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Faculty of Science

Branch I (A)–Mathematics

MT 04 E01—ANALYTIC NUMBER THEORY

(2012 to 2018 Admissions—Supplementary/Mercy Chance)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

**Part A**

*Answer any five questions.  
Each question has weight 1.*

1. Show that Dirichlet multiplication is associative.
2. Show that if  $g$  is multiplicative, then  $g^{-1}$  is also multiplicative.
3. Show that  $[x]! = \prod_{p \leq x} p^{\alpha(p)}$  for every  $x \geq 1$ , and  $\alpha(p) = \sum_{m=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{x}{p^m} \right]$ .
4. Show that  $\psi(x) = \sum_{m \leq \log_2 x} \mathcal{J}(x^{1/m})$ .
5. Define Chebyshev's  $\psi$  and  $\mathcal{J}$  functions.
6. Show that if  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , then  $(a, m) = (b, m)$ .
7. If  $(a, b) = d$ , show that there exists integers  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $ax + by = d$ .
8. Given  $m \geq 1, (a, m) = 1$  and  $f = \exp_m(a)$ . Show that  $1, a, a^2, \dots, a^{f-1}$  are incongruent mod  $m$ .  
(5 × 1 = 5)

**Part B**

*Answer any five questions.  
Each question has weight 2.*

9. Define the Mangoldt function  $\wedge(n)$ . Show that  $\log n = \sum_{d|n} \wedge(d)$ .
10. Show that if both  $g$  and  $f * g$  are multiplicative, then  $f$  is also multiplicative.

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11. Show that if  $x \geq 1$  and  $\alpha > 0, \alpha \neq 1$   $\sum_{n \leq x} \sigma_\alpha(n) = \frac{\xi(\alpha+1)}{\alpha+1} x^{\alpha+1} + O(x^\beta)$ , where  $\beta = \max\{1, \alpha\}$ .
12. Show that there is a constant  $A$  such that  $\sum_{p \leq x} \frac{1}{p} = \log \log x + A + O\left(\frac{1}{\log x}\right)$  for all  $x \geq 2$ .
13. Show that  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$  if and only if  $a$  and  $b$  give the same remainder when divided by  $m$ .
14. State and prove Wolstenholme's theorem.
15. State and prove Chinese remainder theorem.
16. Let  $p$  be an odd prime and let  $d$  be any positive divisor of  $p-1$ . Prove that in every reduced residue system mod  $p$  there are exactly  $\phi(d)$  numbers  $a$  such that  $\exp_p(a) = d$ .

(5 × 2 = 10)

**Part C**

*Answer any three questions.  
Each question has weight 5.*

17. (a) If  $x \geq 2$  show that  $\log[x]! = x \log x - x + O(\log x)$ .
- (b) For  $x \geq 2$  show that  $\sum_{p \leq x} \left[ \frac{x}{p} \right] \log p = x \log x + O(x)$ , where the sum is extended over all primes  $\leq x$ .
18. (a) Prove that two lattice point  $(a, b)$  and  $(m, n)$  are mutually visible if and only if  $a - m$  and  $b - n$  are relatively prime.
- (b) Prove that the set of lattice points visible from the origin has density  $6/\pi^2$ .
19. (a) For any arithmetical function  $a(n)$  let  $A(x) = \sum_{n \leq x} a(n)$ , where  $A(x) = 0$  if  $x < 1$ . Assume  $f$  has continuous derivative on the interval  $[y, x]$ , where  $0 < y < x$ . Prove that :

$$\sum_{y < n \leq x} a(n)f(n) = A(x)f(x) - A(y)f(y) - \int_y^x A(t)f'(t)dt.$$

- (b) Prove that for  $n \geq 1$ , the  $n^{\text{th}}$  prime  $p_n$  satisfies  $\frac{1}{6}n \log n < p_n < 12\left(n \log n + n \log \frac{12}{e}\right)$ .





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20. (a) Assume  $(a, m) = d$  and  $d|b$ . Prove that the linear congruence  $ax \equiv (\text{mod } m)$  has exactly  $d$  solutions modulo  $m$ . Also obtain these solutions.
- (b) Given a prime  $p$ , let  $f(x) = c_0 + c_1x + \dots + c_nx^n$  be a polynomial of degree  $n$  with integer coefficients such that  $c_n \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ . Prove that the polynomial congruence  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  has at most  $n$  solutions.
21. Assume  $\alpha \geq 2$  and let  $r$  be a solution of the congruence  $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^{\alpha-1}}$  lying in the interval  $0 \leq r < p^{\alpha-1}$ .

Prove the following :

- (a) If  $f'(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ , then  $r$  can be lifted in a unique way from  $p^{\alpha-1}$  to  $p^\alpha$ .
- (b) If  $f'(r) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p}$  (i) prove that when  $f(r) \equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$ ,  $r$  can be lifted from  $p^{\alpha-1}$  to  $p^\alpha$  in  $p$  distinct ways.
- (c) If  $f(r) \not\equiv 0 \pmod{p^\alpha}$ , then  $r$  cannot be lifted from  $p^{\alpha-1}$  to  $p^\alpha$ .

22. Prove that for  $|x| < 1$ ,  $\prod_{m=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{1-x^m} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} p(n)x^n$ , where  $p(0) = 1, p(n)$  denote the partition function.

(3 × 5 = 15)

