

PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE  
(AUTONOMOUS)  
BSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2025  
( Sixth Semester)

Branch – MATHEMATICS

**GRAPH THEORY**

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 50 Marks

**SECTION-A (5 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks (5 x 1 = 5)

- 1 A linear graph  $G = (V, E)$  consists of a set of objects  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots\}$  called \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) vertices (ii) edges  
(iii) graphs (iv) lines
- 2 The degree of a tree is the \_\_\_\_\_ degree of a node in the tree.  
(i) Maximum (ii) Second minimum  
(iii) Minimum (iv) Second maximum
- 3 A graph that cannot be drawn on a plane without a crossover between its edges is called \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) coplanar (ii) nonplanar  
(iii) complete (iv) isomorphic
- 4 The incidence matrix contains only two elements 0 and 1, such matrix is called a \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) null matrix (ii) triangular matrix  
(iii) binary matrix (iv) unit matrix
- 5 A digraph that has non self-loop or parallel edges is called a \_\_\_\_\_  
(i) simple digraphs (ii) Asymmetric digraphs  
(iii) symmetric digraphs (iv) isographs

**SECTION - B (15 Marks)**

Answer ALL Questions

ALL Questions Carry EQUAL Marks (5 x 3 = 15)

- 6 a Prove that the number of vertices of odd degree in a graph is always even.  
OR  
b Prove that, If a graph (connected or disconnected) has exactly two vertices of odd degree, there must be a path joining these two vertices.
- 7 a Show that, there is one and only one path between every pair of vertices in a tree T.  
OR  
b If in a graph G there is one and only one path between every pair of vertices, then prove that G is a tree.
- 8 a Prove that, any simple planar graph can be embedded in a plane such that every edge is drawn as a straight line segment.  
OR  
b Show that, every tree with two or more vertices is 2-chromatic.

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- 9 a Prove, If  $B$  is a circuit matrix of a connected graph  $G$  with  $e$  edges and  $n$  vertices, rank of  $B = e - n + 1$ .  
OR  
b Prove that, the reduced incidence matrix of a tree is nonsingular.
- 10 a Prove that, The  $(i, j)$ th entry in  $X^r$  equals the number of different, directed edge sequences of  $r$  edges from the  $i$ th vertex to the  $j$ th.  
OR  
b Let  $A_f$  be the reduced incidence matrix of a connected digraph, then prove that the number of spanning trees in the graph equals the value of  $\det(A_f, A_f^T)$ .

**SECTION -C (30 Marks)**

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 x 6 = 30)

- 11 a Explain – Briefly – Konisberg Bridge Problem.  
OR  
b Prove that a simple graph (i.e., a graph without parallel edges or self-loops) with  $n$  vertices and  $k$  components can have at most  $\frac{(n-k)(n-k+1)}{2}$  edges.
- 12 a Prove that, every connected graph has atleast one spanning tree.  
OR  
b Prove that, A graph  $G$  with  $n$  vertices,  $n - 1$  edges, and no circuits is connected.
- 13 a Prove that a connected planar graph with  $n$  vertices and  $e$  edges has  $e - n + 2$  regions.  
OR  
b Prove that the vertices of every planar graph can be properly colored with five colors.
- 14 a Prove that two graphs  $G_1$  and  $G_2$  are isomorphic if and only if their incidence matrices  $A(G_1)$  and  $A(G_2)$  differ only by permutations of rows and columns.  
OR  
b Let  $B$  and  $A$  be respectively the circuit matrix and the incidence matrix (of a self loop free graph) whose columns are arranged using the same order of edges. Then prove that every row of  $B$  is orthogonal to every row  $A$ , that is  $A \cdot B^T = B \cdot A^T = 0 \pmod{2}$ , where superscript  $T$  denotes the transposed matrix.
- 15 a Prove that the determinant of every square submatrix of  $A$ , the incidence matrix of a digraph is 1, -1 or 0.  
OR  
b Prove that A simple digraph  $G$  of  $n$  vertices and  $n - 1$  directed edges is an arborescence rooted at  $v_1$  if and only if the  $(1,1)$  cofactor of  $K(G)$  is equal to 1.

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