

B.A./B.Sc. 4th Semester

MATHEMATICS

Paper—II

(Number Theory)

Time Allowed—3 Hours] [Maximum Marks—50

Note :— Attempt any FIVE questions, selecting at least TWO questions from each section. All questions carry equal marks.

SECTION—A

- 1. (a) Prove that if a and b are integers, with $b > 0$, then there exist unique integers q and r satisfying $a = qb + r$, where $2b \leq r < 3b$.
- (b) By Division Algorithm of $n \geq 1$, prove that $n(n + 1)(n + 2)/6$ is an integer.
- 2. (a) Prove that if a and b are given integers, not both zero, then the set $T = \{ax + by \mid x, y \text{ are integers}\}$ is precisely the set of all multiples of $d = \text{gcd}(a, b)$.
- (b) Prove that if a and b are both odd integers, then $16/a^4 + b^4 - 2$.

- 3. (a) Prove that if d is a common divisor of a and b, then $d = \text{gcd}(a, b)$ if and only if $\text{gcd}\left(\frac{a}{d}, \frac{b}{d}\right) = 1$.
- (b) Determine all solutions in the positive integers of Diophantine equation $18x + 5y = 48$.
- 4. (a) Prove that only prime of the form $n^3 - 1$ is 7.
- (b) If p_n is the nth prime number, prove that $p_n \leq 2^{2^{n-1}}$.
- 5. (a) Prove that an integer is divisible by 4 if and only if the number formed by its ten units digits is divisible by 4.
- (b) Use the theory of congruencies to verify $89/2^{44} - 1$.

SECTION—B

- 6. State and prove Chinese remainder theorem and solve the following set of simultaneous congruencies $x \equiv 1(\text{mod } 3)$, $x \equiv 2(\text{mod } 5)$, $x \equiv 3(\text{mod } 7)$.
- 7. (a) Employ Fermat's Theorem to prove that, if p is a odd prime, then $1^{p-1} + 2^{p-1} + 3^{p-1} + \dots + (p-1)^{p-1} \equiv -1(\text{mod } p)$.
- (b) Using Wilson's Theorem, prove that $1^2 \cdot 3^2 \cdot 5^2 \dots (p-2)^2 \equiv (-1)^{(p+1)/2} (\text{mod } p)$.

8. (a) Prove that the functions π and σ are both multiplicative functions.

(b) Prove that for each positive integer $n \geq 1$,

$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n=1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n>1 \end{cases} \text{ where } d \text{ runs through}$$

the positive divisors of n .

9. (a) Show that $1000!$ terminates in 249 zeros.

(b) State and prove Euler's Theorem.

10. (a) Prove that for $n > 1$, the sum of the positive integers less than n and relatively prime to n

$$\text{is } \frac{1}{2} n\phi(n).$$

(b) Show that for any integer $n \geq 3$, $\sum_{k=1}^n \mu(k!) = 1$.