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

Seventh Semester

**Artificial Intelligence and Data Science**

**20AIEL721 - ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE CONSTRAINT SATISFACTION**

Regulations - 2020

Duration: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

**PART - A (MCQ) (10 × 1 = 10 Marks)**

Answer ALL Questions

|   | Marks | K-<br>Level | CO  |
|---|-------|-------------|-----|
| 1. A Constraint Satisfaction Problem (CSP) is defined by:<br>(a) A set of goals and operators                      (b) A set of variables, domains, and constraints<br>(c) A single search state and heuristic            (d) A set of actions and percepts                 | 1     | K1          | CO1 |
| 2. Which of the following is an example of a CSP application?<br>(a) Sorting a list of numbers                      (b) Solving Sudoku or crosswords<br>(c) Searching for a web page                      (d) Performing addition   | 1     | K2          | CO1 |
| 3. In a Binary Constraint Network (BCN), each constraint relates:<br>(a) One variable only                                      (b) Two variables<br>(c) Three or more variables                      (d) None of the above   | 1     | K2          | CO2 |
| 4. What is the main purpose of the AC-3 algorithm in CSPs?<br>(a) To find the optimal path<br>(b) To ensure arc consistency in a constraint network<br>(c) To detect inconsistent variable assignments<br>(d) To compute heuristic values                                   | 1     | K1          | CO2 |
| 5. What is the main advantage of the AC-4 algorithm over AC-3?<br>(a) It is simpler but slower.<br>(b) It achieves arc consistency more efficiently by maintaining support counts.<br>(c) It ignores redundant constraints.<br>(d) It does not use any data structure.      | 1     | K1          | CO3 |
| 6. Path consistency ensures consistency among:<br>(a) A single variable                                      (b) A pair of variables<br>(c) A triple of variables                                      (d) All variables simultaneously                                     | 1     | K2          | CO3 |
| 7. What does the Bucket Elimination Algorithm mainly aim to do in CSPs?<br>(a) Randomly assign variable values<br>(b) Systematically eliminate variables using constraints to simplify the problem<br>(c) Find inconsistent assignments only<br>(d) Build heuristic trees   | 1     | K1          | CO4 |
| 8. Directional Arc Consistency (DAC) is defined with respect to:<br>(a) A single variable only                                      (b) A particular ordering of variables<br>(c) Random domain selection                                      (d) Graph cycles only        | 1     | K2          | CO4 |
| 9. What is the main purpose of the Backtracking Algorithm in CSP solving?<br>(a) To eliminate variables<br>(b) To find one or all solutions by exploring variable assignments systematically<br>(c) To randomly select solutions<br>(d) To compute constraint networks only | 1     | K2          | CO5 |
| 10. Which of the following techniques is used to improve simple backtracking in CSPs?<br>(a) Depth-First Search<br>(b) Forward Checking and Constraint Propagation<br>(c) Random Sampling<br>(d) Greedy Search  | 1     | K1          | CO5 |

**PART - B (12 × 2 = 24 Marks)**

Answer ALL Questions

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| 11. Define Constraint Satisfaction Problem.            | 2 | K1 | CO1 |
| 12. Define consistent assignment with an example.      | 2 | K2 | CO1 |
| 13. Define a Binary Constraint Network.                | 2 | K1 | CO2 |
| 14. What is the time complexity of the AC-3 algorithm? | 2 | K2 | CO2 |
| 15. Define arc consistency in a CSP.                   | 2 | K1 | CO3 |
| 16. What is meant by constraint propagation?           | 2 | K1 | CO3 |
| 17. What is an induced graph in CSP?                   | 2 | K1 | CO4 |
| 18. Define Directional Arc Consistency.                | 2 | K2 | CO4 |
| 19. What is a Search Space in CSP?                     | 2 | K1 | CO5 |
| 20. Define Forward Checking.                           | 2 | K2 | CO5 |
| 21. Define Full Look-Ahead (FLA) in CSP solving.       | 2 | K1 | CO6 |
| 22. What is the main purpose of the DPLL algorithm?    | 2 | K2 | CO6 |

**PART - C (6 × 11 = 66 Marks)**

Answer ALL Questions

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| 23. a) Examine the concept of Constraint Satisfaction Problem (CSP), its classes, and how reasoning is combined with search in solving CSPs.  | 11 | K2 | CO1 |
| <b>OR</b>   |    |    |     |
| b) Categorize any two real-world applications of CSP - Scene Labelling and Crosswords and explain how they are represented as CSPs.   | 11 | K2 | CO1 |
| 24. a) Construct the notions of Equivalent Networks and Minimal/Tightest Networks with examples.  | 11 | K3 | CO2 |
| <b>OR</b>   |    |    |     |
| b) Develop the AC-1 and AC-3 algorithms used to establish arc consistency in CSPs. Explain with examples and analyse their complexity.  | 11 | K3 | CO2 |
| 25. a) Explain the AC-4 Algorithm. How does it improve arc consistency enforcement compared to AC-3?  | 11 | K2 | CO3 |
| <b>OR</b>   |    |    |     |
| b) Explain Path Consistency, the Revise-3 Algorithm, and how it can be generalized to i-Consistency. Illustrate the concept of Directional Consistency using a Map-Colouring example. | 11 | K2 | CO3 |
| 26. a) Analyse the Directional Local Consistency, Directional Arc Consistency (DAC), and Directional Path Consistency (DPC) with suitable examples.                                   | 11 | K4 | CO4 |
| <b>OR</b>   |    |    |     |
| b) Compare Adaptive Consistency and the Bucket Elimination Algorithm with an illustrative example.  | 11 | K4 | CO4 |
| 27. a) Build the Search Space Method for solving CSPs. How do variable ordering and consistency levels affect the search tree? Give examples.   | 11 | K3 | CO5 |
| <b>OR</b>   |    |    |     |
| b) Apply the Backtracking Algorithm for CSP solving. Describe its limitations and improvements such as Forward Checking and Generalized Look-Ahead Search Algorithm.                  | 11 | K3 | CO5 |
| 28. a) Develop Forward Checking, Full Look-Ahead, and Partial Look-Ahead techniques in CSP solving. Illustrate with examples.   | 11 | K3 | CO6 |
| <b>OR</b>   |    |    |     |
| b) Construct how Constraint Propagation can be combined with Search using the DPLL Algorithm. Illustrate DPLL with an example.  | 11 | K3 | CO6 |