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**II Semester B.Sc. Hon's (Mathematics) Degree (Supple.)
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BHM 204 : THEORY OF NUMBERS AND EQUATIONS

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

SECTION – A

Any 4 out of 5 questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

- For integers a, b, c prove that if $a \mid b$ and $b \mid c$ then $a \mid c$.
- Define the least common multiple of two integers a and b .
- Determine whether the Diophantine equation $33x + 14y = 115$ is solvable.
- State Remainder theorem.
- State Descartes, Rule of signs for positive roots.

SECTION – B

Answer any 6 questions out of 9 questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

- Prove that a and b are relatively prime if and only if there exist integers x and y such that $ax + by = 1$.
- For integers, a, b and c if $a \mid b$ and $b \neq 0$, then prove that $|a| \leq |b|$.
- If a and b are given integers, not both zero, then prove that the set $T = \{ax + by \mid x, y \text{ are integers}\}$ is precisely the set of all multiples of $d = \gcd(a, b)$.
- If $a \mid c$ and $b \mid c$, with $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, then $ab \mid c$.
- Solve the linear congruence $18x \equiv 30 \pmod{42}$
- Solve the equation $x^4 - 5x^3 + 4x^2 + 8x - 8 = 0$ given that one of the roots is $1 - \sqrt{5}$.

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- If x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n are the roots of the equation $(a_1 - x)(a_2 - x)\dots(a_n - x) + k = 0$, then show that a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are the roots of the equation $(x_1 - x)(x_2 - x)\dots(x_n - x) - k = 0$.
- Solve the equation $x^4 + 4x^3 + 5x^2 + 2x - 2 = 0$ of which one root is $-1 + \sqrt{-1}$.
- If α, β, γ are the roots of the equation $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$, express the value $\sum \alpha^2 \beta$ of in terms of the coefficients.

SECTION – C

Answer any 8 questions out of 12 questions. Each question carries 4 marks.

- Solve the linear Diophantine equation $172x + 20y = 1000$.
- Prove that $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if and only if a and b leave the same non negative remainder when divided by n .
- Solve the system of three congruences $x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}, x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$.
- If $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$, then $a \equiv b \pmod{\frac{n}{d}}$ where $d = \gcd(c, n)$.
- If p is a prime and $p \mid a_1 a_2 a_3 \dots a_n$ then $p \mid a_k$ for some $k, 1 \leq k < n$.
- If α be a real root of the cubic equation $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$, of which the coefficients are real, show that the other two roots of the equation are real if $p^2 \geq 4q + 2pa + 3a^2$.
- Solve the equation $x^4 - 2x^3 + 4x^2 + 6x - 21 = 0$ given that two of its roots are equal in magnitude and opposite in sign.
- Solve the equation $6x^5 - x^4 - 43x^3 + 43x^2 + x - 6 = 0$.
- Find the number of real roots of the equation $x^4 - 14x^2 + 16x + 9 = 0$.
- Find the roots of the equation $x^5 + 4x^4 + 3x^3 + 3x^2 + 4x + 1 = 0$.
- If α, β, γ be the roots of the equation $x^3 - 6x + 7 = 0$, form an equation whose roots are $\alpha^2 + 2\alpha + 3, \beta^2 + 2\beta + 3, \gamma^2 + 2\gamma + 3$.
- Find the condition that the cubic equations $ax^3 + 3bx^2 + 3cx + d = 0$ has two equal roots, and when the condition is satisfied, find the equal roots.



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SECTION – D

Answer any 2 questions out of 4 questions. Each question carries 6 marks.

- Prove that the linear Diophantine equation $ax + by = c$ has a solution if and only if $d \mid c$, where $d = \gcd(a, b)$. If x_0, y_0 is any particular solution of this equation, then all other solutions are given by $x = x_0 - \left(\frac{b}{d}\right)t, y = y_0 - \left(\frac{a}{d}\right)t$.
- State and prove Chinese Remainder Theorem.
- Show that the roots of the equation $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ are in Arithmetical progression if $2p^3 - 9pq + 27r = 0$.
- If $\alpha, \beta, \gamma, \delta$ be the roots of the biquadratic equation $x^4 + px^3 + qx^2 + rx + s = 0$, find
 - $\sum \alpha^2$
 - $\sum \alpha^2 \beta \gamma$
 - $\sum \alpha^2 \beta^2$
 - $\sum \alpha^3 \beta$
 - $\sum \alpha^4$.