



**B.E/B.TECH DEGREE EXAMINATIONS: NOV / DEC 2024**

(Regulation 2024)

First Semester

**COMMON TO CSE / IT / AI & DS/ ECE / FT**

24CSI101: Logical Thinking and Problem Solving

**COURSE OUTCOMES**

- CO1:** Understand the basic concepts of hardware, software, operating systems, and the logic behind the functioning of the computing systems.
- CO2:** Apply logical thinking and reasoning to solve computing problems through the use of tools like algorithms and flowcharts.
- CO3:** Understand the structured programming paradigms, memory organization, and how the language can be used as a tool to solve problems.
- CO4:** Develop simple programs using data types, operators, control structures, pointers, and functions as appropriate in real-world applications.

**Time: Three Hours**

**Maximum Marks: 100**

**PART A (4 \* 20 = 80 Marks)**  
**Answer all the Questions**

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| 1. a) | Define system software and application software with examples.  | 2 | CO1 | [K <sub>1</sub> ] |
| b)    | Convert the binary number 110101 <sub>2</sub> to its decimal and hexadecimal equivalents.   | 2 | CO1 | [K <sub>2</sub> ] |
| c)    | <b>Scenario:</b> A healthcare organization plans to digitize patient records and medical billing using computing systems.<br>Explain the concept of memory hierarchy in a computer system and discuss its importance in managing patient record databases.              | 6 | CO1 | [K <sub>3</sub> ] |
| d)    | A hospital stores records of 1000 patients in a memory system with 32 KB of cache memory, 1 GB RAM, and a 500 GB hard drive. If each record occupies 2 KB of memory, calculate how many records can fit into each memory tier and explain how the rest will be handled. | 6 | CO1 | [K <sub>4</sub> ] |

e)	Write an algorithm to compute the total bill for a patient. The bill should include daily room charges (200/day), additional services (e.g., tests or surgeries) and medicine cost as applicable.	4	CO2	[K <sub>4</sub> ]
2. a)	Define deductive reasoning and provide an example of its use in problem-solving.	2	CO2	[K <sub>1</sub> ]
b)	Compare algorithms and flowcharts. Discuss their importance in problem-solving with examples.	2	CO2	[K <sub>2</sub> ]
c)	Develop a flowchart to calculate the simple interest $SI = (P \times R \times T)/100$ , where $P$ , $R$ , and $T$ represent the principal, rate, and time, respectively. Use looping concept to repeat for 5 different sets of values of P, R and T.	6	CO2	[K <sub>3</sub> ]
d)	Write an algorithm to display a menu and get choice from user as 1 or 2. -If user gives choice as 1, find the largest of three numbers $A, B, C$ . - If user gives choice as 2, find area of a square.	6	CO2	[K <sub>4</sub> ]
e)	Given an array of marks obtained by 5 students in a test [45,78,62,89,53], create a flowchart to calculate the average marks and determine how many students scored above the average.	4	CO2	[K <sub>3</sub> ]
3. a)	Describe the difference between call by value and call by reference with examples.	2	CO4	[K <sub>2</sub> ]
b)	Explain the use of storage classes in C with suitable examples.	6	CO4	[K <sub>3</sub> ]
c)	Write a C program to reverse a string using pointers. Explain the program with a sample input and output.	4	CO4	[K <sub>4</sub> ]
d)	Write a program in C to perform matrix subtraction for two 3x3 matrices. Compute the resulting matrix for the following data:	8	CO4	[K <sub>4</sub> ]
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matrix A:</li> </ul> $\begin{bmatrix} 8 & 5 & 3 \\ 2 & 6 & 1 \\ 4 & 7 & 9 \end{bmatrix}$ <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Matrix B:</li> </ul> $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 3 & 5 \\ 7 & 2 & 4 \\ 6 & 8 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$			
4. a)	Define recursion and explain how it differs from iteration with an example.	2	CO4	[K <sub>1</sub> ]
b)	Explain the concept of pointer arithmetic with a program that demonstrates accessing an array using pointers.	4	CO4	[K <sub>3</sub> ]

- c) Write a program in C to find the sum of even numbers and the sum of odd numbers in an array [12,45,23,78,34,67,89,22]. Compute the output and explain your approach. 8 CO3 [K<sub>4</sub>]
- d) Write a pseudocode to compute the factorial of a number with input validation for incorrect entries. The program should check for negative numbers or non-integer values and display an appropriate message if the input is invalid. 6 CO2 [K<sub>3</sub>]

**Answer any ONE Question**  
**PART B (20 x 1 = 20 Marks)**

5. a) Define functional programming and structured programming. Compare their key features. 2 CO3 [K<sub>1</sub>]
- b) Explain the role of bitwise operators in C with examples. 2 CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]
- c) A library wants to maintain information about its books using a structure in C. 8 CO4 [K<sub>4</sub>]

Each book has the following details:

- **Title** (string)
- **Author** (string)
- **ISBN** (integer)
- **Price** (float)

Write a program that defines a structure Book for this purpose. The program should create an array to store information about 3 books, accept details of these books from the user, and then display the details of all the books.

- d) A developer wants to calculate the power of a number  $X^Y$  using a loop. Write a C program to compute this and calculate  $5^4$  using your program. 6 CO3 [K<sub>4</sub>]
- e) Compare primitive and derived data types in C with examples. 2 CO3 [K<sub>2</sub>]

OR

6. a) Describe the difference between pre-processor directives and macros in C. Provide examples. 2 CO3 [K<sub>1</sub>]
- b) Explain how command-line arguments work in C. Write a simple program to demonstrate their usage. 4 CO3 [K<sub>3</sub>]

- c) A hospital wants to keep track of patients' information using a structure in C. 8 CO4 [K4]

Each patient record should include:

- Name (string)
- Age (integer)
- Gender (string, e.g., Male/Female)
- Disease (string)

Write a program that defines a structure Patient for this purpose. The program should allow the user to enter details for 2 patients and then display the entered information.

- d) Given a Fibonacci sequence, write a program to calculate the sum of the first 10 Fibonacci numbers. Compute the output and explain the logic. 6 CO3 [K3]

**CO distribution summary:**

	CO1	CO2	CO3	CO4
Marks (%)	16	28	20	36

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