

CMR ENGINEERING COLLEGE: : HYDERABAD
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II-M.TECH-I-Semester End Examinations (Regular) - January- 2026
MACHINE LEARNING(OE)
(CSE)

[Time: 3 Hours]**[Max. Marks: 60]**

Note: This question paper contains two parts A and B.

Part A is compulsory which carries 10 marks. Answer all questions in Part A.

Part B consists of 5 Units. Answer any one full question from each unit. Each question carries 10 marks and may have a, b, c as sub questions.

PART-A**(10 Marks)**

1. a) What are the advantages and disadvantages of using a small k value in k-nearest neighbors? [1M]
- b) What is the concept of ranking in machine learning? [1M]
- c) List out the applications of matrix completion. [1M]
- d) What are mixture models in unsupervised learning? Discuss. [1M]
- e) What is an F1-score? How to use it? [1M]
- f) Define overfitting and underfitting? [1M]
- g) What is feature representation learning? [1M]
- h) Provide an example where sparse models can be applied. [1M]
- i) What are the challenges in handling IOT Data? [1M]
- j) What made SciKit Learn very popular in the Machine Learning Community? [1M]

PART-B**(50 Marks)**

2. What is the Naive-Bayes algorithm, and how does it work in classification tasks? [10M]
What assumptions does it make about the data?

OR

3. Explain the basic principles of Support Vector Machines and how they work in binary classification. [10M]
4. Describe the K-means clustering algorithm and its steps. How does the choice of the initial centroids impact the convergence of the K-means algorithm? [10M]

OR

5. How does PCA help in reducing the dimensionality of a dataset while retaining information? [10M]
6. Describe the concept of cross-validation. Provide examples of situations where k-fold cross-validation would be preferable over a simple train-test split. [10M]

OR

7. Compare and contrast Random Forest with bagging and boosting in terms of their underlying mechanisms. [10M]
8. Explain the concept of sparse modeling and its significance in feature selection. [10M]

OR

- 9.a) Explain the key characteristics of time series data. [5M]
- b) What are the challenges associated with modeling time series data compared to static data? [5M]

10. Identify and analyze two challenges specific to implementing classification methods [10M] for IoT applications.

OR

11. Choose one recent trend in machine learning and discuss its applications in a specific [10M] industry or domain.
