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**PART - I**  
**MATHEMATICS — HONOURS**  
**Paper - I**

Duration : 4 Hours ]

[ Full Marks : 100

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.*

**GROUP - A**

Answer any *five* questions.

5 × 5 = 25

1.    i)    State first principle of Mathematical Induction. 2  
      ii)    Using the first principle of Mathematical Induction prove that  
             $2^{2n+1} - 9n^2 + 3n - 2$  is divisible by 54. 3
2.    i)    If  $a$  and  $b$  are two positive integers such that g.c.d. of  $a$  and  $b$  is  $d$ , then  
            prove that there exist integers  $s$  and  $t$  such that  $d = s.a + t.b$ . 3  
      ii)    If  $p$  is a prime number and  $a, b$  are positive integers such that  $p|ab$ ,  
            then prove that either  $p|a$  or  $p|b$ . 2
3.    i)    State Euler's function  $\phi(n)$ , where  $n$  is a positive integer. 1  
      ii)    If  $m$  and  $n$  are two positive integers such that  $m$  is prime to  $n$ , then show  
            that  $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)$ . 4

4. If  $i^{i \dots \text{to } \infty} = A + iB$ , prove that  $\tan \frac{\pi A}{2} = \frac{B}{A}$  and  $A^2 + B^2 = e^{-\pi B}$ , by considering the principal value only. 4 + 1
5. If  $i^{p+iq} = p+iq$ , show that  $p^2 + q^2 = e^{-(4n+1)\pi q}$ , considering general values only, where  $n = 0, \pm 1, \pm 2, \dots$ . 5
6. Show that  $\sin^4 \theta \cos^5 \theta = \frac{1}{256} (\cos 9\theta + \cos 7\theta - 4 \cos 5\theta - 4 \cos 3\theta + 6 \cos \theta)$ . 5
7. i) If  $x^4 + px^2 + qx + r$  has a factor of the form  $(x - \alpha)^3$ , then show that  $8p^3 = -27q^2$  and  $p^2 = -12r$ . 2 + 2
- ii) Express the polynomial  $x^4 + 3x^3 + 5x^2 + 3x + 1$  as a polynomial in  $x + 2$ . 1
8. i) If the equation  $x^n - px^2 + r = 0$  has two equal roots, show that  $n^n r^{n-2} = 4p^n (n-2)^{n-2}$ . 2
- ii) If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  be the roots of the equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ , then prove that  $\sum \alpha^8 = 2q^4 - 8qr^2$ . 3
9. Use Sturm's function to find out the location of the roots of the equation  $x^3 + x^2 - 2x - 1 = 0$ . 5

## GROUP - B

Answer any *two* questions. $2 \times 10 = 20$ 

10. i) Let  $A, B, C$  be three non-empty subsets of a set  $S$ . Then prove that  $(A - B) \times C = (A \times C) - (B \times C)$ . 3
- ii) Let  $R$  be the set of all real numbers and  $(-1, 1)$  be the interval defined by  $(-1, 1) = \{x \in R : -1 < x < 1\}$ . Prove that the mapping  $f : R \rightarrow (-1, 1)$  defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}, \forall x \in R$  is one to one and onto. 2 + 3
- iii) Let  $S = \{a, b, c, d\}$ . Find a relation  $\rho$  on  $S$  which is reflexive, symmetric but not transitive. 2
11. i) Let  $N$  be the set of all positive integers. Let  $R$  be the relation on  $N$  defined by  $R = \{(a, b) \in Z \times Z : a - b \leq 0\}$ . Prove that  $R$  is a partial order relation on  $N$ . 3
- ii) Let  $A$  be a non-empty set and  $f : A \rightarrow A$  be a one-one mapping. Then prove that  $f^n : A \rightarrow A$  is a one-one mapping for all integers  $n \geq 1$ , where  $f^n : A \rightarrow A$  is defined as follows :
- $$f^1(x) = f(x), f^{1+n}(x) = (f \circ f^n)(x),$$
- for all  $x \in A$ , and  $n$  is any positive integer. 3

Let  $(G,*)$  be a group and  $a, b \in G$  such that  $a^{-1} * b^2 * a = b^3$  and  $b^{-1} * a^2 * b = a^3$ . Show that  $a = b = e$ . 4

