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PART - I
MATHEMATICS (Honours)
Paper - I

Duration : 4 Hours]

[Full Marks

The figures in the margin indicate full marks.

GROUP - A

Answer any *five* questions.

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1. i) If P_n is the n th prime, then show that $\frac{1}{P_1} + \frac{1}{P_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{P_n}$ is not an integer.
- ii) If $\gcd(a, b) = 1$, show that $\gcd(a + b, a - b) = 1$ or 2 , where a and b are non-zero integers.
2. i) Use mathematical induction to show that $(5 + \sqrt{11})^n + (5 - \sqrt{11})^n$ is an integer, for all natural numbers n .
- ii) Prove that $19^{2002} \equiv -1 \pmod{181}$
3. i) If $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_r^{a_r}$, where p_1, p_2, \dots, p_r are prime to each other, then prove

$$\phi(n) = n \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_1}\right) \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_2}\right) \dots \left(1 - \frac{1}{p_r}\right).$$
- ii) Show that the product of any 3 consecutive integers is divisible by 6.
4. Prove that $\sin \left[i \log \frac{a - ib}{a + ib} \right] = \frac{2ab}{a^2 + b^2}$.

5. i) Use De Moivre's theorem to show that for integral values of n ,
 $\alpha^n + \beta^n = 2^{2^{n+1}} \cos \frac{n\pi}{4}$, where α, β are the roots of $x^2 - 2x + 2 = 0$. 3
- ii) Find all complex numbers z , such that $\exp(2z + 1) = i$. 2
6. i) If z_1 and z_2 are complex numbers, then prove that
 $\sinh(z_1 + z_2) = \sinh z_1 \cosh z_2 + \cosh z_1 \sinh z_2$. 3
- ii) Show that different values of i^i can be so arranged that they form a G.P. 2
7. i) Use Sturm's theorem to show that $x^3 - 7x + 7 = 0$ has two roots between 1 and 2 and other root between -3 and -4. 3
- ii) Find the multiple roots, if any, of the equation $x^4 + 3x^3 + 4x^2 + 3x + 1 = 0$. 2
8. i) Prove that the roots of the equation $\frac{1}{x+a_1} + \frac{1}{x+a_2} + \dots + \frac{1}{x+a_n} = \frac{1}{2}$ are all real,
 where a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n are all negative real numbers. 3
- ii) If α, β, γ are the roots of the equation $x^3 + qx + r = 0$, then find the value of
 $\sum \frac{1}{\alpha^2 - \beta\gamma}$. 2
9. i) If the equation $x^4 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ has three equal roots, then show that
 $8p^3 + 27q^2 = 0$ and $p^2 + 12r = 0$. 3
- ii) Find the equation whose roots are squares of the roots of the equation
 $x^4 - x^3 + 2x^2 - x + 1 = 0$. 2

GROUP - B

Answer any *two* questions.

2 × 10

10. i) Let A, B and C denote the subsets of a set S and C' denote the complement in S . If $A \cap C = B \cap C$ and $A \cap C' = B \cap C'$, then prove that $A = B$.
- ii) Examine whether the relation ρ is an equivalence relation on the set S integers $\rho = \{(a, b) \in S \times S : |a - b| \leq 3\}$.
- iii) Define injective and surjective mappings. Give an example of an injective mapping which is not surjective. Let $f: A \rightarrow B$, $g: B \rightarrow C$, $h: B \rightarrow C$ be mappings such that f is surjective and $gof = hof$. Prove that $g = h$. 1 +
11. i) Show that an equivalence relation on a set S determines a partition of S .
- ii) If $f: S \rightarrow T$ is one-one onto, then prove that $f^{-1}: T \rightarrow S$ is one-one onto.
- iii) Prove that any finite semigroup in which both cancellation laws hold is a group.
12. i) In a group G , prove that $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$ where $a \in G$ and hence show that a group of even order contains an element of order 2.
- ii) In an Abelian group G , prove that $(ab)^n = a^n b^n$ for all $a, b \in G$ where n is an integer.
- iii) Prove that a non-empty subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G if and only if for all $a, b \in H$, $a^{-1}b \in H$.
13. i) If $x^3 = x$ for all $x \in R$, then prove that R is a commutative ring.
- ii) Prove that the characteristic of an integral domain is either zero or a prime integer.

- iii) Prove that a field does not contain any divisor of zero. Prove that the set of all 2×2 matrices $\begin{bmatrix} a & 0 \\ 0 & b \end{bmatrix}$ where a, b are real numbers, is not a field with respect to matrix addition and multiplication. 2 + 2

GROUP - C

Answer any *three* questions.

