

(3 hours)

Total Marks: 100

- N.B: (1) All questions are compulsory
 (2) Attempt any two sub-questions from part (a), part (b) and part(c)
 (3) Figures to the right indicate marks for respective sub-questions.

- Q1.a) i) Determine all solutions in integers of the Diophantine equation: $56x+72y=40$ (5)
 ii) Assuming that p_n is the n^{th} prime number, establish that, none of the integers $P_n = p_1 p_2 p_3 \dots p_n + 1$ is a perfect square. (5)
- b) i) Prove that if the irrational $x > 1$ is represented by the infinite continued fraction $[a_0; a_1, a_2, \dots]$ then $\frac{1}{x}$ has the expansion $[0; a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots]$ (5)
 ii) Show that there are infinitely many primes of the form $4k+1$. (5)
- c) i) Encipher message GOODLUCK by using Caesar cipher. (5)
 ii) Find all solutions of $x^2 \equiv 23 \pmod{7^2}$ (5)
- Q2.a) Prove that the linear Diophantine equation $ax+by=c$ has a solution if and only if $d|c$, where $d = \gcd(a,b)$. Also, if x_0, y_0 is any particular solution of this equation, then all other solutions are given by $x=x_0 + \left(\frac{b}{d}\right)t$, $y = y_0 - \left(\frac{a}{d}\right)t$, where t is an arbitrary integer. (10)
- b) i) State and Euler's generalization of Fermat's theorem. (6)
 ii) Confirm that for any integer $n \geq 0$, $51 | 10^{32n+9} - 7$ (4)
- c) i) Prove that the quadratic congruence $x^2+1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, where p is an odd prime, has a solution if and only if $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ (6)
 ii) Prove that if p and $p+2$ are a pair of twin primes, then $4((p-1)!+1) \equiv 0 \pmod{p(p+2)}$. (4)
- Q3.a) For an odd prime p , define the Legendre symbol $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$ where $a \in \mathbb{Z}$. State the quadratic reciprocity law. Hence show that (10)
- $$\left(\frac{p}{q}\right) = \begin{cases} \left(\frac{q}{p}\right) & \text{if } p \text{ or } q \equiv 1 \pmod{4} \\ -\left(\frac{q}{p}\right) & \text{if } p \text{ and } q \equiv 3 \pmod{4} \end{cases}$$
- b) i) Define Jacobi symbol $\left(\frac{P}{Q}\right)$ where Q is odd and positive. Show that (6)
- $$\left(\frac{P}{Q}\right) = (-1)^{\frac{P-1}{2} \frac{Q-1}{2}} \left(\frac{Q}{P}\right)$$

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- ii) Evaluate $\tau(n)$ and $\sigma(n)$ for $n=720$, where τ and σ are arithmetic functions. (4)
- c) i) Define Möbius function μ . Prove that μ is multiplicative function. Also prove (6)
that , if n is a positive integer,
$$\sum_{d|n} \mu(d) = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$
- ii) Show that the Fermat number F_5 is divisible by 641. (4)
- Q4.a) Prove that every simple infinite continued fraction represents an (10)
irrational number and conversely every irrational number represents an
infinite continued fraction. Represent $\sqrt{2}$ as a simple infinite continued
fraction.
- b) i) If $C_k = \frac{p_k}{q_k}$ is the k^{th} convergent of the finite simple continued fraction (6)
 $[a_0; a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n]$; then show that the convergents with even subscripts
form a strictly increasing sequence.
- ii) For any positive integer n , Show that $\sqrt{(n^2 + 1)} = [n; \overline{2n}]$ (4)
- c) i) Find the fundamental solution of $x^2 - 41y^2 = 1$ (6)
- ii) If d is divisible by a prime $p \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$, show that the equation of $x^2 -$ (4)
 $dy^2 = -1$ has no solution.
- Q5.a) Define Carmichael number. Show that n is Carmichael number if and only if (10)
it is odd and for every prime p dividing n , $p-1 | n-1$.
- b) i) Explain Hill cipher with block of two letters stating enciphering and (6)
deciphering function.
- ii) Use affine transformation $f(x) = 2x+1 \pmod{26}$ to encipher message "MATHS" (4)
- c) i) If n is pseudoprime to bases b_1 and b_2 , then prove that n is pseudoprime to (6)
bases $b_1 b_2$ and $b_1 b_2^{-1}$.
- ii) If $n = 2^{2^k} + 1$ is composite then show that n is pseudoprime to base 2 where (4)
 $k > 0$.