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**I Semester B.Sc. Honours in Mathematics (C.B.C.S.S. – OBE –
Regular/Supplementary/Improvement)
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(2021 to 2023 Admissions)
Core Course
1B02 BMH : FOUNDATIONS OF MATHEMATICS**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

PART – A

Answer **any four** questions from this Part. **Each** question carries 1 mark. (4×1=4)

1. Define an embedding of X in Y.
2. Show that $f(x) = x^2$ is decreasing in $(-\infty, 0]$.
3. What do you mean by the base case in mathematical induction ?
4. Define the length of a vector.
5. When can you say that a system of linear equations is said to be consistent ?

PART – B

Answer **any six** questions from this Part. **Each** question carries 2 marks. (6×2=12)

6. Let $f : Z \rightarrow Z$ and $g : N \rightarrow Z$ defined by $f(x) = g(x) = x^2$. Is $f = g$? Justify.
7. Show that the circle $\{(x, y) \in R^2 : x^2 + y^2 = 1\}$ is not graph of any function.
8. Check whether the function $f(x) = x^2$ defined on R is one-one or not.
9. Differentiate the Induction Principle and the Strong Induction Principle.
10. Define the greatest common divisor of two integers. Explain with an example.

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11. Calculate $a^T b$ and ab^T for $a = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $b = \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}$.

12. Prove that if $\langle n, v \rangle = 0$ and $\langle n, w \rangle = 0$ then $\langle n, sv + tw \rangle = 0$, for any $s, t \in R$.

13. State the elementary row operations of a matrix.

14. Show that the linear system $x + y + z = 6$, $x + y + z = 1$ is inconsistent.

PART – C

Answer **any 8** questions from this Part. **Each** question carries 4 marks. (8×4=32)

15. Define $\max\{f, g\}$ and $\min\{f, g\}$. Plot the graph of $\max\{f, g\}$ and $\min\{f, g\}$, where $f(x) = \sin x$; $g(x) = \cos x$ defined on $[-2\pi, 2\pi]$.

16. Show that the function $f : [0, \pi] \rightarrow R$ given by $f(x) = \cos x$ is one-one.

17. Let $f : X \rightarrow Y$ and $g : Y \rightarrow Z$ be functions. Then prove that,

a) If f and g are injective (one-one), then $g \circ f$ is injective.

b) If f and g are surjective (onto), then $g \circ f$ is surjective.

18. For any positive integer n , we show that $1^2 + 2^2 + 3^2 + \dots + n^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(2n+1)}{6}$.

19. For $n \in N$ define a_n as follows : $a_1 = 1$, $a_2 = 8$ and $a_n = a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2}$ for $n \geq 3$.
Prove that for each $n \in N$, $a_n = 3 \cdot 2^{n-1} + 2(-1)^n$.

20. Prove that every amount of postage that is at least 12 rupees can be made from 4-rupee and 5-rupee stamps.

21. Let $a, b \in R^2$ and let θ denote the angle between them. Then show that $\langle a, b \rangle = \|a\| \|b\| \cos \theta$.



22. Prove that the equations $x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \\ 4 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}$ and

$x = \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 7 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} -3 \\ -6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix}$, $s, t \in R$ describe the same line.

23. Find a vector equation of the line through the points $A = (4, 5, 1)$ and $B = (1, 3, -2)$.
Find values of c and d such that the points A, B and $C = (c, d, -5)$ are collinear.

24. Using Gauss elimination method, solve,

$$x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

$$2x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 4$$

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 = 5.$$

25. If A is an $m \times n$ matrix with $m < n$ then prove that $Ax = 0$ has infinitely many solutions.

26. Let $E = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ -4 & 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$. Write down E^{-1} . Then show that $EE^{-1} = I$ and $E^{-1}E = I$.

PART – D

Answer **any 2** questions from this Part. **Each** question carries 6 marks. (2×6=12)

27. Prove that a function $f : X \rightarrow Y$ is one-one if and only if $A = f^{-1}(f(A))$ for each $A \subseteq X$.

28. Let a, b be integers, not both zero, and d be the greatest common divisor of a and b . Then prove that there exist integers x, y such that $d = ax + by$.



29. Find a Cartesian equation of the plane given by

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 1 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 0 \\ 1 \\ 2 \end{pmatrix}, s, t \in R. \text{ Show that the equation}$$

$$x = \begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} + s \begin{pmatrix} 6 \\ 2 \\ -5 \end{pmatrix} + t \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ -2 \\ -7 \end{pmatrix}, s, t \in R \text{ represents the same plane.}$$

30. Solve the following system of equations $Ax = b$ by reducing the augmented matrix to reduced row echelon form :

$$x_1 - x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + 2x_5 = 4$$

$$-x_1 + x_2 + x_4 - x_5 = -3$$

$$x_1 - x_2 + 2x_3 + 3x_4 + 4x_5 = 7.$$

Show that your solution can be written in the form $x = p + sv_1 + tv_2$ where $Ap = b$, $Av_1 = 0$ and $Av_2 = 0$.