Let  $(S,*)$  be a finite semigroup in which both Cancellation laws hold. Prove that  $(S,*)$  is a group. 3

Let  $R$  be the set of all real numbers. Let  $G = \{(a, b) : a, b \in R, b \neq 0\}$ . Define a binary operation  $*$  on  $G$  by  $(a, b) * (c, d) = (a + bc, bd)$  for all  $(a, b), (c, d) \in G$ . Show that  $(G,*)$  is a non-commutative group. 3

Let  $(H,*)$  and  $(K,*)$  be two subgroups of a group  $(G,*)$ . Then prove that  $H * K$  is a subgroup of  $(G,*)$  if and only if  $H * K = K * H$ , where  $H * K = \{h * k : h \in H, k \in K\}$ . 4

Prove that a ring  $R$  is commutative if and only if  $(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2$  for all  $a, b \in R$ . 2

If  $R$  is an integral domain of prime characteristic  $p$ , then prove that  $(a + b)^p = a^p + b^p$ . 4

Prove that the ring of matrices  $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 2b & a \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in Q \right\}$  is a field, where  $Q$  is the set of all rational numbers. 4

## GROUP - C

Answer any *three* questions. $3 \times 5 = 15$ 

14. If  $A$  is a unitary matrix and  $I + A$  is non-singular, then prove that  $(I+A)^{-1}(I-A)$  is Skew-Hermitian, where  $I$  is the identity matrix of suitable order. 5

15. Use Laplace's method to show that

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1+x^2 & x & 0 & 0 \\ x & 1+x^2 & x & 0 \\ 0 & x & 1+x^2 & x \\ 0 & 0 & x & 1+x^2 \end{vmatrix} = 1+x^2+x^4+x^6+x^8$$
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16. Solve by Cramer's rule :

$$x+y+z=1$$

$$ax+by+cz=k$$

$$a^2x+b^2y+c^2z=k^2, \quad a \neq b \neq c.$$
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17. Express the matrix  $A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 0 & 1 \\ 3 & 3 & 0 \\ 6 & 2 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  as product of elementary matrices and hence, find  $A^{-1}$ . 3 + 2

18. i) Test whether  $5x^2 + y^2 + 5z^2 + 4xy - 8xz - 4yz$  is positive definite. 2

ii) Reduce  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$  to row-reduced Echelon form and find its rank. 3

19. i) If  $\Delta = \begin{vmatrix} h & a & 0 \\ 1 & 1 & 1 \\ h & b & f \\ 0 & c & f \end{vmatrix}$  and  $\Delta' = \begin{vmatrix} \frac{1}{bc} - \frac{1}{f^2} & -\frac{1}{ch} & \frac{1}{fh} \\ af & -fh & ch \\ \frac{1}{fh} & -\frac{1}{af} & \frac{1}{ab} - \frac{1}{h^2} \end{vmatrix}$ , then show that

$$\frac{\Delta'}{\Delta^2} = -\frac{1}{cafh}. \quad 3$$

ii) Show that any square matrix is expressible uniquely as a sum of a symmetric and a skew-symmetric matrix. 2

#### GROUP - D

Answer any one question.

$1 \times 10 = 10$

20. i) A person requires 10, 12 and 12 units of chemicals A, B and C respectively. A liquid product contains 3, 2 and 1 unit of A, B and C respectively. A dry product contains 1, 2 and 4 units of A, B and C per packet. If the liquid product sells for Rs. 2 per jar and the dry product sells for Re. 1 per packet, then formulate the problem as a linear programming problem. 5

- ii) Use graphical method to solve the following LPP :

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$$\text{Maximize } Z = 2x_1 + 3x_2$$

$$\text{subject to } x_1 + x_2 \leq 30$$

$$x_2 \geq 3$$

$$x_2 \leq 12$$

$$x_1 \leq 20$$

$$x_1 - x_2 \geq 0$$

$$\text{and } x_1, x_2 \geq 0.$$

21. i) Find all the basic feasible solutions of the system of equations :

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$$2x_1 + 6x_2 + 2x_3 + x_4 = 3$$

$$6x_1 + 4x_2 + 4x_3 + 6x_4 = 2.$$

- ii) Show that basic feasible solutions of an L.P.P. are linearly independent. 5

## GROUP - E

## Section - I

Answer any *three* questions.

