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Mathematics

MAT 6B 12—NUMBER THEORY AND LINEAR ALGEBRA

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 120 Marks

Section A

*Answer all the twelve questions.
Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. Find gcd (143,227).
2. Give an example of linear Diophantine equation in two variables.
3. Write two integers a and b such that a is incongruent to b modulo 5.
4. State the Fundamental Theorem of Arithmetic.
5. Define pseudoprime. Give an example of a Pseudoprime number.
6. Find $\tau(12)$.
7. Define Euler's Phi function.
8. Define subspace of a vector space.
9. Define dimension of a vector space.
10. Check whether the following map is linear. $f : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by $f(x,y,z) = (z, -y,x)$.
11. Define the rank of a linear map.
12. State the dimension theorem.

(12 × 1 = 12 marks)

Section B

*Answer any ten questions from among the questions 13 to 26.
Each question carries 4 marks.*

13. Use the Euclidean Algorithm to obtain integers x and y satisfying $\gcd(56,72) = 56x + 72y$.
14. Find all the integer solutions of the Diophantine equation $6x + 15y = 22$.
15. Prove that the linear Diophantine equation $ax + by = c$ has an integer solution if and only if $d \mid c$ where $d = \gcd(a, b)$.
16. Prove that $\sqrt{3}$ is irrational.
17. For arbitrary integers a and b prove that $a \equiv b \pmod{n}$ if and only if a and b leave the same remainder when divided by n.
18. Find the remainder when 2^{50} is divided by 7.

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19. If p and q are distinct primes with $a^p \equiv a \pmod{q}$ and $a^q \equiv a \pmod{p}$, then prove that $a^{pq} \equiv a \pmod{pq}$.
20. Show that $18! \equiv -1 \pmod{437}$.
21. If p is a prime and $k > 0$, then show that $\phi(p^k) = p^k \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)$.
22. Prove that the monomials $1, x, \dots, x^n$ form a basis for $\mathbb{R}[X]$.
23. Show that a line in \mathbb{R}^3 that does not pass through the origin cannot be a subspace of \mathbb{R}^3 .
24. Show that $(1,1,0,0), (-1, -1,1,2), (1, -1,1,3), (0,1, -1, -3)$ is a basis of \mathbb{R}^4 .
25. If $f: V \rightarrow W$ is linear, then prove that the following statements are equivalent : (1) f is injective ; (2) $\text{Ker } f = \{0\}$.
26. The mapping $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ given by $f(a, b) = (a + b, a - b, b)$ is linear.

(10 × 4 = 40 marks)

Section C

Answer any **six** questions from among the questions 27 to 35.
Each question carries 7 marks.

27. Given integers a and b , not both of which are zero, prove that there exists integers x and y such that $\text{gcd}(a, b) = ax + by$.
28. Prove that $\text{gcd}(a, b) \text{ lcm}(a, b) = ab$, where a and b are positive integers.
29. Prove that there are infinite number of primes.
30. Let p be a prime number and suppose that $p \nmid a$, then prove that $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.
31. Derive Legendre formula for $n!$
32. If V is a vector space with $\dim V = 10$ and X, Y are subspaces of V with $\dim X = 8$ and $\dim Y = 9$, then find the smallest possible value of $\dim(X \cap Y)$.
33. Let V be a finite-dimensional vector space. If G is a finite spanning set of V and if I is a linearly independent subset of V such that $I \subseteq G$ then there is a basis B of V such that $I \subseteq B \subseteq G$.
34. Let V and W be vector spaces over a field F . If v_1, \dots, v_n is a basis of V and w_1, \dots, w_n are elements of W (not necessarily distinct) then show that there is a unique linear mapping $f: V \rightarrow W$ such that $f(v_i) = w_i, i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n$.
35. Show that the linear mapping $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ given by $f(x, y, z) = (x + y + z, 2x - y - z, x + 2y - z)$ is both surjective and injective.

(6 × 7 = 42 marks)

Section D

*Answer any two questions from among the questions 36 to 38.
Each question carries 13 marks.*

36. State and Prove Division Algorithm. Illustrate with an example.
37. State and prove Chinese Remainder Theorem.
38. Let V be a vector space that is spanned by the finite set $G = \{v_1, \dots, v_n\}$. If $I = \{w_1, \dots, w_m\}$ is a linearly independent subset of V then show that $m \leq n$.

(2 × 13 = 26 marks)