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B.E. / B.Tech. - DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, NOV /DEC 2025

Third Semester

Information Technology

(Common to Computer Science and Engineering, Computer and Communication Engineering & Sixth Semester -Electrical and Electronics Engineering)

20ITPC301 - DATA STRUCTURES

Regulations - 2020

Duration: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

PART - A (MCQ) (10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

	Marks	K- Level	CO
1. Which stack operation shows the last inserted item without removing it? (a) size() (b) push() (c) top() (d) pop()	1	K1	CO1
2. Which data structure helps in changing an infix expression to postfix form? (a) Linked List (b) Priority Queue (c) Stack (d) Queue	1	K1	CO1
3. Which operation is easier in doubly linked lists compared to singly linked lists? (a) Sorting (b) Insertion at the head (c) Traversal (d) Deletion of the last node	1	K1	CO2
4. In a circular linked list, where does the last node link to? (a) The previous node (b) NULL (c) A header node (d) The first node	1	K1	CO2
5. In a tree, which node has no parent? (a) Internal node (b) Leaf (c) Sibling (d) Root	1	K1	CO3
6. Which tree type is often used to show arithmetic expressions? (a) Heap (b) AVL tree (c) Expression tree (d) B-tree	1	K1	CO3
7. How is a graph formally defined? (a) A set of edges only (b) A set of vertices and a set of arrays (c) A set of nodes only (d) A set of vertices and a set of edges	1	K1	CO4
8. Which data structure is typically used to implement Breadth First Traversal? (a) Tree (b) Stack (c) Queue (d) Heap	1	K1	CO4
9. Topological sorting is used on which type of graph? (a) Complete graph (b) Weighted graph (c) Directed acyclic graph (DAG) (d) Undirected graph	1	K1	CO5
10. Which search algorithm works only on sorted arrays? (a) Hashing (b) Binary Search (c) Jump Search (d) Linear Search	1	K1	CO6

PART - B (12 × 2 = 24 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

11. What is called rear and front in Queue ADT?	2	K1	CO1
12. Differentiate between Simple Queue and Circular Queue.	2	K2	CO1
13. What is a Singly Linked List, and how is it different from an array?	2	K2	CO2
14. Why is dynamic memory allocation used in linked lists instead of static arrays?	2	K1	CO2
15. Define depth and height of a tree.	2	K1	CO3
16. What are LL, RR, LR, and RL rotations in AVL trees?	2	K1	CO3
17. Enlist the types of graphs.	2	K1	CO4
18. In which scenario is BFS preferred over DFS?	2	K2	CO4
19. What is a cut vertex and why is it important in a graph?	2	K1	CO5
20. How is Prim's algorithm different from Kruskal's algorithm for finding a minimum spanning tree?	2	K2	CO5
21. Write short notes on radix sort.	2	K1	CO6
22. Give the benefits provided by extendible hashing.	2	K1	CO6

PART - C (6 × 11 = 66 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

K1 – Remember; K2 – Understand; K3 – Apply; K4 – Analyze; K5 – Evaluate; K6 – Create

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23. a) Convert the following infix expression to postfix form using stack-based algorithm: $a + b * c + (d * e + f) * g$. Write the pseudo code for the operations. 11 K2 CO1

OR

b) Compare and contrast Simple Queue, Circular Queue, and Dequeue in terms of implementation and efficiency. 11 K2 CO1

24. a) Swap two adjacent elements by adjusting only the pointers (not the data) using:
a. Singly linked lists. b. Doubly linked lists. 11 K2 CO2

OR

b) Explain how to represent a polynomial using a linked list. Demonstrate the following operations and provide examples for each operation.
1. Insertion 2. Deletion 11 K2 CO2

25. a) Apply Binary Search Trees (BSTs) to enable efficient searching, insertion, and deletion operations. 11 K3 CO3

OR

b) Apply the delete-max operation on a max-heap containing the elements {31, 41, 59, 26, 53, 58, 97}. Show the resulting heap after the first delete-max operation. 11 K3 CO3

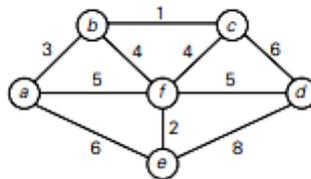
26. a) (i) Show how to represent a graph using both an adjacency matrix and an adjacency list with an example. 5 K2 CO4

(ii) Find whether articulation point exists in graph. 6 K2 CO4

OR

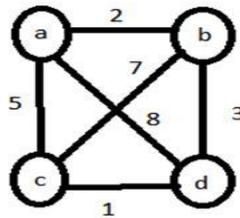
b) Explain graph traversal algorithm Depth First Search (DFS) with an example. 11 K2 CO4

27. a) Apply Prim's and Kruskal's algorithm to find the Minimum Spanning Tree (MST) for the following weighted graph and explain each step. 11 K3 CO5



OR

b) Apply Dijkstra's algorithm for the following graph and find the shortest path. 11 K3 CO5



28. a) Explain bubble sort and demonstrate the sorting steps for the following set of numbers: 30, 52, 29, 87, 63, 27, 19, 54. 11 K2 CO6

OR

b) Explain the Linear Probing to insert the keys {89, 18, 49, 58, 69} into a hash table of size 10 using the hash function $h(x) = x \% 10$. Show the final state of the hash table after all insertions. 11 K2 CO6