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EXAMINATION FOR INTERNAL STUDENTS

For The Following Qualifications:-

B.Sc. M.Sci.

Mathematics C395: Graph Theory and Combinatorics

COURSE CODE : MATHC395

UNIT VALUE : 0.50

DATE : 20-MAY-03

TIME : 10.00

TIME ALLOWED : 2 Hours

All questions may be attempted but only marks obtained on the best **four** solutions will count.

The use of an electronic calculator is **not** permitted in this examination.

1. (a) Give the definition of a tree. Show that every tree with at least two vertices has at least two leaves.
(b) For which m and n is the complete bipartite graph $K_{m,n}$ planar?
(c) Decide whether $(1, 1, 1, 2, 2, 3, 4, 5, 5)$ is the degree sequence of a graph. In case it is, make a drawing of such a graph.

2. (a) Give the definition of an Euler circuit, and state the theorem on the existence of an Euler circuit in a graph.
(b) Assume $n \geq 4$ is even. Construct a graph G on n vertices with $\delta(G) = (n-2)/2$ that contains no Hamilton cycle.
(c) Give the definition of the chromatic number, $\chi(G)$, of a graph G . Show that then $\chi(G) \leq \Delta(G) + 1$

3. (a) State the König-Hall theorem and use it to show that an r -regular ($r \geq 1$) bipartite graph G with bipartition classes X and Y has a complete matching from X to Y .
(b) Construct a decomposition of the edge set of K_9 into edge-disjoint Hamilton cycles.
(c) State Euler's formula for planar graphs. Prove that K_5 is not planar.

4. (a) Define the Turán graph $T_r(n)$. State Turán's theorem.
(b) State and prove the LYM inequality.
(c) When $\mathcal{P}([8])$ is decomposed into symmetric chains, how many chains are there? How many chains are there of size 9, of size 8, and of size 7?

5. (a) Define the Ramsey numbers $R(s, t)$. Show that $R(s, s) \geq 2^{s/2}$ if $s \geq 3$.
(b) Show that in every 3-colouring of the edges of K_{17} there is a monochromatic triangle.
(c) Give the definition of an antichain. State the strong form of Sperner's theorem.