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BACHELOR OF MATHEMATICS & COMPUTER SCIENCE  
(BSTI 11M, BMCS 12S)

**BIT 2319: ARTIFICIAL INTELLIGENCE**

END OF SEMESTER EXAMINATION

**SERIES: DECEMBER 2014**

**TIME: 2 HOURS**

**Instructions to Candidates:**

You should have the following for this examination

- *Answer Booklet*

This paper consists of **FIVE** questions. Attempt question **ONE (Compulsory)** and any other **TWO** questions  
Maximum marks for each part of a question are as shown

This paper consists of **THREE** printed pages

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**Question One (Compulsory)**

- a) Demonstrate your understanding on any FIVE different roles of Intelligent Agents in Business and information infrastructure **(10 marks)**
- b) With a suitable example differentiate between forward chaining and backward chaining rule based inference control **(8 marks)**
- c) Define the term knowledge representation and show how rules qualify to be a knowledge representation formalism. Discuss ONE advantages of using rules as a representation formalism. **(8 marks)**

- d) Discuss using your own words your understanding of the term pattern recognition, give any TWO practical applications. **(4 marks)**

**Question Two**

- a) What is knowledge acquisition? **(2 marks)**
- b) Describe the knowledge acquisition process. **(3 marks)**
- c) State ONE problem with knowledge acquisition **(2 marks)**
- d) Use examples to describe the forward chaining and backward chaining inference control mechanism. **(6 marks)**
- e) Use an outline diagram to describe the structure of the main parts of an expert system **(5 marks)**
- f) State TWO conditions that must hold for an expert systems implementation project to succeed. **(2 marks)**

**Question Three**

- a) Discuss why agents in Artificial Intelligence need not only be software entities. **(2 marks)**
- b) Describe any FOUR characteristics of intelligent agents **(2 marks)**
- c) Describe statistical classification techniques **(2 marks)**
- d) Suppose you have the following search space:

State	Next	Cost
A	B	4
A	C	1
B	D	3
B	E	8
C	C	0
C	D	2
C	F	6
D	C	2
D	E	4
E	G	2
F	G	8

- (i) Draw the state space of this problem **(4 marks)**
- (ii) Show at each step what nodes are in the queue for the Breath-First-Search. Show the list of nodes that are expanded. Required use a table for analysis. **(6 marks)**
- (iii) What is the Worst-Case Time and space complexity of the above algorithm? **(4 marks)**

**Question Four**

- a) Clearly explain the FOUR views of AI **(8 marks)**

- b) Give short notes on the following AI aspects:  
(i) Natural Language processing  
(ii) Neural network **(4 marks)**
- c) Why is it better to design performance measures for an agent according to effects in the environment instead of behaviors of the agent? **(2 marks)**
- d) With reference to A.I explain the Turing Test **(4 marks)**
- e) Discuss any TWO disadvantages that may arise with the implementation of intelligent agent technology. **(2 marks)**

### **Question Five**

- a) Describe what is meant by the following search strategies giving the properties of each, state the most optimal in run time:  
(i) State-space search  
(ii) Breadth first search  
(iii) Breadth first search **(12 marks)**
- b) Give any TWO real life examples of a search problem **(2 marks)**
- c) List and explain any FOUR characteristic used to evaluate a search state strategy **(8 marks)**