3 × 5 = 15

22. Show that the equation  $7x^2 - 2xy + 7y^2 + 22x - 10y + 7 = 0$  represents an ellipse. Find its centre, the equation of axes and directrices of the ellipse. 5
23. Show that, if one of the bisectors of the angles between the pair of straight lines  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$  passes through the point of intersection of two straight lines  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 + 2gx + 2fy + c = 0$ , then  $h(g^2 - f^2) = fg(a - b)$ . 5
24. A triangle has the lines  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2 = 0$  for two of its sides and the point  $(p, q)$  for its orthocentre. Show that the equation of its third side is  $(a + b)(px + qy) = aq^2 + bp^2 - 2hpq$ . 5
25. Find the polar equation of the chord joining two points on the conic  $\frac{l}{r} = 1 - e \cos(\theta - \gamma)$  with  $\alpha - \beta$  and  $\alpha + \beta$  as their vectorial angles. Hence find the equation of the tangent to the conic at  $\theta = \alpha$ . 5
26. i) Find the angle through which axes must be turned so that  $ax^2 + 2hxy + by^2$  becomes an expression of the form  $Ax^2 + By^2$ . 2
- ii) Show that the condition that the straight line  $\frac{1}{r} = a \cos \theta + b \sin \theta$  may touch the circle  $r = 2k \cos \theta$  is  $b^2 k^2 + 2ak = 1$ . 3

## Section - II

Answer any *three* questions. $3 \times 5 = 15$ 

27. i) Show that the equation of the plane through the intersection of the planes  $x - 2y + 3z + 4 = 0$  and  $2x - 3y + 4z = 7$  and the point  $(1, -1, 1)$  is  $9x - 13y + 17z = 39$ . 3
- ii) Find the equation of the plane through  $(1, 2, 3)$  and parallel to the plane  $3x + 4y - 5z = 0$ . 2
28. Prove that the straight lines  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y+1}{-3} = \frac{z+10}{8}$  and  $\frac{x-4}{1} = \frac{y+3}{-4} = \frac{z+1}{7}$  intersect and find the plane through them. Also find their point of intersection. 5
29. Find the length of the shortest distance between the straight lines  $\frac{x-3}{1} = \frac{y-5}{-2} = \frac{z-7}{1}$  and  $\frac{x+1}{7} = \frac{y+1}{-6} = \frac{z+1}{1}$ . Find also the equation of the line of shortest distance. 5
30. Show that the point  $O\left(-\frac{1}{2}, 2, 0\right)$  is the circumcentre of the triangle formed by the points  $P(1, 1, 0)$ ,  $Q(1, 2, 1)$  and  $R(-2, 2, -1)$ . 5
31. Prove that the straight lines  $\frac{x-1}{2} = \frac{y-2}{3} = \frac{z-3}{4}$  and  $4x - 3y + 1 = 0 = 5x - 3z + 2$  are coplanar. Find also the equation of the plane containing them. 5
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**Group - A**

( Marks : 25 )

Answer any *five* questions of the following.

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1. a) Show that the set  $\mathcal{Q}$  of rational numbers is dense and Archimedean. 1 + 2
- b) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be two non-empty bounded sets of real numbers;  $a = \sup A$ ,  
 $b = \sup B$ .

$$\text{Let } C = \{ x+y : x \in A, y \in B \}.$$

Show that  $\sup C = a + b$ .

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2. State and prove Cantor's theorem on nested intervals.

