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B.E. / B.Tech. DEGREE EXAMINATIONS, NOVEMBER/DECEMBER 2020

Fifth Semester

Computer Science and Engineering

MA8551 –ALGEBRA AND NUMBER THEORY

(Common to Computer and Communication Engineering and

Information Technology)

(Regulations 2017)

Answer ALL Questions

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks:100

PART-A

(10×2=20 Marks)

1. Find the inverse of 3 under the binary operation $*$ defined in R by $a * b = \frac{ab}{3}$.
2. How many units and proper zero divisors are there in Z_{17} .
3. Given an example of a polynomial that is irreducible in $Q[x]$ and reducible in $C[x]$.
4. If $f(x) = 2x^4 + 5x^2 + 2$ and $g(x) = 6x^2 + 4$, then determine $f(x) \cdot g(x)$ in $Z_7[x]$.
5. State the pigeonhole principle.
6. Find six consecutive integers that are composite.
7. When does the linear congruence $ax \equiv b \pmod{m}$ has a unique solution?
8. Find the remainder when 4^{117} is divided by 15.
9. State Wilson's theorem.
10. Find the value of $\tau(n)$ and $\sigma(n)$ for $n = 29$.

PART-B

(5×16=80 Marks)

11. (a) (i) Determine whether (Z, \oplus, \odot) is a ring with the binary operation $x \oplus y = x + y - 7$, $x \odot y = x + y - 3xy$ for all $x, y \in Z$. (8)
- (ii) For any group G , prove that G is abelian, if and only if, $(ab)^2 = a^2b^2$ for all $a, b \in G$. (8)

(OR)

- (b) (i) Prove that Z_n is field, if and only if, n is a prime. (8)
- (ii) Find $[777]^{-1}$ in Z_{1009} . (8)

12. (a) (i) State and prove the factor theorem and remainder theorem. (8)
(ii) Find the remainder, when $f(x) = x^{100} + x^{90} + x^{80} + x^{50} + 1$ is divided by $g(x) = x - 1$ in $Z_2[x]$. (8)

(OR)

- (b) (i) If $(F, +, \cdot)$ is a field and $\text{char}(F) > 0$, then prove that $\text{char}(F)$ must be prime. (8)
(ii) Find the gcd of $x^4 + x^3 + x + 1$ and $x^3 + x^2 + x + 1$ in $Z_2[x]$. (8)
13. (a) (i) Find the number of positive integers ≤ 3000 and divisible by 3, 5 or 7. (8)
(ii) Apply Euclidean algorithm to express the gcd of 2076 and 1776 as a linear combination of themselves. (8)

(OR)

- (b) (i) Prove that there are infinitely many primes. (8)
(ii) State and prove the fundamental theorem of arithmetic. (8)
14. (a) (i) Find the general solution of the linear Diophantine equation $6x + 8y + 12z = 10$. (8)
(ii) Prove that no prime of the form $4n + 3$ can be expressed as the sum of two squares. (8)

(OR)

- (b) (i) Solve $x \equiv 2 \pmod{5}$, $x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$ using Chinese remainder theorem. (8)
(ii) Solve the linear system
$$\begin{cases} 3x + 4y \equiv 5 \pmod{7} \\ 4x + 5y \equiv 6 \pmod{7} \end{cases}$$
 (8)
15. (a) (i) State and prove Fermat's little theorem. (8)
(ii) Let n be a positive integer with canonical decomposition $n = p_1^{\theta_1} p_2^{\theta_2} \dots p_k^{\theta_k}$. Derive the formula for evaluating Euler's phi function $\phi(n)$ and hence, evaluate the same for $n = 6125$. (8)

(OR)

- (b) (i) Solve the linear congruence $25x \equiv 13 \pmod{18}$. (8)
(ii) Prove that tau and sigma functions are multiplicative. (8)
