

FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2016

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 1C 04—NUMBER THEORY

(2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 ~~Weightage~~

Part A

Answer all questions.

Each question carries a ~~weightage~~ of 1.

1. Define the ~~Mobius~~ function  $\mu(n)$  and the Euler ~~totient~~ function  $\phi(n)$ .
2. If  $f$  is multiplicative, prove that  $f(1) = 1$ .
3. If  $f$  and  $g$  are arithmetical functions, prove that :  
 $(f * g)' = f' * g + f * g'$   
 where  $f'$  denotes the derivative of  $f$ .
4. Prove that  $[24 - 2 \lfloor x \rfloor]$  is either 0 or 1.
5. For  $x \geq 1$ , prove that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\phi(n)}{n} = \log [x] + O(1)$$

6. State Abel's identity.
7. For  $x \geq 2$ , prove that  $\pi(x) = \frac{(x)}{\log x} + \int_2^x \frac{g(t)}{t^2 \log t} dt$ .
8. If  $a > 0$  and  $b > 0$ , then show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(ax)}{\pi(bx)} = \frac{a}{b}$$

9. Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{M(x)}{x} - \frac{H(x)}{x \log x} \right) = 0$

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10. If  $p$  is an odd prime, prove that  $\sum_{r=1}^{p-1} (r/p) = 0$ .
11. Evaluate the Legendre symbol  $\left(\frac{3}{383}\right)$ .
12. If  $P$  is an odd positive integer, prove that  $\left(\frac{-1}{P}\right) = (-1)^{(P-1)/2}$ .
13. Prove that the product of two shift enciphering transformations is also a shift enciphering transformation.
14. Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 33 \\ 4 & \end{pmatrix} \pmod{5}$ .

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

## Part B

Answer any seven questions.  
Each question carries a weightage of 2.

15. Let  $f$  be multiplicative. Prove that  $f$  is completely multiplicative if and only if:  
 $f(n) = \mu(n) f(n)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
16. Prove that  $\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} = \frac{\sigma(n)}{n}$  where  $d(n)$  denotes the number of positive divisors of  $n$ .
17. If  $x > 1$ , prove that  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} = \frac{x^{1-s}}{1-s} + O(x^{-s})$  if  $s > 0, s \neq 1$ .
18. State and prove Legendre's identity.
19. Prove that the following two relations are equivalent.

$$(a) \quad \theta(x) = \frac{x}{\log x} + O\left(\frac{x}{\log^2 x}\right).$$

$$(b) \quad \theta(x) = x + O\left(\frac{x}{\log x}\right).$$

20. If  $\{a(n)\}$  is a non-negative sequence such that :

$$\sum_{n \leq x} a(n) \frac{1}{n} = x \log x + O(x) \text{ for all } x \geq 1, \text{ then prove that there is a constant } A > 0 \text{ and an } x_0 > 0$$

such that  $\sum_{n \leq x} a(n) \leq Ax$  for all  $x \geq x_0$ .

21. If  $\Lambda(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n)$ , then prove that the relation  $\Lambda(x) = O(1)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  implies the prime number theorem.
22. Prove that the Legendre's symbol  $(n/p)$  is a completely multiplicative function of  $n$ .
23. Explain briefly about digraph transformations.
24. How will you authenticate a message in public key cryptosystem.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

## Part C

Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries a weightage of 4.

25. Prove that the set of all arithmetical functions  $f$  with  $f(1) \neq 0$  forms an abelian group under Dirichlet product.
26. For  $n \geq 1$  prove that the  $n$ th prime  $p_n$  satisfies the inequalities

$$n \log e < p_n < 12 \left( n \log n + n \log \frac{12}{e} \right).$$

27. Determine those odd primes  $p$  for which 3 is a quadratic residue mod  $p$  and those for which it is a non-residue.
28. Suppose that the following 40-letter alphabet is used for all plaintexts and cipher texts : A-Z with numerical equivalents 0-25, blank = 26, ? = 27, \$ = 28, the numerals 0-9 with numerical equivalents 30-39. Suppose that plaintext message units are digraphs and cipher text message units are trigraphs.

(ie,  $k = 2, l = 3, 40^2 < n_A < 40^3$  for all  $n_A$ ).

- (a) Send the message "SEND \$ 7500" to a user whose enciphering key is  $(C_A, e_A) = (2047, 179)$ .
- (b) Break the code by factoring  $n_A$  and then compute the deciphering key  $(B_A, d_A)$ .

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)