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3. a) Show that a monotonic increasing sequence which is bounded above is convergent. 3
- b) Find the derived set of the set,  $S = \left\{ \frac{1}{n}, n \in \mathbb{N} \right\}$ . 2
4. a) Show that every bounded sequence has a convergent subsequence. 3
- b) Show that the sequence  $\{x_n\}_n$ , where  $x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$  is not convergent. 2
5. a) Use Cauchy's general principle of convergence to show that the sequence  $\{x_n\}$  where  $x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{3} + \dots + \frac{1}{n}$  is not convergent. 3
- b) Show that the sequence  $\left\{ \frac{n}{n+1} \right\}_n$  is a Cauchy sequence. 2
6. a) Prove that the union of two denumerable sets is denumerable. 2
- b) Show that the set  $\mathbb{R}$  of real numbers is not denumerable. 3
7. a) Show that the interior of a set is an open set. 2
- b) Show that the necessary and sufficient condition for a set to be closed is that its complement is open. 3

8. a) Show that  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{[x]}{x} = 1$ , where  $[x]$  has its usual meaning. 2

b) Use Sandwich theorem to show that

$$\lim_{x \rightarrow 0} x \cos \frac{1}{x} = 0. \quad 3$$

9. a) Prove that the Dirichlet's function  $f$  defined on  $\mathbb{R}$  by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} -1, & \text{when } x \text{ is rational} \\ 1, & \text{when } x \text{ is irrational.} \end{cases}$$

is discontinuous at every point. 2

b) If a function  $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is monotone on  $[a, b]$  then prove that the set of points of discontinuities of  $f$  in  $[a, b]$  is a countable set. 3

### Group - B

( Marks : 20 ) .

10. Answer any *two* of the following questions.  $2 \times 4 = 8$

a) If  $I_{m, n} = \int_0^{\frac{\pi}{2}} \cos^m x \sin nx \, dx$  ( $m, n$  are positive integers), show that

$$I_{m, n} = \frac{1}{m+n} + \frac{m}{m+n} I_{m-1, n-1}. \quad 4$$

b) Show that

$$\int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1-x^n)^{\frac{1}{n}}} dx = \frac{\pi}{n} \operatorname{cosec} \left( \frac{\pi}{n} \right), \quad (n > 1). \quad 4$$

c) For  $m > -1, n > -1$ , prove that

$$\int_a^b (x-a)^m (b-x)^n dx = (b-a)^{m+n-1} \frac{\Gamma(m+1)\Gamma(n+1)}{\Gamma(m+n+2)}. \quad 4$$

11. Answer any three questions :

3 × 4 = 12

a) Determine the pedal equation of  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$  with respect to a focus,

where  $a^2 > b^2$ .

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b) Find the evolute of the curve  $x = a(1 + \cos^2 t) \sin t, y = a \sin^2 t \cos t$ .

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c) Find the asymptotes of the curve  $r = a \sec \theta + b \tan \theta$ .

4

d) Show that the points of inflection of the curve  $y(x^2 + a^2) = a^2 x$  lie on a straight line.

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e) If  $p_1$  and  $p_2$  be the radii of curvature at the ends of two conjugate diameters of an ellipse  $\frac{x^2}{a^2} + \frac{y^2}{b^2} = 1$ , prove that

$$(p_1^{2/3} + p_2^{2/3})(ab)^{2/3} = a^2 + b^2. \quad 4$$

## Group - C

( Marks : 30 )

Answer any *three* of the following questions.

3 × 10 = 30

12. a) If the equation  $Mdx + Ndy = 0$  has one and only one solution, then prove that there exists an infinite number of integrating factors. 2
- b) Solve :  $(y^2 e^{xy^2} + 4x^3) dx + (2xye^{xy^2} - 3y^2) dy = 0$ . 3
- c) Examine whether the equation  $(\cos y + y \cos x) dx + (\sin x - x \sin y) dy = 0$  is exact or not and then solve it. 5
13. a) Show that if  $y_1$  and  $y_2$  be solutions of the equation  $\frac{dy}{dx} + P(x)y = Q(x)$  and  $y_2 = y_1 z$ , then  $z = 1 + a e^{-\int (Q/y_1) dx}$ , where  $a$  is a constant. 4
- b) Reduce the differential equation  $y = 2px - p^2 y$  to Clairaut's form by the substitution  $x = u$ ,  $y^2 = v$  and then obtain complete primitive and singular solution, if any. 6

14. a) Solve :  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = xe^x \sin x$ . 5

b) By the method of undetermined co-efficients solve the equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 7 \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = (x-2) e^x. \quad 5$$

15. a) Solve the equation  $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 3 \frac{dy}{dx} + 2y = \frac{e^x}{1+e^x}$ , by using the method of variation of parameters. 6

b) Show that the system of co-axial parabolas  $y^2 = 4a(x+a)$  is self orthogonal. 4

