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**Third Semester M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. Degree (Reg./Sup./Imp)**  
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**MATHEMATICS (2014 Admn.)**  
**MAT 3E01 : Graph Theory**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

## PART – A

Answer **any 4** questions. **Each** question carries **3** marks :

- I. 1) Find the covering number and edge covering number of the complete graph  $K_n$ .
- 2) Prove that no graph has chromatic polynomial  $k^4 - 3k^3 + 3k^2$ .
- 3) If  $G$  is a complete bipartite graph, then prove that  $\chi'(G) = \Delta(G)$ .
- 4) Show that if  $G$  is a simple planar graph such that  $G$  is isomorphic to its dual  $G^*$ , then  $e = 2v - 2$ .
- 5) Prove or disprove : A connected graph  $G$  has a perfect matching if and only if  $|N(s)| \geq |s|$  for all  $s \subseteq v$ .
- 6) If  $u$  and  $v$  are two non-adjacent vertices of the Peterson graph, find the minimum number of vertices in a  $u - v$  separating set. Verify the Menger's theorem.

## PART – B

Answer **any 4** questions without omitting **any** Unit. **Each** question carries **12** marks :

## Unit – I

- II. a) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are respectively the independence number and covering number of  $G$ , prove that  $\alpha + \beta = \gamma(G)$ . 5



- b) Prove that for any two positive integers  $k$  and  $l$ ,  $r(k, l) \leq \binom{k+l-2}{k-1}$ . 4
- c) Establish that  $r(2, l) = l$ . 3
- III. a) Prove that if  $(s_1, s_2, \dots, s_n)$  is a partition of the set of integers  $\{1, 2, \dots, r_n\}$ , then for some  $i$ ,  $s_i$  contains  $x, y$  and  $z$  such that  $x + y = z$ . (Here  $r_n$  denote the Ramsey number  $r(k_1, \dots, k_n)$ , with  $k_i = 3$  for all  $i$ ). 5
- b) Prove that if  $G$  is  $k$ -critical, then  $\delta \geq k - 1$ . 4
- c) Prove that every critical graph is connected. 3
- IV. a) Prove that for any positive integer  $k$ , there exists a  $k$ -chromatic graph containing no triangle. 8
- b) Let  $G$  be a simple graph. Prove that the coefficient of  $k^{|V|-1}$  in  $\pi_k(G)$  is  $-\epsilon$ . 4

### Unit - II

- V. a) Let  $G$  be a connected graph that is not an odd cycle. Prove that  $G$  has a 2-edge colouring in which both colours are represented at each vertex of degree at least 2. 8
- b) What is time tabling problem? Explain how it can be solved using the theory of edge coloring. 4
- VI. a) State and prove the Euler's formula. 8
- b) Explain how  $K_5$  is embeddable on a torus? 4
- VII. a) Define bridge of a subgraph. Prove that if two bridges overlap, then either they are skew or else they are equivalent 3-bridges. 8
- b) Show that if  $G$  is a simple planar graph with  $v \geq 11$ , then  $G^*$  cannot be planar. 4



### Unit - III

- VIII. a) Prove that a graph  $G$  has a perfect matching if and only if  $0(G - S) \leq |S|$  for all  $S \subset V$ . Explain how this result is true in case of complete graphs of odd number of vertices. 10
- b) Give an example of a non-regular bipartite graph having a perfect matching. 2
- IX. What is the personal assignment problem? Describe a method to solve it. Illustrate with an example. 12
- X. State and prove the Menger's theorem. 12