$3 \times 5 = 15$

14. i) A and B are two real orthogonal matrices of same order and $\det A + \det B = 0$. Prove that $A + B$ is a singular matrix. 3
- ii) If A be a Hermitian matrix, then show that iA is a skew-Hermitian matrix. 2
15. For a square matrix A of order n , prove that $A(\text{adj } A) = (\text{adj } A)A = (\text{del. } A)I_n$, where I_n denotes the identity matrix of order n . 5
16. Apply Laplace's method along second and third rows to prove that
- $$\begin{vmatrix} a & b & c & d \\ -b & a & d & -c \\ -c & -d & a & b \\ -d & c & -b & a \end{vmatrix} = (a^2 + b^2 + c^2 + d^2)^2$$
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17. If the adjugate of $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} a & h & g \\ h & b & f \\ g & f & c \end{vmatrix}$ is $\Delta' = \begin{vmatrix} A & H & G \\ H & B & F \\ G & F & C \end{vmatrix}$, then prove that $\frac{BC - F^2}{a} = \frac{GH - AF}{f} = \Delta$. 5
18. Find two non-singular matrices P and Q such that the matrix PAQ is the fully reduced normal form of the matrix $A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & 3 \\ 1 & 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$. 5
19. Reduce the quadratic form $2x^2 - 4yz + 6zx + y^2 + z^2$ into its normal form and obtain the rank, signature and nature of the form. 5

GROUP - D

Answer any one question.

1 × 10 =

20. i) Solve graphically the following L.P.P. :

$$\text{Minimize } Z = 3x + 4y$$

$$\text{subject to } 5x + 4y \geq 20$$

$$-x + y \leq 3$$

$$x \leq 4,$$

$$y \geq 3,$$

$$x \geq 0, y \geq 0$$

- ii) Obtain the basic feasible solutions of the system of equations :

$$x_1 + 4x_2 - x_3 = 5$$

$$2x_1 + 3x_2 + x_3 = 8$$

21. i) Find all the basic solutions to the system of linear equations :

$$2x_1 + x_2 - x_3 = 2$$

$$3x_1 + 2x_2 + x_3 = 3$$

Are the solutions degenerate ?

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- ii) A furniture manufacturer wishes to determine the number of tables and chairs to be made by him in order to optimize the use of his available resources. These products utilize two different types of timber and he has on hand 1,500 board feet of the first type of 1,000 board feet of the second type. He has 800 man hours available for the total job. Each table and chair requires 5 and 1 board feet respectively of the first type of timber and 2 and 3 board feet of the second type. 3 man hours are required to make a table and 2 man hours are needed to

make a chair. The manufacturer makes a profit of Rs. 12 on a table and Rs. 5 on a chair. Write out the complete linear programming formulation of the problem in terms of maximizing the profit. 5

GROUP - E

Section - I

Answer any three questions.

3 × 5 = 15

22. Reduce the following conic to its canonical form and determine its nature :

$$11x^2 - 4xy + 14y^2 - 58x - 44y + 71 = 0$$

Also find its eccentricity and the length of the latus rectum. 5

23. i) Find the equation to the pair of straight lines passing through the origin, perpendicular to the pair of straight lines given by

$$2x^2 + 5xy + 2y^2 + 10x + 5y = 0. \quad 2$$

- ii) Prove that the equation $x^2 + 6xy + 9y^2 + 4x + 12y = 5$ represents a pair of parallel straight lines and find the distance between them. 3

24. If $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ represents a pair of straight lines, then prove that the area of the triangle formed by the bisectors of the angles between them and

the axis of x is $\frac{\sqrt{(a-b)^2 + 4h^2}}{2h} \cdot \frac{ca - g^2}{ab - h^2}$. 5

25. If PQ is a variable chord of the conic $\frac{l}{r} = 1 - e \cos \theta$ subtending constant angle 2β at the focus S where S is the pole, then show that the locus of the foot of the perpendicular from S on PQ is $r^2 (e^2 \sec^2 \beta) + 2elr \cos \theta + l^2 = 0$. 5

26. Prove that the locus of the poles of the normal chords of the hyperbola $xy = c^2$ is the curve $(x^2 - y^2)^2 + 4c^2xy = 0$. 5

Section - II

Answer any three questions.

3 × 5

27. Prove that, if the angle between two straight lines whose direction cosines are given by $l + m + n = 0$ and $fmn + gnl + hlm = 0$ is $\frac{\pi}{3}$, then $\frac{1}{f} + \frac{1}{g} + \frac{1}{h} = 0$.
28. Find the equation of the plane which passes through the point $(2, 1, -1)$ and is perpendicular to each of the planes $x - y + z = 1$ and $3x + 4y - 2z = 0$.
29. i) Find the shortest distance between the lines $\frac{x+1}{2} = \frac{y-3}{4} = z+5$ and $y - mx = z = 0$. For what value of m will the two lines intersect?
- ii) Determine the value of k for which the straight lines $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-4}{1} = \frac{z-5}{2}$ and $\frac{x-2}{-1} = \frac{y-8}{k} = \frac{z-11}{4}$ intersect.
30. i) Find the distance of the point $(10, 1, 4)$ from the plane $2x + y - z + 3 = 0$.
- ii) Show that the locus of a variable straight line which intersects the three lines $y = 4x, z = 6;$
 $y = -4x, z = -6;$ and
 $y = z, 2x = -3$
 is the surface $y^2 - 16x^2 = z^2 - 36$.
31. Show that the straight lines $\frac{x-5}{-1} = \frac{y-2}{1} = \frac{z+3}{2}$ and $x + y + 5z - 2 = 0 = 2x - y + 4z - 1$ are coplanar. Find also the equation of the plane.
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