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THIRD SEMESTER B.A./B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2015

MATHEMATICS

Paper I

(Algebra and Number theory)

(New Syllabus)

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 60

Answer all questions.

Answer any five of the following:

5 × 2 = 10

1. Define transitive relation and give an example.
2. Define countability of a set and give an example.
3. Prove that $9^n - 8^n - 1$ is divisible by 8.
4. Find the highest power of 3 contained in $100!$.
5. Prove that the identity element in a group is unique.
6. If 'a' is a generator of cyclic group G then a^{-1} is also a generator of cyclic group G.
7. Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism from group G into G' , Prove that if 'e' is an identity in G then $f(e)$ is an identity element in G' .
8. Define Kernel of a homomorphism.

Answer any six of the following:

6 × 5 = 30

9. If R is an equivalence relation on a set A and $B_a = \{x \in A : (x, a) \in R\}$ for any $a \in A$, Prove that $\{B_a : a \in A\}$ forms a partition of A.
10. Prove that every subset of a countable set is countable.
11. Prove that $3^{2n+2} - 8n - 9$ is divisible by 64.
12. If P is a prime number, then show that, $1^{P-1} + 2^{P-1} + 3^{P-1} + \dots + (P-1)^{P-1} + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{P}$.
13. Prove that the product of 'r' consecutive positive integers is divisible by $r!$.
14. Prove that a non-empty subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G if and only if $ab^{-1} \in H, \forall a, b \in H$.
15. Prove that every subgroup of a cycle group is cyclic.
16. Prove that every cycle can be expressed as a product of transpositions in infinitely many ways.
17. State and prove Lagrange's theorem for finite groups.
18. If H is a normal sub group of a group G then the set G/H of all left cosets of H in G form a group with respect to the operation defined by $xH.yH = xyH, \forall x, y \in G$.

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III. Answer any two of the following questions.

19. a) With usual notations, prove that

$$i) (\cup \{A_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\})^c = \cap \{A_\lambda^c : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$$

$$ii) (\cap \{A_\lambda : \lambda \in \Lambda\})^c = \cup \{A_\lambda^c : \lambda \in \Lambda\}$$

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b) Prove that the set Q of rationals is countable.

20. a) State and prove Wilson's theorem.

b) Prove that $28! + 233$ is divisible by 899.

21. a) If G and G' are two groups and if $f: G \rightarrow G'$ is a homomorphism then prove that $\text{Ker } f = K$ is a normal subgroup of G.

b) Let $f: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism of a group G into G', Prove that

i) If a^{-1} is an inverse of a in G then $f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1}$.

ii) If H is a subgroup of G then $f(H)$ is a subgroup of G'.

22. a) Let N be a normal subgroup of G and Let G/N be the quotient group of N in G. If $f: G \rightarrow G/N$ is a function defined by $f(x) = xN \forall x \in G$, then Prove that 'f' is homomorphism and $\text{Ker } f = N$.

b) Prove that every infinite cyclic group G is isomorphic to additive group of integers Z