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**CORE COURSE IN MATHEMATICS**  
**3B03MAT – Elements of Mathematics – 1**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 48

SECTION – A

All the first 4 questions are compulsory. They carry 1 mark each.

1. If A is a set with m elements and B is a set with n elements and if  $A \cap B = \phi$   
Then  $A \cup B$  has \_\_\_\_\_ elements.
2. Give the remainder when  $f(x)$  is divided by  $x + a$ .
3. State fundamental theorem of algebra.
4. If a is an odd integer, the remainder when  $a^2$  is divided by 8 is (4×1=4)

SECTION – B

Answer any 8 questions from among the questions 5 to 14. These questions carry 2 marks each.

5. Prove that the union of two disjoint denumerable set is denumerable.
6. Find the truth set  $T_p$  of the propositional function  $P(x)$ , giving by " $x + 2 > 7$ " on the set  $P\{1, 2, 3, \dots\}$ .
7. Find a cubic equation with rational coefficients having the roots  $1.3 + i2$ .
8. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of  $2x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ . Find the equation whose roots are  $\frac{1}{2\alpha}, \frac{1}{2\beta}, \frac{1}{2\gamma}$ .
9. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$  are the roots of  $ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 3cx + d = 0$ . Find the value of  $\Sigma(\beta - \lambda)(\gamma - \alpha)$ .

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10. If  $p, q, r, s$  are positive show that  $x^4 + qx^2 + rx - s = 0$  has one positive one negative and two imaginary roots.
11. Prove that a polynomial equation  $f(x) = 0$  of degree  $n$  has exactly  $n$  roots.
12. If  $\gcd(a, b) = 1$  prove that  $\gcd(a + b, ab) = 1$ .
13. Prove that there is an infinite number of primes.
14. Let  $n > 1$  and  $a, b, c$  positive integers then Prove that (a)  $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$   
 (b)  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}, b \equiv c \pmod{n} \rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{n}$ . (8×2=16)

## SECTION – C

Answer **any 4** questions from among the questions **15 to 20**.

15. Prove that the  $\mathbb{Q}$  of rational numbers is denumerable.
16. Solve  $x^4 - 8x^3 + 14x^2 + 8x - 15 = 0$  given that the roots are in arithmetic progression.
17. Solve the reciprocal equation  $2x^4 + x^3 - 17x^2 + x + 2 = 0$ .
18. Solve the Diophantine equation  $56x + 72y = 40$ .
19. Find the remainder when  $2^{20} + 3^{30} + 4^{40} + 5^{50} + 6^{60}$  is divided by 7.
20. Using the Sieve of Eratosthenes find all primes not exceeding 60. (4×4=16)

## SECTION – D

Answer **any 2** questions from among the questions **21 to 24**. These questions carry **6** marks **each**.

21. a) State and prove Cantor's theorem.  
 b) Verify that the proposition  $p \vee \neg(p \wedge q)$  is a tautology.
22. If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are the roots of  $x^3 + qx + r = 0$ . Find the equation whose roots are  $\frac{\beta + \gamma}{\alpha}, \frac{\gamma + \alpha}{\beta}, \frac{\alpha + \beta}{\gamma}$ .
23. Solve  $x^3 + 15x + 8 = 0$  using Cardan's method.
24. If  $a$  and  $b$  are positive integers prove that  $\text{g.c.d}(a, b) \cdot \text{l.c.m}(a, b) = ab$ . (2×6=12)