

**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024**

(CBCSS - PG)

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

**CC19P MTH1 C05 - NUMBER THEORY**

(Mathematics)

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**Part A**Answer *all* questions. Each question carries 1 weightage.

- Find all integers  $n$  such that  $\phi(n) = \frac{n}{2}$ .
- Prove that the Mobius function is multiplicative but not completely multiplicative.
- If  $f$  and  $g$  are arithmetical functions and let  $h = f * g$ ,  $H(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} h(n)$ ,  $F(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} f(n)$  and  $G(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} g(n)$ . Then show that  $H(x) = (f \circ G)(x) = (g \circ F)(x)$ .
- Prove that  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_n}{n \log n} = 1$  implies  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x) \log \pi(x)}{x} = 1$ , where  $P_n$  denotes the  $n^{\text{th}}$  prime.
- Prove that  $\forall x \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{n \leq x} \tau\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = x \log x + O(x)$ .
- Define Shift cryptosystem. Find the plain text of the cipher text 'HPHTWWXPPE' in the shift cryptosystem with  $b = 11$  and  $N = 26$ .
- Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 197 & 62 \\ 603 & 271 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{841}$ .
- How will you authenticate a message in public key cryptosystem?

**(8 × 1 = 8 Weightage)****Part B**Answer any *two* questions from each unit. Each question carries 2 weightage.**UNIT - I**

- If  $f$  is an arithmetical function with  $f(1) \neq 0$ , then prove that there exists a unique arithmetical function  $f^{-1}$  such that  $f * f^{-1} = I$ .  
Also show that  $f^{-1}(1) = \frac{1}{f(1)}$  and  $f^{-1}(n) = \frac{-1}{f(1)} \sum_{\substack{d/n \\ d < n}} f\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) f(d)$ ,  $\forall n > 1$ .
- Derive the divisor sum of Mangoldt function and then deduce that  $\forall n \geq 1$ ,  $\Lambda(n) = \sum_{d/n} \mu(d) \log\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$ .
- State and prove Selberg identity.

## UNIT - II

12. Show that for  $x > 0$ ,  $0 \leq \frac{\psi(x)}{x} - \frac{\tau(x)}{x} \leq \frac{(\log x)^2}{2\sqrt{x} \log 2}$
13. Prove that for  $x \geq 2$ ,  $\tau(x) = \pi(x) \log x - \int_2^x \frac{\pi(t)}{t} dt$  and  $\pi(x) = \frac{\tau(x)}{\log x} + \int_2^x \frac{\tau(t)}{t \log^2 t} dt$ .
14. Show that there is a constant  $A$  such that  $\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} = \log \log x + A + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right)$ ,  $\forall x \geq 2$ .

## UNIT - III

15. Let  $p$  be an odd prime. Then prove that  $\forall n$ ,  $(n|p) \equiv n^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$ .
16. For every odd prime  $p$ , prove that  $(2|p) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}}$ .
17. Solve the system:  $x + 3y \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$   
 $7x + 9y \equiv 1 \pmod{26}$

(6 × 2 = 12 Weightage)

### Part C

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries 5 weightage.

18. Show that (a)  $\forall n \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{d|n} \lambda(d) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is a square} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$   
(b)  $\lambda^{-1}(n) = |\mu(n)|$   
(c)  $\sigma_\alpha^{-1}(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^\alpha \mu(d) \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$ .
19. State and prove Euler's summation formula. Hence show that  $\forall x \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n^s} = \frac{x^{1-s}}{1-s} + \zeta(s) + O(x^{-s})$ , if  $s > 0$ ,  $s \neq 1$  where  $\zeta$  is the Riemann zeta function.
20. State and prove Shapiro's Tauberian Theorem.
21. State and prove quadratic reciprocity law for Legendre's symbol and hence determine whether 219 is a quadratic residue modulo 383.

(2 × 5 = 10 Weightage)

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