

Autumn Examinations 2017/18

Module Title: Data Mining and Knowledge Discovery

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School: Science and Informatics

Programme Title: Higher Diploma in Science in Data Science and Analytics
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Instructions: Answer Question One and Any Other Two questions.

Duration: 2 hours

Sitting: Autumn 2018

Requirements for this examination:

Note to Candidates: Please check the Programme Title and the Module Title to ensure that you are attempting the correct examination. If in doubt please contact an Invigilator.

Q.1 Compulsory Question - Total 40 Marks – Answer any 4 parts.

- a) Give a brief explanation of each of the following: 10 Marks
1. Cluster Analysis
 2. The difference between knowledge and data
 3. Heuristics
 4. Evaluating a model
- b) Outline CRISP-DM and explain how it can be useful in approaching a data mining problem. 10 Marks
- c) Outline SEMMA and explain how it can be useful in approaching a data mining problem. 10 Marks
- d) Explain with the aid of an example where ethical considerations may be an issue in data mining. 10 Marks
- e) Explain the following: 10 Marks
1. C5.0 Algorithm
 2. Cross Validation
 3. Bias

[Total 40 Marks]

Answer any 2 of the remaining 3 questions (all questions carry equal marks)

Q.2 Total 30 Marks

- a) Explain Adaptive Boosting. 10 Marks

- b) Outline the assumptions associated with linear regression. 10 Marks

- c) Explain reasons why one may choose to use an artificial neural network instead of a regression model. 10 Marks

[Total 30 Marks]

Q.3 Total 30 Marks

- a) Outline how the K Means Cluster analysis algorithm works. 15 Marks

- b) Explain how the Support Vector Machine (SVM) algorithm works. 15 Marks

[Total 30 Marks]

Q.4 Total 30 Marks

- a) Explain the Support Vector machines technique. List the limitations of this method. 15 Marks

- b) Give 3 advantages and 3 disadvantages of using Naïve Bayes. 15 Marks

[Total 30 Marks]