

**PSG COLLEGE OF ARTS & SCIENCE
(AUTONOMOUS)**

**MSc DEGREE EXAMINATION MAY 2025
(Second Semester)**

Branch – COMPUTER SCIENCE

MAJOR ELECTIVE COURSE – I MACHINE LEARNING AND APPLICATIONS

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 75 Marks

SECTION-A (10 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL marks

(10 × 1 = 10)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	1	An algorithm is a sequence of _____ that should be carried out to transform the input to output. a) steps b) command c) instruction d) operation	K1	CO1
	2	Machine learning uses the theory of _____ in building mathematical models. a) Probability b) Evolution c) Statistics d) Relativity	K2	CO2
2	3	The Vapnik-Chervonenkis (VC) dimension is used to measure: a) The number of layers in a neural network b) The capacity of a model to shatter data points c) The speed of convergence in training d) The size of the dataset used for training	K1	CO1
	4	Using Bayes' rule, how can the posterior probability $P(C x)P(C x)P(C x)$ be expressed? a) $P(C x)=P(C)p(x C)p(x)P(C x)=\frac{P(C)}{p(x C)p(x)}P(C x)=p(x C)p(x)P(C)$ b) $P(C x)=P(C)p(x)P(C x)=(C)p(x)P(C x)=P(C)p(x)$ c) $P(C x)=P(C)p(x C)p(x)P(C x)=\frac{P(C)p(x C)}{p(x)}P(C x)=p(x)P(C)p(x C)$ d) $P(C x)=p(x C)p(C x)P(C x)=p(x C)p(C x)$	K2	CO1
3	5	What happens at each decision node in a decision tree? a) A random guess is made about the output b) A test function is applied to the input, and a branch is selected based on the outcome c) The final output is immediately produced d) All branches are explored simultaneously	K1	CO1
	6	What is postpruning in decision trees? a) Stopping tree construction early before it becomes full b) Pruning subtrees while growing the tree to reduce training error c) Growing the tree fully, then eradicating subtrees that cause overfitting d) Randomly removing nodes from the tree to simplify it	K2	CO2
4	7	What is the purpose of bootstrapping in machine learning? a) To reduce the number of features in a dataset b) To improve model accuracy by generating multiple training datasets through sampling with replacement c) To randomly discard some data points to prevent overfitting d) To test models on unseen data using k-fold cross-validation	K1	CO1
	8	In the context of combining multiple classifiers using voting, what does the weighted sum rule involve? a) Taking the median of the classifier outputs b) Calculating the average of the classifier outputs c) Taking a linear combination of the outputs, where each classifier is assigned a weight d) Selecting the output with the highest frequency among classifiers	K2	CO2

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5	9	What is the main purpose of using bootstrap sampling in the bagging method? a) To create a single large training set for better model accuracy b) To generate slightly different training sets for training multiple base-learners c) To reduce the size of the original dataset by discarding some instances d) To ensure that each instance in the training set is used exactly once	K1	CO1
	10	In a Hidden Markov Model (HMM), what does the emission probability $b_j(m)$ represent? a) The probability of transitioning from one state to another b) The probability of observing a symbol given a specific state c) The probability of being in a particular state at a given time d) The probability of the entire sequence of observations	K2	CO2

SECTION - B (35 Marks)

Answer ALL questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(5 × 7 = 35)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	11.a.	What is Machine Learning? Give some examples of machine learning applications.	K3	CO1
		(OR)		
	11.b.	Outline about the dimensions of supervised machine learning algorithm with example.		
2	12.a.	Discuss Association Rules in machine learning.	K3	CO1
		(OR)		
	12.b.	Describe Regression Trees in Machine Learning.		
3	13.a.	Explain K-Means clustering in detail.	K3	CO3
		(OR)		
	13.b.	Explain Model selection in Hidden Markov Model.		
4	14.a.	List out and explain the Elements of Reinforcement Learning.	K3	CO2
		(OR)		
	14.b.	Examine the basic routing processes involved in IP Packet Routing.		
5	15.a.	Narrate the WAN properties in brief.	K3	CO3
		(OR)		
	15.b.	List and explain the WAN components in detail.		

SECTION -C (30 Marks)

Answer ANY THREE questions

ALL questions carry EQUAL Marks

(3 × 10 = 30)

Module No.	Question No.	Question	K Level	CO
1	16	Explain about the OSI Reference Model in networks.	K6	CO4
2	17	Elaborate on Network infrastructure devices.	K6	CO4
3	18	Describe on the Ethernet Technology in detail.	K6	CO5
4	19	Explain the multicast routing in detail.	K6	CO5
5	20	Discuss about deploying Wireless LAN in detail.	K6	CO5