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: CSC 412

Course Title

: OPERATIONS RESEARCH

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TIME: 02:00 P.M - 04:00 P.M

INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES

Answer Questions ONE and ANY OTHER TWO.

QUESTION ONE (COMPULSORY) [30 MARKS]

- a) Explain the following terms as used in operation research
 - i) Linear programming

[1 mark]

ii) Basic variable

[1 mark]

iii) Assignment problem

[1 mark]

iv) Sensitivity analysis

[1 mark]

b) Solve the following problem using Big M method.

[12 marks]

$$Min Z = 10x_1 + 15x_2 + 20x_3$$

Subject to

$$2x_1 + 4x_2 + 6x_3 \ge 24$$

$$3x_1 + 9x_2 + 6x_3 \ge 30$$

$$x_1, x_2, x_3 \ge 0$$

c) Solve the assignment model shown in Table 1 below using hungarian method hence find the minimum total cost. [8 marks]

Table 1

Job

Worker	1	2	3	4	5
1	3	8	2	10	3
2	8	7	2	9	7
3	6	4	2	7	5
4	8	4	2	3	5
5	9	10	6	9	10

d) Explain three assumptions of linear programming.

[6marks]

QUESTION TWO [20 MARKS]

- a) Define the following terms
 - i) Optimal solution

[1 mark]

ii) Unbounded solution

[1 mark]

iii) Feasible solution

- [1 mark]
- b) Obtain the initial basic solution using the following methods in the problem below.i) North west corner cell method [5]
 - [5 marks]

- Least cost cell method ii)
- Vogel's approximation method iii)

[6 marks] [6 marks]

Table 2

able 2 Source	Destination						
	1	2	3	4	Valubility		
1	10	2	20	11	15		
2	12	7	9	20	25		
3	4	14	16	18	10		
Requirement	5	15	15	15			

QUESTION THREE [20 MARKS]

a) A company has three factories located in three cities X, Y, Z. This factory supplies consignments to fur dealers A, B, C and D. The dealers are spread all over the country. The production capacity of these factories is 1000, 700 and 900 units per month respectively. The net return by unit is given in the Table 3 below.

Table 3

			l b	Capacities
A	В	C	D	
6	6	6	4	1000
1	2	4	5	700
4	2	7	8	900
5	6	7	400	2600
900	800	500	400	2600
	A 6 4 5 900	A B 6 6 4 2 5 6 900 800	A B C 6 6 6 4 2 4 5 6 7 900 800 500	A B C D 6 6 6 4 4 2 4 5 5 6 7 8 900 800 500 400

Obtain basic feasible solution using North West corner method.

[10 marks]

b) Solve the following problem using simplex method.

$$Max z = 2x_1 + 3x_2$$

Subject to

$$5x_1 + 2x_2 \le 40$$

$$6x_1 + 12x_2 \le 80$$

$$x_1\;,x_2\;\geq 0$$

[10 marks]

QUESTION FOUR [20 MARKS]

A company wants to produce three products A, B and C. The unit profits of these products are $K \not\equiv 4$, $K \not\equiv 6$ and $K \not\equiv 2$ respectively. These products require two types of resources - man power and material. In the following L.P model is formulated for determining the optimal product mix.

Max
$$z = 4x_1 + 6x_2 + 2x_3$$

Subject to

 $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 \le 3$ (man-power)

$$x_1 + 4x_2 + 7x_3 \le 9$$
 (material)

Where x₁, x₂, x₃ are the number of products A, B, and C produced.

a) Find the optimal product mix and the corresponding profit to the company

[6 marks]

- b) What happens if C₃ is increased to K£ 12? What is the new optimal product mix in this case? [4 marks]
- c) i) Find the range on basic coefficient C_1 such that the current optimal product mix remains optimal. [4 marks]
 - ii) Find the effect when $C_1 = K \pounds 8$ on the optimal product mix.

[6 marks]

QUESTION FIVE [20 MARKS]

a) Use the duality method to solve the linear programming problem below.

[14 marks]

Min
$$Z = 10x_1 + 8x_2$$

Subject to
 $x_1 + 2x_2 \ge 2$
 $x_1 + x_2 \ge 5$
 $x_1, x_2 \ge 0$

b) Use graphical method to obtain the optimum solution to the linear programming problem.

$$Max z = 30x_1 + 40x_2$$

Subject to

$$x_1 + x_2 \le 50$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 \le 90$$

$$x_1 + 2x_2 \le 80$$

 $x_1, x_2 \ge 0$

[6 marks]