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**III Semester M.Sc. Degree (CBSS – Reg./Sup./Imp.)  
Examination, October 2022  
(2019 Admission Onwards)  
MATHEMATICS  
MAT3C11 : Number Theory**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

## PART – A

Answer any four questions from Part A. Each question carries 4 marks.

1. Prove that the infinite series  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} 1/P_n$  diverges.
2. State and prove Euclid's lemma.
3. If  $f$  is multiplicative then prove that  $f(1) = 1$ .
4. Assume that  $(a, m) = d$ . Then prove that the linear congruence  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  has solutions if and only if  $d|b$ .
5. Determine whether 219 is a quadratic residue or non residue mod 383.
6. Prove that an algebraic number  $\alpha$  is an algebraic integer if and only if its minimum polynomial over  $\mathbb{Q}$  has coefficients in  $\mathbb{Z}$ .

## PART – B

Answer any four questions from Part B not omitting any Unit, Each question carries 16 marks.

## Unit – 1

7. a) State and prove the division algorithm.
- b) Prove that every integer  $n > 1$  is either a prime number or a product of prime numbers.

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8. a) If  $n \geq 1$ , then Prove that  $\phi(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \frac{n}{d}$ .
- b) Assume  $f$  is multiplicative. Prove that  $f^{-1}(n) = \mu(n) f(n)$  for every square free  $n$ .
9. a) State and prove Lagrange's theorem.
- b) Solve the congruence  $5x \equiv 3 \pmod{24}$ .

## Unit – 2

10. a) Prove that the Legendre' symbol  $(n|p)$  is a completely multiplicative function of  $n$ .
- b) State and prove quadratic reciprocity law.
11. a) Let  $(a, m) = 1$ . Then prove that if  $a$  is a primitive root mod  $m$  if and only if the numbers  $a, a^2, \dots, a^{\phi(m)}$  form a reduced residue system mod  $m$ .
- b) If  $p$  is an odd prime and  $\alpha \geq 1$  then prove that there exist an odd primitive roots  $g$  modulo  $p^\alpha$  and each such  $g$  is also a primitive root modulo  $2p^\alpha$ .
12. a) Write in detail any one application of primitive roots in cryptography.
- b) Solve the superincreasing knapsack problem.  
 $28 = 3x_1 + 5x_2 + 11x_3 + 20x_4 + 41x_5$

## Unit – 3

13. a) Prove that every subgroup  $H$  of a free abelian group  $G$  of rank  $n$  is free of rank  $s \leq n$ . Moreover there exist a basis  $u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n$  of  $G$  and positive integers  $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_s$  such that,  $\alpha_1 u_1, \alpha_2 u_2, \dots, \alpha_s u_s$  is a basis for  $H$ .
- b) Let  $G$  be a free abelian group of rank  $n$  with basis  $\{x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n\}$ . Suppose  $(a_{ij})$  is an  $n \times n$  matrix with integer entries. Then prove that the elements  $y_i = \sum_j a_{ij} x_j$  form a basis of  $G$  if and only if  $(a_{ij})$  is unimodular.



14. a) Suppose  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\} \in D$  form a  $\mathbb{Q}$ -basis for  $K$ . Then prove that if  $\Delta[\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n]$  is square free then  $\{\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n\}$  is an integral basis.
- b) Prove that every number field  $K$  possess an integral basis and the additive group of  $D$  is free abelian group of rank  $n$  equal to the degree of  $K$ .
15. a) Let  $d$  be a square free rational integer. Then prove that the integers of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{d})$  are
  - a)  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{d}]$  if  $d \not\equiv 1 \pmod{4}$
  - b)  $\mathbb{Z}[\frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{2}\sqrt{d}]$  if  $d \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ .
- b) Prove that the minimum polynomial of  $\xi = e^{\frac{2\pi i}{p}}$ ,  $p$  an odd prime, over  $\mathbb{Q}$  is  $f(t) = t^{p-1} + t^{p-2} + \dots + t + 1$  and the degree of  $\mathbb{Q}(\xi)$  is  $p - 1$ .