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Mid - Term Examinations – October 2025

Date: 31-10-2025

Time: 02:30Pm – 04:00Pm

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| School: SOIS | Program: BCA | |
| Course Code: CSA1500 | Course Name: Problem Solving Techniques using C | |
| Semester: I | Max Marks:50 | Weightage: 25% |

| CO - Levels | C01 | C02 | C03 | C04 | C05 |
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| Marks | 26 | 24 | - | - | - |

Instructions:

- (i) Read all questions carefully and answer accordingly.
- (ii) Do not write anything on the question paper other than roll number.

Part A

Answer ALL the Questions. Each question carries 2marks.

5Q x 2M=10M

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| 1 | Define an algorithm. List any two characteristics of a good algorithm. | 2 Marks | L1 | C01 |
| 2 | What is the purpose of a flowchart in problem-solving? | 2 Marks | L1 | C01 |
| 3 | Define typecasting in C. Give an example. | 2 Marks | L1 | C01 |
| 4 | Differentiate between implicit and explicit typecasting. | 2 Marks | L1 | C02 |
| 5 | Write the syntax of the for loop in C | 2 Marks | L1 | C02 |

Part B

Answer the Questions.

Total Marks 40M

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| 6. | a. | Explain in detail the various steps involved in problem-solving. | 10 Marks | L1 | CO1 |
| | b. | What are the different operators available in C? | 10 Marks | L1 | CO1 |
| Or | | | | | |
| 7. | a. | Explain the basic structure of a C program with a neat diagram and example. | 10 Marks | L1 | CO1 |
| | b. | Explain the input and output functions in C (scanf() and printf()) with suitable programs | 10 Marks | L1 | CO1 |

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| 8. | a. | Write a C program that demonstrates explicit typecasting in different scenarios. Show at least one valid and one invalid case, and explain the output. | 10 Marks | L3 | CO2 |
| | b. | Write a C program using nested if-else statements to find the largest of three numbers. Draw the corresponding flowchart and explain how the logic is applied. | 10 Marks | L3 | CO2 |
| Or | | | | | |
| 9. | a. | Demonstrate expression evaluation in C with operator precedence and associativity. Give an example with step-by-step evaluation. | 10 Marks | L3 | CO2 |
| | b. | Write a c Program and discuss the working of the switch statement with an example. | 10 Marks | L3 | CO2 |