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MTECH
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TIME: 3 HRS

M.MARKS: 70

Note: Attempt all Sections. In case of any missing data; choose suitably.

SECTION A

1. Attempt all questions in brief.

02 x 7 = 14

Q no.	Question
a.	What is a Priority Queue? How is it different from a standard queue?
b.	Differentiate between Linear and Non-Linear data structures with examples.
c.	What are the necessary conditions for a Deadlock to occur?
d.	Explain the concept of Context Switching.
e.	Define Chomsky Normal Form (CNF).
f.	What are ACID properties?
g.	Define Hashing. What do you understand by the term 'Collision'?

SECTION B

2. Attempt any three of the following:

07 x 3 = 21

Q no.	Question
a.	Explain Merge Sort. Show the divide and conquer steps for {38, 27, 43, 3, 9, 82, 10}.
b.	Explain the concept of Multithreading. Differentiate between User-level threads and Kernel-level threads.
c.	Explain the closure properties of Regular Languages and Context-Free Languages.
d.	Explain Normalization. Discuss 1NF, 2NF, 3NF, and BCNF with suitable examples.
e.	Explain the Entity-Relationship (ER) Model. Draw an ER diagram for a "University Management System" considering entities like Student, Course, Department, and Faculty.

SECTION C

3. Attempt any one part of the following:

07 x 1 = 07

Q no.	Question
a.	Explain Breadth First Search (BFS) and Depth First Search (DFS) traversal algorithms. Compare their complexities and applications.
b.	Define B-Trees. Construct a B-Tree of order 5 with the following data: {1, 12, 8, 2, 25, 5, 14, 28, 17, 7, 52, 16, 48, 68, 3, 26, 29, 53, 55, 45}.

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4. Attempt any one part of the following:**07 x 1 = 07**

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b.	Explain Virtual Memory. Discuss the concept of Demand Paging and Page Fault handling.																																																																					

5. Attempt any one part of the following:**07 x 1 = 07**

Q no.	Question
a.	Explain Pushdown Automata and its relation to Context-Free Languages.
b.	Discuss the P vs NP problem. Define NP-Complete and NP-Hard problems with examples.

6. Attempt any one part of the following:**07 x 1 = 07**

Q no.	Question
a.	Explain Deadlock prevention and detection techniques in Distributed Databases.
b.	Describe the Architecture of a Distributed Database System. What are the concepts of Fragmentation and Replication?

7. Attempt any one part of the following:**07 x 1 = 07**

Q no.	Question
a.	Discuss Backup and Recovery concepts. Explain Immediate Update and Deferred Update techniques
b.	Explain Quick Sort and compare it with Merge Sort.