



**Instructions:** Ordinary calculators are allowed.

**Answer Two parts from each of the following questions:**

**Question 1** [4+4=8 marks]

- (a) How many ways are there to distribute five different books among four children if every child take at least one book?
- (b) How many bit string of length 10 that contains:
- (i) at least three ones?
- (ii) at most three ones?
- (c) Use the generating functions to solve the recurrence relation

$$a_n = 5a_{n-1} - 4a_{n-2}, \quad n \geq 2, \text{ subject to } a_0 = 1, a_1 = 2.$$

**Question 2** [4+4=8 marks]

- (a) Use the exponential generating function to solve the recurrence relation

$$a_n = na_{n-1} + (-1)^n, \quad n \geq 1 \text{ with initial condition } a_0 = 1.$$

- (b) How many different 10-bead necklaces are there using beads of red, white, and blue incase of rotations being considered equal.

(c) Let  $G$  be a simple connected graph with at least 11 vertices. Prove that either  $G$  or  $\bar{G}$  is non planar.

**Question 3 [4+4=8 marks]**

(a) Show that 
$$\sum_{k=m}^n \binom{k}{r} = \binom{n+1}{r+1} - \binom{m}{r+1}.$$

(b) Find the chromatic polynomial for the graph  $K_n - e$  (The graph obtained from the graph  $K_n$  by removing an edge).

(c) Show that a simple graph  $G$  of order  $n$  is connected if  $\deg(v) \geq \frac{(n-1)}{2}$  for every  $v$  of  $G$ . Is this true in case  $\deg(v) \geq \frac{(n-2)}{2}$  for every  $v$  of  $G$ ?

**Question 4 [4+4=8 marks]**

(a) Show that every simple planar graph has a vertex of degree at most five and then prove that every simple planar graph is 6-colorable.

(b) Find the adjacency spectrum and the Laplacian spectrum of the complete graph  $K_4$ .

(c) Prove that every cubic Hamiltonian graph is 3-edge-colorable.

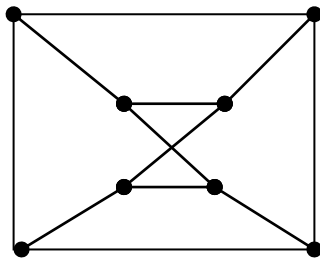
**Question 5 [4+4=8 marks]**

(a) For the generating function:  $\frac{1+x^3}{(1+x)^3}$ , provide a closed formula for the sequence it determines.

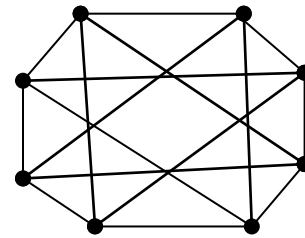


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Let  $G$  and  $H$  be the following two graphs:



G



H

Justify your answer for the following:

(a) (i) Is  $G$  isomorphic to  $\bar{H}$ ?

(ii) Is  $G$  Hamiltonian?

(b) (i) Find  $\chi(H)$  and  $\chi_e(G)$ .

(ii) Is  $\bar{G}$  Eulerian?

(iii) Is  $H$  planar?

(End Questions & Good Luck)