

# Theory of Computation

## Multiple Choice Questions and Answers:-

1. The following grammar

$G = (N, T, P, S)$

$N = \{S, A, B\}$

$T = \{a, b, c\}$

$P : S \rightarrow aSa$

$S \rightarrow aAa$

$A \rightarrow bB$

$B \rightarrow bB$

$B \rightarrow c$  is

a. is type 3

b. is type 2 but not type 3

c. is type 1 but not type 2

d. is type 0 but not type 1

Ans: B

2. The following grammar

$G = (N, T, P, S)$

$N = \{S, A, B, C, D, E\}$

$T = \{a, b, c\}$

$P : S \rightarrow aAB$

$AB \rightarrow CD$

$CD \rightarrow CE$

$C \rightarrow aC$

$C \neq b$

$bE \neq bc$  is

- a. is type 3
- b. is type 2 but not type 3
- c. is type 1 but not type 2
- d. is type 0 but not type 1

Ans: C

3. The following grammar

$G = (N, T, P, S)$

$N = \{S, A, B, C\}$

$T = \{a, b, c\}$

$P : S \rightarrow aS$

$A \rightarrow bB$

$B \rightarrow cC$

$C \rightarrow a$  is

- a. is type 3
- b. is type 2 but not type 3
- c. is type 1 but not type 2
- d. is type 0 but not type 1

Ans: A

4. The following grammar

$G = (N, T, P, S)$

$N = \{S, A, B, C, D, E\}$

$T = \{a, b, c\}$

$P : S \rightarrow ABCD$

$BCD \rightarrow DE$

$D \rightarrow aD$

$D \rightarrow a$

$E \rightarrow bE$

$E \rightarrow c$  is

a. is type 3

b. is type 2 but not type 3

c. is type 1 but not type 2

d. is type 0 but not type 1

Ans: D

5. Consider the following CFG

$S \rightarrow aB \mid S \rightarrow bA$

$B \rightarrow bA \mid a$

$B \rightarrow bS \mid A \rightarrow aS$

$B \rightarrow aBB \mid A \rightarrow bAA$

Consider the following derivation

$S \rightarrow aB$

$\rightarrow aaBB$

$\rightarrow aaBb$

$\rightarrow aabSb$

$\rightarrow aabbAb$

? aabbab

This derivation is

- a. a leftmost derivation
- b. a rightmost derivation
- c. both leftmost and rightmost derivation
- d. neither leftmost nor rightmost derivation

Ans: D

6. Consider the following language

$L = \{anbncndn \mid n = 1\}$

L is

- a. CFL but not regular
- b. CSL but not CFL
- c. regular
- d. type 0 language but not type 1

Ans: B

7. Consider the following language

$L = \{anbn \mid n = 1\}$

L is

- a. CFL but not regular
- b. CSL but not CFL
- c. regular
- d. type 0 language but not type 1

Ans: A

8. Consider the following language

$$L = \{anbmcpdq \mid n, m, p, q = 1\}$$

L is

- a. CFL but not regular
- b. CSL but not CFL
- c. regular
- d. type 0 language but not type 1

Ans: C

9. The following CFG is in

$S \rightarrow AB$

$B \rightarrow CD$

$B \rightarrow AD$

$B \rightarrow b$

$D \rightarrow AD$

$D \rightarrow d$

$A \rightarrow a$

$C \rightarrow a$

- a. Chomsky normal form but not strong Chomsky normal form
- b. Weak Chomsky normal form but not Chomsky normal form
- c. Strong Chomsky normal form
- d. Greibach normal form

Ans: C

10. The following CFG is in

$S \rightarrow aBB$

$B \rightarrow bAA$

A ? a

B ? b

- a. Chomsky normal form but not strong Chomsky normal form
- b. Weak Chomsky normal form but not Chomsky normal form
- c. Strong Chomsky normal form
- d. Greibach normal form

Ans: D

11. Which of the following CF language is inherently ambiguous?

- a.  $\{anbncmdm \mid n, m = 1\}$
- b.  $\{anbmcpdq \mid n = p \text{ or } m = q, n, m, p, q = 1\}$
- c.  $\{anbmcpdq \mid n ? m ? p ? q\}$
- d.  $\{anbmcpdq \mid n ? m ? p ? q\}$

Ans: B

14. Can a DFSA simulate a NFSA

- a. No
- b. Yes
- c. sometimes
- d. depends on NFA

Ans: B

16. The concept of FSA is much used in this part of the compiler

- a. lexical analysis
- b. parser
- c. code generation
- d. code optimization

Ans: A

17. The concept of grammar is much used in this part of the compiler

- a. lexical analysis
- b. parser
- c. code generation
- d. code optimization

Ans: B

18.  $(a + b)(cd)^*(a + b)$  denotes the following set

- a.  $\{a(cd)nb \mid n = 1\}$
- b.  $\{a(cd)na \mid n = 1\} \cup \{b(cd)nb \mid n = 1\}$
- c.  $\{a(cd)na \mid n = 0\} \cup \{a(cd)nb \mid n = 0\} \cup \{b(cd)na \mid n = 0\} \cup \{b(cd)nb \mid n = 0\}$
- d.  $\{acndnb \mid n = 1\}$

