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MODULE: Compiler Construction 1
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TIME ALLOWED: 2 Hours

INSTRUCTIONS: Please answer ALL questions.
All questions carry equal marks

Requirements for this paper
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CALCULATORS IS EXPRESSLY FORBIDDEN**

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INSTRUCTED TO DO SO**

1. Write a regular expression which describes the language of all strings from the alphabet {a,b} which either have an even number of a's or an odd number of b's (or both). [10 marks]

2. Construct a deterministic finite state automaton that recognises the same language as defined by the regular expression in question 1. [10 marks]

3. Consider the following grammar for Boolean expressions: [10 marks]

$$E \rightarrow E \text{ or } E \mid E \text{ and } E \mid \text{not } E \mid (E) \mid \text{id}$$

Show that the grammar is ambiguous by giving two different parse trees for the following expression:

id **and** (**not** id **or** id)

4. Construct an unambiguous grammar which describes the same language as the grammar given in question 3, and which deals with the precedence of the Boolean operators (**not** has the highest precedence, followed by **and**, followed by **or**). [10 marks]

5. Verify whether or not the following grammar is LL(1): [10 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow aAa \\ S &\rightarrow b \\ A &\rightarrow ab \\ A &\rightarrow \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

6. Verify whether or not the following grammar is SLR(1): [10 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow AaAb \\ S &\rightarrow BbBa \\ A &\rightarrow \varepsilon \\ B &\rightarrow \varepsilon \end{aligned}$$

7. Verify whether or not the following grammar is LR(0): [10 marks]

$$\begin{aligned} S &\rightarrow Xb \\ S &\rightarrow Y \\ X &\rightarrow aY \\ Y &\rightarrow a \\ Y &\rightarrow aX \end{aligned}$$

8. Verify whether or not the grammar in question 7 is LR(1). [10 marks]

9. Consider the following attribute grammar for numbers in a given base:

| Production | Semantic Rules |
|----------------------------------|---|
| $S \rightarrow \text{digit} : D$ | $D.\text{bas} := \text{digit}.\text{val}$ $D.\text{pos} := 0$ $S.\text{val} := D.\text{val}$ |
| $D \rightarrow D' \text{ digit}$ | $D'.\text{bas} := D.\text{bas}$ $D'.\text{pos} := D.\text{pos} + 1$ $D.\text{val} := D'.\text{val} + \text{digit}.\text{val} * D.\text{bas}^{D.\text{pos}}$ |
| $D \rightarrow \text{digit}$ | $D.\text{val} := \text{digit}.\text{val} * D.\text{bas}^{D.\text{pos}}$ |

You can assume that `digit` is a digit in the range 0-9, and that `digit.val` gives the value of this digit.

Use this attribute grammar to calculate the attributes for the string 8:123 (note: this denotes the octal or base 8 number 123).

10. Construct a control-flow graph for the following piece of code: [10 marks]

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if (x < y)
    if (x < z)
        smallest = x;
    else
        smallest = z;
else
    if (y < z)
        smallest = y;
    else
        smallest = z;
return smallest;

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[Total marks: 100]