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MATHEMATICS

( Major )

Paper : 6.4

( Discrete Mathematics )

Full Marks : 60

Time : 3 hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks  
for the questions*

1. Answer the following as directed : 1×7=7

(a) State Peano's axioms.

(b) For any integer  $n$ ,  $4 \mid (n^2 + 2)$ .

( State whether True or False )

(c) If  $a, b, c$  are positive integers, such that  $\gcd(a, b, c) = 1$ . Then what will be the  $\gcd(a, b)$  and  $\gcd(a, c)$ ?

(d) State Chinese remainder theorem.

(e) Find all integers  $k \geq 3$ , such that  $5 \equiv k^2 \pmod{k}$ .



(f) Consider the congruence

$$4x \equiv 6 \pmod{4}$$

Find out the correct statement.

The given congruence has

- (i) unique solution
- (ii) exactly two solutions
- (iii) no solution
- (iv) exactly four solutions

(g) The equation  $18x + 12y = 2$  has no integral solution. Justify the statement.

2. Answer the following questions :  $2 \times 4 = 8$

(a) If  $p$  is a prime and  $p \mid ab$ , then prove that either  $p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$ .

(b) Find the remainder when  $7^{30}$  is divided by 4.

(c) Find all solutions of the Diophantine equation  $3x + 2y = 6$ .

(d) Find all primitive solutions of  $x^2 + y^2 = z^2$  in which  $x = 40$ .

3. Answer the following questions :  $5 \times 3 = 15$

(a) If  $a$  and  $b$  are integers with  $b > 0$ , then show that there exists unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  satisfying

$$a = bq + r, 0 \leq r < b$$

Or

If  $a$  and  $b$  are two non-zero integers, show that there exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $\gcd(a, b) = ax + by$ .

(b) Prove that the quadratic congruence  $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime, has a solution if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .

Or

If  $p$  is a prime and  $a$  is an integer not divisible by  $p$ , prove that

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$$

Hence show that for every integer  $a$ ,  $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ .

(c) If  $p$  is a prime of the form  $4k + 1$ , then prove that there exists a solution in integers  $x, y, m$  of  $x^2 + y^2 = mp$ , with  $0 < m < p$ .

4. (a) Answer either (i) or (ii) : 10

(i) (1) If  $p$  is a prime, prove that

$$\phi(p^k) = p^k - p^{k-1}$$

for any positive integer  $k$ . For  $n > 2$ , show that  $\phi(n)$  is an even integer.

$$3+2=5$$



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- (2) State Möbius inversion formula.  
If the integer  $n > 1$  has the prime factorization  $n = p_1^{k_1} p_2^{k_2} \dots p_s^{k_s}$ , then prove the following :

$$\sum_{d/n} \mu(d) \sigma(d) = (-1)^s p_1 p_2 \dots p_s$$

2+3=5

- (ii) (1) Find the remainder when  $35^{33}$  is divided by 24. 5

- (2) Define the arithmetic function  $\tau$ . Evaluate  $\tau(180)$ . If  $n$  is a square-free integer having  $r$  prime factors, prove that

$$\tau(n) = 2^r$$

1+2+2=5

- (b) Answer either (i) or (ii) : 10

- (i) (1) Examine if the following statement forms are tautologies : 5

$$(p \wedge q) \wedge (\sim(p \vee q))$$

$$(p \leftrightarrow q) \leftrightarrow ((p \rightarrow q) \wedge (q \rightarrow p))$$

- (2) What do you mean by an adequate system of connectives? Show that  $(\sim, \wedge)$  is an adequate system of connectives. 2+3=5

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- (ii) (1) Construct a truth table for the following statement formula : 5

$$(p \wedge \sim q) \vee (q \wedge (\sim p \vee r))$$

- (2) Find the number of different non-equivalent statement formulas containing (A) one statement letter and (B) two statement letters. 5

- (c) Answer either (i) or (ii) : 10

- (i) (1) If two Boolean expressions are equivalent, show that their respective disjunctive normal forms contain the same terms. Find the complement of the following Boolean expression in disjunctive normal form : 3+2=5

$$xyz + x'yz + xy'z + x'y'z'$$

- (2) Find a switching circuit which realizes the Boolean expression

$$x(y(z+u) + z(u+v))$$

Construct a truth table for the Boolean expression  $x(y+x')$ .

3+2=5



- (ii) (1) Express the following Boolean expression in disjunctive normal form and conjunctive normal form in the variables present in the expression

$$(xy' + xz)' + x' \quad 5$$

- (2) Find a switching circuit which realizes the Boolean expression

$$x + y(z + x'(t + z'))$$

Construct a switching table for the switching function represented by the Boolean expression  $xy' + x'y$ . 3+2=5

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