

**B.Sc. (Part—II) Semester—III Examination**  
**MATHEMATICS**  
**(Elementary Number Theory)**  
**Paper—VI**

Time : Three Hours]

[Maximum Marks : 60

**Note** :—(1) Question No. 1 is compulsory, attempt it once only.

(2) Attempt **ONE** question from each unit.

1. Choose the correct alternative (1 mark each) :

(i) The number of multiples of  $10^{44}$  that divides  $10^{55}$  is :

- (a) 144 (b) 11  
(c) 121 (d) 12

(ii) The integers of the form  $2^{2^n} + 1$  are called the :

- (a) Prime number (b) Ramanuj number  
(c) Fermat number (d) Real number

(iii) If  $p$  is prime then  $2^p + 3^p$  is :

- (a) Perfect square (b) Not perfect square  
(c) Positive integer (d) Negative integer

(iv) A solution of  $ax \equiv 1 \pmod{m}$  with  $(a, m) = 1$  is called an :

- (a) Even number (b) Odd number  
(c) Modulo  $m$  (d) Inverse of modulo  $m$

(v) What is the total number of solutions in integers to the equation  $3x + 5y = 21$  ?

- (a) 0 (b)  $\infty$   
(c) 2 (d) 4

(vi) The set  $\{0, 1, 2, 3\}$  is complete system of residues modulo :

- (a) 3 (b) 4  
(c) 5 (d) 2

(vii) The function  $f$  is multiplicative if :

- (a)  $f(m \cdot n) = f(m)|f(n)$  (b)  $f(mn) = f(n)|f(m)$   
(c)  $f(mn) = f(m)f(n)$  (d) None of these

(viii) The number of primitive roots of 53 is :

- (a) Zero (b) One  
(c) Twenty (d) Twenty Four

- (ix) The equation  $m^2 - 33n + 1 = 0$ , where  $m, n$  are integers, has :
  - (a) Exactly one solution
  - (b) No solution
  - (c) Infinitely many solutions
  - (d) Exactly two solutions
- (x) The number of solutions to the congruence  $x^3 \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$  is :
  - (a) 3
  - (b) 2
  - (c) 1
  - (d) No solution

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**UNIT—I**

- 2. (a) Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers that both are not zero. Then prove that  $a$  and  $b$  are relatively prime iff there exist integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $xa + yb = 1$ . 4
- (b) If  $(a, b) = 1$ , show that  $(a + b, a - b) = 1$  or  $2$ . 3
- (c) If  $a|bc$  and  $(a, b) = 1$ , then prove that  $a|c$ . 3
- 3. (p) State and prove Division Algorithm Theorem. 1+3
- (q) If  $x$  and  $y$  are odd then prove that  $x^2 + y^2$  is not a perfect square. 3
- (r) Show that the square of every odd integer is of the form  $8m + 1$ . 3

**UNIT—II**

- 4. (a) Prove that there are infinite number of primes. 5
- (b) Find the gcd and lcm of  $a = 18,900$  and  $b = 17,160$  by writing each of the numbers  $a$  and  $b$  in prime factorization canonical form. 5
- 5. (p) Prove that for all positive integer  $n$ ,
 
$$F_0 F_1 \dots F_{n-1} = F_n - 2.$$
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- (q) Let  $a$  and  $b$  be relatively prime integers. If  $d$  is a positive divisor of  $ab$ , then show that there is a unique pair of positive divisors  $d_1$  of  $a$  and  $d_2$  of  $b$  such that  $d = d_1 d_2$ . 5

**UNIT—III**

- 6. (a) Solve the congruence :
 
$$7x \equiv 3 \pmod{12}.$$
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- (b) If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m_1}$  and  $a \equiv b \pmod{m_2}$ , then prove that  $a \equiv b \pmod{[m_1, m_2]}$ . 4
- (c) If  $a, b, c$  are integers such that  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , then prove that  $(a + c) \equiv (b + c) \pmod{m}$ . 2
- 7. (p) If  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_m$  is a complete system of residues modulo  $m$  and  $(a, m) = 1$ ,  $a$  is a positive integer, then prove that  $ar_1 + b, ar_2 + b, \dots, ar_m + b$  is also complete system of residues modulo  $m$ . 5
- (q) If  $f$  is a polynomial with integral coefficients and  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , then prove that :
 
$$f(a) \equiv f(b) \pmod{m}.$$
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**UNIT—IV**

8. (a) Define multiplicative function. If  $f$  is a multiplicative function and  $n = p_1^{a_1} \cdot p_2^{a_2} \dots p_m^{a_m}$  is the prime-power factorization of the positive integer  $n$ , then prove that  $f(n) = f(p_1^{a_1}) \cdot f(p_2^{a_2}) \dots f(p_m^{a_m})$ . 1+4
- (b) If  $n$  is a positive integer, then prove that  $\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$ . 5
9. (p) Prove that for each positive integer  $n \geq 1$ ,  $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1, & n = 1 \\ 0, & n > 1 \end{cases}$ . 5
- (q) Solve the linear congruences using Euler's theorem  $5x \equiv 3 \pmod{14}$ . 5

**UNIT—V**

10. (a) Let  $p$  be an odd prime and let  $a$  be an integer with  $(a, p) = 1$  then prove that  $(a/p) \equiv a^{(p-1)/2} \pmod{p}$ . 5
- (b) Solve the quadratic congruence  $x^2 + 7x + 10 \equiv 0 \pmod{11}$ . 5
11. (p) Prove that if  $p$  is an odd prime, then  $x^2 \equiv 2 \pmod{p}$  has solution iff  $p \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{8}$ . 5
- (q) Find all primitive roots of  $p = 41$ . 5

