

**B. TECH**  
**(SEM IV) THEORY EXAMINATION 2022-23**  
**THEORY OF AUTOMATA AND FORMAL LANGUAGES**

*Time: 3 Hours**Total Marks: 70***Note:** Attempt all Sections. If require any missing data; then choose suitably.**SECTION A****1. Attempt all questions in brief. 2 x 7 = 14**

- (a) Discuss the concept of formal languages.
- (b) Provide proofs for at least three closure properties of regular languages.
- (c) Explain the Pigeonhole Principle.
- (d) Discuss the importance of minimizing automata.
- (e) Discuss the concept of ambiguity in context-free grammars.
- (f) Define the Greibach Normal Form.
- (g) Explain the concept of Nondeterministic Pushdown Automata.

**SECTION B****2. Attempt any three of the following: 7 x 3 = 21**

- (a) Given an NFA without  $\epsilon$ -transitions, with the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{a, b\}$ , and the following transition table:  

State	a	b
q0	q1	q0
q1	q2	q1
q2	q2	q0

Determine if the string "aab" is accepted by this NFA. Show the possible state transitions and the final accept/reject decision.
- (b) Convert the following Moore machine into an equivalent Mealy machine:  

State	Output	0	1
A	1	B	C
B	0	A	C
C	1	B	B
- (c) What is the Chomsky Hierarchy? Explain the different levels of the hierarchy and the types of languages associated with each level.
- (d) Consider a context-free grammar G with the following productions:  
 $S \rightarrow aA$   
 $A \rightarrow aA \mid b$   

Determine whether the language generated by this grammar is regular or not. Justify your answer.
- (e) Convert the following nondeterministic pushdown automaton to an equivalent deterministic pushdown automaton:  
 $Q = \{q_0, q_1, q_2\}$ ,  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$ ,  $\Gamma = \{0, 1, \$\}$ ,  $q_0 = q_0$ ,  $F = \{q_2\}$ , and the transitions are as follows:  
 $\delta(q_0, \epsilon, \epsilon) = \{(q_1, \$)\}$   
 $\delta(q_1, 0, \epsilon) = \{(q_1, 0)\}$   
 $\delta(q_1, 1, \epsilon) = \{(q_1, 1)\}$   
 $\delta(q_1, \epsilon, 0) = \{(q_2, \epsilon)\}$

## SECTION C

3. Attempt any *one* part of the following: 7 x 1 = 7
- (a) Construct an NFA with  $\epsilon$ -transitions that recognizes the language  $L = \{w \mid w \text{ contains at least two consecutive 0s followed by a 1}\}$ . Provide the NFA's state diagram and describe its operation.
- (b) Consider a DFA with the alphabet  $\Sigma = \{0, 1\}$  and three states:  $q_0$ ,  $q_1$ , and  $q_2$ . The transition table for this DFA is as follows:
- | State | 0     | 1     |
|-------|-------|-------|
| $q_0$ | $q_1$ | $q_2$ |
| $q_1$ | $q_1$ | $q_2$ |
| $q_2$ | $q_0$ | $q_1$ |
- Determine if the string "0110110" is accepted by this DFA. Show the state transitions and the final accept/reject decision.
4. Attempt any *one* part of the following: 7 x 1 = 7
- (a) Prove that the language  $L = \{0^n 1^n \mid n \geq 0\}$  is not regular using the Pumping Lemma.
- (b) Given two regular languages  $L_1 = (ab)^*$  and  $L_2 = (ba)^*$ , determine whether the intersection of  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  is a regular language. Justify your answer.
5. Attempt any *one* part of the following: 7 x 1 = 7
- (a) Convert the regular grammar given below into a Finite Automaton (FA):
- $S \rightarrow aS \mid bA$   
 $A \rightarrow aB \mid bA$   
 $B \rightarrow aA \mid bB$   
 $A \rightarrow \epsilon$
- (b) Simplify the following context-free grammar by removing useless symbols and productions:
- $S \rightarrow AB$   
 $A \rightarrow aB$   
 $B \rightarrow A \mid \epsilon$   
 $C \rightarrow S \mid \epsilon$
6. Attempt any *one* part of the following: 7 x 1 = 7
- (a) Prove that the class of context-free languages is closed under the union operation by providing a detailed construction or algorithm.
- (b) Given the context-free grammar  $G$ :
- $S \rightarrow aSb \mid \epsilon$   
 $A \rightarrow aA \mid \epsilon$   
 $B \rightarrow bB \mid \epsilon$   
 $C \rightarrow cC \mid \epsilon$
- Determine whether the string "aaabbbccc" belongs to the language generated by  $G$ . If yes, provide a derivation; if no, explain why.
7. Attempt any *one* part of the following: 7 x 1 = 7
- (a) Consider a Turing Machine that recognizes the language  $L = \{ww^R \mid w \text{ is a string over } \{0, 1\}^*\}$ . Design a Turing Machine that accepts this language and provide a detailed explanation of its operation.
- (b) Construct a Turing Machine that computes the function  $f(n) = n^2$  for any given positive integer  $n$ . Provide a formal description of the machine, including its tape alphabet, state transitions, and final output.