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SCHOOL OF COMPUTER SCIENCE AND ENGINEERING CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST - I WINTER SEMESTER 2025-2026

Programme Name & Branch : B.Tech. & CSE
Course Code and Course Name : BCSE304L & Theory of Computation
Faculty Name(s) : Common to all
Class Number(s) : Common to all
Date of Examination : 31.01.2026
Exam Duration : 90 minutes

Maximum Marks: 50

General instruction(s):

- Answer All Questions
- M - Max mark; CO – Course Outcome; BL – Blooms Taxonomy Level (1 – Remember, 2 – Understand, 3 – Apply, 4 – Analyse, 5 – Evaluate, 6 – Create)
- Course Outcomes (Type the CO statements covered in this question paper. Use the CO number as per the syllabus copy)
 - CO1: Compare and analyse different computational models.
 - CO2: Apply rigorously formal mathematical methods to prove properties of languages, grammars and automata.
 - CO4: Represent the abstract concepts mathematically with notations.

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| 1. | a) Prove by induction that 9 divides $n^3 + (n + 1)^3 + (n + 2)^3$, for every integer $n \geq 0$. (6 Marks) b) How many substrings aab are in ww^Rw , where $w = aabbab$? (2 Marks) c) Let $L = \{ab, aa, baa\}$. Which of the following strings are in L^* and L^4 ? abaabaaabaa, aaaabaaaa, baaaaabaaaab, baaaaabaa (2 Marks) | 1 | 10 | 4 | 2 |
| 2. | a) Analyze the given grammar $G = (\{S, A, B\}, \{a, b, c\}, P, S)$ and determine whether it belongs to the class of regular grammars, context-free grammars, or context-sensitive grammars. Support your classification with appropriate theoretical justification. Find what language it generates? $P: S \rightarrow abc aAbc, Ab \rightarrow bA, Ac \rightarrow Bbcc, bB \rightarrow Bb, aB \rightarrow aa aaA$. b) Is the given DFA minimized? Justify your answer with explanation. | 1 | 5 | 1 | 2 |
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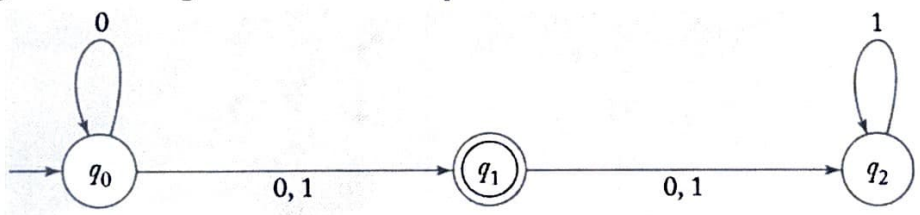
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| 3. | <p>A digital monitoring system receives a continuous stream of binary signals (0 and 1) from a sensor network.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Due to calibration rules, the system should accept the signal only if the number of error pulses is odd. • At the same time, for synchronization purposes, the system should accept the signal only if the number of confirmation pulses is even. <p>a) Design a DFA that tracks and accepts the signal based only on whether the number of error pulses received is odd. (2 Marks)</p> <p>b) Design another DFA that tracks and accepts the signal based only on whether the number of confirmation pulses received is even. (2 Marks)</p> <p>c) Combine these two machines into a single unified DFA that accepts either an odd number of error pulses or even number of confirmation pulses but not the both together. (2 Marks)</p> <p>d) Give one example to illustrate the accepting condition and rejection condition using extended transition function. (4 Marks)</p> | 2 | 10 | 1 | 3 |
| 4. | <p>a) Convert the given NFA into an equivalent deterministic finite machine.</p>  | 2 | 7 | 1 | 2 |
| | <p>b) Given an arbitrary non-deterministic finite automaton (NFA) with 'N' states, the maximum number of states in an equivalent minimized DFA are _____. Justify your answer with reason.</p> | 2 | 3 | | |
| 5. | <p>For $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$, find a regular expression for the complement of the following language $L = L(aa^*bb^*)$ and construct an epsilon NFA for the same.</p> | 3 | 10 | 2 | 3 |
