## CS21004 Formal Languages and Automata Theory, Spring 2010–11 Mid-Semester Test

[Write your answers in the question paper itself. Be brief and precise. Answer <u>all</u> questions.]

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1. From the following four NFAs and four regular expressions, identify the equivalent pairs.



**2.** Consider the following four context-free grammars over the alphabet  $\{a, b\}$  and with the start symbol S.

 $\begin{array}{cccc} S \rightarrow aaS \mid Sbb \mid \epsilon & S \rightarrow aaSSb \mid aSSbb \mid \epsilon & S \rightarrow aSb \mid bSa \mid \epsilon & S \rightarrow aSb \mid bSa \mid a \mid b \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & & & & & \\ & & & & & \\ & & &$ 

For each of the following strings, there is a unique grammar among the above four, which generates the string. Identify these respective grammars. (6)

The string <i>aabbaabb</i> is generated by the grammar	·
The string <i>aabbbbbb</i> is generated by the grammar	·
The string <i>aabbbaabb</i> is generated by the grammar	
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**3.** Let  $L_1$  and  $L_2$  be regular languages over the alphabet  $\Sigma$ . Define the language

 $L_3 = \{ \alpha \beta \gamma \mid \alpha \gamma \in L_1, \ \beta \in L_2 \},\$ 

that is,  $L_3$  is obtained by inserting strings in  $L_2$  inside strings in  $L_1$ . Prove that  $L_3$  is regular too. (6)

4. Consider the following language over  $\Sigma = \{a, b, c\}$ :

$$L = \{xcy \mid x, y \in \{a, b\}^*, \ \#a(x) = \#b(y)\}.$$

Using the pumping lemma, prove that L is not regular.

(6)

**5.** Consider the following DFA.



Use the DFA state-minimization procedure to convert this DFA to an equivalent DFA with the minimum possible number of states. Also draw the quotient automaton. (6)