



**COMSATS University Islamabad**  
**Department of Computer Science**  
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Time Allowed: 90 Minutes

Max Marks: 25

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**Instructions**

1. Mobile phones are strictly prohibited in examination hall.
2. Use black or blue ball-pen only. Markers/lead pencils are not allowed.

	Q1	Q2	Q3	Max
Total	9	8	8	25
Obtained				

**Question 1**

**CLO-1**

**Marks 9**

- 1) Which of these are propositions? What are the truth values of those that are propositions? (3)

Statement	Is this a proposition?	Truth value [T/F] (in case of proposition)
a) Do not pass go.	Not a proposition	
b) What time is it?	Not a proposition	
c) There are no black flies in Maine.	Proposition	False
d) $4 + x = 5$ .	Not a proposition	
e) The moon is made of green cheese.	Proposition	False
f) $2n \geq 100$ .	Not a proposition	

2) Let  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  be the propositions

(1)

$p$  : I bought a lottery ticket this week.

$q$  : I won the million dollar jackpot.

Express the following propositions as an English sentence.

a)  $p \rightarrow \neg q$

If I bought a lottery ticket this week, then I would not win the million dollar jackpot.

b)  $p \vee (p \wedge \neg q)$

I bought a lottery ticket this week or I bought a lottery ticket this week and did not win the million dollar jackpot.

3) Let  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  be the propositions

(1)

$p$  : Grizzly bears have been seen in the area.

$q$  : Hiking is safe on the trail.

$r$  : Berries are ripe along the trail.

Write these propositions using  $p$ ,  $q$ , and  $r$  and logical connectives (including negations).

a) If berries are ripe along the trail, hiking is safe if and only if grizzly bears have not been seen in the area.

$r \rightarrow (q \leftrightarrow \neg p)$

b) It is not safe to hike on the trail, but grizzly bears have not been seen in the area and the berries along the trail are ripe

$\neg q \wedge \neg p \wedge r$

4) Show that  $\neg(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \neg q$  is a tautology using truth table.

(1)

$p$	$q$	$\neg q$	$p \rightarrow q$	$\neg(p \rightarrow q)$	$\neg(p \rightarrow q) \rightarrow \neg q$
T	T	F	T	F	T
T	F	T	F	T	T
F	T	F	T	F	T
F	F	T	T	F	T

5) Let  $P(x)$  be the statement “ $x$  can speak Russian” and let  $Q(x)$  be the statement “ $x$  knows the computer language C++.”  
Express the following sentences in terms of  $P(x)$ ,  $Q(x)$ , quantifiers, and logical connectives. The domain for quantifiers consists of all students at your school. (3)

<p>a) There is a student at your school who can speak Russian but who doesn't know C++.</p> $\exists x(P(x) \wedge \neg Q(x))$
<p>b) Every student at your school either can speak Russian or knows C++.</p> $\forall x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$
<p>c) No student at your school can speak Russian or knows C++.</p> $\neg \exists x(P(x) \vee Q(x))$

**Question 2**

**CLO-2**

**Marks 8**

1) For each of these arguments determine whether the argument is correct or incorrect and explain why. [4]

a) All students in this class understand logic. Xavier is a student in this class. Therefore, Xavier understands logic.

(a) Let us assume:

$P(x)$  = "x is a student in this class"

$Q(x)$  = "x understands logic"

We can then rewrite the given statements using the above interpretations.

Step	Reason
1. $\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$	Premise
2. $P(\text{Xavier})$	Premise
3. $P(\text{Xavier}) \rightarrow Q(\text{Xavier})$	Universal instantiation from (1)
4. $Q(\text{Xavier})$	Modus ponens from (2) and (3)

Step (4) means that "Xavier understands logic". This corresponds with the given conclusion and thus the argument is correct.

- b) Every computer science major takes discrete mathematics. Natasha is taking discrete mathematics. Therefore, Natasha is a computer science major.

(b) Let us assume:

$P(x)$  = "x is a computer science major"

$Q(x)$  = "x takes discrete mathematics"

We can then rewrite the given statements using the above interpretations.

