

SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2013

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 2C 10—NUMBER THEORY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A

Answer **all** questions.
Each question has *weightage* 1.

1. Define Möbius function $\mu(n)$ and show that $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = 0$ if $n > 1$.
2. Define Mangoldt function $\Lambda(n)$ and express $\Lambda(n)$ in terms of logarithm.
3. Give an example of a multiplicative function which is not completely multiplicative.
4. Let f be an arithmetical function with $f(1) \neq 0$. Show that $(f^{-1}) = -f^{-1} * (f * f^{-1})^{-1}$.
5. Derive Selberg identity.
6. Prove that $[2x] - [2y]$ is either 0 or 1.
7. Calculate the highest power of 10 that divides 1000 !.
8. Show that the linear congruence $2x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$ has no solutions.
9. Determine the quadratic residues and non-residues modulo 7.
10. Let $(a, m) = 1$. Show that $a^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$.
11. Determine whether -104 is a quadratic residue or non-residue of the prime 997.
12. What is cryptosystem ?
13. Prove that the product of two shift enciphering transformations is also a shift enciphering transformation.
14. How do we send a signature in RSA ?

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

Turn over

Part B

Answer any **seven** questions.
Each question has **weightage 2**.

15. Show that if $\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} = 4$, then $\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d^2} = \frac{1}{n}$.
16. Let f be a multiplicative function. Show that f is completely multiplicative if $f(n) = \mu(n) f(n)$ for all $n \geq 1$.
17. Show that if $x > 1$, then we have $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} = \log x + c + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$.
18. Show that if $x > 2$, then we have $\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) \left[\frac{x}{n} \right] = x \log x - x + O(\log x)$.
19. Show that for $x > 2$, $\pi(x) = \frac{5(\infty)}{\log x} \int_2^x \frac{dt}{t \log^2 t}$.
20. Show that for any prime p all the co-efficients of the polynomial $f(x) = (x-1)(x-2)\dots(x-p+1) - x^{p-1} + 1$ are divisible by p .
21. Show that the Legendre's symbol (n/p) is a completely multiplicative function of n .
22. Show that if p is an odd positive integer then :
- (a) $(-1/p) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$
- (b) $(2/p) = (-1)^{(p^2-1)/8}$.
23. In the 27-letter alphabet (with blank = 26), use the affine enciphering transformation with key $a = 13, b = 9$ to encipher the message "HELP ME".
24. Solve the following system of simultaneous congruences :
- $x + 4y \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$.
- $5x + 7y \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

Part C

*Answer any two questions.
Each question has weightage 4.*

25. For every integer $n \geq 2$, prove that $\frac{1}{6 \log n} < \pi(n) < \frac{1}{6 \log n}$.

26. State and prove Lagrange's theorem.

27. State Gauss' lemma. Let m be the number defined in Gauss' lemma. Show that

$$\sum_{t=1}^{\left(\frac{n-1}{2}\right)} p + (n-1) \left(\frac{-2}{-8} - 1 \right) \pmod{2}.$$

28. Find the discrete log of 28 to the base 2 in \mathbb{F}_{31} using the Silver-Pohlig-Hellman algorithm.

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)