

N.B.: (1) All questions are compulsory.

(2) Figures to the right indicate marks for respective sub questions.

1. (a) Attempt any **one** question:

(i) State and Wilson's Theorem. Is converse true? Justify . (08)

(ii) Let p be a prime. Show that $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ has solutions if and only if $p=2$ or $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$. Hence show that the odd prime divisors of the integer $n^2 + 1$ are of the form $4k+1$. (08)

(b) Solve any **two** of the following.

(i) Given any integer $k > 0$, show that there exist k consecutive composite numbers. Show that there are infinitely many primes of the form $4k+3$. (06)

(ii) Assume that p and q are distinct odd primes such that $(p-1) \mid (q-1)$. If $\gcd(a, pq)=1$, show that $a^{q-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{pq}$. (06)

(iii) State and prove Chinese Remainder Theorem (06)

(iv) Prove that if the integer n has r distinct odd prime factors, then $2^r \mid \phi(n)$ where $\phi(n)$ is Euler function. (06)

Q2 (A) Attempt any **one** question: (08)

(i) Let the positive integer n be written as $n = N^2 m$, where m is square free. Then show that n can be represented as the sum of two squares if and only if m contains no prime factor of the form $4k+3$.

(ii) Prove that the Diophantine equation $x^4 + y^4 = z^2$ has no solution in positive integers x, y, z . (08)

(B) Solve any **two** of the following

(i) If x, y and z is a primitive Pythagorean triple prove that $x+y$ and $x-y$ are congruent modulo 8 either to 1 or 7. (06)

(ii) If n is the sum of two triangular numbers establish that $4n+1$ is the sum of two squares. (06)

(iii) Establish that each of the integers 2^n , where $n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$, is a sum of two squares. (06)

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- (iv) Solve the linear Diophantine equation $172x + 20y = 1000$ (06)
3. (a) Attempt any **one** question:
- (i) State and prove the Quadratic Reciprocity Law. (08)
- (ii) If p is an odd prime and $\gcd(a, 2p) = 1$ then show that (08)

$$\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = (-1)^t \text{ where } t = \sum_{j=1}^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \left[\frac{ja}{p}\right] \text{ and } \left(\frac{2}{p}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{p^2-1}{8}}$$

(b) Solve any **two** of the following.

- (i) Prove that if p is an odd prime and $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ then the congruence $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p^n}$, $n \geq 1$ has solution if and only if $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right) = 1$. (06)
- (ii) Find whether $x^2 \equiv 231 \pmod{1105}$ is solvable (06)
- (iii) Show that $\left(-\frac{3}{p}\right) = 1$ if $p \equiv 1 \pmod{6}$ and $\left(-\frac{3}{p}\right) = -1$ if $p \equiv 5 \pmod{6}$ (06)
- (iv) Define Jacobi symbol $\left(\frac{P}{Q}\right)$ for Q odd and positive. Show that if Q is odd and $Q > 0$ then $\left(\frac{-1}{Q}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{Q-1}{2}}$ and $\left(\frac{2}{Q}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{Q^2-1}{8}}$. (06)

Q4 Solve any **three** of the following

- (i) Establish each of the following assertions: (05)
- a) If n is an odd integer, then $\Phi(2n) = \Phi(n)$
- b) If n is an even integer, then $\Phi(2n) = 2\Phi(n)$.
- (ii) State Fermat's Theorem. Use it to verify that 17 divides $11^{104} + 1$. (05)
- (iii) Prove that in a primitive Pythagorean triple x, y, z , the product xy is divisible by 12, hence 60 divides xyz . (05)
- (iv) Prove that the radius of the inscribed circle of a Pythagorean triangle is always an integer. (05)
- (v) Let p be an odd prime and $\gcd(a, p) = \gcd(b, p) = 1$. Prove that either all three of the congruences $x^2 \equiv a \pmod{p}$, $x^2 \equiv b \pmod{p}$, $x^2 \equiv ab \pmod{p}$ are solvable or exactly one of them admits a solution. (05)
- (vi) Prove that 2 is not a primitive root of any prime of the form $p = 3 \cdot 2^n + 1$ except when $p = 13$. (05)