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NOIDA INSTITUTE OF ENGINEERING AND TECHNOLOGY, GREATER NOIDA
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MBA

SEM: III - THEORY EXAMINATION (2025 - 2026)

Subject: Introduction to Data Science

Time: 3 Hours

Max. Marks: 100

General Instructions:

IMP: Verify that you have received the question paper with the correct course, code, branch etc.

1. This Question paper comprises of **three Sections -A, B, & C**. It consists of Multiple Choice Questions (MCQ's) & Subjective type questions.

2. Maximum marks for each question are indicated on right -hand side of each question.

3. Illustrate your answers with neat sketches wherever necessary.

4. Assume suitable data if necessary.

5. Preferably, write the answers in sequential order.

6. No sheet should be left blank. Any written material after a blank sheet will not be evaluated/checked.

SECTION-A

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1. Attempt all parts:-

- 1-a. The idea of Data Science gains meaning through its role in solving real-world problems (CO1 K2) 1
- (a) A field focused only on coding
- (b) A domain blending data, math, and decisions
- (c) A marketing method
- (d) A hardware technology
- 1-b. The need for Data Science becomes clear when organisations aim to make decisions using evidence (CO1 K2) 1
- (a) Personal hobby skills
- (b) Random guessing
- (c) Pure intuition
- (d) Data-driven insight
- 1-c. Data viewed as the raw input for analysis tasks (CO2 K4) 1
- (a) Processed facts
- (b) Unorganized facts
- (c) Final reports
- (d) Predictive models
- 1-d. A label assigned to identify data based on shared features (CO2 K4) 1
- (a) Data cleaning
- (b) Data merging
- (c) Data mapping
- (d) Data classification

- 1-e. Meaning of data preprocessing can be recognised as the set of steps that prepare raw data for analytics. (CO3 K3) 1
- (a) Yes
 - (b) No
 - (c) Partially
 - (d) None
- 1-f. Need for data preprocessing becomes clear when datasets contain noise, missing values or inconsistencies. (CO3 K3) 1
- (a) Never needed
 - (b) Required in many cases
 - (c) Rarely useful
 - (d) Only for images
- 1-g. Insights drawn from EDA mainly help analysts judge patterns before modeling. (CO4 K5) 1
- (a) TRUE
 - (b) FALSE
 - (c) Depends on algorithm
 - (d) None
- 1-h. PCA mainly pushes data into new axes to maximise variance. (CO4 K5) 1
- (a) Minimises variance
 - (b) Maximises variance
 - (c) Removes only noise
 - (d) Performs clustering
- 1-i. Visual best suited for comparing sales across product categories (CO5 K3) 1
- (a) Bar plot
 - (b) Line plot
 - (c) Heat map
 - (d) QQ plot
- 1-j. Visual best suited for showing distribution of exam scores (CO5 K3) 1
- (a) Pie chart
 - (b) Box plot
 - (c) Histogram
 - (d) Map plot
2. Attempt all parts:-
- 2.a. Brief clarity on the idea of Data Science and its growing relevance. (CO1 K2) 2
- 2.b. Key idea behind categorical data summarised in simple terms. (CO2 K4) 2
- 2.c. Describe the role of preprocessing steps in turning raw datasets into usable analytical inputs. (CO3 K3) 2
- 2.d. Discuss the role of PCA when reducing complex data into meaningful components. (CO4, K5) 2
- 2.e. Patterns that box plots help detect in distribution-based evaluations (CO5 K3) 2

SECTION-B

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3. Attempt all parts:-

3.a. Answer any one of the following:-

3.a.(i) Detailed narration on the rise of Data Science and its influence on modern decision-making. (CO1 K2) 6

3.a.(ii) Insightful account of essential skill sets expected from a Data Science professional. (CO1 K2) 6

3.b. Answer any one of the following:-

3.b.(i) Critical examination of structured, semi-structured, and unstructured data in practical contexts. (CO2 K4) 6

3.b.(ii) Analytical breakdown of the role played by data characteristics in organisational decision systems. (CO2 K4) 6

3.c. Answer any one of the following:-

3.c.(i) Step-wise narration describing the essence and forms of Data Preprocessing. (CO3 K3) 6

3.c.(ii) Explanation of the need for preprocessing before applying predictive models. (CO3 K3) 6

3.d. Answer any one of the following:-

3.d.(i) Critical interpretation of the purpose and impact of Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA). (CO4 K5) 6

3.d.(ii) Evaluation of PCA as a dimension-reduction tool and its practical advantages. (CO4 K5) 6

3.e. Answer any one of the following:-

3.e.(i) Depiction of bar charts and their appropriate use cases. (CO5 K3) 6

3.e.(ii) Depiction of histograms highlighting distribution patterns. (CO5 K3) 6

SECTION-C

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4. Answer any one of the following:-

4-a. Discuss the foundational ideas shaping the rise of Data Science in modern business ecosystems. (CO1 K2) 10

4-b. Give a structured understanding of the Big Data ecosystem and its components. (CO1 K2) 10

5. Answer any one of the following:-

5-a. Evaluate different data types and their suitability for analytical objectives. (CO2 K4) 10

5-b. Assess the major methods of job analysis applied across industries. (CO2 K4) 10

6. Answer any one of the following:-

6-a. Present a structured explanation of the meaning and importance of data preprocessing. (CO3 K3) 10

6-b. Describe the KDD process with emphasis on each sequential step. (CO3 K3) 10

7. Answer any one of the following:-

7-a. Appraise the core purpose of Exploratory Data Analysis for deeper pattern 10

discovery. (CO4 K5)

- 7-b. Analyze the structure of univariate EDA with data-driven illustrations. (CO4 K5) 10
8. Answer any one of the following:-
- 8-a. Provide a structured note on heat maps for visualizing intensity patterns. (CO5 K3) 10
- 8-b. Illustrate the relevance of map visualization for geographic insights. (CO5 K3) 10

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