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**Core Course—FOUNDATION OF MATHEMATICS**

[Common for Model I and Model II B.Sc. Mathematics and B.Sc. Computer Applications]

[2013 Admission onwards]

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 80 Marks

**Part A (Short Answer Questions)**

*Answer all questions.*

*Each question carries 1 mark.*

1. Find the cardinality of the set  $\{a, \{a\}, \{a, \{a\}\}\}$ .
2. Define a sequence.
3. What is a transitive relation ?
4. Represent the relation  $\{(1, 1), (1, 2), (1, 3)\}$  on  $\{1, 2, 3\}$  with a matrix.
5. Define a well-ordered set.
6. Write the converse of "If the home team wins, then it is raining".
7. Define a counter example.
8. Define the greatest common division of two numbers.
9. Find the number of divisions of 300.
10. State Fermat's theorem.

(10 × 1 = 10)

**Part B (Brief Answer Questions)**

*Answer any eight questions.*

*Each question carries 2 marks.*

11. Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be defined by  $f(x) = 2x + 3$  and  $g(x) = 3x + 2$ . Find the compositions  $f \circ g$  and  $g \circ f$ .
12. Let  $g$  be a function from  $A$  to  $B$  and  $f$  be a function from  $B$  to  $C$ . If both  $f$  and  $g$  are one to one function show that the composition  $f \circ g$  is one to one.

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13. Compute  $\sum_{i=1}^2 \sum_{j=1}^3 (i+j)$ .
14. Find the number of relations from a set with  $m$  elements to a set with  $n$  elements.
15. What are the sets in the partition of the integers arising from congruence modulo 4?
16. Show that the inclusion relation  $\subseteq$  is a partial ordering on the power set of a set  $S$ .
17. Show that  $\neg(p \wedge q)$  and  $\neg p \vee \neg q$  are logically equivalent.
18. What are the negations of the statements  $\forall x (x^2 > x)$  and  $\exists x (x^2 = 2)$ ?
19. Prove or disprove the product of two irrational numbers is irrational.
20. Find the remainder when  $2^{24}$  is divided by 17.
21. Evaluate  $\phi(450)$ , where  $\phi$  is the Euler function.
22. Solve  $5x \equiv 2 \pmod{7}$ .

(8 × 2 = 16)

**Part C (Descriptive/Short Essay Type Questions)**

*Answer any six questions.  
Each question carries 4 marks.*

23. For any two sets prove that  $\overline{A \cup B} = \bar{A} \cap \bar{B}$ .
24. Let  $f$  be a function from  $A$  to  $B$ . Let  $S$  and  $T$  be subsets of  $A$ . Show that  $f(S \cup T) = f(S) \cup f(T)$ .
25. Let  $m > 1$  be a positive integer. Show that the relation congruence modulo  $m$  is an equivalence relation on the set of integers.
26. Determine whether  $(P(S), \subseteq)$  is a lattice where  $S = \{a, b, c\}$ .
27. Use logical equivalences to show that  $\neg(p \vee (\neg p \wedge q))$  and  $\neg p \wedge \neg q$  are logically equivalent.
28. Prove by contradiction that "if  $3n + 2$  is odd then  $n$  is odd."



29. Prove that the sequence of primes is end less.
30. Define Euler's function  $\phi(n)$ . If  $p$  is a prime and  $r$  is a positive integer, show that  $\phi(p^r) = p^r \left(1 - \frac{1}{p}\right)$ .
31. Show that the fifth power of any number  $N$  has the same right-hand digit as  $N$ .

(6 × 4 = 24)

### Part D (Long Essay Type Questions)

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question carries 15 marks.*

32. (a) If  $A, B, C$  are sets, using a membership table show that  $\overline{A \cap B \cap C} = \bar{A} \cup \bar{B} \cup \bar{C}$ .
- (b) Prove that if  $x$  is a real number, then  $[2x] - [x] + \left[x + \frac{1}{2}\right]$ .
- (c) Show that the set of positive rational numbers is countable.
33. (a) Prove that a relation  $R$  on a set  $A$  is transitive if and only if  $R^n \subseteq R$  for  $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$ .
- (b) Let  $R$  be an equivalence relation on a set  $A$ . Prove that the statements for elements  $a$  and  $b$  of  $A$  are equivalent :
- (i)  $a R b$ . (ii)  $[a] = [b]$ . (iii)  $[a] \cap [b] \neq \phi$ .
- (c) Define a maximal element and the greatest element of a poset. Find the maximal elements of the poset  $(\{2, 4, 5, 10, 12, 20, 25\}, 1)$ .
34. (a) Explain proof by contraposition and proof by contradiction.
- (b) Prove that  $\sqrt{2}$  is not rational using contradiction method.
- (c) Give a direct to proof to show that the sum of two rational numbers is rational.
35. (a) Prove that every composite number  $N$  has at least one prime divisor and deduce that  $N$  can be expressed as a product of prime factors.

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(b) If  $d_1 = 1, d_2, \dots, d_r = n$  are the divisors of a number  $n$ , prove that :

$$\phi(d_1) + \phi(d_2) + \dots + \phi(d_r) = n.$$

(c) If  $p$  is a prime number prove that  $\underline{p-1}+1$  is divisible by  $p$ .

$$(2 \times 15 = 30)$$