Ans: C

19.  $baa^*c$  denotes the set

- a.  $\{bnamcp \mid n, m, p = 1\}$
- b.  $\{banc \mid n = 0\}$
- c.  $\{banc \mid n = 1\}$
- d.  $\{w \mid w \text{ is a string of } a, b, c\}$

Ans: C

20. The set of all strings over the alphabet  $S = \{a, b\}$  (including  $\epsilon$ ) is denoted by

- a.  $(a + b)^*$
- b.  $(a + b)^+$
- c.  $a+b^+$
- d.  $a^*b^*$

Ans: A

21. Palindromes can't be recognized by any FSA because

- a. FSA cannot remember arbitrarily large amount of information
- b. FSA cannot deterministically fix the midpoint
- c. Even if the mid point is known an FSA cannot find whether the second half of the string matches the first half
- d. all of the above

Ans: D

22. Let  $S = \{a, b, c, d, e\}$ . The number of strings in  $S^*$  of length 4 such that no symbol is used more than once in a string is

- a. 360
- b. 120
- c. 35
- d. 36

Ans: B

23. Which of the following denotes Chomskian hierarchy?

- a. REG  $\subset$  CFL  $\subset$  CSL  $\subset$  type0
- b. CFL  $\subset$  REG  $\subset$  type0  $\subset$  CSL
- c. CSL  $\subset$  type0  $\subset$  REG  $\subset$  CFL
- d. CSL  $\subset$  CFL  $\subset$  REG  $\subset$  type0

Ans: A

24. A language L is accepted by a FSA iff it is

- a. CFL
- b. CSL
- c. recursive
- d. regular

Ans: D



25. Which of the following regular expressions denotes a language comprising of all possible strings over  $S = \{a, b\}$  of length  $n$  where  $n$  is a multiple of 3.

- a.  $(a + b + aa + bb + aba + bba)^*$
- b.  $(aaa + bbb)^*$
- c.  $((a + b)(a + b)(a + b))^*$
- d.  $(aaa + ab + a) + (bbb + bb + a)$

Ans: C

26. A language is represented by a regular expression  $(a)^*(a + ba)$ . Which of the following string does not belong to the regular set represented by the above expression.

- a.  $aaa$
- b.  $aba$
- c.  $ababad.aa$

Ans: C

27. Which of the following is not primitive recursive but partially recursive?

- a. McCarthy's function
- b. Riemann function
- c. Ackermann's function
- d. Bounded function

Ans: C

28. Consider the following right-linear grammar  $G = (N, T, P, S)$   $N = \{S\}$

$P : S \rightarrow aS \mid aA$   $T = \{a, b\}$

$A \rightarrow bA \mid b$

Which of the following regular expression denotes  $L(G)$ ?

- a.  $(a + b)^*$
- b.  $a(ab)^*b$
- c.  $aa^*bb^*$

d.  $a^*b^*$

Ans: C

29. Which of the following strings is not generated by the following grammar?  $S \rightarrow SaSbS | e$

a. aabb

b. abab

c. aababb

d. aaabb

Ans: D

31. Consider a language  $L$  for which there exists a Turing machine  $T$ , that accepts every word in  $L$  and either rejects or loops for every word that is not in  $L$ . The language  $L$  is

a. NP hard

b. NP complete

c. recursive

d. recursively enumerable

Ans: D

32. Consider the following statements

I. Recursive languages are closed under complementation

II. Recursively enumerable languages are closed under union

III. Recursively enumerable languages are closed under complementation

Which of the above statements are TRUE?

a. I only

b. I and II

c. I and III

d. II and III

Ans: B

33. Which of the following statements is wrong?

- a. Any regular language can be generated by a context-free grammar
- b. Some non-regular languages cannot be generated by any CFG
- c. the intersection of a CFL and regular set is a CFL
- d. All non-regular languages can be generated by CFGs.

Ans: D

34. Recursively enumerable languages are not closed under

- a. union
- b. homomorphism
- c. complementation
- d. concatenation

Ans: C

35. Which of the following problem is undecidable?

- a. membership problem for CFL
- b. membership problem for regular sets
- c. membership problem for CSL
- d. membership problem for type 0 languages

Ans: D

36. Recursive languages are

- a. a proper superset of CFL
- b. always recognized by PDA
- c. are also called type 0 languages
- d. always recognized by FSA

Ans: A

37.  $R_1$  and  $R_2$  are regular sets. Which of the following is not true?

- a.  $R_1 \cap R_2$  need not be regular

- b.  $S^* - R1$  is regular
- c.  $R1 \cap R2$  is regular
- d. is regular

Ans: A

38. Which of the following regular expression identity is true?

- a.  $r^+ = r^*$
- b.  $(r^*s^*)^* = (r + s)^*$
- c.  $(r + s)^* = r^* + s^*$
- d.  $r^*s^* = r^* + s^*$

Ans: B

39. Which one of the following statement is FALSE?

- a. context-free languages are closed under union
- b. context-free languages are closed under concatenation
- c. context-free languages are closed under intersection
- d. context-free languages are closed under Kleene closure

Ans: C

40. Which of the following conversion is not possible (algorithmically)?

- a. regular grammar to context-free grammar
- b. nondeterministic FSA to deterministic FSA
- c. nondeterministic PDA to deterministic PDA
- d. nondeterministic TM to deterministic TM

Ans: C