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**Sixth Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – OBE – Regular/Supplementary/  
Improvement) Examination, April 2024  
(2019 to 2021 Admissions)**

**DISCIPLINE SPECIFIC ELECTIVE IN STATISTICS  
6B13CSTA : Stochastic Processes**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 48

**PART – A  
(Short Answer)**

Answer **all** questions. **Each** question carries **one** mark.

1. Define joint pmf of two random variables.
2. Define generating function of a discrete random variable.
3. Give an example of a Markov chain.
4. When do you say that a state is recurrent ?
5. Define Poisson process.
6. What do you mean by a process with stationary independent increments ? **(6×1=6)**

**PART – B  
(Short Essay)**

Answer **any seven** questions. **Each** question carries **two** marks.

7. Obtain the pgf of a binomial distribution.
8. State consistency theorem.
9. Define Chapman-Kolmogorov equation.
10. What is stationary distributions ?
11. Explain absorption probabilities.
12. What are the postulates of a Poisson process.

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13. Obtain the distribution of inter arrival time between two successive Poisson processes.
14. Explain Branching processes.
15. If  $\phi_n$  denote the generating function of  $n^{\text{th}}$  generation  $X_n$ ,  $n = 0, 1, 2, \dots$ , then show that  $\phi_n(s) = \phi_{n-1}[\phi(s)]$ . **(7×2=14)**

**PART – C  
(Essay)**

Answer **any four** questions. **Each** question carries **four** marks.

16. Let  $X$  and  $Y$  are two non-negative integer valued random variables with  $P(X = x_k) = a_k$  and  $P(Y = y_k) = b_k$ . Find the distribution of  $Z = X + Y$ .
17. Let  $\phi(s)$  denote the pgf of a discrete random variable  $X$ . Obtain the expressions for the mean and variance of  $X$  in terms of  $\phi(s)$ .
18. Let  $X \sim N(0, \sigma^2)$ . Find  $E(X|X > 0)$  variance  $\text{Var}(X|X > 0)$ .
19. Consider a Markov chain with states  $\{0, 1, 2\}$  and TP matrix  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1/2 & 1/2 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that the state 0 has period 2.
20. State and prove the additive property of a Poisson process.
21. Let  $p_k$ ,  $k = 0, 2, 3$  be the probability that an individual in a generation generates  $k$  offsprings. Find the extinction probability. **(4×4=16)**

**PART – D  
(Long Essay)**

Answer **any two** questions. **Each** question carries **six** marks.

22. Explain the different classification of stochastic processes with examples.
23. Consider a Markov chain with states  $\{0, 1\}$  and TP matrix  $P = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1/2 & 1/2 \end{bmatrix}$ . Show that 1) the state  $i$  is recurrent 2) the state 1 is transient.
24. Establish the relation connecting Poisson process and binomial distribution.
25. Show that if a stochastic process  $\{X(t), t \in T\}$  is strict sense stationary then it is also wide sense stationary. **(2×6=12)**