

(2½ Hours)

[ Total Marks : 60

**N.B. : (1) All questions are compulsory.****(2) Figures to the right indicate marks for respective subquestions.**

1. (a) If  $G$  is a self complementary graph of order  $p$ , show that  $G$  is connected and  $p \equiv 0$  or  $1 \pmod{4}$  (7)
- (b) Attempt any two questions:
  - (i) Show that every nontrivial graph contains at least two vertices which are not cut vertices. (4)
  - (ii) Prove that an edge  $e$  of a graph  $G$  is a cut edge of  $G$  if and only if  $e$  is acyclic and hence prove that every edge in a tree is a cut edge. (4)
  - (iii) Prove that every  $(p, q)$  graph with  $q \geq p$  contains a cycle. (4)
  - (iv) If  $G$  is a simple graph on  $n$  vertices and  $\delta(G) \geq \frac{n-1}{2}$  then prove that  $G$  is a connected graph where  $\delta(G)$  denotes the minimum degree of  $G$ . Give an example of a graph with  $\delta(G) \geq \frac{n-2}{2}$  which is not connected. (4)
2. (a) Let  $\tau(G)$  denote the number of spanning trees of a graph  $G$ . If  $e \in E(G)$  is not a loop then prove that  $\tau(G) = \tau(G - e) + \tau(G, e)$ . (7)
- (b) Attempt any two questions:
  - (i) Show that if a tree has exactly 2 pendant vertices then, all the other vertices have degree 2. (4)
  - (ii) If  $T$  is a tree with  $n$  vertices whose degree sequences is  $d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n$  then prove that  $\sum_{i=1}^n d_i = 2(n - 1)$ . (4)
  - (iii) If  $T$  is a spanning tree of a connected graph  $G$  and  $e$  is an edge of  $G$  that is not in  $T$ , then prove that  $T + e$  contains a unique cycle that contains the edge  $e$ . (4)
  - (iv) State Cayley's formula for Spanning trees. Using the formula or otherwise, find the number of spanning trees of a graph of order 4 obtained by joining a new vertex to any arbitrary vertex of  $K_3$ . Justify your answer. (4)
3. (a) If  $G$  is a graph on  $p \geq 3$  vertices with  $\delta(G) \geq \frac{p}{2}$  where  $\delta(G)$  denotes the minimum degree of  $G$  then show that  $G$  contains a Hamiltonian cycle. (7)
- (b) Attempt any two questions:
  - (i) Show that  $K_{m,n}$  is not Hamiltonian if and only if  $m \neq n$ . (4)
  - (ii) Show that if the closure of a graph  $G$  is complete then  $G$  is Hamiltonian. (4)
  - (iii) Show that the graph associated with the legal moves of a knight on a  $m \times n$  chess board is a bipartite graph and hence show that the graph of legal moves of a  $5 \times 7$  chess board is not Hamiltonian. (4)
  - (iv) Show that in a complete graph  $K_{2n+1}$ , there are  $n$  edge disjoint Hamiltonian cycles. (4)
4. Attempt any three questions:
  - (a) Show that a nontrivial graph is bipartite if and only if it contains no odd cycle. (5)
  - (b) If  $G$  is a Hamiltonian graph then for every non empty proper subset  $S$  of  $V(G)$ , prove that  $\omega(G - S) \leq |S|$ . (5)
  - (c) Prove that the Cube graph  $Q_n$  has  $2^n$  vertices and  $n \cdot 2^{n-1}$  edges for  $n \geq 1$ . (5)
  - (d) For any simple graph  $G$ , prove that  $\kappa(G) \leq \kappa'(G) \leq \delta(G)$  where  $\kappa(G)$  denotes the vertex connectivity of  $G$  and  $\kappa'(G)$  denotes edge connectivity of  $G$  and  $\delta(G)$  denotes the minimum degree of  $G$ . (5)