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Course code: 08CS6032
 Course name: Evolutionary Computing



Max. Marks : 60

Duration : 3 Hours

Answer ALL six questions. Part (a) of each question is compulsory.

Answer EITHER part (b) or part (c) of each question.

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Marks

Module I

1a. Illustrate on the features of Evolutionary computing. 3

Answer b or c

b. Outline the similarities and differences between Genetic Algorithms and Evolutionary Strategies. 6

c. With regard to evolutionary strategies what do you understand by the term self-adaptation? 6

Module II

2a. One aspect of a simulated annealing cooling schedule is the temperature. What is the effect of having the starting temperature too high or too low? 3

Answer b or c

b. Describe the motivation behind the Hill Climbing algorithm. 6

c. The following table shows six evaluations of a simulated annealing algorithm. For each evaluation give the probability of the next state being accepted. Assume the objective function is being maximised. 6

No.	Current State (Evaluation)	Potential New State (Evaluation)	Temperature
1	120	50	20
2	120	50	500
3	120	100	20
4	120	100	500
5	120	150	20
6	120	150	500

Module III

3a. Discuss on the variation of Genetic Algorithms 3

Answer b or c

b. Assume the initial population was $x = \{17, 21, 4 \text{ and } 28\}$. Using one-point crossover, what is the probability of finding the optimal solution? Explain your reasons. 6

c. Assume we have the following function

$$f(x) = x^3 - 60 * x^2 + 900 * x + 100$$

Using a binary representation we can represent x using five binary digits.

Given the following four chromosomes give the values for x and $f(x)$.

Chromosome	Binary String
P ₁	11100
P ₂	01111
P ₃	10111
P ₄	00100

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Module IV

4a. Describe how ants are able to find the shortest path to a food source. 3

Answer b or c

b Using the travelling salesman problem as an example, define the following terms with relation to ant algorithms

Visibility

Evaporation

Transition Probability

6

c. Many of the search methods presented in the lectures had as their basis some aspect of the real world. Propose an idea for a search algorithm based on some natural process or animal behaviour. Discuss how your method could be realised in a computer implementation in solving, say, the TSP. 6

Module V

5a. Discuss about Bird flocking its rules, characteristics of Schooling and draw the ranges of behaviour patterns. 4

Answer b or c

- b.** Explain briefly how Particle Swarm Optimization (PSO) works 8
- c.** Enumerate on Neighbourhood Topologies of PSO 8

Module VI

- 6a.** Write about variations of Artificial bee colony Optimization 4

Answer b or c

- b.** Describe about Artificial bee colony algorithm 8
- c.** Discuss and relate the behaviour of real bees with computational techniques. 8