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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^{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 λ 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 $d \mid k$, $d > 0$, $k \geq 1$ 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

$$m = \sum_{t=1}^{(p-1)/2} \left[\frac{tn}{p} \right] + (n-1) \left(\frac{p^2-1}{8} \right) \pmod{2}. \quad 12$$

OR

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

$$(P/Q)(Q/P) = (-1)^{(P-1)(Q-1)/4}. \quad 6$$

(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 . 9

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

(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 $\alpha \geq 2$, $g^{\phi(p^{\alpha-1})} \not\equiv 1 \pmod{p^\alpha}$. 7

(c) Prove that m is a prime if and only if $\exp_m(a) = m-1$ for some a . 3

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. 15

(5 × 15 = 75 Marks)

