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M.E. / M.Tech. DEGREE END-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS – FEB. 2025

First Semester

Computer Science and Engineering

P23CS102 – MACHINE LEARNING TECHNIQUES

(Regulation 2023)

Time: Three Hours

Maximum: 100 Marks

Answer ALL the questions

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| Knowledge Levels<br>(KL) | K1 – Remembering   | K3 – Applying  | K5 - Evaluating |
|                          | K2 – Understanding | K4 – Analyzing | K6 - Creating   |

**PART – A**

(10 x 2 = 20 Marks)

| Q.No. | Questions  | Marks | KL | CO  |
|-------|--|-------|----|-----|
| 1.    | List out four features of Machine Learning.  | 2     | K1 | CO1 |
| 2.    | Distinguish between Bagging and Boosting.  | 2     | K2 | CO1 |
| 3.    | Outline the philosophy of Radial Basis Function (RBF) and its application.             | 2     | K2 | CO2 |
| 4.    | Justify the necessity for dimensionality reduction in the context of machine learning. | 2     | K2 | CO2 |
| 5.    | Identify the principle in – Hidden Markov Models.                                      | 2     | K2 | CO3 |
| 6.    | List various machine learning tools.   | 2     | K1 | CO3 |
| 7.    | How is reinforcement learning different from unsupervised learning?                    | 2     | K2 | CO4 |
| 8.    | List the importance of Q- learning.  | 2     | K2 | CO4 |
| 9.    | How to use Conditional Random Fields (CRF) for information extraction?                 | 2     | K2 | CO5 |
| 10.   | List out the techniques to learn from streaming data?                                  | 2     | K1 | CO5 |

**PART – B**

(5 x 13 = 65 Marks)

| Q.No.  | Questions  | Marks | KL | CO  |
|--------|--|-------|----|-----|
| 11. a) | i. Discuss the various issues in Machine Learning. | 5     | K2 | CO1 |

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|     | ii. List the advantages of SVM and how optimal Hyperplane differs from Hyperplane.  | 8  | K2 | CO1 |
|     | (OR)  |    |    |     |
|     | b) Explain in detail about the process of constructing CART (Classification and Regression Tree) with a suitable example.                                   | 13 | K2 | CO1 |
| 12. | a) Explain in detail about the K-nearest Neighbor algorithm with a suitable example.  | 13 | K1 | CO2 |
|     | (OR)  |    |    |     |
|     | b) Elaborate the Principal Component Analysis (PCA) algorithm that reduces the dataset dimensionality with retention of information. Explain how PCA works. | 13 | K2 | CO2 |
| 13. | a) What do you mean by inference in Bayesian networks? Explain in detail about inference in Bayesian networks with a suitable example.                      | 13 | K2 | CO3 |
|     | (OR)  |    |    |     |
|     | b) Explain in detail about the forward algorithm and viterbi decoder for a Hidden Markov Model.   | 13 | K2 | CO3 |
| 14. | a) Elaborate on the various issues like control learning, control policies, Q learning and convergence in reinforcement learning with a suitable example.   | 13 | K2 | CO4 |
|     | (OR)  |    |    |     |
|     | b) Explain in detail about the Temporal Difference Learning model with a suitable example.  | 13 | K2 | CO4 |
| 15. | a) Explain in detail about Recommendation Systems with suitable examples.   | 13 | K2 | CO5 |
|     | (OR)  |    |    |     |
|     | b) i. Explain in detail about the need for active learning in machine learning.   | 5  | K2 | CO5 |
|     | ii. How are deep learning and machine learning related? Explain in detail about regularization in deep learning.  | 8  | K2 | CO5 |

PART – C

(1 x 15 = 15 Marks)

| Q.No.  | Questions  | Marks | KL | CO  |
|--------|--|-------|----|-----|
| 16. a) | Discuss Reinforcement Learning and its elements with an appropriate example. | 15    | K2 | CO4 |
|        | (OR)   |       |    |     |
| b)     | Discuss Graphical Models and their classifications with suitable examples.   | 15    | K2 | CO3 |