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B.M.S. College of Engineering, Bengaluru-560019

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June 2025 Semester End Main Examinations

Programme: B.E.

Semester: IV

Branch: Mechanical Engineering

Duration: 3 hrs.

Course Code: 23ME4ESORE

Max Marks: 100

Course: Operations Research

Instructions: 1. Answer any FIVE full questions, choosing one full question from each unit.
2. Missing data, if any, may be suitably assumed.

UNIT - I			CO	PO	Marks
1	a)	What are the essential characteristics of OR? Briefly explain different phases in an OR study.	CO1	PO1	09
	b)	An oil company has 2 units A and B which produces 3 different grades of oil, superfine, medium and low-grade oil. The company has to supply 12, 8 and 24 barrels of superfine, medium and low-grade oils respectively per week. It costs the company Rs. 1000 and Rs. 800 per day to run the units A and B respectively. On a day unit A produces 6, 2,4 barrels and the unit B produces 2,2 and 12 barrels of superfine, medium and low-grade oil per day. The manager has to decide on how many days per week should each unit be operated in order to meet the requirement at minimum cost. Formulate the LPP and solve it graphically.	CO1	PO1	11
OR					
2	a)	Define basic feasible, optimal solution, slack & surplus variables in connection with LPP.	CO1	PO1	08
	b)	Solve the following LP problem by simplex method. Minimize $Z = x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3$ Subject to $3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 7$ $2x_1 - 4x_2 \geq -12$ $-4x_1 + 3x_2 + 8x_3 \leq 10$ $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$	CO1	PO1	12
UNIT - II					
3	a)	Use Dual simplex method to solve the following LPP. Max $Z = -3x_1 - 2x_2$ Subject to $x_1 + x_2 \geq 1$ $x_1 + x_2 \leq 7$ $x_2 \leq 3$ $x_1 + 2x_2 \geq 10$ $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$	CO1	PO1	10

Important Note: Completing your answers, compulsorily draw diagonal cross lines on the remaining blank pages.
Revealing of identification, appeal to evaluator will be treated as malpractice.

	b)	<p>Find the optimal solution using the revised simplex method.</p> <p>Maximize $Z = 6x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3$ subject to $2x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 2$ $x_1 + 4x_3 \leq 4$ and $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$</p>	CO1	PO1	10																																			
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4	a)	<p>Solve the following LPP using Dual simplex method.</p> <p>Max $Z = -2x_1 - x_3$ Subject to $x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \geq 5$ $x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_3 \geq 8$ $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$</p>	CO2	PO1 PO2 PO4	12																																			
	b)	<p>Write the dual of the following LPP.</p> <p>Max $Z = 3x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 - x_4$ Subject to $2x_1 - x_2 + 3x_3 + x_4 = 1$ $x_1 + x_2 - x_3 + x_4 = 3$ $x_1, x_2 \geq 0$ and x_3, x_4 are unrestricted in sign</p>	CO2	PO1 PO2 PO4	08																																			
		UNIT - III																																						
5	a)	<p>What is degeneracy in transportation problems? How it can be resolved?</p>	CO3	PO1 PO2 PO4	06																																			
	b)	<p>Company has three plants at locations A, B and C which supply to warehouses located at D, E, F, G and H. Monthly plant capacities are 800, 500 and 900 units respectively. Monthly warehouse requirements are 400, 400, 500, 400 and 800 units respectively. Unit transportation costs are given below. Determine optimal distribution for the company in order to minimize the total transportation cost. (Use VAM to obtain IBFS)</p> <table style="margin-left: 100px;"> <tr> <td style="text-align: right; vertical-align: bottom;">From</td> <td colspan="6" style="text-align: center;">To</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td style="text-align: center;">D</td> <td style="text-align: center;">E</td> <td style="text-align: center;">F</td> <td style="text-align: center;">G</td> <td style="text-align: center;">H</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">A</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">B</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">7</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">5</td> <td></td> </tr> <tr> <td style="text-align: right;">C</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">6</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td></td> </tr> </table>	From	To							D	E	F	G	H		A	5	8	6	6	3		B	4	7	7	6	5		C	8	4	6	6	4		CO2	PO1	14
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6	a)	<p>A company has 5 tasks and 5 persons to perform the same. The matrix shows the returns (profit in Rupees) in hundreds of rupees for assigning jobs to the persons. Assign the 5 tasks to 5 persons to maximize the total return.</p>	CO3	PO1 PO2	10																																			

		Person					PO4
		A	B	C	D	E	
Task	J1	5	11	10	12	4	
	J2	2	4	6	3	5	
	J3	3	12	5	14	6	
	J4	6	14	4	11	7	
	J5	7	9	8	12	5	

b) A salesman has to visit five cities A, B, C, D and E. The distance (in hundred KM) between the five cities is as follows.

			To			
		A	B	C	D	E
	A	-	7	6	8	4
	B	7	-	8	5	6
From	C	6	8	-	9	7
	D	8	5	9	-	8
	E	4	6	7	8	-

If the salesman starts from the city A and has to come back to city A, which route should he select so that the total distance travelled is minimum?

UNIT - IV

7	<p>a) Define the following terms in connection with game theory</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> i) Strategy ii) Game iii) Saddle point iv) Two-person zero sum game v) payoff
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b) Use the concept of dominance to solve the following game.

		Player B			
		I	II	III	IV
Player A	I	6	4	8	0
	II	6	8	4	8
	III	8	4	8	0
	IV	0	8	0	16

c) Solve the following game by graphical method.

		B				
		I	II	III	IV	V
A	1	3	0	6	-1	7
	2	1	-5	-2	2	1

OR

8 a) There are five jobs each of which is to be processed through four machines A, B, C and D. Their processing times are given below. Determine the optimal sequence, minimum elapsed time and idle time for each machine.

P04

PO1

PO2

BO4

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05

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07

PO2

P04

12

			Job	Processing time in hours																																					
				A	B	C	D																																		
				1	7	15	14	21																																	
				2	11	18	18	6																																	
				3	2	13	11	16																																	
				4	14	4	27	14																																	
				5	18	11	32	16																																	
		b)	Use graphical method to solve the following sequencing problem, also calculate the total time required to complete both the jobs.							CO4																															
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	9	a)	The cost of the machine is Rs 6,100 and its scrap value is Rs 100. The maintenance costs found from experience are as follows. When should the machine be replaced?							CO5	PO1 PO2	10																													
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		b)	What is replacement? What are the types of replacements? List out the benefits of Individual and group replacements?							CO5	PO1 PO2	10																													
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	10	a)	Discuss the brief replacement procedure for the items that deteriorate with time.							CO5	PO1 PO2	08																													
		b)	The probability of failure just before age n is shown below. If individual replacement costs Rs. 12.50 and group replacement costs Rs.3 per item (Take $N_o=1000$). Find the optimal replacement policy.							CO5	PO1 PO2	12																													
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