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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.

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| 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. | | | 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 |

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| | | b) | Find the optimal solution using the revised simplex method. 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 $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$ | CO1 | PO1 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | OR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 4 | a) | Solve the following LPP using Dual simplex method. Max $Z = -2x_1 - x_3$ Subject to $x_1 + x_2 - x_3 \geq 5$ $x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_3 \geq 8$ $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$ | CO2 | PO1 PO2 PO4 | 12 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | b) | Write the dual of the following LPP. 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 | CO2 | PO1 PO2 PO4 | 08 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | UNIT - III | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 5 | a) | What is degeneracy in transportation problems? How it can be resolved? | CO3 | PO1 PO2 PO4 | 06 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | b) | Company has three plants at locations A, B and C which supply to ware houses 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) <table><tr><td colspan="2"></td><td colspan="5">To</td></tr><tr><td></td><td></td><td>D</td><td>E</td><td>F</td><td>G</td><td>H</td></tr><tr><td rowspan="3">From</td><td>A</td><td>5</td><td>8</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>3</td></tr><tr><td>B</td><td>4</td><td>7</td><td>7</td><td>6</td><td>5</td></tr><tr><td>C</td><td>8</td><td>4</td><td>6</td><td>6</td><td>4</td></tr></table> | | | To | | | | | | | D | E | F | G | H | From | A | 5 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 3 | B | 4 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | C | 8 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | CO2 | PO1 | 14 |
| | | To | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
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| From | A | 5 | 8 | 6 | 6 | 3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | B | 4 | 7 | 7 | 6 | 5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | C | 8 | 4 | 6 | 6 | 4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | OR | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | 6 | a) | 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. | CO3 | PO1 PO2 | 10 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

| | | | Job | Processing time in hours | | | | | | | | |
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| | | | | A | B | C | D | | | | | |
| | | | | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | | | | 5 | |
| | | | 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 | PO2 PO4 | 08 |
| | | | Job 1 | Sequence | A | B | C | D | E | | | |
| | | | | Time(hrs) | 3 | 4 | 2 | 6 | 2 | | | |
| | | | Job 2 | Sequence | B | C | A | D | E | | | |
| | | | | Time(hrs) | 5 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 6 | | | |
| | | | UNIT - V | | | | | | | | | |
| | 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 |
| | | | Year | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | |
| | | | Maintenance Cost (Rs) | 100 | 250 | 400 | 600 | 900 | 1200 | 1600 | 2000 | |
| | | b) | What is replacement? What are the types of replacements? List out the benefits of Individual and group replacements? | | | | | | | CO5 | PO1 PO2 | 10 |
| | | | OR | | | | | | | | | |
| | 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 ₀ =1000). Find the optimal replacement policy. | | | | | | | CO5 | PO1 PO2 | 12 |
| | | | n | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | | | | |
| | | | P _n | .1 | .2 | .25 | .3 | .15 | | | | |
