

**SIXTH SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, MARCH 2012**  
**(CCSS)**

Mathematics—Core Course

MM 6B 12—NUMBER THEORY AND LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

I. Answer all *twelve* questions.

- A system of  $m$  homogeneous linear equations  $AX = 0$  is unknown has only trivial solution if:  
 (a)  $m < n$  (b)  $m = n$   
 (c)  $\text{rank}(A) = m$  (d)  $\text{rank}(A) = n$
- If the number of variables in a non—homogeneous system  $AX = B$  is  $n$  then the system possesses a unique solution if :  
 $\rho[A, B] = \rho(A)$
- If  $A$  is a matrix of order  $n \times m$  and  $R$  is a non—singular matrix of order  $m$  then  $\rho(RA) =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- If  $n > 2$  then  $(1)(n)$  is an \_\_\_\_\_ integer.
- If  $a, b, c$  are integers and  $\text{g.c.d.}(a, b, c) = 1$  then  $\text{gcd}(a, b) =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- If  $N$  is a positive integer then  $\sigma(n) =$  \_\_\_\_\_  
 $\sum_{d|n} d$
- The value of  $\sum_{n=1}^6 T(n)$  is \_\_\_\_\_
- $a \equiv a \pmod{p}$  for any integer  $a$  if  $p$  is a \_\_\_\_\_
- The linear congruence  $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$  has a unique solution modulo  $n$  if  $\text{g.c.d.}(a, n) =$  \_\_\_\_\_
- If  $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$  and  $\text{g.c.d.}(c, n) = 1$  then  $a \equiv$  \_\_\_\_\_  $\pmod{n}$ .
- When two integers  $a$  and  $b$  are said to be relatively prime.
- Find the  $k_m(143, 227)$ .

(12  $\times$   $\frac{1}{4}$  = 3 weightage)

**Turn over**

II. Short answer type questions. (Answer all *nine* questions)

13. Prove that if  $\gcd(a, b) = d$  then  $\gcd\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$ .

14. Find the remainder when  $1! + 2! + 3! + \dots + 99! + 100!$  is divided by 12.

15. State Chinese Remainder theorem.

16. Find  $\sigma(180)$ .

17. Find  $\phi(16)$ .

18. Show that no skew—symmetric matrix can be of rank 1.

19. If  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$  then find  $\rho(A)$

20. Define Null space of a matrix.

21. Examine whether the system of equations  $4x + 6y = 5, 6x + 9y = 7$  has a solution.

(9 x 1 = 9 weightage)

III. Answer any *five* questions from seven :

22. Show that every square is of the form  $3m$  or  $3m + 1$ .

23. Prove that the product of any three consecutive integers is divisible by 6.

24. Prove that  $\sqrt{2}$  is irrational.

25. Use the binary exponentiation algorithm to compute  $5^{110} \pmod{131}$ .

26. Reducing to the normal form find the rank of the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 4 & 0 & 2 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$

27. If  $A$  is a non—singular matrix prove that the **eigenvalues** of  $A^{-1}$  are the reciprocals of the **eigenvalues** of  $A$ .

28. Verify **Cayley** Hamilton theorem for the matrix  $\begin{bmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$

(5 x 2 = 10 weightage)

IV. Answer *two* questions from three.

29. State and prove Wilson's theorem.

30. Prove that  $3^{2n+1} - 2n+2$  is divisible by 7.

31. Find the characteristic roots and the corresponding characteristic vectors of the matrix

$$\begin{vmatrix} -2 & -1 \\ 5 & 4 \end{vmatrix}$$

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)