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**KIRIRI WOMENS' UNIVERSITY OF SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY**  
**UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS, 2024/2025 ACADEMIC YEAR**  
**FIRST YEAR, FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION**  
**FOR THE DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE (MATHEMATICS)**

**KMA 2105: DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**

**DATE: 9<sup>TH</sup> DECEMBER, 2024**

**TIME: 8:30AM-10:30PM**

**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

**ANSWER QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) AND ANY OTHER TWO QUESTIONS**

**QUESTION ONE: COMPULSORY (30 MARKS)**

- a) Let  $f, h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 3x + 2$  and  $h(x) = x^2 + 2x$ . Find
- i.  $h \circ f$  (3 Marks)
  - ii.  $(f \circ h)(2)$  (3 Marks)
- b) Given  $A = \{3,4\}$  and  $B = \{2,6,4\}$  find  $A \times B$  (2 Marks)
- c) State the truth values of the following:
- i.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, x + x \geq x$  (1 Mark)
  - ii.  $\forall x \in \mathbb{N}, x + x > x$  (1 Mark)
  - iii.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{N}, 2x + 3 = 6x + 7$  (1 Mark)
- d) Write the inverse, converse, and contrapositive of "If monkeys can fly, then  $1+1=3$ " (3 Marks)
- e) Find the number of integers between 1 and 100 inclusively that are divisible by either 6 or 9 (4 Marks)
- f) Find the sets  $A$  and  $B$  if  $A - B = \{1,5,7,8\}$ ,  $B - A = \{2,10\}$  and  $A \cap B = \{3,6,9\}$  (3 Marks)
- g) Show that the proposition  $p \rightarrow q$  and  $\sim p \vee q$  are logically equivalent using truth tables (3 Marks)
- h) Prove using the contraposition "If  $3n + 2$  is odd, then  $n$  is odd" (3 Marks)
- i) Let  $A = \{4,2,6,1\}$ ,  $B = \{a, b, 1,6,4\}$ . Evaluate  $B - A$  (3 Marks)

**QUESTION TWO: (20 MARKS)**

- a) Prove that  $\sqrt{3}$  is irrational using contradiction (5 Marks)
- b) Use truth tables to determine whether the following compound proposition is a tautology, a contradiction, or a contingency (8 Marks)
- $$\sim(p \vee (q \rightarrow r)) \leftrightarrow ((p \leftrightarrow q) \wedge r)$$
- c) Determine the power set given the set  $A = \{1,2,3,4\}$  (4 Marks)
- d) Let  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 2x + 1$ , determine if  $f$  is invertible (3 Marks)

**QUESTION THREE: (20 MARKS)**

- a) Out of 85 students, 30 studied Java, 45 studied Linux and 44 studied C++. Furthermore, 23 studied both Linux and C++, 13 studied Linux and Java and 13 studied Java and C++. Finally, 10 students did not study any of the mentioned languages. Determine
- i. How many students took all three courses? (2 Marks)
  - ii. Represent this information in a Venn diagram (4 Marks)
  - iii. How many students took Java only, Linux only, and C++ only. (3 Marks)
- b) Using Venn diagrams to prove the second De Morgan's law by showing that  $(A \cup B)^c = A^c \cap B^c$  (3 Marks)

c) Using Mathematical induction prove that

(6 Marks)

$$1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$$

d) Find the domain of the real valued function  $g(x) = \sqrt{25 - x^2}$

(2 Marks)

**QUESTION FOUR: (20 MARKS)**

a) Using a truth table show that for any conditional  $p \rightarrow q$ , the conditional is logically equivalent to contrapositive and the inverse is logically equivalent to the converse (5 Marks)

b) Test the validity of the given argument (5 Marks)

$$\sim p \rightarrow q$$

$$r \wedge p$$

$$q$$

$$\therefore p \rightarrow q$$

c) Using set identities prove that  $A \cup (B \cap C) = (A \cup B) \cap (A \cup C)$  (5 Marks)

d) Construct a truth table for the compound proposition  $(p \rightarrow q) \wedge [(q \wedge \sim r) \rightarrow (p \vee r)]$

(5 Marks)

**QUESTION FIVE: (20 MARKS)**

a) Show that the product of any two odd numbers is again odd. (3 Marks)

b) Use mathematical induction to prove that  $8^n - 1$  is divisible by 7 for all positive integers  $n$

(5 Marks)

c) Let  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 5x + 7$ .

i. Is  $f$  one-to-one?

(2 Marks)

ii. Find the inverse of  $f$

(3 Marks)

d) Construct a truth table for the following compound propositions

i.  $(p \vee q) \wedge \sim r$

(3 Marks)

ii.  $p \rightarrow q \wedge [(p \vee \sim r) \rightarrow (q \wedge r)]$

(4 Marks)