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Discipline Specific Elective

**MATHEMATICS**

**UK4DSEMAT201 - Introduction to Operations Research**

Academic Level: 200-299

**2024 Admission**

**Time: 1 Hour 30 Minutes(90 Mins.)**

**Max. Marks: 42**

**Part A. 6 Marks.Time:6 Minutes.(Cognitive Level:Remember(RE)/Understand(UN)) Objective Type. 1 Mark  
Each.Answer all questions**

| Qn No. | Question                                                                                                                                      | CL | CO |
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| 1      | The variable added to convert a "less than or equal to" constraint into equality constraint is called.....                                    | RE | 1  |
| 2      | What is the condition for proceeding to Phase II in the Two-Phase method?                                                                     | RE | 4  |
| 3      | State the condition for an infeasible region in the graphical method of a Linear programming problem.                                         | UN | 2  |
| 4      | A solution is called feasible if it satisfies all the _____.                                                                                  | UN | 3  |
| 5      | State True or False : "If the objective function coefficient of an artificial variable is $-M$ , then the problem is a minimization problem". | UN | 4  |
| 6      | Convert the RHS of inequality constraint $x_1 - 2x_2 + 3x_3 \leq -2$ into positive.                                                           | UN | 1  |

**Part B. 8 Marks.Time:24 Minutes.(Cognitive Level:Understand(UN)/Apply(AP))Short Answer. 2 marks each.Answer all questions**

| Qn No. | Question                                                                                                                                                                                | CL | CO |
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| 7      | Define the basic variable and basic solution of an LPP.                                                                                                                                 | UN | 2  |
| 8      | Differentiate between objective function and constraints.                                                                                                                               | UN | 3  |
| 9      | Identify whether the following solution is feasible: $x = 2, y = 3$ , given $x + y \leq 4$ .                                                                                            | AP | 3  |
| 10     | In a maximization problem solved using the Big-M method, if an artificial variable $A_1$ is present in the basis with a zero value in the final table, what conclusion can be inferred? | AP | 4  |

**Part C. 28 Marks.Time:60 Minutes (Cognitive Level:Apply(AP)/Analyse(AN)/Evaluate(EV)/Create(CR)) Long Answer.7 marks each.Answer all 4 Questions choosing among options \* within each question**

| Qn No. | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | CL | CO   |
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| 11     | <p>A)</p> <p>Apply the graphical method to solve the following Linear Programming Problem</p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>Maximize <math>Z = 2x_1 + x_2</math></b></p> <p style="text-align: center;"><b>subject to the constraints</b></p> $x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 10$ $x_1 + x_2 \leq 6$ $x_1 - x_2 \leq 2$ $x_1 - 2x_2 \leq 1$ $x_1 \geq 0, \quad x_2 \geq 0$ <p>OR</p> <p>B)</p> <p>Explain the procedure for solving a two-variable Linear Programming Problem graphically.</p> | AP | 2, 2 |
| 12     | <p>A)</p> <p>Consider the LPP :</p> <p>Maximize <math>Z = 2x + y</math></p> <p>subject to</p> $x + y \geq 5$ $x + y = 3$ $x, y \geq 0$ <p>Without fully solving, analyse the outcome of Phase I.</p> <p>OR</p> <p>B)</p> <p>Use Two Phase method to examine the solution of the following LPP :</p> <p>Maximize <math>Z = 5x + 3y</math></p> <p>subject to</p> $2x + y \leq 1$ $x + 4y \geq 6$ $x, y \geq 0.$                                                                       | AN | 4, 4 |
| 13     | <p>A)</p> <p>Solve using simplex method:</p> <p><b>Minimize <math>z = x_1 - 3x_2 + 2x_3</math></b></p> <p>subject to</p>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                            | EV | 3, 3 |

| Qn No. | Question                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | CL | CO   |
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|        | $3x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 \leq 7$<br>$-2x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 12$<br>$-4x_1 + 3x_2 + 8x_3 \leq 10$<br>$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0$<br>OR<br>B)<br>Solve using simplex method.<br><i>Maximize</i> $z = 20x_1 + 6x_2 + 8x_3$ subject to<br>$8x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 \leq 250,$<br>$4x_1 + 3x_2 \leq 150,$<br>$2x_1 + x_3 \leq 50,$<br>$x_1, x_2, x_3 \geq 0,$                                                                                                                                                                              |    |      |
| 14     | A)<br>A coaching center offers Mathematics and Science classes. Each Mathematics class requires 2 hours of teaching and earns ₹1000. Each Science class requires 3 hours of teaching and earns ₹1500. Total teaching hours available per week is 30 hours. At least 4 Science classes must be conducted weekly. Create a Linear Programming model.<br>OR<br>B)<br>Create an example for a linear programming model for a situation where a factory produces three products with limited machine time and labour. | CR | 1, 1 |