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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION  
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(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 1C 04—NUMBER THEORY

(2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

**Part A**

*Answer all questions.*

*Each question carries a weightage of 1.*

1. Which are the possible  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $\phi(n) = \phi(2n)$ ?
2. Give an example to show that a multiplicative function need not be completely multiplicative. Verify it.
3. If  $f$  is multiplicative and not identically 0, show that  $f(1) = 1$ .
4. Prove that  $[x+n] = [x] + n$  for  $n \geq 1$ .
5. State the Euler summation formula ; and give an asymptotic formula for  $\log[x]!$
6. Define the Chebyshev's functions  $\psi(x)$  and  $\vartheta(x)$ .
7. State the prime number theorem. State an equivalent version of it in terms of the  $n$ th prime  $p_n$ .
8. If  $0 < a < b$ , prove that there exists  $x_0$  such that for  $x \geq x_0$ , there is atleast one prime between  $ax$  and  $bx$ .
9. Define the little  $o$  notation. Express  $M(x)$  as the little  $o$  of a function.
10. Define the Legendre symbol  $(n|p)$ . What is the value of  $(m^2|p)$  for an integer  $m \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ ?
11. Find the value of  $(-1|27)$ .
12. Prove that 3 is a quadratic non-residue for any  $p$  which is  $5 \pmod{12}$ .

**Turn over**

13. What is an affine map ? Define such a map from  $A$  to  $\mathbb{Z}$  and transform the message HEEJJO.
14. What is meant by a hash function ? What is its significance in a cryptosystem ?  
(14 × 1 = 14 weightage)

### Part B

*Answer any seven questions.  
Each question carries a weightage of 2.*

15. Prove that  $n = \sum_{d|n} \phi(d)$   $n \geq 1$ .
16. Prove that for  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\log n = \sum_{d|n} \wedge(d)$ .
17. Prove that a multiplicative function  $f$  is completely multiplicative if and only if  $f^{-1}(n) = \mu(n)$  for  $n \geq 1$ .
18. State and prove the Selberg's identity.
19. Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\psi(x)}{x} - \frac{\theta(x)}{x} \right) = 0$ .
20. If  $p_n$  is the  $n$ th prime, prove that if  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x) \log x}{x} = 1$  then  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x) \log \pi x}{x} = 1$ .
21. If  $A(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n}$ , prove that the relation  $A(x) = o(1)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  implies the prime number theorem.
22. Determine whether 219 is a quadratic residue or non-residue mod 383.
23. Find the inverse of  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}/26\mathbb{Z})$ . Use it to decipher the message unit "QV".
24. Explain the working of RSA cryptosystem using an example.  
(7 × 2 = 14 weightage)

### Part C

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries a weightage of 4.*

25. Prove that the set of all multiplicative functions  $f$  such that  $f(1) \neq 0$  is subgroup of the group of all arithmetic functions.
26. State and prove Shaprio's theorem.

27. State Gauss lemma. If  $m$  is the number defined in Gauss' lemma, prove that

$$m \equiv \sum_{t=1}^{(p-1)/2} \left[ \frac{tn}{p} \right] + (n-1) \frac{p^2-1}{8} \pmod{2}.$$

28. Suppose that we intercept the message "S GNLIKD?KOZQLLIOMKUL.VY" (including the blank after the S) . Suppose that a linear enciphering transformation  $C = AP$  is being used with a 30-letter alphabet, in which A-Z have the usual numerical equivalents 0 – 25, blank = 26, . = 27, , = 28, ? = 29. It is also known that the last six letters of the plaintext are the signature KARLA followed by a period. Find the deciphering matrix  $A^{-1}$  and the full plaintext message.

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)