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UNIVERSITY EXAMINATIONS

THIRD YEAR FIRST SEMESTER EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF BACHELOR OF SCIENCE COMPUTER SCIENCE / BACHELOR OF SCIENCE APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE

COMP 303: THEORY OF COMPUTATION

STREAMS: BSC COMPUTER SCIENCE / BSC APPLIED COMPUTER SCIENCE
TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE:MONDAY 11/12/2017 2.30 P.M – 4.30 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS:

- **Answer Question ONE and any other TWO questions.**
- **Diagrams should be used whenever they are relevant to support an answer.**
- **Sketch maps and diagrams may be used whenever they help to illustrate your answer**
- **Do not write anything on the question paper**
- **This is a closed book exam, No reference materials are allowed in the examination room**
- **There will be No use of mobile phones or any other unauthorized materials**
- **Write your answers legibly and use your time wisely**

SECTION A

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS IN THIS SECTION

QUESTION ONE [30 MARKS]

a) Identify and explain any three areas that benefit from Context Free Grammars . [6 Marks]

b) Using appropriate diagrams, differentiate between Deterministic Finite Automaton and Non Deterministic Finite Automaton. [6 Marks]

c) Describe the features of a Turing Machine. [3 marks]

d) Giving an example for each differentiate between a set and a tuple [4 Marks]

e) Present the Mathematical definition of Start and Final States of DFAs. Explain each definition. [6 Marks]

f) Briefly explain how Mathematicians contributed to the definition of the Computing Algorithm. [5 Marks]

SECTION B

ANSWER <u>ANY TWO</u> QUESTIONS FROM THIS SECTION

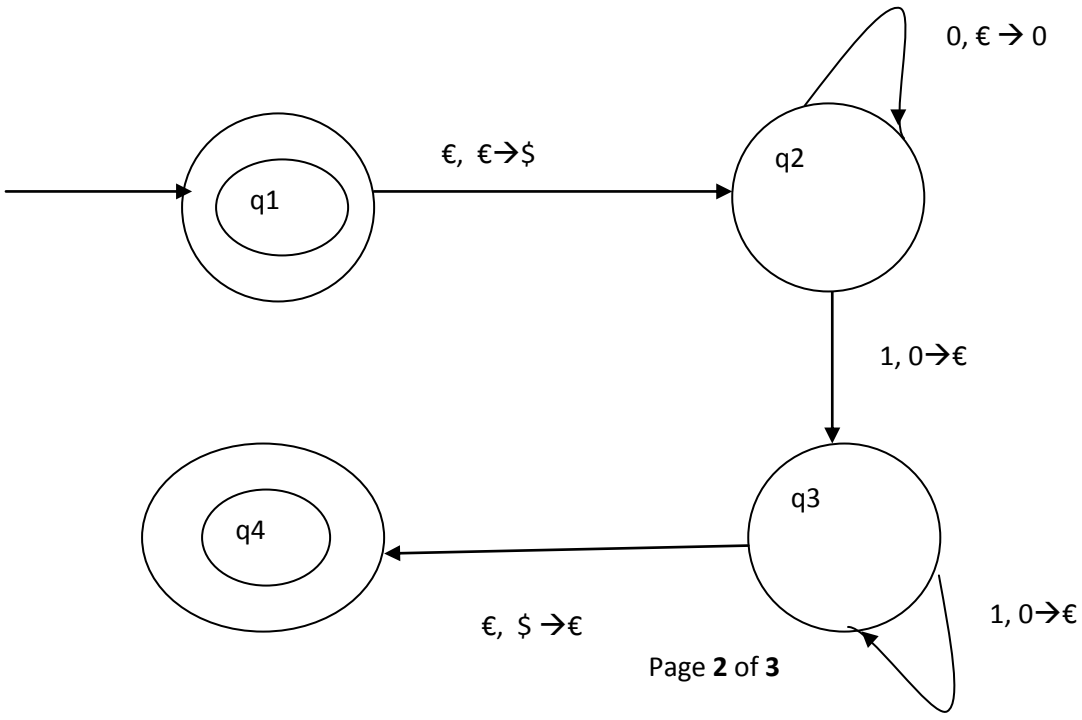
QUESTION TWO [20 MARKS]

a) An Automatic door is one real life implementation of Finite Automaton computational model.
   i. Explain the workings of an Automatic door. [2 Marks]
   ii. Present the State diagram of such an Automatic door. [3 Marks]
   iii. Formally define the State diagram of the Automatic door. [5 Marks]

b) Explain how you would apply knowledge in the following to your computing profession:
   i. Regular Expressions [3 Marks]
   ii. Finite Automaton [2 Marks]
   iii. Pumping Lemma [2 Marks]
   iv. Kleene's theorem [3 Marks]

QUESTION THREE [20 MARKS]

a) A pushdown Automaton PDA P is presented as follows:



Making reference to the Push Down Automaton above:

a) Define the language accepted by PDA P [4 Marks]

b) Discuss the computation of PDA P [10 Marks]

c) Describe the relationship between PDA and other models of computation. [6 Marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20 MARKS]

a) Explain the relationship between cryptography and the theory of complexity. [4 Marks]

b) Compare and contrast Push Down Automata to the following computation models:

i. DFA [2 Marks]
ii. NFA [2 Marks]
iii. Turing Machines [2 Marks]

c) Consider the context-free grammar G = $(V_1 \Sigma_1 R_1 S)$, where V = {A, B}, Σ= {0, 1}, A is the start variable, and R consists of the rules

$A \rightarrow BAB|B|\in$

$B \rightarrow 00|\in$

Convert this grammar to a Context-Free Grammar in Chomsky Normal Form whose language is the same as that of G. [10 Marks]

QUESTION FIVE [20 MARKS]

a) Assume we have two regular languages L (A) = {boy, girl} and L (B) = {good, bad}. Show the results of the regular operations below on the two languages:

i. Conjunction of Language L(A) and Language L(B) [2 Marks]

ii. Star of Language L(B) [2 Marks]

b) Describe the relationship between a computer virus and the theory of computability. [7 Marks]

c) For each of the following languages, construct a DFA that accepts the language. In all cases, the alphabet is {0, 1}.

i. { w | the length of w is divisible by three} [3 Marks]
ii. { w | 110 is not a substring of w} [3 Marks]
iii. { w | w contains at least five 1s} [3 Marks]
