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**IV Semester B.Sc. Honours in Mathematics Degree (CBCSS – OBE-  
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**4B18 BMH : OPERATIONS RESEARCH**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

Answer any 4 out of 5 questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

- Define convex set.
- Define feasible solution of a general linear programming problem.
- Define triangular basis in transportation problem.
- Define idle time on a machine.
- Define optimum strategy. (4x1=4)

Answer any 6 questions out of 9 questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

- Show that the set  $S = \{(x_1, x_2) : 3x_1^2 + 2x_2^2 \leq 6\}$  is convex.
- Reduce the following linear programming problem to its standard form  
Maximize  $z^* = 3x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3$  subject to the constraints  $2x_1 + x_2 + 2x_3 \geq 6$   
 $3x_1 + 2x_2 = 8$   
 $7x_1 - 3x_2 + 5x_3 \geq 9, x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0$  and  $x_3$  unrestricted in sign.
- Let  $f(x)$  be a convex function on a convex set  $S$ . Then prove that the set of points in  $S$  at which  $f(x)$  takes on its global minimum is a convex set.
- Obtain an initial basic feasible solution to the following transportation problem using the North-West corner rule.

	D	E	F	G	Available
A	11	13	17	14	250
B	16	18	14	10	300
C	21	24	13	10	400
Requirement	200	225	275	250	

- Write a short note on transportation problem.

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- Given below is an assignment problem, write it as a transportation problem.

	$A_1$	$A_2$	$A_3$
$R_1$	1	2	3
$R_2$	4	5	1
$R_3$	2	1	4

- State and prove reduction theorem.
- For the game with the following payoff matrix, determine the optimum strategies and the value of the game.

	$P_1$	$P_2$
$P_1$	5	1
$P_2$	3	4

- Explain the rule for determining saddle point of a payoff matrix. (6x2=12)

Answer any 8 questions out of 12 questions. Each question carries 4 marks.

- Write the dual of the linear programming problem  
Minimize  $z = 4x_1 + 6x_2 + 18x_3$  subject to the constraints  $x_1 + 3x_2 \geq 3$   
 $x_2 + 2x_3 \geq 5$  and  $x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$ .
- Show that the following system of linear equations has a degenerate solution ;  $2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 2, 3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 3$ .
- Let  $f(x)$  be differentiable in its domain. If  $f(x)$  is defined on an open convex set  $S$ , then prove that  $f(x)$  is convex if and only if  $f(x_2) - f(x_1) \geq (x_2 - x_1)^T \nabla f(x_1)$ , for all  $x_1, x_2 \in S$ .
- Prove that the number of basic (decision) variables of the general transportation problem at any stage of feasible solution must be  $m + n - 1$ .
- Find the initial basic feasible solution to the following transportation problem using Vogel's approximation method.

	$D_1$	$D_2$	$D_3$	$D_4$	Supply
$S_1$	20	25	28	31	200
$S_2$	32	28	32	41	180
$S_3$	18	35	24	32	110
Demand	150	40	180	170	



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- Write a short note on degeneracy in transportation problem.
- A department head has four subordinates, and four tasks to be performed. The subordinates differ in efficiency, and the tasks differ in their intrinsic difficulty. His estimate, of the time, is given in the matrix below :

		Men			
		E	F	G	H
Tasks	A	18	26	17	11
	B	13	28	14	26
	C	38	19	18	15
	D	19	26	24	10

How should the tasks be allocated, one to a maximum so as to minimize the total man-hours ?

- Describe optimal sequence algorithm.
- Explain Hungarian assignment method.
- Solve the following  $2 \times 2$  graphically :

		Player B			
		$B_1$	$B_2$	$B_3$	$B_4$
Player A	$A_1$	2	1	0	-2
	$A_2$	1	0	3	2

- Solve the following game :

		Player B			
		I	II	III	IV
Player A	I	3	2	4	0
	II	3	4	2	4
	III	4	2	4	0
	IV	0	4	0	8

- Let  $(a_{ij})$  be the  $m \times n$  payoff matrix for a two person zero sum game. Then prove that  $\min_{1 \leq j \leq n} [\max_{1 \leq i \leq m} \{a_{ij}\}] \geq \max_{1 \leq i \leq m} [\min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{a_{ij}\}]$ . (8x4=32)

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Answer any 2 questions out of 4 questions. Each question carries 6 marks.

- Prove that a basic feasible solution to a linear programming problem must correspond to an extreme point of the set of all feasible solution and conversely.
- Prove that all the basis for a transportation problem are triangular.
- Describe optimum sequence algorithm.

- Consider the two person zero sum game with the following  $3 \times 2$  payoff matrix for player A.

		Player B	
		$B_1$	$B_2$
Player A	$A_1$	9	2
	$A_2$	8	6
	$A_3$	6	4

Prove that the maxmin-minimax principle.

(8x6=12)