

Course : **Graph Theory**

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**Motivate all your answers. The use of electronic devices is not allowed.**

**In this exam a graph  $G$  is a *simple* graph, i.e,  $G$  has no loops and two distinct vertices are connected by at most one edge.**

1. [5 pt]

Let  $v$  be a cut vertex of  $G$ .

Prove that  $G^c - v$  is connected ( $G^c$  is the complement of  $G$ ).

2. [5 pt]

$T$  is a tree. Prove that:

all vertices of  $T$  have odd degree if and only if

for each  $e \in E(T)$ , both components of  $T - e$  are odd (an odd component is a component with an odd number of vertices).

3. [6 pt]

Prove that  $\kappa(Q_k) = k$ , i.e, the  $k$ -cube is  $k$ -connected.

4. [5 pt]

$M$  is a maximum matching in a bipartite graph  $G$ . Prove that:  $|M| \geq \frac{\epsilon(G)}{\Delta(G)}$ .

5. (a) [2 pt]

$G$  is a graph with  $\nu = 2n + 1$  and  $\epsilon > n\Delta$ . Prove that  $\chi' = \Delta + 1$ .

(b) [3 pt]

$G$  is a graph which is obtained from a  $k$ -regular graph with an odd number of vertices, by deleting fewer than  $\frac{k}{2}$  edges.

Prove that  $\chi' = \Delta + 1$ .

6. [5 pt]

Let  $G$  be a graph with the property that each pair of odd cycles in  $G$  have a vertex in common. Prove that  $\chi(G) \leq 5$ .

7. [5 pt]

Let  $G$  be a bipartite planar graph. Prove that  $\delta(G) \leq 3$ .

**Total: 36 + 4 = 40 points**