

**FIRST SEMESTER B.C.A. DEGREE (SUPPLEMENTARY/IMPROVEMENT)  
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2014**

(UG-CCSS)

Complementary Course

CA 1C 02—DISCRETE MATHEMATICS

(2009 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours \_\_\_\_\_

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**Part A (Objective Type Questions)**

*Answer all twelve questions.*

*Each questions carries  $\frac{1}{4}$  weightage.*

1. Give the inverse of the following implication "if it rains today, I will to College tomorrow."
2. Give an example for a tautology.
3. What is the numeric function corresponding to the generating function  $\frac{1}{1-3z}$
4. Give an example for an abelian group.
5. Construct the truth table for the statement  $p \wedge p$ .
6. Write the power set of A where  $A = \{a, b\}$ .
7. Write down the Fibonacci sequence of numbers.
8. Given  $A = (2, 5, 6)$ ,  $B = (3, 4, 2)$ . Evaluate  $A - B$  and  $B - A$ .

Fill in the blanks :

9. Any one-one mapping of a set S onto S is called a \_\_\_\_\_ of S.
10. A commutative ring with identity and without zero divisors is called an \_\_\_\_\_
11. The \_\_\_\_\_ quantifier was used to translate expressions such as "for all" and "every".
12. A group that has a generating set consists of a single element is known as a \_\_\_\_\_ group.  
(12 x = 3 weightage)

**Part B (Short Answer Questions)**

*Answer all nine questions.*

*Each question carries 1 weightage.*

13. Prove that if n is an integer and  $n^3 + 5$  is odd, then n is even.
14. How many permutations of the letters ABCDEFGH contain the string ABC.
15. Let  $P(x) : x$  is a person  
 $F(x, y) : x$  is the father of y  
 $M(x, y) : x$  is the mother of y

Write the predicate "x is the father of the mother of y".

Turn over

16. What is the truth value of  $\forall x p(x)$  where  $p(x)$  is the statement ' $x^2 < 10$ ' and the domain consist of the positive integers not exceeding 4.
17. Let  $n$  and  $r$  be non-negative integers with  $r \leq n$ . Then prove that  $nC_r =$
18. Let  $Z$  be the set of integers. The operation  $*$  on  $z$  is defined by  $a * b = a + b + 1$  for  $a, b \in Z$ . Find the identity element.
19. In how many ways we can paint 12 offices so that 3 of them will be green, 2 of them pink, 2 of them yellow and the remaining ones are white.
20. Find the generating function of  $8C_0, 8C_1, 8C_2, \dots$
21. Show that the binary operation  $*$  defined on  $(\mathbf{R}, *)$  where  $x * y = \max(x, y)$  is associative.

(9 x 1 = 9 weightage)

**Part C (Short Essay Questions)***Answer any five questions.**Each question carries 2 weightage.*

22. Using the method of proof by cases. Prove that the triangle inequality which states that if  $x$  and  $y$  are real numbers, then  $|x| + |y| \geq |x + y|$ .
23. Prove that the fourth roots of unity,  $1, -1, i, -i$  form an abelian multiplicative group.
24. What is the solution of the recurrence relation  $a_n = 6a_{n-1} - 9a_{n-2}$  with initial conditions  $a_0 = 1$  and  $a_1 = 6$ .
25. Show that  $nC_r + nC_{r-1} = n+1C_r$  where  $n > r > 1$  and,  $n$  and  $r$  are natural numbers.
26. Use generating functions to solve the recurrence relation  $a_n = 3a_{n-1} + 2, a_0 = 1$ .
27. Show that the set of all positive rational numbers forms an abelian group under the composition defined by  $a * b = \frac{a+b}{2}$ .
28. Suppose  $\mathbf{M}$  is a ring of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices with their elements as integers, the addition and multiplication of matrices being the two ring compositions. Then show that  $\mathbf{M}$  is a ring with zero divisors.

(5 x 2 = 10 weightage)

**Part D (Essay Questions)***Answer any two questions.**Each question carries 4 weightage.*

29. (a) Define a linear recurrence relation with constant coefficients.  
(b) Solve the following difference equation by using the method of generating functions

$$a_r - 6a_{r-2} = 2^r + r, \quad r \geq 2.$$

30. (a) Give a proof by contradiction of the theorem "if  $3n + 2$  is odd then  $n$  is odd."  
(b) Show that the following statements about the integer  $n$  are equivalent :—  
 $P_1 : n$  is even,  $P_2 : n - 1$  is odd  $P_3 : n^2$  is even.
31. (a) Define the field and the integral domain.  
(b) Prove that every field is an integral domain but the converse need not be true.

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)