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Programme: B.E.

Branch: Mechanical Engineering

Course Code: 20ME5DCORE

Course: Operations Research

Semester: V

Duration: 3 hrs.

Max Marks: 100

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)	Define OR. Explain the phases of OR.						
	b)	A manufacturer of a line of patent medicines is preparing a production plan on medicines A and B. There are sufficient ingredients available to make 20,000 bottles of A and 40,000 bottles of B, but there are only 45,000 bottles into which either of the medicines can be filled. Furthermore, it takes 3 hours to prepare enough material to fill 1000 bottles of A and 1 hour to prepare enough material to fill 1000 bottles of B and there are 66 hours available for this operation. The profit is Rs. 8 per bottle of A and Rs.7 per bottle of B. Formulate this problem as L.P.P to maximize the profit and solve graphically to determine the maximum profit.	CO1	PO1	08			
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2	a)	Define the following (i) Slack and surplus variable (ii) Basic feasible solution (iii) Unbounded solution	CO1	PO1	08			
	b)	Show that there is an unbounded solution to the following LPP, $\text{Max } Z = 4x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3 + 5x_4 ,$ $\text{STC } 4x_1 - 6x_2 - 5x_3 - 4x_4 \geq -20 ,$ $-3x_1 - 2x_2 + 4x_3 + x_4 \leq 10 ,$ $-8x_1 - 3x_2 + 3x_3 + 2x_4 \leq 20 ,$ $x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4 \geq 0$	CO2	PO2	12			
UNIT - II								
3		Write the dual of the primal problem given and solve. Primal Problem : Max $Z = 5x_1 + 20x_2$ $5x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 20$ $x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 8$ $x_1 + 6x_2 \leq 12$ $x_1, x_2 = 0$	CO2	PO2	20			

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.

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4	a)	<p>Use the revised simplex method to solve the following LP problems:</p> <p>Maximize $Z = x_1 + x_2 + 3x_3$</p> <p>subject to the constraints</p> <p>(i) $3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 \leq 3$,</p> <p>(ii) $2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 2$</p> <p>and $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$</p>	<i>CO2</i>	<i>PO2</i>	15																																						
	b)	<p>A company wishes to get at least 160 million 'audience exposures' the number of times one of the advertisements is seen or heard by a person. Because of the nature of the product the company wants at least 60 million month and at least 80 million of the exposures to involve persons between 18 and 40 years of age. The relevant information pertaining to the two advertising media under consideration—magazine and television is given below:</p> <table border="1" style="width: 100%; border-collapse: collapse;"> <thead> <tr> <th></th> <th style="text-align: center;">Magazine</th> <th style="text-align: center;">Television</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Cost per advertisement (Rs. thousand)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">40</td> <td style="text-align: center;">200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audience per advertisement (million)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">4</td> <td style="text-align: center;">40</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audience per advertisement with monthly income over Rs. 10,000 (million)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">3</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Audience (per advertisement) in the age group 18–40 (million)</td> <td style="text-align: center;">8</td> <td style="text-align: center;">10</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>The company wishes to determine the number of advertisements to be released each in magazine and television so as to keep the advertisement expenditure to the minimum. Formulate this problem as a LP problem. And write the 'dual' of this problem.</p>		Magazine	Television	Cost per advertisement (Rs. thousand)	40	200	Audience per advertisement (million)	4	40	Audience per advertisement with monthly income over Rs. 10,000 (million)	3	10	Audience (per advertisement) in the age group 18–40 (million)	8	10	<i>CO2</i>	<i>PO2</i>	05																							
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	6	a)	<p>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:</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th>A</th><th>B</th><th>C</th><th>D</th><th>E</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>A</td><td>-</td><td>7</td><td>6</td><td>8</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr> <td>B</td><td>7</td><td>-</td><td>8</td><td>5</td><td>6</td></tr> <tr> <td>C</td><td>6</td><td>8</td><td>-</td><td>9</td><td>7</td></tr> <tr> <td>D</td><td>8</td><td>5</td><td>9</td><td>-</td><td>8</td></tr> <tr> <td>E</td><td>4</td><td>6</td><td>7</td><td>8</td><td>-</td></tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Which route should he select so that the total distance travelled is minimized?</p>		A	B	C	D	E	A	-	7	6	8	4	B	7	-	8	5	6	C	6	8	-	9	7	D	8	5	9	-	8	E	4	6	7	8	-	CO1	PO2	12
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7	a)		<p>A book binder has one printing press and one binding machine and the manuscripts of a number of different books. The time (in hours) required to perform the printing and binding operation for each book is shown below. Determine the order in which the books should be processed in order to minimize the total time required to turn out all the books. Determine makespan time and idle time of both machines.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th>Books</th><th>1</th><th>2</th><th>3</th><th>4</th><th>5</th><th>6</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Printing time</td><td>30</td><td>120</td><td>50</td><td>20</td><td>90</td><td>110</td></tr> <tr> <td>Binding time</td><td>80</td><td>100</td><td>90</td><td>60</td><td>30</td><td>10</td></tr> </tbody> </table>	Books	1	2	3	4	5	6	Printing time	30	120	50	20	90	110	Binding time	80	100	90	60	30	10	CO3	PO2	10															
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8	a)		<p>Using the graphical method, calculate the minimum time needed to process jobs 1 and 2 on five machines A, B, C, D and E, i.e. for each machine find the job that should be done first. Also, calculate the total time needed to complete both jobs.</p> <table border="1"> <thead> <tr> <th></th><th></th><th colspan="5">Machines</th></tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Job 1</td><td>Sequence</td><td>A</td><td>B</td><td>C</td><td>D</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr> <td>Time (hrs)</td><td>6</td><td>8</td><td>4</td><td>12</td><td>4</td></tr> <tr> <td rowspan="2">Job 1</td><td>Sequence</td><td>B</td><td>C</td><td>A</td><td>D</td><td>E</td></tr> <tr> <td>Time (hrs)</td><td>10</td><td>8</td><td>6</td><td>4</td><td>12</td></tr> </tbody> </table>			Machines					Job 1	Sequence	A	B	C	D	E	Time (hrs)	6	8	4	12	4	Job 1	Sequence	B	C	A	D	E	Time (hrs)	10	8	6	4	12	CO3	PO2	10			
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	b)	A company is considering the purchase of a new machine at Rs 15,000. The economic life of the machine is expected to be 8 years. The salvage value of the machine at the end of the life will be Rs 3,000. The annual running cost is estimated to be Rs 7,000. (a) Assuming an interest rate of 5 per cent, determine the present worth of future costs of the proposed machine. (b) Compare the new machine with the presently-owned machine that has an annual operating cost of Rs 5,000 and cost of repair Rs 1,500 in the second year, with an annual increase of Rs 500 in the subsequent years of its life.									CO4	PO2	14																			