	Step	Reason
1.	$\forall x(P(x) \rightarrow Q(x))$	<i>Premise</i>
2.	$Q(\text{Natasha})$	<i>Premise</i>
3.	$P(\text{Natasha}) \rightarrow Q(\text{Natasha})$	Universal instantiation from (1)

There is no rule of inference that allows us to conclude  $P(\text{Natasha})$ , which means "Natasha is a computer science major", and thus the argument is incorrect.

- 2) For each of these sets of premises, what relevant conclusion or conclusions can be drawn? Explain the rules of inference used to obtain each conclusion from the premises. [4]

- a) "I am either clever or lucky." "I am not lucky." "If I am lucky, then I will win the lottery."

(c) Let us assume:

$p$  = "I am clever"

$q$  = "I am lucky"

$r$  = "I win the lottery"

We can then rewrite the given statements using the above interpretations.

	Step	Reason
1.	$p \vee q$	<i>Premise</i>
2.	$\neg q$	<i>Premise</i>
3.	$q \rightarrow r$	<i>Premise</i>
4.	$p$	Disjunctive syllogism from (1) and (2)

Step (4) means that "I am clever".

- b) "I am either dreaming or hallucinating." "I am not dreaming." "If I am hallucinating, I see elephants running down the road."

(f) Let us assume:

$p$  = "I am dreaming"

$q$  = "I am hallucinating"

$r$  = "I see elephants running down the road"

We can then rewrite the given statements using the above interpretations.

	Step	Reason
1.	$p \vee q$	Premise
2.	$\neg p$	Premise
3.	$q \rightarrow r$	Premise
4.	$q$	Disjunctive syllogism from (1) and (2)
5.	$r$	Modus ponens from (3) and (4)

Step (4) means that "I am hallucinating".

Step (5) means that "I see elephants running down the road".

**Question 3**

**CLO-3**

**Marks 8**

- 1) Find  $f \circ g$ , where  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 1$  and  $g(x) = 3x + 2$ , are functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . (2)

Handwritten solution for finding the composition of two functions  $f$  and  $g$ . The student defines  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 1$  and  $g(x) = 3x + 2$ . They note that since both  $f$  and  $g$  are functions from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ , their composition  $f \circ g$  is also a function from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ . Using the definition of composition, they calculate  $(f \circ g)(x) = f(g(x)) = f(3x + 2) = 2(3x + 2)^2 + 1$ . They then expand the square:  $2(9x^2 + 12x + 4) + 1 = 18x^2 + 24x + 8 + 1 = 18x^2 + 24x + 9$ .

- 2) Determine whether each of the following functions is a bijection from  $\mathbb{R}$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ .  $f(x) = x^5 + 1$ . (1)

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$f(x) = x^5 + 1$  is a bijection.

It is a strictly increasing function. Use exercise 26

- 3) Write the set builder notation of set  $A = \{0, 1, 4, 9, 16, 25, 36, 49, 64, 81\}$  (1)

$$\{x \mid x = n^2 \text{ where } n \in \mathbb{W} \text{ and } 0 < n < 9\}$$

- 4) Let  $A = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8, 10\}$ ,  $B = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ , and  $C = \{4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10\}$ .  
Find  $(A - B) \cup (A \cap C)$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{3(4) } A - B &= \{8, 10\} \\ A \cap C &= \{4, 6, 8, 10\} \\ (A - B) \cup (A \cap C) &= \{4, 6, 8, 10\} \end{aligned}$$

(1)

- 5) Represent each of these relations on  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with a matrix (with the elements of this set listed in increasing order).

$$R = \{(1, 2), (1, 3), (1, 4), (2, 1), (2, 3), (2, 4), (3, 1), (3, 2), (3, 4), (4, 1), (4, 2), (4, 3)\} \quad (1)$$

The  $a_{ij}$ th element of the matrix is 1 when  $(i, j)$  is an element in the relation.  
The  $a_{ij}$ th element of the matrix is 0 when  $(i, j)$  is not an element in the relation.

$$\{(1, 2)(1, 3)(1, 4)(2, 1)(2, 3)(2, 4)(3, 1)(3, 2)(3, 4)(4, 1)(4, 2)(4, 3)\}$$

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

- 6) Determine whether the relation represented by the matrix in question 5 are reflexive, irreflexive, symmetric, antisymmetric, and/or transitive. (2)

Reflexive = no

Irreflexive = yes

Symmetric = yes

Asymmetric = no

Transitive = yes

