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Time: 3 Hours

Weightage: 30

**Part A (Short Answer Questions)**

Answer any **eight** questions.

Weight **1** each.

1. Define Euler Totient function  $\phi(n)$ . Also prove that  $\phi(n)$  is even for  $n \geq 3$ .
2. State Euler's summation formula and define Riemann zeta function.
3. Explain the mutual visible lattice points. State a necessary and sufficient condition for two lattice points  $(a, b)$  and  $(m, n)$  to be mutually visible.
4. Derive Euler's summation formula from Abel's identity.
5. Write any four equivalent forms of the prime number theorem.
6. (a) If  $ac \equiv bc \pmod{m}$  and if  $d = (m, c)$ , then prove that  $a \equiv b \pmod{\frac{m}{d}}$ .  
(b) If  $c > 0$  then prove that  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  if and only if  $ac \equiv bc \pmod{mc}$ .
7. Define residue class  $a \pmod{m}$  and prove that for a given modulus  $m$  the  $m$  residue classes  $\hat{1}, \hat{2}, \dots, \hat{m}$  are disjoint and their union is the set of all integers.
8. If  $\{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{\phi(m)}\}$  is a reduced residue system modulo  $m$  and if  $(k, m) = 1$  then prove that  $\{ka_1, ka_2, \dots, ka_{\phi(m)}\}$  is also a reduced residue system modulo  $m$ .
9. Define quadratic residues. Find the quadratic nonresidues for  $p = 13$ .
10. (a) Define  $exp_m(a)$ .  
(b) Let  $m \geq 1$  and  $(a, m) = 1$ . Then prove that  $a^k \equiv a^h \pmod{m}$  if and only if  $k \equiv h \pmod{m}$ , where  $f = exp_m(a)$ .

(8×1=8 weightage)

**Part B (Short Essay/Problems)**

Answer any **six** questions.

Weight **2** each.





11. Prove that if both  $g$  and  $f * g$  are multiplicative then  $f$  is multiplicative.
12. (a) Prove that if  $f$  is multiplicative then  $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) f(d) = \prod_{p|n} (1 - f(p))$ .  
(b) State and prove the associative property relating  $\circ$  and  $*$ .
13. Show that the  $n^{\text{th}}$  prime  $P_n$  satisfies the inequality  $\frac{1}{6} n \log n < P_n < 12(n \log n + n \log \frac{12}{e}), \forall n \geq 1$ .
14. Show that (i)  $\sum_{n \leq x} \mu(\frac{x}{n}) = x \log x - x + O(\log x)$  and (ii)  $\sum_{n \leq x} \mu(\frac{x}{n}) = x \log x - x + O(x)$ .
15. Given a prime  $p$ , let  $f(x) = c_0 + c_1 x + \dots + c_n x^n$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with integer coefficients such that  $c_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Then prove that polynomial congruence  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  has at most  $n$  solutions.
16. Find all  $x$  which simultaneously satisfy the system of congruences  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 2 \pmod{4}, x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$ .
17. Prove that  $(-1|p) = -1$  if  $p = 4m + 3$  for some integer  $m$ . Also write a formula for  $(2|p)$  when  $p$  is an odd prime.
18. Let  $g$  be a primitive root mod  $p$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime. Then prove that the even powers  $g^2, g^4, \dots, g^{p-1}$  are the quadratic residues and the odd powers  $g, g^3, \dots, g^{p-2}$  are the quadratic nonresidues mod  $p$ .

(6×2=12 weightage)

### Part C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions.

Weight **5** each.

19. (a) For  $x \geq 1$  prove that  $|\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\mu(n)}{n}| \leq 1$  with equality holding only if  $x < 2$ .  
(b) Prove that for every  $x \geq 1, [x]! = \prod_{p \leq x} p^{\alpha(p)}$  where the product is extended over all primes  $\leq x$ , and  $\alpha(p) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} [\frac{x}{p^m}]$ .  
(c) If  $x \geq 2$ , prove that  $\log[x]! = x \log x - x + O(\log x)$ .
20. Let  $\{a(n)\}$  be a nonnegative sequence such that  $\sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) [\frac{x}{n}] = x \log x + O(x)$  for all  $x \geq 1$ . Then prove the following  
(a)  $\forall x \geq 1$ , we have  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{a(n)}{n} = \log x + O(1)$ .  
(b) There is a constant  $B$  such that  $\sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) \leq Bx, \forall x \geq 1$ .  
(c) There is a constant  $A > 0$  and an  $x_0 > 0$  such that  $\sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) \geq Ax, \forall x \geq x_0$ .
21. (a) Prove that for a given integer  $k > 0$  there exist a lattice point  $(a, b)$  such that none of the lattice points  $(a + r, b + s), 0 < r \leq k, 0 < s \leq k$ , is visible from the origin.  
(b) Let  $f$  be a polynomial with integer coefficients, let  $m_1, \dots, m_r$  be positive integers relatively prime in pairs, and let  $m = m_1 m_2 \dots m_r$ . Prove that the congruence  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  has a solution if and only if each of the congruences  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m_i}$  ( $i = 1, \dots, r$ ) has a solution. Also show that if  $v(m)$  and  $v(m_i)$  denote the number of solutions of  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m}$  and  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{m_i}$  for  $i = 1, \dots, r$ , respectively, then  $v(m) = v(m_1) v(m_2) \dots v(m_r)$ .
22. Assume  $n$  is not congruent to  $0 \pmod{p}$  and consider the least positive residues mod  $p$  of the following  $\frac{p-1}{2}$  multiples of  $n: n, 2n, 3n, \dots, \frac{p-1}{2}n$ . Then if  $m$  denotes the number of these residues which exceed  $\frac{p}{2}$ , prove that  $(n|p) = (-1)^m$ .

(2×5=10 weightage)

