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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. Define the **Mobius** function $\mu(n)$ and the Euler **totient** function $\phi(n)$.
2. If f is multiplicative, prove that $f(1) = 1$.
3. If f and g are arithmetical functions, prove that :
 $(f * g)' = f' * g + f * g'$
where f' denotes the derivative of f .
4. Prove that $[2x] - 2[x]$ is either 0 or 1.
5. For $x \geq 1$, prove that

$$\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\phi(n)}{n} = \log x + O(1)$$

6. State Abel's identity.

7. For $x \geq 2$, prove that $\pi(x) = \frac{(\log x)^2}{2 \log x} + \int_2^x \frac{\log t}{\log^2 t} dt$.

8. If $a > 0$ and $b > 0$, then show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(ax)}{\pi(bx)} = \frac{a}{b}$$

9. Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{M(x)}{x} - \frac{H(x)}{x \log x} \right) = 0$

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10. If p is an odd prime, prove that $\sum_{r=1}^{p-1} (r/p) = 0$.
11. Evaluate the Legendre symbol $\left(\frac{3}{383}\right)$.
12. If P is an odd positive integer, prove that $\left(-1/P\right) = (-1)^{(P-1)/2}$.
13. Prove that the product of two shift enciphering transformations is also a shift enciphering transformation.
14. Find the inverse of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 33 \\ 4 & \end{pmatrix} \pmod{5}$.

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

Part B

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

15. Let f be multiplicative. Prove that f is completely multiplicative if and only if :
 $f(n) = \mu(n) f(n)$ for all $n \geq 1$.
16. Prove that $\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} = \frac{\sigma(n)}{n}$ where $d(n)$ denotes the number of positive divisors of n .
17. If $x \geq 1$, prove that $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} = \frac{x^{1-s}}{1-s} + G(s) + O(x^{-s})$ if $s > 0, s \neq 1$.
18. State and prove Legendre's identity.
19. Prove that the following two relations are equivalent.
(a) $\pi(x) = \frac{x}{\log x} + O\left(\frac{x}{\log^2 x}\right)$.
(b) $\theta(x) = x + O\left(\frac{x}{\log x}\right)$.
20. If $\{a(n)\}$ is a non-negative sequence such that :

$\sum_{n \leq x} a(n) \left[\frac{x}{n} \right] = x \log x + O(x)$ for all $x \geq 1$, then prove that there is a constant $A > 0$ and an $x_0 > 0$

such that $\sum_{n \leq x} a(n) \leq Ax$ for all $x \geq x_0$.

21. If $A(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n}$, then prove that the relation $A(x) = O(1)$ as $x \rightarrow \infty$ implies the prime number theorem.
22. Prove that the Legendre's symbol (n/p) is a completely multiplicative function of n .
23. Explain briefly about digraph transformations.
24. How will you authenticate a message in public key cryptosystem.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

Part C

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

25. Prove that the set of all arithmetical functions f with $f(1) \neq 0$ forms an abelian group under Dirichlet product.
26. For $n \geq 1$ prove that the n th prime p_n satisfies the inequalities

$$n \log c < p_n < 12 \left(n \log n + n \log \frac{12}{e} \right).$$

27. Determine those odd primes p for which 3 is a quadratic residue mod p and those for which it is a non-residue.
28. Suppose that the following 40-letter alphabet is used for all plaintexts and cipher texts : A-Z with numerical equivalents 0-25, blank = 26, = 27, ? = 28, \$ = 29, the numerals 0-9 with numerical equivalents 30-39. Suppose that plaintext message units are digraphs and cipher text message units are trigraphs.

(ie, $k = 2, l = 3, 40^2 < n_A < 40^3$ for all n_A).

- (a) Send the message "SEND \$ 7500" to a user whose enciphering key is $(C_A, e_A) = (2047, 179)$.
- (b) Break the code by factoring n_A and then compute the deciphering key (B_A, d_A) .

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)