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**MASTER OF SCIENCE EXAMINATION, 2017**

**(2nd Year, 1st Semester)**

**MATHEMATICS**

**Unit - 3.5 (B-1.19)**

**(Graph Theory - I)**

Full Marks : 50

Time : Two Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

(Symbols have their usual meanings, if not mentioned otherwise.)

Attempt the questions as follows.

1. Answer any *one* : 10

(a) Given a connected  $(p, q)$ -graph  $G$  with  $p \geq 4$  and  $\omega$  as the intersection number of  $G$ , prove that  $\omega = q$  if and only if  $G$  has no triangle.

(b) If a  $(p, q)$ -graph  $G$  with  $p \geq 3$  satisfies

$$\deg u + \deg v \geq p$$

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for every pair  $u$  and  $v$  of nonadjacent points, then, using Posa's Theorem, prove  $G$  is hamiltonian.

2. Answer any *two* : 10×2=20

(a) Write procedures for preorder, inorder and postorder traversals of a tree  $T$ . Prove that the preorder and inorder traversals of  $T$  can uniquely reconstruct the tree  $T$ . 6+4=10

(b) State and prove the Cayley's formula for counting the number of trees. 2+8=10

(c) Describe Kruskal's algorithm for finding a minimum spanning tree of an edge-weighted connected graph. Prove the correctness of the algorithm. 5+5=10

3. Answer any *two* : 10×2=20

(a) If  $\Delta(G) = n \geq 3$  and 3-connected, then  $G$  is  $n$ -colorable unless  $K_{n+1}$  is a component of  $G$ . 10

(b) (i) If  $G$  is a uniquely  $n$ -colorable graph then prove that the subgraph induced by the union of any two color classes in the  $n$ -coloring of  $G$  is connected.

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(ii) Define *chromatic polynomial* of graph. Find the chromatic polynomials for a complete graph  $K_p$  and a wheel graph  $W_n$ . 5+5=10

(c) (i) Define symmetric difference of two graphs. Prove that every component of the symmetric difference of two matchings of a graph is either a path or an even cycle.

(ii) Define  $M$ -augmenting path for a matching  $M$  in a graph  $G$ . Prove that a matching in a graph  $G$  is maximum if and only if  $G$  has no  $M$ -augmenting path. (1+3)+(1+5)=10

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