

B.Sc. (CBCS) DEGREE EXAMINATION,  
NOVEMBER 2022.

Sixth Semester

Mathematics — Core

GRAPH THEORY

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

- The maximum degree of a point in a graph with  $p$  points is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a)  $p$  (b)  $p-1$   
(c)  $q$  (d)  $p^2$

- If  $G$  is a maximal planar  $(p, q)$  graph, then \_\_\_\_\_  
(a)  $q \leq 2p-4$  (b)  $q \leq 3p-6$   
(c)  $q \geq 3p-6$  (d)  $q = 3p-6$

- $\chi(K_{2,10}) =$   
(a) 10 (b) 20  
(c) 2 (d) 12

- If  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph, then the coefficient of  $\lambda^{p-1}$  in  $f(G, \lambda)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a) 0 (b)  $q$   
(c)  $-q$  (d)  $p$

- If a complete digraph has  $n$  vertices, then it has \_\_\_\_\_ arcs.  
(a)  $n(n-1)$  (b)  $\frac{n(n-1)}{2}$   
(c)  $n-1$  (d)  $n(n+1)$

- If  $G$  is a  $(p, q)$  graph, then \_\_\_\_\_  
(a)  $q \leq \binom{p}{2}$  (b)  $q = \binom{p}{2}$   
(c)  $q \geq \binom{p}{2}$  (d)  $q = p-1$

- Which of the following is a graphic sequence?  
(a) (1, 1, 1) (b) (2, 2, 1)  
(c) (2, 1, 1) (d) (1, 0, 0)

- The connectivity of the complete graph  $K_p$  is \_\_\_\_\_.  
(a)  $p$  (b) 0  
(c) 1 (d)  $p-1$

- Which of the following is an Eulerian graph?  
(a)  $K_6$  (b)  $K_7$   
(c)  $K_{3,3}$  (d)  $K_{2,5}$

- Every Hamiltonian graph is \_\_\_\_\_ connected.  
(a) 2 (b)  $p$   
(c)  $p-1$  (d)  $q$

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).

Each answer should not exceed 250 words.

- (a) Prove :  $\alpha' + \beta' = p$ .

Or

- (b) Prove that any self complementary graph has  $4n$  or  $4n+1$  points.

- (a) Verify whether the partition (4, 4, 4, 2, 2, 2) is graphical. If it is graphical, draw the corresponding graph.

Or

- (b) Prove : A line  $x$  of a connected graph  $G$  is a bridge if and only if  $x$  is not on any cycle of  $G$ .

- (a) If  $G$  is a graph with  $p \geq 3$  and  $\delta \geq \frac{p}{2}$ , then show that  $G$  is Hamiltonian.

Or

- (b) Prove that every tree has a center consisting of either one point or two adjacent points.

14. (a) State and prove that Euler's theorem on a connected plane graph.

Or

- (b) Show that every uniquely  $n$ -colourable graph is  $(n-1)$ -connected.

15. (a) Prove that  $\lambda^4 - 3\lambda^3 + 3\lambda^2$  cannot be the chromatic polynomial of any graph.

Or

- (b) Define :  
 (i) Strongly connected digraph  
 (ii) Unilaterally connected digraph.

PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions choosing either (a) or (b).  
 Each answer should not exceed 600 words.

16. (a) Show that the maximum number of lines among all  $p$  point graphs with no triangles is  $\left\lfloor \frac{p^2}{4} \right\rfloor$ .

Or

- (b) Let  $G_1$  be a  $(p_1, q_1)$  graph and  $G_2$  be a  $(p_2, q_2)$  graph. Then prove :  
 (i)  $G_1 \times G_2$  is a  $(p_1 p_2, q_1 p_2 + q_2 p_1)$  graph  
 (ii)  $G_1[G_2]$  is a  $(p_1 p_2, p_1 q_2 + p_2^2 q_1)$  graph.

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17. (a) State and prove a necessary and sufficient condition for a partition  $P = (d_1, d_2, \dots, d_p)$  of an even number into parts with  $p-1 \geq d_1 \geq d_2 \geq \dots \geq d_p$  to be graphical.

Or

- (b) Show that a graph  $G$  with at least two points is bipartite if and only if all its cycles are of even length.

18. (a) Prove that  $c(G)$  is well define.

Or

- (b) Let  $G$  be a  $(p, q)$ -graph. Prove that the following are equivalent :  
 (i)  $G$  is a tree  
 (ii) Every two points of  $G$  are joined by a unique path  
 (iii)  $G$  is connected and  $p = q + 1$   
 (iv)  $G$  is acyclic and  $p = q + 1$ .

19. (a) Prove :  $\chi'(K_n) = n$ , if  $n \neq 1$  is odd  
 $= n - 1$ , if  $n$  is even.

Or

- (b) Show that  $K_5$  and  $K_{3,3}$  are non planar graphs.

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20. (a) If  $G$  is a tree with  $n \geq 2$  points, then show that  $f(G, \lambda) = \lambda(\lambda - 1)^{n-1}$ .

Or

- (b) Prove that the edges of connected graph  $G$  can be oriented so that the resulting digraph is strongly connected if and only if every edge of  $G$  is contained in at least one cycle.