

2054  
B.E. (Mechanical Engineering)  
Eighth Semester  
MEC-802: Operation Research

Max. Marks: 50

Time allowed: 3 Hours

NOTE: Attempt five questions in all, including Question No. 1 which is compulsory and selecting two questions from each Section.

x-x-x

- Q1. (a) What do you understand by proportionality and continuity in L.P. models? 2\*5=10  
(b) Define slack variable and what is its physical significance?  
(c) Explain the following customer behavior: Balking, Reneging and Jockeying.  
(d) Why 3-time estimate is used in PERT model?  
(e) Write the difference between iconic model and schematic model.

Section A

- Q2. (a) Discuss various phases in solving an OR problem. 5

- (b) Explain approximations in OR models. Also, discuss characteristics of a good model. 5

- Q3. Solve the following LP problem using simplex method: 10

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Maximize } Z &= 2x_1 + x_2 \\ \text{subject to } 4x_1 + 3x_2 &\leq 12, \\ 4x_1 + x_2 &\leq 8, \\ 4x_1 - x_2 &\leq 8, \\ \text{and } x_1 \geq 0, x_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

- Q4. Use Big-M method to Minimize  $Z = 2x_1 + 3x_2$  10

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Subject to } x_1 + x_2 &\geq 5, \\ x_1 + 2x_2 &\geq 6, \\ \text{and } x_1 \geq 0, x_2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Section B

- Q5. Solve the following assignment problem using Hungarian method. 10

The matrix below shows the time (in hours) that each employee takes to perform each job.

	$E_1$	$E_2$	$E_3$	$E_4$
$J_1$	12	30	21	15
$J_2$	18	33	9	31
$J_3$	44	25	24	21
$J_4$	23	30	28	14

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- Q6. Data pertaining to requirement at distribution centres, production capacities of factories and cost of transportation (in Rs. per unit) is given in the following matrix. Find the optimal solution of the problem. 10

	C <sub>1</sub>	C <sub>2</sub>	C <sub>3</sub>	C <sub>4</sub>	Capacity
F <sub>1</sub>	6	5	8	8	30
F <sub>2</sub>	5	11	9	7	40
F <sub>3</sub>	8	9	7	13	50
Requirement	35	28	32	25	

- Q7. A project has following activities with their duration: 10

Activity	A	B	C	D	E	F	G
(i) Duration	3	6	2	5	2	7	4
(ii) Immediate Predecessor	--	--	--	A	C	A	B,D,E

Draw a network to represent the project and determine the critical path.  
Evaluate the total float, free float and independent float of each activity.

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