

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

The value of $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 =$

- (a) $\binom{2n+2}{3}$ (b) $\binom{2n}{n}$
(c) $\binom{2n}{3}$ (d) $\binom{2n+1}{3}$

For $n \geq 2$, $\sqrt[n]{n}$ is _____

- (a) irrational (b) rational
(c) composite (d) integer

The remainder of $2^{20} - 1$ is divisible by 41 _____

- (a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) 0

Number of solutions of $18x \equiv 30 \pmod{42}$ is _____

- (a) 2 (b) 6
(c) 3 (d) 5

Any absolute pseudoprime is _____

- (a) square free (b) pseudo prime
(c) prime (d) absolute

The unit digit of 3^{100} is _____

- (a) 0 (b) 1
(c) 2 (d) 3

2. If n is an odd integer, and $r = \frac{1}{2}(n-1)$, then

- (a) $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{r-1}$ (b) $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n+1}{r+1}$
(c) $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n}{r+1}$ (d) $\binom{n+1}{r} = \binom{n+1}{r+1}$

3. $\text{lcm}(3054, 12378) =$ _____

- (a) 6300402 (b) 3054
(c) 12378 (d) 6

4. Given integers a, b, c, d , which one of the following is false?

- (a) If $a | bc$ then $a | c$
(b) If $a | b$ and $a | c$ then $a^2 | bc$
(c) $a | b$ if and only if $ac | bc$, where $c \neq 0$
(d) If $a | b$ and $c | d$ then $ac | bd$

5. Prime factorization of 17460 is _____

- (a) $8.9.5.49$ (b) $2^3.3^2.5.7^2$
(c) $2^3.3.5.7^3$ (d) $8.9.5.7^2$

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) Prove that $1.2 + 2.3 + 3.4 + \dots + n(n+1) = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{3}$, for all $n \geq 1$.

Or

(b) Derive the Binomial identity $\binom{2}{2} + \binom{4}{2} + \binom{6}{2} + \dots + \binom{2n}{2} = \frac{n(n+1)(4n-1)}{6}$, $n \geq 2$.

12. (a) Show that the expression $a(a^2 + 2)/3$ is an integer for all $a \geq 1$.

Or

(b) For any integers a, b prove that if $a | b$ and $b \neq 0$ then $|a| \leq |b|$.

13. (a) State and prove Euclid's theorem.

Or

(b) Employing the Sieve of eratosthenes, obtain all the primes between 100 and 200.

14. (a) If $ca = cb \pmod{n}$ then prove that $a \equiv b \pmod{n/d}$, where $d = \gcd(c, n)$.

Or

- (b) Find the remainder when $1! + 2! + \dots + 100!$ is divided by 12.

15. (a) State and prove Wilson's theorem.

Or

- (b) If p and q are distinct primes with $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$ and $a^q \equiv a \pmod{q}$ then prove that $a^{pq} \equiv a \pmod{pq}$.

PART C — ($5 \times 8 = 40$ marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) State and prove first principle of induction.

Or

- (b) Prove that the sum of the reciprocals of the first ' n ' triangular numbers is less than 2.

17. (a) State and prove division algorithm.

Or

- (b) Find the solution of linear diophantine equation $24x + 138y = 18$.

18. (a) If all the $n > 2$ terms of the arithmetic progression $p, p+d, \dots, p+(n-1)d$ are prime numbers then prove that the common difference d is divisible by every prime $q < n$.

Or

- (b) State and prove Fundamental theorem of Arithmetic.

19. (a) State and prove Chinese remainder theorem.

Or

- (b) Find the solutions of the system of congruences $3x + 4y \equiv 5 \pmod{13}$, $2x + 5y \equiv 7 \pmod{13}$.

20. (a) State and prove Fermat's theorem.

Or

- (b) Prove that the quadratic congruence $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, where p is an odd prime has a solution iff $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.