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**Fifth Semester B.E. Degree Examination, December 2010**  
**Formal Languages and Automata Theory**

Time: 3 hrs.

Max. Marks:100

**Note: 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, selecting at least TWO questions from each part.**  
**2. Assume any missing data, if any.**

**PART - A**

- 1 a. Define the following terms:  
 i) Alphabet    ii) Power of an alphabet    iii) Strings    iv) Language    (04 Marks)
- b. Write the DFA's for the following languages over  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ :  
 i) The set of all strings ending with abb  
 ii) The set of all strings not containing the substring aab  
 iii)  $L = \{a w a \mid w \in (a + b)^*\}$   
 iv)  $L = \{w \mid |w| \bmod 3 = 0\}$     (08 Marks)
- c. Convert the following NFA to its equivalent DFA.    (08 Marks)

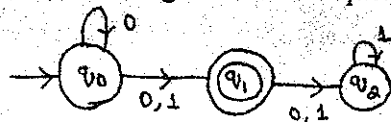


Fig.Q1(c)

- 2 a. Compute  $\epsilon$ -closure of each state from the following  $\epsilon$ -NFA :    (04 Marks)

	$\epsilon$	a	b
$\rightarrow p$	{r}	{q}	{p, r}
q	$\phi$	{p}	$\phi$
r	{p, q}	{r}	{p}
*s	{p}	{p}	{p}

- b. Define regular expression. Write the regular expression for the following languages:  
 i)  $L = \{a^n b^m \mid n \leq 4, m \geq 2\}$   
 ii) Strings of 0's and 1's having no two consecutive zeros  
 iii) Strings of 0's and 1's whose lengths are multiples of 3.    (06 Marks)
- c. Design an  $\epsilon$ -NFA for the regular expression  $(a + b)^*ab$ .    (04 Marks)
- d. Obtain a regular expression from the following DFA using state elimination method:

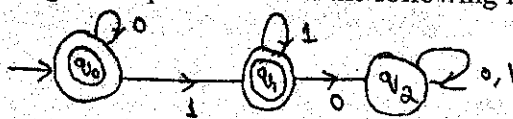


Fig.Q2(d)

(06 Marks)

- 3 a. Apply pumping lemma for the following languages and prove that they are not regular :  
 i)  $L = \{w w^R \mid w \in (0 + 1)^*\}$     ii)  $L = \{a^n b^n \mid n \geq 0\}$     (10 Marks)
- b. Prove that the regular languages are closed under complementation.    (04 Marks)
- c. Consider the two DFA's shown below. Using table filling algorithm, show that the language accepted by both the DFA's is same.    (06 Marks)

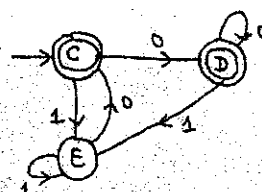
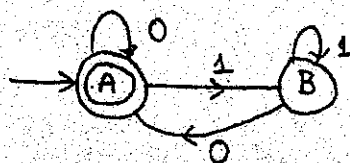


Fig.Q3(c)

Important Note : 1. On completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.  
 2. Any revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator and/or equations written eg. 42+8 = 50, will be treated as malpractice.

- 4 a. Define context free grammar. Write the grammar for the following languages :  
 i)  $L = \{ 0^{n+2} 1^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$       ii)  $L = \{ a^n b^m \mid m > n \text{ and } n \geq 0 \}$       (07 Marks)
- b. Consider the grammar G, with productions:  
 $S \rightarrow AbB$   
 $A \rightarrow aA \mid \epsilon$   
 $B \rightarrow aB \mid bB \mid \epsilon$   
 Give leftmost derivation, right most derivation and parse tree for the string aaabab. (08 Marks)
- c. What is ambiguous grammar? Show that the following grammar is ambiguous.  
 $S \rightarrow AB \mid aaB$   
 $A \rightarrow a \mid Aa$   
 $B \rightarrow b$       (05 Marks)

### PART – B

- 5 a. Define PDA. Describe the language accepted by PDA.      (04 Marks)
- b. Construct a PDA that accepts the language  $L = \{ a^n b^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$ . Give the graphical representation for PDA obtained. Show the instantaneous description of the PDA on the input string aaabbb.      (10 Marks)
- c. Obtain a PDA equivalent to the following grammar:  
 $S \rightarrow AS \mid \epsilon$   
 $A \rightarrow 0A1 \mid A1 \mid 01$       (06 Marks)
- 6 a. What are useless symbols? Explain with an example.      (04 Marks)
- b. Obtain the nullable set and hence eliminate all  $\epsilon$  - productions from the following grammar:  
 $S \rightarrow aAa \mid AB$   
 $A \rightarrow BS \mid aBa \mid \epsilon$   
 $B \rightarrow aB \mid \epsilon$       (06 Marks)
- c. Define CNF. Convert the following grammar to CNF:  
 $S \rightarrow aSb \mid ab \mid Aa$   
 $A \rightarrow aab$       (10 Marks)
- 7 a. Define turing machine. Explain with a diagram, general structure of multitape turing machine.      (06 Marks)
- b. Design a turing machine to accept the language  $L = \{ 0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 1 \}$ . Write its transition diagram and give instantaneous description for the input 0011.      (14 Marks)
- 8 Write short notes on the following :      (20 Marks)
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| a. Application of regular expressions | b. Post's correspondence problem |
| c. Recursive languages                | d. Universal turing machine      |

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