

FIRST SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2022

HONOURS IN MATHEMATICS

GMAH1B01T: THEORY OF EQUATIONS AND COMPLEX NUMBERS

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

PART A: Answer all the questions. Each carries 1 mark.

Choose the Correct Answer

- If $f(x) = 3x^3 - 2x^2 + 3x + 4$, then $f(-2)$ is
 a) -34 b) 34 c) -30 d) 36
- One possible integral root of $x^5 - 6x^4 - 5x^3 + 8x^2 + 3x - 24 = 0$ is.....
 a) 10 b) 4 c) 5 d) None of the above
- One possible integral root of $x^5 - 7x^4 - 5x^3 + 6x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0$ is.....
 a) 3 b) 4 c) 5 d) None of the above
- For small positive values of x , the equation $-2x^3 + 3x^5 - 100x^6$ is.....
 a) Positive b) Negative c) Either positive or negative d) Zero
- The number of permanences in the sequence 4, 4, -2, -3, 4, 4, -1, 7, 7, 8, -5, -6, -7 is...
 a) 5 b) 6 c) 4 d) None of the above

Fill in the Blanks

- If $f(x) = 4x^3 + x^2 + 2x - 3$, then $f(2)$ is -----
- The remainder when dividing $f(x) = x^3 + x^2 - 5x + 3$ by $x - 3$ is -----
- The method to solve biquadratic equation is -----
- The number of variations in the sequence
 1, -2, -3, 4, -4, -1, 7, 7, 8, -5, -6, -7 is -----
- $(3 + 2i)(-2 + i) =$ -----

(10 x 1 = 10 Marks)

PART B: Answer any 8 questions. Each carries 2 marks

- Show that $f(x) = 2x^3 - 3x^2 - 5x - 12$ is divisible by $x - 3$.
- Show that $x^n - c^n$ is divisible by $x - c$.
- Give Taylor's formula.
- Find a lower limit of the negative roots of the equation.

$$3x^5 - 8x^4 - 10x^3 + 6x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0$$

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15. Find an upper limit of the positive roots of the equation.

$$3x^5 - 8x^4 - 10x^3 + 6x^2 + 3x - 10 = 0$$

16. Give the cubic resolvent in Ferrari's method to solve a biquadratic equation.

17. Verify that the equation $2x^4 - 7x + 2 = 0$ has a root in the interval (1,2).

18. State Rolle's Theorem.

19. Show that $1 + i$ satisfies the equation $z^2 - 2z + 2 = 0$.

20. Define *boundary point* of a set.

(8 x 2 = 16 Marks)

PART C: Answer any 6 questions. Each carries 4 marks.

21. Write a polynomial of the lowest degree that for $x = 0$ takes the value 3 and has the following roots: 2 and -1 as simple roots, -2 as a double root, 3 as a triple root

22. Factorize $x^3 - 1$ into linear factors.

23. Find the sum of squares of roots of the equation $2x^4 - 8x^3 + 6x^2 - 3 = 0$

24. Solve the equation $x^3 + 9x^2 + 6x - 56 = 0$, roots are a, b, c and $b = -2a$.

25. Find limits of the roots for the equation $6x^5 - 27x^4 - 100x^3 - 200x - 50 = 0$

26. Show that for all real values of λ the equation

$$(x - 2)(x - 5)(x - 7)(x - 9) + \lambda(x - 3)(x - 6)(x - 8)(x - 10) = 0$$

has all roots real and simple and separate them.

27. Give the exponential form of $-1 - i$.

28. Find $\frac{4+2i}{-2+3i} + \frac{2+i}{3i}$

(6 x 4 = 24 Marks)

PART D: Answer any 2 questions. Each carries 15 marks.

29. Using Cardan's formula, solve $x^3 - 15x^2 + 105x - 245 = 0$

30. How many real roots do the following equations have?

a) $f(x) = x^5 + x^3 - 2x^2 + x - 2 = 0$

b) $(x) = x^5 + 2x^3 - x^2 + x - 1 = 0$

c) $(x) = 1 - 2x + 3x^2 - 4x^3 + 5x^4 = 0$

31. a) By writing the individual factors on the left in exponential form, performing the needed operations and finally changing back to rectangular coordinates, show that

$$(-1 + i)^7 = -8(1 + i)$$

b) Find all values of $(-16)^{\frac{1}{4}}$

(2 x 15 = 30 Marks)