

2024

2nd Semester Examination

MATHEMATICS (Honours)

Paper : GE 2-T

[Algebra]

[CBCS]

Full Marks : 60

Time : Three Hours

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers
in their own words as far as practicable.*

1. Answer any **ten** questions : 2×10=20

(a) Find the principal value of the complex number
 $z = -1 - i$.

(b) Show that the equation $x^3 - 3x^2 - 9x + 27 = 0$ has
a multiple root.

(c) Use Descartes's rule of sign to show that the
equation $x^4 - x + 3 = 0$ has no real root.

(d) Show that if a function $f \circ g$ is injective and g is
surjective function, then f is an injective function.

(e) Find two integers u and v satisfying
 $54u + 24v = 30$.

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(2)

- (f) If x be real, prove that $i \log \frac{1+ix}{1-ix} = -2 \tan^{-1} x$.
- (g) Prove that the product of any three consecutive integers is divisible by 6.
- (h) Find the value of k for which the set $S = \{(k,1,1), (1,k,1), (1,1,k)\}$ is linearly independent.
- (i) Do the polynomials $x^3 - 2x^2 + 1$, $4x^3 - x + 3$ and $3x - 2$ generate $P_3(R)$? Justify.
- (j) Let P be an orthogonal matrix with $\det(P) = -1$. Prove that -1 is an eigen value of P .
- (k) Find the greatest value of $b^3 a^2$ where a, b are positive real number such that $a + b = 10$. Determine the values of a, b for which the greatest value is attained.
- (l) Using Euler's theorem, find the unit digit of 3^{100} .

(m) Find the rank of the matrix $A = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 0 & 2 \\ 1 & 3 & 2 \\ 2 & 6 & 2 \end{bmatrix}$.

- (n) Express the matrix A^{-1} in terms of A , where

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 1 \\ 1 & -1 & 1 \\ 2 & 3 & -1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

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- (o) If a, b, c, d be positive real numbers, not all equal, prove that $(a+b+c+d) \left(\frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c} + \frac{1}{d} \right) > 16$.

2. Answer any **four** questions :

5×4=20

- (a) Solve the equation by Cardan's method :

$$x^3 - 15x^2 - 33x + 847 = 0.$$

- (b) Find the characteristic equation of the matrix

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 4 & 3 & 1 \\ 2 & 1 & -2 \\ 1 & 2 & 1 \end{bmatrix}. \text{ Hence find } A^{-1}.$$

- (c) Find the dimension of the subspace S of R^3 defined by :

$$S = \{(x, y, z) \in R^3 : x + 2y = z; 2x + 3z = y\}.$$

- (d) If $(2 + \sqrt{3})^n = I + f$ where I and n are positive integers and $0 < f < 1$, show that I is an odd integer and $(1 - f)(I + f) = 1$.

- (e) If α, β, γ be the roots of the equation $x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0$, find the equation whose roots are

$$\frac{\alpha}{\beta} + \frac{\beta}{\alpha}, \frac{\beta}{\gamma} + \frac{\gamma}{\beta}, \frac{\gamma}{\alpha} + \frac{\alpha}{\gamma}.$$

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- (f) Show that the map $T: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ defined by,
 $T(x, y, z) = (x + y + z, 2x + y + 2z, x + 2y + z),$
 $\forall x, y, z \in \mathbb{R}$ is linear. Find the matrix
representation $[T]_B^{B'}$ of T with respect to the
ordered bases $B = \{(1, 0, 0), (1, 1, 0), (1, 1, 1)\}$ and
 $B' = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}.$ 2+3

3. Answer any **two** questions : 10×2=20

- (a) (i) Show that $\gcd(a+2, a) = 1$ or 2 for every
integer a .
(ii) Verify whether the set $\{3x-1, x^3+1, x-3\}$ is
a basis for the vector space $P_3(\mathbb{R})$.
(iii) Prove that $n^4 + 4^n$ is a composite number for
all $n > 1$. 3+3+4
- (b) (i) Use principle of mathematical induction and
establish the formula for all integers $n \geq 1$,
 $1^2 + 3^2 + 5^2 + \dots + (2n-1)^2 = \frac{4n^3 - n}{3}.$
(ii) Show that the eigen vectors corresponding to
the distinct eigen values are linearly
independent. 6+4

(5)

- (c) (i) Using Cayley-Hamilton theorem for the matrix
 A , compute A^{50} .

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (ii) Show that the eigen value of an orthogonal
matrix has a unit modulus. 5+5

- (d) (i) If $d = \gcd(a, m)$, prove that

$$ax \equiv ay \pmod{m} \Leftrightarrow x \equiv y \pmod{\frac{m}{d}}.$$

- (ii) Solve by Ferrari's method :

$$x^4 + 4x^3 - 6x^2 + 20x + 8 = 0. \quad 4+6$$