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**First Semester B.Sc. Hon's (Mathematics) Degree (Reg./Supple./Improve.)**  
**Examination, November 2020**  
**(2016 Admission Onwards)**  
**BHM 102 : FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS**



Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

**SECTION – A**

Answer any 4 questions out of 5 questions. Each question carries 1 mark. (4×1=4)

1. Define cartesian product of two sets.
2. What is the locus of the equation  $x^2/a^2 + y^2/b^2 + z^2/c^2 = -1$  ?
3. Give an example of a surjective function.
4. Define a countable set.
5. State least upper bound property for a set.

**SECTION – B**

Answer any 6 questions out of 9 questions. Each question carries 2 marks. (6×2=12)

6. Let  $f : A \rightarrow B$  be a surjective function. Let us define a relation on A by setting  $a_0 \sim a_1$ , if  $f(a_0) = f(a_1)$ . Show that this is an equivalence relation.
7. Define a polar plane.
8. Distinguish between the conjunction and disjunction of statements p and q.
9. Define dictionary order relation.
10. Find the radius and centre of the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - 2x + 4y - 6z = 2$ .
11. Define converse of a statement. Give an example.

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12. Consider the function  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  given by  $f(x) = 3x^2 + 2$ . Find  $f^{-1}(f([0, 1]))$  and  $f^{-1}([0, 5])$ .
13. Find the equation of the right circular cylinder of radius 2 whose axis is the line  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{2} = \frac{z-2}{2}$ .
14. Define the bijective function and give an example of a bijective function.

## SECTION - C

Answer any 8 questions out of 12 questions. Each question carries 4 marks. (8×4=32)

15. Show that countable union of countable sets is countable.
16. Show that two equivalence classes  $E$  and  $E'$  are either disjoint or equal.
17. Find the least upper bound for the following sets.
- a)  $\left\{1 - \frac{(-1)^n}{n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$
- b)  $\left\{\frac{-1}{2n} : n \in \mathbb{N}\right\}$
18. Let  $a \geq 0$  be a real number. Show that if for every  $\epsilon > 0$  we have  $0 \leq a \leq \epsilon$ , then  $a = 0$ .
19. Show that the square of an odd integer is an odd integer.
20. Given  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $f(x) = \cos x$  and  $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  by  $g(x) = 3x^2$ . Show that  $f \circ g \neq g \circ f$ .
21. Show that if  $m, n$  are natural numbers such that  $m+n \geq 20$ , then either  $m \geq 10$  or  $n \geq 10$ .
22. Find the equation of the sphere which touches the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 - x + 3y + 2z - 3 = 0$  at the point  $(1, 1, -1)$  and passes through the origin.
23. Prove that the plane  $ax + by + cz = 0$  cuts the cone  $yz + zx + xy = 0$  in perpendicular lines if  $1/a + 1/b + 1/c = 0$ .
24. Show that the sum of the squares of the projections of three semi-conjugate diameters on any line or plane is constant.
25. Show that through any given point six normals can be drawn to a central conicoid.
26. The set  $\mathbb{Q}_+$  of positive rational numbers is countably infinite.



## SECTION - D

Answer any 2 questions out of 4 questions. Each question carries 6 marks. (2×6=12)

27. Let  $A$  be a set. Show that there is no injective map  $f: P(A) \rightarrow A$  and there is no surjective map  $g: A \rightarrow P(A)$ .
28. Find the equation of the cone with vertex  $(5, 4, 3)$  and  $3x^2 + 2y^2 = 6, y + z = 0$  as base.
29. Show that the plane  $2x - 4y - z + 3 = 0$  touches the paraboloid  $x^2 - 2y^2 = 3z$ . Find also the co-ordinates of the point contact.
30. What are the equations relating spherical co-ordinates of a point to cartesian and cylindrical co-ordinates? Also find spherical co-ordinate equation for the sphere  $x^2 + y^2 + (z - 1)^2 = 1$ .