| e. | Solve the following Recurrence relation:<br>$a_r - 7a_{r-1} + 10a_{r-2} = r + 2$ given $a_0 = 1, a_1 = 1$   | 5 | K3 |

## SECTION C

3. Attempt any *one* part of the following:

07 x 1 = 07

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| a. | (i) is function $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , given by $f(x) = \cos x$ , bijective? Justify.<br>(ii) Let a function $f: \mathbf{R} \rightarrow \mathbf{R}$ , given by $f(x) = x^2$ then find $f^{-1}(16)$ and $f^{-1}(-16)$ . | 1 | K3 |
| b. | If $A, B, C$ are three sets then show that $(A - B) \times C = (A \times C) - (B \times C)$  | 1 | K2 |

4. Attempt any *one* part of the following:

07 x 1 = 07

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| a. | Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 6, 8, 9, 12, 18, 24\}$ be any set. The relation $' \leq '$ in set $A$ is defined as $x \leq y$ when $x$ divides $y$ .<br>Is the set $(A, \leq)$ partially ordered set (poset)? If yes, draw the Hasse | 2 | K3 |
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|    | diagram for this poset and hence list all the maximal, minimal, greatest and least elements of the poset .  |   |    |
| b. | Draw a logic gate circuit for the following Boolean expression:<br>[ $a + (b + c). a'$ ]. $b' + c$ . [ $b.(a + c') + a.(b' + c)$ ]<br>Also draw a circuit for the minimized form of above Boolean expression. | 2 | K3 |

**5. Attempt any one part of the following:****07 x 1 = 07**

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| a. | Test whether the statement $p \Rightarrow (\sim q \vee r)$ is a tautology or a contradiction or a contingency.<br>Also, test whether $p \Rightarrow (\sim q \vee r) \equiv (p \Rightarrow \sim q) \vee (p \Rightarrow r)$ .  | 3 | K3 |
| b. | Define quantifiers and its types with suitable examples. Translate each of the following statements into symbols using quantifiers, variables and predicate symbols:<br>(i) There is a student who can speak Tamil and who knows C++<br>(ii) There is a student who can speak Tamil but does not know C++<br>(iii) Every student either can speak Tamil or knows C++<br>(iv) No student can speak Tamil or knows C++ | 3 | K2 |

**6. Attempt any one part of the following:****07 x 1 = 07**

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| a. | If $R$ be a group of real numbers under addition and let $R^+$ be the group of positive real numbers under multiplication. Let $f: R \rightarrow R^+$ be defined as $f(x) = e^x$ then show that $f$ is an isomorphism. | 4 | K3 |
| b. | Prove that the set $R = \{a + b\sqrt{5} : a, b \text{ are integers}\}$ is a commutative ring with unity with respect to usual addition and multiplication.   | 4 | K3 |

**7. Attempt any one part of the following:****07 x 1 = 07**

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| a. | Show that $n^2 > (2n + 1)$ for $n \geq 3$ by Mathematical Induction.  | 5 | K3 |
| b. | Find Generating functions of the following numeric functions<br>(i) $a_n = n.3^n$ , $n \geq 0$ (ii) $b_n = \frac{(-1)^n(n+2)(n+1)}{2}$ , $n \geq 0$ | 5 | K3 |