

**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2025**

(CBCSS - PG)

(Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)

**CC19PMTH1C05 - NUMBER THEORY**

(Mathematics)

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

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

1. Prove that  $\forall n \geq 1, \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d) = \log n$ .
2. If the arithmetical functions  $f$  and  $g$  are completely multiplicative, then check whether  $fg$  and  $f/g$ , where  $g(n) \neq 0, \forall n$  are completely multiplicative.
3. Prove that  $\forall x \geq 1, \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} = \log x + C + O(1/x)$ , where  $C$  is the Euler's constant.
4. Prove that for  $x \geq 2, \pi(x) = \frac{\tau(x)}{\log x} + \int_2^x \frac{\tau(t)}{t \log^2 t} dt$ .
5. Prove that  $\forall x \geq 1, \sum_{n \leq x} \psi\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) = x \log x - x + O(\log x)$ .
6. Determine whether 888 is a quadratic residue or non-residue mod 1999.
7. Find the inverse of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 40 & 0 \\ 0 & 21 \end{bmatrix} \pmod{841}$ .
8. How to send a digital signature in RSA cryptosystem?

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

9. (a) Prove that  $\forall n \geq 1, \sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$ .  
(b) Find all integers  $n$  such that  $\phi(n) = \frac{n}{2}$ .
10. Prove that  $\Lambda(n) \log n + \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d) \Lambda\left(\frac{n}{d}\right) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \log^2\left(\frac{n}{d}\right)$ .

11. If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive real numbers such that  $a \cdot b = x$ , then show that
- $$\sum_{\substack{q,d \\ qd \leq x}} f(d)g(q) = \sum_{n \leq a} f(n)G\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) + \sum_{n \leq a} g(n)F\left(\frac{x}{n}\right) - F(a)G(b).$$

## 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. Let  $\{a(n)\}$  be a non-negative sequence such that  $\sum_{n \leq x} a(n) \left[\frac{x}{n}\right] = x \log x + O(x)$ ,  $\forall x \geq 1$ . Then prove that there exist a constant  $A > 0$  and an  $x_0 > 0$  such that  $\sum_{n \leq x} a(n) \geq Ax$ ,  $\forall x \geq x_0$ .
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. For every odd prime  $p$ , prove that  $(-1|p) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$  and  $(2|p) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}}$ .
16. Define shift cryptosystem and affine cryptosystem. Also find the plain text corresponding to the ciphertext ZXNGA in the affine cryptosystem with the enciphering key (7, 3) in the 26- letter alphabet system.
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. Prove that the set  $G$  of all arithmetical functions  $f$  with  $f(1) \neq 0$  is an abelian group with respect to Dirichlet multiplication.
19. Show that
- $$(a) \quad \forall n \geq 1, \sum_{d|n} \lambda(d) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is a square} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

$$(c) \quad \sigma_{\alpha}^{-1}(n) = \sum_{d|n} d^{\alpha} \mu(d) \mu\left(\frac{n}{d}\right).$$

$$(b) \quad \lambda^{-1}(n) = |\mu(n)|$$
20. Prove that the following relations are logically equivalent:
- $$(a) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x) \log x}{x} = 1$$

$$(b) \quad \lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x) \log \pi(x)}{x} = 1$$

$$(c) \quad \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_n}{n \log n} = 1$$
21. State and prove Euler's criterion for Legendre's symbol. Also check whether 6 is a quadratic residue modulo 23.

**(2 × 5 = 10 Weightage)**

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