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**VI Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – Reg./Supple./Improv.)  
Examination, April 2020  
(2014 Admission Onwards)  
CORE COURSE IN MATHEMATICS  
6B14MAT (Elective A) : Operations Research**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 48

**SECTION – A**

All the first 4 questions are **compulsory**. They carry 1 mark **each**.

1. Define global minimum of a function  $f(x)$ .
2. What do you mean by degeneracy in a linear programming problem ?
3. What is assignment problem ?
4. Define saddle point of a game.

**SECTION – B**

Answer **any 8** questions from among the questions **5** to **14**. These questions carry **2** marks **each**.

5. Show that the function  $f((x_1, x_2)) = x_1^2 + x_2^2$  is a convex function over all of  $R^2$ .
6. Determine whether the quadratic form  $2x_1^2 + 6x_2^2 - 6x_1x_2$  is positive definite or negative definite.
7. Define the term basic solution. How many basic solutions are there to a given system of two simultaneous linear equation in four unknowns ?
8. State the general LPP in the canonical form.
9. Explain least cost method to solve transportation problem for an initial solution.

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10. What is degeneracy in transportation problems ?
11. Give two applications of assignment problem.
12. Define the sequencing problem with n jobs and two machines.
13. What assumptions are made in the theory of games ?
14. Explain the dominance property in game theory.

### SECTION – C

Answer **any 4** questions from among the questions **15 to 20**. These questions carry **4 marks each**.

15. Let  $f(x)$  be a convex function on a convex set  $S$ . Prove that  $f(x)$  has a local minimum on  $S$ , then this local minimum is also a global minimum on  $S$ .
16. Solve graphically  $\text{Max } Z = 80x_1 + 55x_2$   
 Subject to  $4x_1 + 2x_2 \leq 40$   
 $2x_1 + 4x_2 \leq 32$   $x_1 \geq 0, x_2 \geq 0$ .
17. Obtain an initial basic feasible solution to the following transportation problem :

	D	E	F	G	available
A	11	13	17	14	250
B	16	18	14	10	300
C	21	24	13	10	400
requirement	200	225	275	250	

18. Show that the optimal solution of a assignment problem is unchanged if we add or subtract the same constant to the entries of any row or column of the cost matrix.
19. Explain the sequencing problem with n jobs and k machines.
20. Explain the graphical method of solving a game.



SECTION – D

Answer **any 2** questions from among the questions **21** to **24**. These questions carry **6** marks **each**.

- 21. Define the dual of a linear programming problem. Prove that the dual of the dual is the primal.
- 22. Solve the following transportation problem.

	X	Y	Z	Availability
A	50	30	220	1
B	90	45	170	3
C	250	200	50	4
requirement	4	2	2	

- 23. Explain the Hungarian method to solve an assignment problem.
  - 24. Describe the procedure to solve any  $2 \times 2$  two person zero sum game without any saddle point.
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