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**EXAMINATION FOR THE AWARD OF DEGREE OF BACHELOR OF
SCIENCE IN ACTUARIAL SCIENCE**

ACMT 211: COMPUTATIONAL METHODS AND DATA ANALYSIS II

STREAMS: BSC. ACMT

TIME: 2 HOURS

DAY/DATE: WEDNESDAY 16/04/2025

11.30 A.M. – 1.30 P.M.

INSTRUCTIONS

Question One

a) Define the following terms as they are used in trees:

- i. Vertex. (2 Marks)
- ii. Edge (2 Marks)
- iii. Path (2 Marks)

b) Explain what is a homogeneous system of equations. Why is a homogeneous system of equations always a consistent system? (4 marks)

c) Differentiate between data cleaning and data editing? (4 marks)

d) What is a circular linked list? Differentiate between a Singly Circular Linked List and Doubly Circular Linked List. (6 marks)

e) Solve the below system of linear equations using the Gaussian Elimination method. (10 marks)

$$x+2y+3z=9$$

$$2x+3y+z=8$$

$$3x+y+2z=7$$

Question Two

- a) Discuss any four sections of a well-designed questionnaire. (8 marks)
- b) Explain the different stages of data processing in survey research. (12 marks)

Question Three

- a) What function do the following strings perform? (3 marks)
- i. `strchr(s1, ch);`
 - ii. `strstr(s1, s2);`
 - iii. `strcmp(s1, s2);`
- b) What are the ethical considerations researchers must follow when conducting surveys? (8 marks)
- c) Solve the below system of linear equations using the LU-Decomposition method. (9 marks)

$$2x+y+3z=9$$

$$4x+2y+5z=21$$

$$6x+3y+6z=27$$

Question Four

- a) Differentiate between Class-limits and Class boundaries in grouped frequency tables. (4 marks)
- b) List six practical applications of data structures. (6 marks)
- c) Compute the Eigenvalues and eigenvectors of the below matrix. (10 marks)

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 4 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$$

Question Five

- a) List and explain two non-linear data structures. (4 marks)
- b) Using the `c()` function, write a code for creating a vector with numerics 1-5 in R. (3 marks)
- c) A researcher conducted a survey to study the relationship between Gender, Age Group, and Preference for Online Shopping among 120 people. The following information was collected:
- 25 males aged 18-25 prefer online shopping.
 - 15 males aged 18-25 do not prefer online shopping.
 - 30 females aged 18-25 prefer online shopping.
 - 10 females aged 18-25 do not prefer online shopping.

- 20 males aged 26-40 prefer online shopping.
 - 10 males aged 26-40 do not prefer online shopping.
 - 10 females aged 26-40 prefer online shopping.
 - 5 females aged 26-40 do not prefer online shopping.
 - 5 males aged 41-60 prefer online shopping.
 - 5 males aged 41-60 do not prefer online shopping.
 - 5 females aged 41-60 prefer online shopping.
 - 10 females aged 41-60 do not prefer online shopping.
- i) Create a multivariate frequency table using Gender, Age Group, and Preference for Online Shopping as the three variables. (9 marks)
- Based on your table, calculate the following:
- ii) The total number of males who prefer online shopping. (2 marks)
- iii) The proportion of females aged 18-25 who do not prefer online shopping. (2 marks)
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