

BITS Pilani, Dubai Campus
Dubai International Academic City, Dubai
Fourth Year – First Semester 2011 – 2012
MATH C231 – Number Theory
Comprehensive Examination

Date: 12.01.2012
Time: 3 hours

Max. Marks: 40
Weightage: 40%

- Q1 (a). Find the g.c.d of (24, 138). Use the Euclidean Algorithm to obtain integers x and y satisfying,
 $\text{g.c.d}(24, 138) = 24x + 138y$
b). Find the l.c.m (39, 102, 75) using prime factorization. [2+2]

- Q2 (a). Show 1, 5, 7, 11, 13, 17 is a reduced residue system modulo 18.
b). Prove that if $bd \equiv b'd' \pmod{p}$, where p is a prime and p does not divide b then $d \equiv d' \pmod{p}$ [2+2]

- Q3 (a). Determine whether 2093 is a prime or not and how many primes are there before 2093?
b). A Theatre charges \$1.80 for adult admissions and \$0.75 for children. On a particular evening the total receipts were \$90. Assuming that more adults were present, find whether the problem has a solution and if it has find how many adults and children people attended? [2+2]

- Q4 (a) Find the residue when 41^{65} is divided by 7
b) How many faro shuffles are required to return the cards to their original position in a deck of 12 cards? [2+2]

- Q5 a). Find the value of the Legendre symbol $\left(-\frac{219}{383}\right)$
b). Prove that for $n=30$ "The sum of positive integers less than n and relatively prime to n is equal to $\frac{1}{2}n\phi(n)$ ". [2+2]

- Q6.a) For $n=206$ show
 $\sigma(n) = \sigma(n+1)$
b) Show $\mu(n)$ is a multiplicative function. [2+2]

- Q7 . Find a complete set of mutually incongruent solution for the congruence $9x \equiv 12 \pmod{15}$. [4]

- Q8 . Solve the quadratic congruence $x^2 \equiv 11 \pmod{35}$ [4]

- Q9. Solve $158x - 57y = 1$ using continued fractions. Give the general Solution. [4]

- Q10. Prove There are infinitely many primes of the form $4n+3$. [4]

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Test 2 (Open Book)

Date: 22.12.2011
Time: 50 Minutes

Max. Marks: 20
Weightage: 20%

Q1. Find the value of the following Legendre symbol

$$\left(\frac{-46}{17}\right) \quad [2]$$

Q2. Find $\phi(42)$ and confirm it by finding a reduced set of residues mod(42) [2]

Q3. Show

$$\sum_{d|n} d\mu(n) = 4 \text{ for } n=12 \quad [2]$$

Q4. (i) Find $\sigma(496)$.

(ii) Goldbach conjecture states for each even number $2m$ there exist m_1 and m_2 such that $\sigma(m_1) + \sigma(m_2) = 2m$,

Find m_1 and m_2 for $m=248$ [3]

Q5. Write

$$\frac{712}{1027} \text{ as a continued fraction} \quad [3]$$

Q6. Solve $56x + 72y = 40$ using continued fractions. Give the general Solution. [4]

Q7. Find out whether the quadratic congruence

$$x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{5^3} \text{ has a solution or not? If yes find it.} \quad [4]$$

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Test 1 (Closed Book)

Date: 3.11.2011
Time: 50 Minutes

Max. Marks: 25
Weightage: 25%

- Q1. For an arbitrary integer a show that
$$2 \mid a(a+1) \quad [2]$$
- Q2. Find the greatest common divisor d of $(56, 72)$ using Euclid's division Lemma. Then find integers x and y such that
$$56x+72y=d \quad [2]$$
- Q3. If $m=13$, then write the reduced residue system modulo m , and pair the numbers from the above system with their inverses. How many such pairs do you get? [2]
- Q4. Find the general solution of $17x + 19y = 23$. [2]
- Q5. Find the l.c.m of $(111, 1221)$ using prime factorization (by expressing the numbers 111 and 1221 as product of powers of primes). Use the l.c.m to find the gcd. [2]
- Q6. Prove that if $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_{\phi(m)}$ is a reduced residue system modulo m , and m is odd, then
$$r_1 + r_2 + \dots + r_{\phi(m)} \equiv 0 \pmod{m} \quad [3]$$
- Q7. Find a complete set of mutually incongruent solutions for the following congruence $8x \equiv 10 \pmod{30}$. [3]
- Q8. What is the remainder when 5^{38} is divided by 11. [3]
- Q9. Solve the simultaneous congruences
 $x \equiv 1 \pmod{2}, x \equiv 2 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$. [3]
- Q10. Find the solution to $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{29}$ [3]

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Quiz 2 (Closed Book)

Date: 12.12.2011
Time: 20 Minutes

Max. Marks: 7
Weightage: 07%

Q1. Name 4 prime triplets of the form $(p, p+2, p+6)$. [1]

Q2. Write $\frac{118}{303}$ as a finite continued fraction. [2]

Q3. Approximately how many primes are there before the number 645? [1]

Q4. Write the continued fraction $[0; 1, 2, 3, 4, 3, 2, 1]$ as a rational number. [2]

Q5. Is 127 a Mersenne Number? Justify your answer. [1]

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Quiz 1 (Closed Book)**

**Date: 3.10.2011
Time: 20 Minutes**

**Max. Marks: 8
Weightage: 08%**

Q1. Show if a and b are odd integers then $a^2 - b^2$ is divisible by 8. [2]

Q2. Find the g.c.d of $(306, 657)$ using division algorithm. [2]

Q3. Find the l.c.m of (39,102,75) using prime factorization. [2]

Q4. Find the solution of $18x+5y = 48$ if it exists. [2]