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Title of paper: *Introduction to Logic*

Course number: *CS235*

Time Allowed: *Three (3) hours*

Instructions:

- *This paper consists of **five** (5) questions.*
- *Each question is worth **25** marks*
- *Answer **any four** (4) questions*

<u>SPECIAL REQUIREMENT</u>:

NO CALCULATORS ARE ALLOWED FOR THIS EXAMINATION PAPER.

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QUESTION 1

(i) Define the following terms; [10]

(a) Proposition

(b) Predicate

(c) Valid Argument

(d) Tautology

(e) Contingent

(ii) Let P = "Sipho is healthy"

Q = "Sipho is wealthy"

R = "Sipho is wise"

Represent as propositional expressions the following statements:

(a) Sipho is healthy and wealthy but not wise [2]

(b) Sipho is not wealthy but he is healthy and wise [2]

(c) Sipho is neither healthy nor wealthy nor wise [2]

(iii) Consider the sentence: **If the test is cancelled we shall have a party.**

(a) Identify the atomic propositions in the sentence. [2]

(b) Translate the sentence into a propositional form and write down its truth table. [2]

(iv) Define suitable predicates and then express the following statement as a logical expression:

All the boys failed the mathematics test. [5]

QUESTION 2

At University of Swaziland, students are registered in courses. At the end of the year, each course is allocated a mark, and a student is declared to have passed a course if the mark obtained in that course is greater than 50. A course can be supplemented if the mark is greater than 40 but less than 50.

Using prolog notation:

(i) Define suitable ground predicates to express the following facts in a knowledge base:

- Five (5) students: **gugu, kim, joe, musa, fana,** [3]
- Three (3) courses): **cs211, m220, b204** [2]
- Five (5) student registration details. Each registration specifies the student name, the course and the mark obtained. A student may register for more than one course. Two of the students should not be registered in any course. [4]

(ii) Define a rule predicate, called **pass (S,C),** that returns true if student S registered in course **C** and passed the course. [3]

(iii) Define a rule predicate, called **supplement (S,C),** that returns true if student **S** registered in course C, and can supplement the course. [3]

(iv) Write a query for each of the following:- in each case indicate the expected result of the query [based on your facts in (i)].

(a) Determine if **gugu** is a student. [1]

(b) Determine if **fana** is registered in b204. [1]

(c) Find all courses that have a mark less than 30 [2]

(d) Find all students who failed some course [3]

(e) Find all students who are not registered in any course [3]

QUESTION 3

(i) Symbolize the following argument (hint: use the letters *O*, *A*, *C*). [4]

If God is omnipotent then He can do anything. So He can create a stone which is too heavy to be lifted. But that means He can't lift it, so there's something He can't do. Therefore, He isn't omnipotent.

(ii) Consider a Boolean function that takes 4 inputs representing the 4 binary digits of any integer number between 0 and 15. The function return true if the value of the integer number is a multiple of 3 (i.e. 3, 6, 9, etc), and false otherwise.

(a) Draw a truth table for the boolean function. [4]

(b) Based on the truth table obtained in (a) above, write a logical expression of the function in:

- Conjunctive normal form. [3]

- Disjunctive normal form. [3]

(c) Use a Karnaugh map to obtain a minimized logical expression of the function. [6]

(d) Based on your answer in (c) above, draw a circuit diagram that implements the function defined in (a). [5]

QUESTION 4

(i) Using a truth table show that **(A∨C) ∧(B→C) ∧ (C→A)** is equivalent to **(B→C) ∧ A** [6]

(ii) From the truth table in (i) above, determine the conjunctive normal form of the expression: **(B→C) ∧ A.** [4]

(iii)Using the laws of equivalence, prove that **A→ (B∧C)** is equivalent to **(A→B) ∧ (A→C).** Show all your workings. [5]

(iv) Given **(A ∧ (¬B ∨C)), (¬D →B)** and **¬C** , use rules of inference to prove/deduce **(D ∧A)** . Show all your workings. [5]

(v) Given **(P ∨ R), (R ↔ ¬Q ∧P)** and **(P ∧ Q → ¬R)**, prove/deduce **(R ∧ ¬Q)** . Show all your workings. [5]

QUESTION 5

(i) Consider the following arguments:

- Alice is a Math major. Therefore, Alice is either a Math major or a History major.
- If it is rainy, then the pool will be closed. It is rainy. Therefore, the pool is closed.
- If it snows today, the University will close. The University is not closed today. Therefore, it did not snow today.
- If I go swimming, then I will stay in the sun too long. If I stay in the sun too long, then I will sunburn. Therefore, if I go swimming, then I will sunburn.

(a) For each argument above, describe suitable propositional variables and then express each argument as a sequent. [8]

(b) For each argument, state the rule of inference that is used to reach the conclusion? [4]

(ii) State the resolution rule of inference, and use a truth table to verify the validity of the conclusion. [5]

(iii) Use the resolution rule of inference to prove that given $(\mathbf{A} \wedge \mathbf{B}) \vee \mathbf{C}$ and $\mathbf{C} \rightarrow \mathbf{D}$, we can conclude $\mathbf{A} \vee \mathbf{D}$. Show all your workings. [8]