

M.Sc. (Maths) Semester - 3 (CBCS) Examination**DEC/JAN. - 2020****Number Theory – 1 (Core)****Time: 1:30 Hours****Marks: 42****Instructions:**

1. Figure to the right indicate marks.
2. There are five questions in the question paper.
3. Answer any three of the following questions.

Q.1(a) If a is an odd integer then prove that $a^2 + (a + 2)^2 + (a + 4)^2 + 1$ is divisible by 12. **4**

Q.1(b) Answer any two question out of three. **10**

- (1) Solve $158x - 57y = 7$
- (2) Show that $[a, b] \cdot (a, b) = |a \cdot b|$.
- (3) Prove that number of primes of the form $4k + 1$ is infinite.

Q.2(a) Show that $11/5^{38} - 4$. **4**

Q.2(b) Answer any two question out of three. **10**

- (1) If $ca \equiv cb \pmod{n}$, then show that $a \equiv b \pmod{\frac{n}{d}}$, where $d = \gcd(c, n)$.
- (2) State Chinese remainder theorem and hence find the smallest solution which leaves remainders 2, 3, 2 when divided by 3, 5, 7 respectively.
- (3) The linear congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{n}$ has a solution if and only if d/b , where $d = \gcd(a, n)$.

Q.3(a) If the integer a has order k modulo n then show that $a^i \equiv a^j \pmod{n}$ if $i \equiv j \pmod{k}$. **4**

Q.3(b) Answer any two question out of three. **10**

- (1) If n has a primitive root, then show that it has exactly $\phi(\phi(n))$ primitive roots.
- (2) If the integer a has order k modulo n and $h > 0$, then a^h has order $k/\gcd(h, k)$ modulo n .
- (3) If p is a prime number and $d/p - 1$ then the congruence $x^d - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has exactly d solutions.

Q.4(a) For $n > 1$, the sum of the positive integers less than n and relatively prime to n is $\frac{1}{2}n\phi(n)$. **4**

Q.4(b) Answer any two question out of three. **10**

- (1) Determine the highest power of 5 dividing $1000!$ and the highest power of 7 dividing $2000!$.
- (2) In usual notation, show that $\prod_{d|n} d = n^{\frac{\tau(n)}{2}}$.
- (3) State and prove Möbius inversion formula.

Q.5(a) If p_n is the n^{th} prime number, then show that $p_n \leq 2^{2^{n-1}}$. **4**

Q.5(b) Answer any two question out of three. **10**

- (1) For any integer $n \geq 1$, prove that $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0, & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$.
- (2) Define greatest integer function. Show that $[x] + [-x] = \begin{cases} 0, & x \in \mathbb{Z} \\ -1, & x \notin \mathbb{Z} \end{cases}$.
- (3) If $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ then show that $\gcd(2a + b, a + 2b) = 1$ or 3 .