16. a) Solve  $(1-x^2) \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + x \frac{dy}{dx} - y = x(1-x^2)^{3/2}$ , given that  $y = x$  is a solution of the corresponding homogeneous equation. 5

b) Solve :  $(2+x)^2 \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - 4(x+2) \frac{dy}{dx} + 6y = x$ . 5

a) Solve the differential equation

$$x \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + (x-1) \frac{dy}{dx} - y = x^2, \text{ by the method of operational factors.} \quad 5$$

b) Solve the equation

$$\left( \frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + y \right) \cot x + 2 \left( \frac{dy}{dx} + y \tan x \right) = \sec x \text{ by reducing it to normal form.} \quad 5$$

### Group - D

( Marks : 25 )

Answer any five of the following questions. 5 × 5 = 25

Show, by vector method, that the join of the middle points of two sides of a triangle is parallel to the third side and is half of its length. 5

Given  $\vec{a} = \hat{i} + \hat{j} - \hat{k}$ ,  $\vec{b} = 2\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 7\hat{k}$ . Express  $\vec{b}$  in the form  $\vec{b} = \vec{c} - \vec{d}$ , where  $\vec{c}$  is parallel to  $\vec{a}$  and  $\vec{d}$  is perpendicular to  $\vec{a}$ . 5

Show that the four points  $A(\vec{a})$ ,  $B(\vec{b})$ ,  $C(\vec{c})$ ,  $D(\vec{d})$  are coplanar if and only if  $[\vec{b} \vec{c} \vec{d}] + [\vec{c} \vec{d} \vec{a}] + [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{d}] = [\vec{a} \vec{b} \vec{c}]$ . 5

21. a) Forces  $\vec{P}$ ,  $\vec{Q}$  act at  $O$  and have a resultant  $\vec{R}$ . If any transversal cuts the lines of action of  $\vec{P}$ ,  $\vec{Q}$  and  $\vec{R}$  at  $A$ ,  $B$ ,  $C$  respectively, then show that

$$\frac{P}{OA} + \frac{Q}{OB} = \frac{R}{OC}, \text{ where } P = |\vec{P}|, Q = |\vec{Q}| \text{ and } R = |\vec{R}|. \quad 3$$

- b) A particle acted on by constant forces  $(4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$  and  $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 4\hat{k})$  is displaced from the point  $(\hat{i} + 3\hat{j} + \hat{k})$  to the point  $(2\hat{i} - \hat{j} - 3\hat{k})$ . Find the total work done by the forces. 2

22. Find the position vector of the point of intersection of the straight line joining the points  $(\hat{i} + \hat{j} + \hat{k})$  and  $(3\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} - \hat{k})$  with the plane  $\vec{r} \cdot (\hat{k} - \hat{j}) = 5$ . 5

23. Prove that  $\text{Curl Curl } \vec{f} = \vec{\nabla}(\vec{\nabla} \cdot \vec{f}) - \nabla^2 \vec{f}$ . 5

24. Using vector method, find the shortest distance between the lines through  $(6, 2, 2)$  and  $(-4, 0, 1)$  and parallel to the vectors  $(1, -2, 2)$  and  $(3, -2, -2)$  respectively. Find also the points at which the lines meet the common perpendicular. 5

- a) Prove that the necessary and sufficient condition for a vector  $\vec{r} = \vec{f}(t)$  to have constant magnitude is  $\vec{f} \cdot \frac{d\vec{f}}{dt} = 0$ . 3
- b) Evaluate  $\frac{d}{dt} \left( \vec{v} \cdot \frac{d\vec{v}}{dt} \times \frac{d^2\vec{v}}{dt^2} \right)$ . 2
- a) Show that the vector  $\vec{F} = (2x - yz) \hat{i} + (2y - zx) \hat{j} + (2z - xy) \hat{k}$  is irrotational. 2
- b) Find the directional derivative of the function  $f(x, y, z) = 2xy - z^2$  at the point  $P(2, -1, 1)$  in the direction towards the point  $(3, 1, -1)$ . In what direction is the directional derivative maximum? 3
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