



**EASTERN UNIVERSITY, SRI LANKA**  
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**FIRST SEMESTER**

**MT 304 - GENERAL TOPOLOGY**

**Proper & Repeat**

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Answer all questions

Time: Two hours

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Q1. (a) Define the following terms:

i. Topology on a set;

ii. Closure of a set.

[20 marks]

(b) Let  $X$  be a non-empty infinite set and let  $\tau$  be the family consisting of  $\phi$  and all subsets of  $X$  whose complements are finite. Prove that  $\tau$  is a topology on  $X$ .

[30 marks]

(c) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $A, B, C \subseteq X$ . Define  $Fr(M) = \overline{M} \setminus M^\circ$  for any subset  $M$  of  $X$ . Prove that

i. If  $B$  is closed then  $Fr(B) \subseteq B$ .

ii. The set  $B$  is both open and closed if and only if  $Fr(B) = \phi$ .

iii.  $\bar{A} = Fr(A) \cup A$ .

[35 marks]

(d) Is the union of two topologies on a set  $X$  again a topology? Justify your answer.

[15 marks]

Q2. (a) Define the following in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ :

i. Base;

ii. Disconnected set.

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(b) Let  $\mathbb{B}$  be a class of subsets of a non-empty set  $X$ . Prove that  $\mathbb{B}$  is a base for some topology  $\tau$  on  $X$  if and only if it satisfies the following properties

i.  $X = \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i, \quad B_i \in \mathbb{B};$

ii. For any  $B_\alpha, B_\beta \in \mathbb{B}, \quad B_\alpha \cap B_\beta = \bigcup_{i \in I} B_i,$  that is,

$B_\alpha \cap B_\beta$  is the union of members of  $\mathbb{B}$ .

[35 m

(c) Prove that a topological space  $(X, \tau)$  is disconnected if and only if there exists a non empty proper subset of  $X$ , which is both open and closed. [20 m

(d) Let  $(X, \tau_X)$  and  $(Y, \tau_Y)$  be two topological spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$  be a continuous function. Prove that if  $A \subseteq X$  is connected, then the image of  $A$  is connected. [25 m

Q3. (a) Define the following in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ :

i. Compact set;

ii. Sequentially compact set.

[20 m

(b) Let  $(X, \tau)$  be a topological space and let  $(Y, \tau_Y)$  be its subspace. Prove that a subset  $A$  of  $Y$  is compact in  $(Y, \tau_Y)$  if and only if  $A$  is compact in  $(X, \tau)$ . [25 m

(c) Prove that continuous image of a compact set is compact. [15 m

(d) Let  $A, B$  be two compact sets in a topological space  $(X, \tau)$ . Show that  $A \cup B$  is compact. [20 m

(e) Is  $A = (0, 1)$  on the real line  $\mathbb{R}$  with usual topology compact? Justify your answer. [20 m

Q4. (a) Define the Frechet space and the Hausdorff space. [15 m

(b) Let  $(X, \tau_1)$  and  $(Y, \tau_2)$  be two topological spaces and let  $f : X \rightarrow Y$ . Show that  $f$  is continuous on  $A \subseteq X$  if and only if  $f(\overline{A}) \subseteq \overline{f(A)}$ . [30 m

(c) Prove that every Hausdorff space is Frechet space. Is the converse true? Justify your answer. [25 m

(d) Prove that a topological space is a Frechet space if only if every singleton subset of  $X$  is closed.

[30 marks]



(Proper & Repeat)

Time: Three hours