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## Fourth Semester M.Sc. Degree Examination, March 2021

## Mathematics

## MM 244 Elective : ANALYTIC NUMBER THEORY

## (2005 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 75

Answer either Part A or Part B of each question.

Each question carries **15** marks.

1. (A) (a) Prove that if  $(a, b) = d$  and  $(b, c) = f$ , then  $(d, c) = (a, f)$ . **3**
- (b) Prove that every  $n > 1$  can be represented as a product of primes in only one way, apart from the order of the factors. **8**
- (c) Prove that if  $n > 1$ , then  $n^4 + 4$  is composite. **4**

OR

- (B) (a) Prove that there are infinitely many prime numbers. **4**
- (b) Prove that series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{p_n}$  diverges, when  $P_n$  denotes the  $n^{\text{th}}$  prime (positive). **7**
- (c) Prove that if  $(a, b) = 1$ , then there exists  $x > 0$  and  $y > 0$  such that  $ax - by = 1$ . **4**

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2. (A) (a) Prove that  $\sum_{d|n} \varphi(d) = n$ , for  $n \geq 1$ . 8

(b) Give an example of a function which is multiplicative but not completely multiplicative. Justify your claim. 3

(c) Let  $f$  be a multiplicative arithmetical function with  $f(1) = 1$ . Prove that  $f$  is completely multiplicative if and only if  $f(p^a) = (f(p))^a$ , for all primes  $p$  and all integers  $a \geq 1$ . 4

OR

(B) (a) State and prove the generalized inversion formula. 5

(b) Define the Liouville's function  $\lambda(n)$ . Also find the bell series of  $\lambda$  modulo  $p$ . 5

(c) Prove that if  $f$  is multiplicative, then  $f^{-1}(n) = \mu(n) f(n)$  for every square free  $n$ . 5

3. (A) (a) Prove that for any positive integer  $m$ , the  $m$  residue classes  $\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \dots, \hat{m}$  are disjoint and their union is the set of all integers. 6

(b) Verify whether the following linear congruences have a solution or not. If yes, find all its solution.

(i)  $12x \equiv 5 \pmod{18}$

(ii)  $12x \equiv 4 \pmod{18}$ . 5

(c) Prove that if  $(a, m) = 1$ , then  $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$ . 4

OR

(B) (a) Let  $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_nx^n$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with integer coefficients such that  $c_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Prove that  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  has at most  $n$  solutions. 8

(b) Let  $r, d$  and  $k$  be integers such that  $d | k$ ,  $d > 0$ ,  $k \geq 1$  and  $(r, d) = 1$ . Prove that the numbers of elements in the set  $\{r + td : t = 1, 2, \dots, k/d\}$ . Which are relatively prime to  $k$  is  $\frac{\phi(k)}{\phi(d)}$  7



4. (A) (a) Evaluate

(i)  $(11/13)$  and

(ii)  $(12/13)$ .

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(b) Let  $m$  be the least positive residues mod  $p$  of the numbers  $n, 2n, 3n, \dots, \left(\frac{p-1}{2}\right)n$ , which exceed  $p/2$ . Prove that

$$m = \sum_{t=1}^{(p-1)/2} \left[ \frac{tn}{p} \right] + (n-1) \left( \frac{p^2-1}{8} \right) \pmod{2}.$$

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OR

(B) (a) Prove that if  $P$  and  $Q$  are positive odd integers with  $(P, Q) = 1$ , then

$$(P/Q)(Q/P) = (-1)^{(P-1)(Q-1)/4}.$$

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(b) Prove that the diophantine equation  $y^2 = x^3 + k$  has no solution if  $k$  has the form  $k = (4n-1)^3 - 4m^2$ , where  $m$  and  $n$  are integers such that no prime  $p \equiv -1 \pmod{4}$  division  $m$ .

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5. (A) (a) Prove that there are no primitive roots mod  $2^\alpha$  for  $\alpha \geq 3$ .

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(b) If  $p$  is an odd prime and  $g$  is a primitive root mod  $p$  such that  $g^{p-1} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^2}$ , then prove that for every  $\alpha \geq 2$ ,  $g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^\alpha}$ .

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(c) Prove that  $m$  is a prime if and only if  $\exp_m(a) = m-1$  for some  $a$ .

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OR

(B) Prove that there are no primitive roots mod  $m$ , if  $m$  is a positive integer not of the form  $m = 1, 2, 4, p^\alpha$  or  $2p^\alpha$  where  $p$  is an odd prime.

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(5 × 15 = 75 Marks)

