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( CBCS )

( 6th Semester )

**MATHEMATICS**

TWELFTH (B) PAPER

**( Elementary Number Theory )**

*Full Marks : 75*

*Time : 3 hours*

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks for the questions*

**( SECTION : A—OBJECTIVE )**

( Marks : 10 )

Tick (✓) the correct answer in the brackets provided :

1×10=10

1. The greatest common divisor of 42823 and 6409 is

(a) 9 ( )

(b) 13 ( )

(c) 17 ( )

(d) 19 ( )

2. The least common multiple of 1687 and 482 is

(a) 1687 ( )

(b) 3374 ( )

(c) 2374 ( )

(d) 6748 ( )

3. A solution of the linear congruence  $7x \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$  is
- (a) 2 ( )
- (b) 3 ( )
- (c) 4 ( )
- (d) 5 ( )
4. Which of the following is complete residue systems modulo 11?
- (a) 0, 2, 12, 3, 15, 19, 21, 9, 7, 16, 17 ( )
- (b) 2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22 ( )
- (c) 4, 3, 2, 1, 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6 ( )
- (d) 0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18 ( )
5. The remainder, if  $8^{103}$  is divided by 103, is
- (a) 0 ( )
- (b) 1 ( )
- (c) 103 ( )
- (d) 8 ( )
6. Which of the following is true?
- (a) For any integer  $n \geq 2$ , Euler's function  $\phi(n)$  is even ( )
- (b) For any integer  $n \geq 2$ , Euler's function  $\phi(n)$  is odd ( )
- (c) For any integer  $n \geq 2$ , Euler's function  $\phi(n)$  is rational number ( )
- (d) For any integer  $n \geq 2$ , Euler's function  $\phi(n)$  is zero ( )
7. The congruence  $x^2 - x - 4 \equiv 0 \pmod{5}$  has
- (a) no solution ( )
- (b) one solution ( )
- (c) two solutions ( )
- (d) four solutions ( )

8. The legendre symbol of  $\left(\frac{29}{53}\right)$  is

(a) 1 ( )

(b) -1 ( )

(c) 0 ( )

(d) 2 ( )

9. The largest exponent of 5 which divides 764! is

(a) 140 ( )

(b) 155 ( )

(c) 176 ( )

(d) 189 ( )

10. The value of  $\phi(20)$  is

(a) 480 ( )

(b) 546 ( )

(c) 594 ( )

(d) 600 ( )

**( SECTION : B—SHORT ANSWER )**

( Marks : 15 )

Answer the following questions (any three) :

5×3=15

UNIT—I

1. Prove that if  $a|b$  and  $b|c$ , then  $a|c$ .

**OR**

2. Show that  $n(n-1)(2n-1)$  is a multiple of 6 for every natural number  $n$ .

UNIT—II

3. If  $ca \equiv cb \pmod{m}$  and  $(c, m) = 1$ , then prove that  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ .

**OR**

4. Define complete residue system with example.

UNIT—III

5. If  $n > 1$ , then show that the sum of all positive integers which are less than  $n$  and prime to  $n$  is  $\frac{1}{2}n\phi(n)$ .

**OR**

6. Find the order of the integers 3 modulo 17.

UNIT—IV

7. Let  $p$  be an odd prime. Prove that

$$\frac{ab}{p} \equiv \frac{a}{p} + \frac{b}{p} \pmod{1}$$

**OR**

8. If  $Q$  be positive and odd, then prove that

$$\frac{1}{Q} \equiv (-1)^{\frac{Q-1}{2}}$$

UNIT—V

9. If  $n = 7056$ , then find  $\phi(n)$  and  $\phi^2(n)$ .

**OR**

10. Find the three different Pythagorean triples, not necessarily primitive of the form  $16, y, z$ .

( SECTION : C—DESCRIPTIVE )

( Marks : 50 )

Answer **one** question from each Unit

UNIT—I

1. (a) State and prove division algorithm. 1+5=6  
(b) Find the number of distinct positive integral divisors and their sum for the integers 56700. 4
2. (a) Let  $a$  and  $b$  be integers, not both zero and let  $d$  be a positive integer. Prove that  $d = \gcd(a, b)$  iff  $d$  satisfies 6  
(i)  $d|a$  and  $d|b$ ;  
(ii) if  $c|a$  and  $c|b$ , then  $c|d$ .  
(b) For positive integers  $a$  and  $b$ , prove that  $\gcd(a, b) \operatorname{lcm}(a, b) = ab$ . 4

UNIT—II

3. (a) Prove that the congruence  $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$  has a solution if and only if the greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $m$  divides  $b$ . 6  
(b) Prove that the number of positive primes is infinite. 4
4. (a) Let  $m$  be a fixed positive integer and  $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, \dots, m-1\}$ . Prove that no two integers of  $S$  are congruent modulo  $m$  to each other and every  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  is congruent modulo  $m$  to one of the integers of  $S$ . 6  
(b) Solve the congruence : 4  
$$13x \equiv 9 \pmod{25}$$

UNIT—III

5. (a) State and prove Fermat's theorem. 1+5=6  
(b) Find two primitive roots of 10. 4

6. (a) State and prove Wilson's theorem. 1+5=6  
 (b) Show that  $16! + 86$  is divisible by 323 by using Wilson's theorem. 4

UNIT—IV

7. (a) Let  $p$  be an odd prime and  $\gcd(a, p) = 1$ . Prove that  $a$  is a quadratic residue of  $p$  if and only if  $a^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ . 6  
 (b) Solve  $3x^2 - 9x - 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{13}$  4
8. (a) State and prove Chinese remainder theorem. 1+5=6  
 (b) Find all solutions of  $f(x) = x^2 - x - 7 \equiv 0 \pmod{3}$ . 4

UNIT—V

9. (a) Let  $p$  be a prime and  $n$ , a positive integer. Prove that the exponent  $e$  such that

$$p^e | n! \text{ is } k = 1 + \frac{n}{p} + \frac{n}{p^2} + \dots$$
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- (b) Prove that

$$d | n \implies \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if } n = 1 \\ 0 & \text{if } n > 1 \end{cases}$$
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10. (a) Let  $a \neq 0, b \neq 0$  and  $c$  be any three integers and  $d = \gcd(a, b)$ . Prove that the linear Diophantine equation  $ax + by = c$  has a solution if and only if  $d | c$ . Further, if  $(x_0, y_0)$  is a particular solution of  $ax + by = c$ , then prove that any other solution of the equation is  $x = x_0 + \frac{b}{d}t, y = y_0 - \frac{a}{d}t$ , where  $t$  being any integer. 3+3=6
- (b) If  $f$  is a multiplicative arithmetic function and  $F$  is defined by  $F(n) = \sum_{d|n} f(d)$ . Prove that  $F$  is also multiplicative. 4

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