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Syllabus for Entrance Test

There shall be one objective type paper of 100 marks comprising 100 Questions. The syllabus for the entrance test is given below:

Computer Architecture: Number System, Integer and Floating Point representations, Addition and subtraction of signed and unsigned numbers, Multiplication and division of signed and unsigned numbers, CISC and RISC characteristics, Cache memory-Organization and Structure, Cache mapping algorithms, Cache replacement policies, Input/Output techniques.

Programming concepts: C, C++, Java, Python, arithmetic, logical, bitwise and conditional operators, Data, Expressions, Statements, Control Flow, iteration, Functions, Lists, Tuples, Dictionaries, Files, Modules, Packages, Object oriented programming concepts.

Data structures and Algorithms: Arrays, stacks, queues, linked lists, trees, binary search trees, binary heaps, graphs, searching, sorting, time and space complexity, algorithm design techniques: greedy, dynamic programming and divide-and-conquer, linear search, binary search.

Operating System: Operating System and its function, Instruction Execution, Interrupts, Memory Management, Scheduling, etc. Case study of Linux/Unix OS.

Database Management System: Database Systems Concepts & Architecture, Data Models, Schemas & Instances, DBMS Architecture & Data Independence, Database Languages & Interfaces, Data modeling using the Entity-Relationship Approach, Relational Database Design: Function Dependencies & Normalization for Relational Databases, Functional Dependencies, Normal forms based on primary keys (1NF, 2NF, 3NF & BCNF), Loss less join & Dependency preserving decomposition, SQL, PL-SQL, Database Security.

Data Mining: Basics of data mining, Knowledge Discovery in database, KDD process, data mining tasks primitives.

Analysis & Design of Information System: System Development Life Cycle, Tools used by System Analyst, Data Flow Diagrams, Feasibility Study and Cost Estimation: Cost-Benefit Analysis.

Data Communication and Computer Networks: Fundamentals of Data Communication and Networks; Network models: OSI Model, Peer-to-peer processes, Interfaces, Layers in OSI model, TCP/IP model-Architecture, Layers in TCP/IP model, Similarities; Addressing: Physical, logical and port addressing. Signals: Analog and digital signals: Digital-to-Digital conversion: Line coding schemes; Analog-to-Digital conversion: Modulation and Demodulation; Multiplexing; Wired Media: Magnetic media, Twisted wire-pair, Co-axial Cable, Fiber optics; Wireless media: Infrared, Radio and Microwave Transmission; Satellite Communication: Orbits, Footprints, GEO, MEO and LEO; Error detection and correction; LAN technologies; Network Security, Information Security and Web Security.

Cryptography and Cryptanalysis: Symmetric and Asymmetric key Cryptography, Application of Cryptography.

Algebra: Review of relevant properties of matrices as transformations; Orthogonal transformations; Matrix and Vector Norms, Eigenvalues, Eigenvectors and Eigenvalue problems in dimensionality reduction: the power method, the bisection method, and the QR method From Gauss to LU factorization, Positive definite matrices and Cholesky factorization, Tensor decomposition; and matrix approximations via clustering; Sparse linear algebra: Sparse matrices and sparse solutions.

Binary operations, Definition of group with examples and elementary properties, Subgroups. Order of group, Statement of Lagrange's theorem. Homomorphism of groups, Kernel of Homomorphism, Definition of isomorphism, Introduction to rings, subrings and fields with examples and elementary properties, Galois fields, Polynomial arithmetic, Elliptic curve arithmetic, Vector spaces. Subspaces, sum of subspaces, Span of a set, Linear dependence and independence, dimension and basis, dimension theorem, Linear transformation and its properties, range and kernel of a linear transformation, rank and nullity of linear transformation, Rank-nullity theorem, inverse of linear transformation.

Number Theory: The number system, Mathematical Induction, Divisibility, Greatest Common Divisors, Euclidean Algorithm, Prime Numbers, Theory of Congruence, etc.

Numerical Computing: Numerical Differentiation and Integration, Solutions of Transcendental and Simultaneous Linear Equations, Interpolation and Approximation:

Descriptive Statistics: Measures of central tendency, Dispersion, Skewness and Kurtosis, Scatter diagram, Correlation coefficient, Rank correlation, Spearman's and Kendall's measures,

Multiple correlations in three variables, Partial correlation in three variables, Regression lines, Regression coefficient and Principal of least squares and curve fitting

Probability Theory: Definition of probability, Discrete and Continuous sample space, Events, Independent and Mutually Exclusive Events, Random Experiment, Conditional Probability, Baye's theorem and its application, Random Variables, mathematical expectation, Chesbyshev's inequality.

Probability Distributions: Uniform, Binomial, Poisson, Geometric, Hypergeometric, Normal Exponential Gamma and Beta Distribution, their means, variances and other properties.