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SCHOOL OF ADVANCED SCIENCES
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS
CONTINUOUS ASSESSMENT TEST – II
FALL SEMESTER – 2025~2026

SLOT: C1+TC1+TCC1

Programme Name & Branch	:	B.Tech. (All Branches)
Course Code & Course Name	:	BMAT205L & Discrete Mathematics & Graph Theory
Faculty Name(s) & Class Number(s)	:	Common Question Paper
Date of Examination and Session	:	07-10-2025 & AN Session
Exam Duration	:	90 Minutes

Maximum Marks : 50 M

General Instruction(s):

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