

**NF-131**

December-2015

M.Sc., Sem.-III

**503 : Mathematics****(Number Theory)**

Time : 3 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (a) Attempt any **one**. 7
- (i) Prove that Fermat numbers are all relatively prime to each other. Using this result prove that the number of primes is infinite.
- (ii) Find integers  $x, y, z$  such that  $35x + 55y + 77z = 1$ .
- (b) Attempt any **two**. 4
- (i) Prove that if  $a$  and  $b$  are integers, with  $b > 0$ , then there exist unique integers  $q$  and  $r$  satisfying  $a = qb + r$ , where  $2b \leq r < 3b$ .
- (ii) Prove that the sum of the squares of two odd integers cannot be a perfect square.
- (iii) Find all pairs of primes  $p$  and  $q$  satisfying  $p - q = 3$ .
- (c) Answer very briefly. 3
- (i) Prove or disprove : If  $a|b + c$ , then either  $a|b$  or  $a|c$ .
- (ii) Is the integer 701 prime ? Justify your answer.
- (iii) State the fundamental theorem of arithmetic.
2. (a) Attempt any **one**. 7
- (i) Prove that every even perfect number is of the form  $2^{k-1}(2^k - 1)$ , where  $2^k - 1$  is a prime.
- (ii) State and prove the Möbius inversion formula.
- (b) Attempt any **two**. 4
- (i) Let  $x$  and  $y$  be real numbers. Prove that  $[x] + [y] \leq [x + y]$ .
- (ii) For  $n = 3655$ , find the values of  $\tau(n)$ ,  $\tau(n + 1)$  and  $\tau(n + 2)$ .
- (iii) Prove that the product of two odd primes is never a perfect number.
- (c) Answer very briefly. 3
- (i) For what real numbers  $x$  is it true that  $[x + 3] = 3 + [x]$  ?
- (ii) Find the highest power of 5 dividing  $15000!$ .
- (iii) Calculate  $\phi(5225)$ .
3. (a) Attempt any **one**. 7
- (i) Using the theory of indices, solve  $3x^4 \equiv 5 \pmod{11}$ .
- (ii) State and prove the Lagrange's theorem.
- (b) Attempt any **two**. 4
- (i) Solve :  $2x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$ ,  $3x \equiv 9 \pmod{6}$ ,  $4x \equiv 1 \pmod{7}$ ,  $5x \equiv 9 \pmod{11}$ .
- (ii) Solve :  $140x \equiv 133 \pmod{301}$ .
- (iii) For  $k \geq 3$  prove that the integer  $2^k$  has no primitive roots.

- (c) Answer very briefly. 3
- (i) Find the unit digit of  $3^{100}$ .
- (ii) Is the converse of Wilson's theorem true? Justify your answer.
- (iii) What is the order of the integer 9 modulo 13?
4. (a) Attempt any **one**. 7
- (i) Determine the general solution of  $364x + 227y = 1$  by means of simple continued fractions.
- (ii) Prove that the value of any infinite continued fraction is an irrational number.
- (b) Attempt any **two**. 4
- (i) Determine the infinite continued fraction representation of  $\sqrt{23}$ .
- (ii) Evaluate  $[2; \overline{1, 2, 1}]$
- (iii) Obtain all primitive Pythagorean triples of the form 40, y, z.
- (c) Answer very briefly. 3
- (i) Express  $\frac{118}{303}$  as finite simple continued fraction.
- (ii) Compute the convergents of  $[1; 2, 3, 3, 2, 1]$ .
- (iii) What is the fundamental solution of  $x^2 - 11y^2 = 1$ ?
5. (a) Attempt any **one**. 7
- (i) Determine all algebraic integers of the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  where m is a square-free rational integer, positive or negative but not equal to 1.
- (ii) Show that the fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  for  $m = -1, -2, -3, -7, 2, 3$  are Euclidean.
- (b) Attempt any **two**. 4
- (i) Prove that the norm of an integer in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  is a rational integer.
- (ii) Prove that if the norm of an integer  $\alpha$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  is  $\pm p$ , where p is a rational prime, then  $\alpha$  is a prime.
- (iii) Let  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  have the unique factorization property. Then prove that to any prime  $\pi$  in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$  there corresponds one and only one rational prime p such that  $\pi|p$ .
- (c) Answer very briefly. 3
- (i) Prove that reciprocal of a unit is a unit.
- (ii) Is  $11 + 2\sqrt{6}$  a prime in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{6})$ ?
- (iii) If  $\alpha$  is any integer, and u any unit, in  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{m})$ , prove that  $u\alpha$ .