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**V Semester B.Sc. Honours in Mathematics Degree (C.B.C.S.S. –  
Supplementary/Improvement) Examination, November 2023  
(2018 – 2020 Admissions)  
BHM 501 : SPECIAL FUNCTIONS**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

## SECTION – A

Answer **any 4** questions out of 5 questions. **Each** question carries **1** mark.

1. Define power series in  $x$ .
2. Write the formula for Bessels function of first kind of order  $p$ .
3. Define regular singular point of the differential equation.  
 $y'' + P(x)y' + Q(x)y = 0$ .
4. Define Beta function.
5. Evaluate  $\Gamma(-1/2)$ .

(4×1=4)

## SECTION – B

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

6. Check the nature of the point  $x = 0$  for the differential equation  
 $(2x^2 + 2x)y'' + (1 + 5x)y' + y = 0$ .
7. Find  $J_{\frac{5}{2}}(x)$ .
8. Prove that  $\Gamma(p + 1) = p\Gamma(p)$ .
9. Prove that  $J_{\frac{1}{2}}(x) = \sqrt{\frac{2}{\pi x}} \sin x$ .
10. Prove that  $\frac{d}{dx}[xJ_1(x)] = xJ_0(x)$ .

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11. State the orthogonality property of Legendre polynomial.

12. Prove that  $\int_{-1}^1 \frac{dx}{\sqrt{x+1}}$  converges and find its value.

13. Prove that  $B(u, v) = B(v, u)$ .

14. Evaluate  $\int_0^x \sqrt{y} e^{-y^2} dy$ .

(6×2=12)

## SECTION – C

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

15. Prove that :

- a)  $\Gamma(x + 1) = x\Gamma(x)$ ,  $x > 0$
- b)  $\Gamma(n + 1) = n!$

16. Find the general solution of  $(1 + x^2)y'' + 2xy' - 2y = 0$  in terms of power series in  $x$ .

17. Verify that  $\cos x = \lim_{a \rightarrow \infty} F\left(a, a, \frac{1}{2}, \frac{-x^2}{4a^2}\right)$ .

18. Consider generating function of Legendre polynomial

$$P_0(x) + P_1(x)t + P_2(x)t^2 + \dots + P_n(x)t^n = \frac{1}{\sqrt{1-2xt+t^2}}. \text{ Verify } P_n(1) = 1 \text{ and } P_n(-1) = (-1)^n.$$

19. Prove that  $2J_p(x) = J_{p-1}(x) - J_{p+1}(x)$ .

20. Write Rodrigues formula and find  $P_3(x)$ .

21. Consider the differential equation  $(1 - x^2)y'' - 2xy' + p(p + 1)y = 0$ . Show that the coefficients  $a_n$  are related by the recursion formula

$$a_{n+2} + \frac{(p-n)(p+n+1)}{(n+1)(n+2)} a_n = 0.$$

22. Find the power series solution of differential equation  $y'' + y = 0$ .



23. Examine the convergence of the following integrals :

- i)  $\int_1^5 \frac{1}{\sqrt{x^4-1}} dx$

- ii)  $\int_0^3 \frac{1}{(3-x)\sqrt{x^2+1}} dx$

- iii)  $\int_1^{\infty} \frac{\ln x}{x+a} dx$ .

24. Evaluate each of the following integrals :

- i)  $\int_0^1 x^4(1-x)^3 dx$

- ii)  $\int_0^2 \frac{x^2}{\sqrt{2-x}} dx$

- iii)  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^6 \theta d\theta$ .

25. Given  $\int_0^{\infty} \frac{x^{p-1}}{1+x} dx = \frac{\pi}{\sin p\pi}$ . Show that  $\Gamma(p)\Gamma(1-p) = \frac{\pi}{\sin p\pi}$ ,  $0 < p < 1$ . Also

$$\text{evaluate } \int_0^{\infty} \frac{dy}{1+y^2}.$$

26. Derive Rodrigues formula.

(8×4=32)

## SECTION – D

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

27. Show that  $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \sin^{2u-1} \theta \cos^{2v-1} \theta d\theta = \frac{\Gamma(u)\Gamma(v)}{2\Gamma(u+v)}$ ,  $u, v > 0$ .

28. Find the first three terms of the Legendre series of  $f(x) = e^x$ .

29. Determine the nature of the point at  $x = \infty$  of the equation

$$y'' + \left(\frac{4}{x}\right)y' + \left(\frac{2}{x^2}\right)y = 0 \text{ and find the corresponding exponents.}$$

30. Find the general solution of differential equation

$$x(1-x)y'' + \left(\frac{3}{2} - 2x\right)y' + 2y = 0 \text{ at the point } x = 0.$$

(2×6=12)