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FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022

MATHEMATICS

FMTH1C05 - NUMBER THEORY

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Weightage: 30

**PART A: Answer all questions. Each carries 1 weightage**

1. Find all integers  $n$  such that  $\phi(n) = \frac{n}{2}$ .
2. Explain with an example that there exist multiplicative functions which are not completely multiplicative.
3. State and prove Selberg identity.
4. Prove that  $[x] + \left[ x + \frac{1}{2} \right] = [2x]$ .
5. For  $x > 0$ , show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \left( \frac{\psi(x)}{x} - \frac{\vartheta(x)}{x} \right) = 0$ .
6. For all  $x \geq 0$ , prove that  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n} = x \log x + O(x)$ .
7. Find the quadratic residues and non-residues modulo 11.
8. Define an affine crypto-system. Illustrate with an example.

**(8 x 1 = 8 weightage)**

**Part B: Answer any *two questions* from each unit. Each carries 2 weightage**

**Unit 1**

9. If  $f$  is multiplicative, then prove that  $f$  is completely multiplicative if and only if  $f^{-1}(n) = \mu(n)f(n)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . Hence derive an expression for the inverse of Euler's  $\phi$  function.
10. State and prove Euler's summation formula.
11. For  $x \geq 2$ , show that  $\sum_{p \leq x} \left[ \frac{x}{p} \right] \log p = x \log x + O(x)$ .

**Unit 2**

12. Prove that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x) \log x}{x} = 1$  is logically equivalent to  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\vartheta(x)}{x} = 1$ .
13. If  $\{a_n\}$  is a nonnegative 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  $B$  such that  $\sum_{n \leq x} a(n) \leq Bx$  for all  $x \geq 1$ .
14. If  $A(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n}$ , prove that the relation  $A(x) = o(x)$  as  $x \rightarrow \infty$  implies the prime number theorem.

**Unit 3**

15. State and prove the quadratic reciprocity law.
16. Define Jacobi symbol and prove that

$$(-1|P) = (-1)^{(P-1)/2}$$

and

$$(2|P) = (-1)^{(P^2-1)/8}$$

17. In the 27-letter alphabet with 'blank = 26', use  $A = \begin{bmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 \end{bmatrix} \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}/26\mathbb{Z})$ , to encipher the message unit "NO" assuming each plaintext message unit  $P = \begin{bmatrix} x \\ y \end{bmatrix}$  is transformed into  $C = \begin{bmatrix} x' \\ y' \end{bmatrix}$  by the rule  $C = AP$ .

(6 x 2 = 12 weightage)

**Part C: Answer any two questions. Each carries 5 weightage**

18. Show that the set of all arithmetical functions  $f$  with  $f(1) \neq 0$  forms an Abelian group with respect to the Dirichlet product.
19. Show that  $\frac{1}{6} \frac{n}{\log n} < \pi(n) < 6 \frac{n}{\log n}$  for every integer  $n \geq 2$ .
20. Prove that the prime number theorem implies

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{M(x)}{x} = 0.$$

21. State and prove Gauss' lemma.

(2 x 5 = 10 weightage)

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