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| 16. Prove that if n is an integer and n is odd, then n^2 is odd. | 2 | K2 | CO2 |
| 17. Prove that the zero element of a Boolean algebra is unique. | 2 | K2 | CO3 |
| 18. Simplify the Boolean expression $xy' + z + (x' + y)z'$. | 2 | K2 | CO3 |
| 19. State and prove the hand shaking theorem. | 2 | K2 | CO4 |
| 20. Define a tree with an example. | 2 | K1 | CO4 |
| 21. Prove that the identity element of a group is unique. | 2 | K2 | CO5 |
| 22. Show that the set $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ is a group under multiplication modulo 5. | 2 | K2 | CO5 |

PART - C (6 × 11 = 66 Marks)

Answer ALL Questions

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| 23. a) | Obtain the principal conjunctive normal form (PCNF) and principal disjunctive normal form (PDNF) of $(\neg p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \leftrightarrow p)$. | 11 | K3 | CO1 |
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| b) | Verify the validity of the following argument:
“If A works hard, then B or C will enjoy themselves. If B enjoys himself, then A will not work hard. If D enjoys himself, then C will not. Therefore, if A works hard, then D will not enjoy himself.” | 11 | K3 | CO1 |
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| 24. a) | Prove by using Mathematical induction
$\frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \dots + \frac{1}{n(n+1)} = \frac{n}{n+1}$ | 11 | K3 | CO2 |
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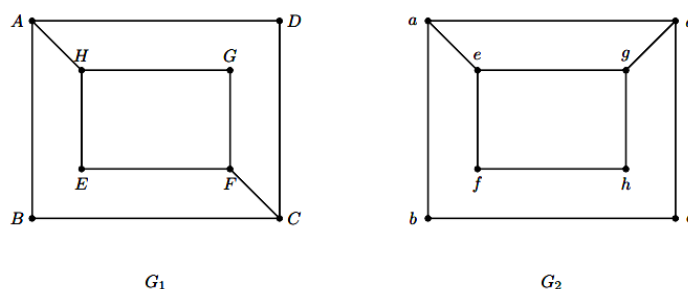
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| b) | Solve the recurrence relation $a_{n+1} - a_n = 2n + 3, n \geq 0, a_0 = 1$. | 11 | K3 | CO2 |
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| 25. a) | In a Boolean algebra, prove that the following statements are equivalent.
i) $a + b = b$ ii) $a \cdot b = a$ iii) $a' + b = 1$ iv) $a \cdot b' = 0$. | 11 | K3 | CO3 |
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| b) | Minimize the function $f(a, b, c, d) = \Sigma(1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15)$ using Karnaugh map method. | 11 | K3 | CO3 |
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| 26. a) | Examine whether the following pairs of graphs G_1 and G_2 given in figures are isomorphic or not. | 11 | K3 | CO4 |
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| b) | Prove that the maximum number of edges in a simple disconnected group G with n vertices and k components is $\frac{(n-k)(n-k+1)}{2}$. | 11 | K3 | CO4 |
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| 27. a) | Show that the intersection of any two subgroup of a group G is also a subgroup of G . | 11 | K3 | CO5 |
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| b) | State and prove Lagrange's theorem. | 11 | K3 | CO5 |
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28. a) (i) Prove that $1^2 + 2^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$, by mathematical induction. 6 K3 CO2
- (ii) In any Boolean algebra, Show that 5 K3 CO3
- $$(a + b') (b + c') (c + a') = (a' + b) (b' + c) (c' + a).$$
- OR**
- b) (i) A man hiked for 10 hours and covered a total distance of 45 km. It is known that he 6 K3 CO2
- hiked 6 km in the first hour and only 3 km in the last hour. Show that he must have hiked at least 9 km within a certain period of 2 consecutive hours.
- (ii) If $a, b \in S$, $S = \{1, 2, 4, 8\}$ and $a + b = LCM(a, b)$, $a \cdot b = GCD(a, b)$ and 5 K3 CO3
- $a' = 8/a$, show that $\{S, +, \cdot, ', 1, 8\}$ is not a Boolean algebra.