

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)

MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION DECEMBER 2023  
(Second Semester)

Branch – COMPUTER SCIENCE

**MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE – I: MACHINE LEARNING AND APPLICATIONS**

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

**SECTION-A (5 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 1 = 5)

1. What characterizes supervised machine learning?
  - (i) Learning a model based on a set of labeled examples.
  - (ii) Given an input; an estimation of a parameter is provided.
  - (iii) Learning a model based on a set of unlabeled examples.
  - (iv) Assigning a meaningful placement of an element.
2. High entropy means that the partitions in classification are
  - (i) Pure
  - (ii) Not pure
  - (iii) Useful
  - (iv) Useless
3. Identify the most commonly used measure of similarity.
  - (i) Euclidean distance
  - (ii) city-block distance
  - (iii) Chebyshev's distance
  - (iv) Manhattan distance
4. Indicate the simplest way to combine multiple classifiers is by giving all the learners equal weight.
  - (i) Bagging
  - (ii) Boosting
  - (iii) Cascading
  - (iv) Voting
5. Choose an alternative to cross-validation to generate multiple samples from a single sample.
  - (i) Randomization
  - (ii) Replication
  - (iii) Bootstrap
  - (iv) Blocking

**SECTION-B (15 marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 3 =15)

6. a What is Noise in Supervised Learning? Explain briefly.  
(OR)  
b Categorize Various Model Selection and Generalization in Supervised Learning.
7. a Give suitable examples for Sample, Observable & Unobservable Variables in Bayesian Decision Theory.  
(OR)  
b Determine Learning Rules from Data in Decision Trees.
8. a Explain Hierarchical Clustering.  
(OR)  
b Discuss Model Selection in HMM.
9. a What is Reinforcement Learning? Give example.  
(OR)  
b Distinguish between Bagging and Boosting.

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10. a List out the Factors, Response & Strategy of Experimentation.  
(OR)  
b Classify Randomization, Replication and Blocking.

**SECTION-C (30 marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(5 x 6 =30)

11. a Categorize Different Machine Learning Applications with examples.  
(OR)  
b Illustrate Vapnik - Chervonenkis (VC) Dimension with example.
12. a Explain Association Rules & Apriori using Bayesian decision theory.  
(OR)  
b Classify Univariate Trees, Classification Trees and Regression Trees.
13. a Discuss K-Means Clustering.  
(OR)  
b Illustrate Hidden Markov Model.
14. a Categorize the Methods in Generating Diverse Learners.  
(OR)  
b Explain Error Correcting Output Codes.
15. a List out the Guidelines for Machine Learning Experiments.  
(OR)  
b Elucidate Cross Validation & its Methods in detail.

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