

**SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, AUGUST 2013**

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 2C 10—NUMBER THEORY

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

**Part A**

Answer **all** questions.  
Each question has **weightage** 1.

1. Define **Möbius** function  $\mu(n)$  and show that  $\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = 0$  if  $n > 1$ .
2. Define **Mangoldt** function  $\Lambda(n)$  and express  $\Lambda(n)$  in terms of logarithm.
3. Give an example of a multiplicative function which is not completely multiplicative.
4. Let  $f$  be an arithmetical function with  $f(1) \neq 0$ . Show that  $(f^{-1})' = -f' * (f * f^{-1})^{-1}$ .
5. Derive **Selberg** identity.
6. Prove that  $[2x] - [2y]$  is either 0 or 1.
7. Calculate the highest power of 10 that divides 1000 !.
8. Show that the linear congruence  $2x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$  has no solutions.
9. Determine the quadratic residues and non-residues modulo 7.
10. Let  $(a, m) = 1$ . Show that  $a^{\frac{\phi(m)}{2}} \equiv \pm 1 \pmod{m}$ .
11. Determine whether -104 is a quadratic residue or non-residue of the prime 997.
12. What is **cryptosystem** ?
13. Prove that the product of two shift enciphering transformations is also a shift enciphering transformation.
14. How do we send a signature in RSA ?

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

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## Part B

Answer any **seven** questions.  
Each question has **weightage 2**.

15. Show that if  $x \geq 1$ , then  $\sum_{d|n} \frac{1}{d} = \log x + c + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ .
16. Let  $f$  be a multiplicative function. Show that  $f$  is completely multiplicative if  $f(n) = \mu(n)f(n)$  for all  $n \geq 1$ .
17. Show that if  $x \geq 1$ , then we have  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n} = \log x + c + O\left(\frac{1}{x}\right)$ .
18. Show that if  $x \geq 2$ , then we have  $\sum_{n \leq x} \Lambda(n) \left[ \frac{x}{n} \right] = x \log x - x + O(\log x)$ .
19. Show that for  $x \geq 2$ ,  $\pi(x) = \frac{5(x)}{\log x} \int_2^x \frac{dt}{t \log^2 t}$ .
20. Show that for any prime  $p$  all the coefficients of the polynomial  $f(x) = (x-1)(x-2)\dots(x-p+1) - x^{p-1} + 1$  are divisible by  $p$ .
21. Show that the Legendre's symbol  $\left(\frac{n}{p}\right)$  is a completely multiplicative function of  $n$ .
22. Show that if  $p$  is an odd positive integer then :
- (a)  $\left(\frac{-1}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}}$
- (b)  $\left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}}$ .
23. In the 27-letter alphabet (with blank = 26), use the affine enciphering transformation with key  $a = 13, b = 9$  to encipher the message "HELP ME".
24. Solve the following system of simultaneous congruences :
- $x + 4y \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ .
- $5x + 7y \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$ .

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

## Part C

Answer any two questions.  
Each question has **weightage 4**.

25. For every integer  $n \geq 2$ , prove that  $\frac{1}{6 \log n} \leq \pi(n) \leq 6 \log n$ .

26. State and prove Lagrange's theorem.

27. State Gauss' lemma. Let  $m$  be the number defined in Gauss' lemma. Show that

$$\sum_{i=1}^m p_i + (n-1) \left( \frac{p-1}{2} \right) \pmod{2}.$$

28. Find the discrete log of 28 to the base 2 in  $\mathbb{F}_{31}$  using the **Silver-Pohlig-Hellman** algorithm.

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)