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2025_1 EXAMINATION

Course Code: CIT308

Course Title: Formal Methods, Automata and Software Development

Course Credit: 3 units

Time Allowed: 3 hours

Instruction: Answer **Question One (1)** and any other **Three (3)** Questions

Question 1: 25 marks

- 1 (a) List and briefly explain the classification of Formal Methods Semantics. (6 marks)
- 1 (b) Describe the process of software verification using formal methods. Include both human-directed and automated proof approaches. (7 marks)
- 1 (c) Identify five critical systems where formal methods are particularly applicable. (5 marks)
- 1 (d) Explain three limitations of formal methods in software development. (4 marks)
- 1 (e) Discuss when and where formal methods should be introduced in software development processes. (3 marks)

Question 2: 15 marks

- 2 (a) Identify four relevant areas of research in formal methods. (4 marks)
- 2 (b) Explain the concept of formal specification in software development. (3 marks)
- 2 (c) Explain the difference between denotational and operational semantics in formal methods. (4 marks)
- 2 (d) Describe the process of model checking in automated proof techniques. (4 marks)

Question 3: 15 marks

- 3 (a) Describe the following logical connectives and provide their truth tables: AND, OR, NOT, IMPLIES. (8 marks)
- 3 (b) Explain the concept of precedence in logical operations and list the order of precedence for the basic logical connectives. (2 marks)
- 3 (c) Translate the following English statement into predicate logic: "All airplanes can fly, but some birds cannot fly." (5 marks)

Question 4: 15 Marks

- 4 (a) Define a predicate and explain how it differs from a proposition. Provide an example of a predicate. (4 marks)
- 4 (b) Explain the concepts of universal and existential quantifiers in predicate logic. Provide an example of each. (6 marks)
- 4 (c) Distinguish between bound and free variables in predicate logic. Give an example of each. (5 marks)

Question 5: 15 marks

- 5 (a) Explain how predicates and operators can be combined to form more complex logical expressions. Provide an example. (4 marks)
- 5 (b) Define a set and explain the concept of cardinality. Provide an example of a finite set and an infinite set. (5 marks)
- 5 (c) Explain the following set relationships: subset, superset, and disjoint sets. Provide an example of each. (6 marks)

Question 6: 15 marks

- 6 (a) Describe the following set operations: union, intersection, and complement. Illustrate each with a Venn diagram. (9 marks)
- 6 (b) Define a sequence and distinguish between arithmetic and geometric sequences. Provide an example of each. (3 marks)
- 6 (c) Given the arithmetic sequence 3, 7, 11, 15, ..., find the 10th term and the sum of the first 10 terms. Show your work. (3 marks)