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MATHEMATICAL SCIENCES

General Instructions

- The question paper is in two parts: Part A and Part B
- Part A carries 30 marks and Part B carries 70 marks.
- There is no negative marking
- All answers must be written in the answer book and *not on the question paper*

Notations: The set of natural numbers, integers, rational numbers, real numbers and complex numbers are denoted by \mathbb{N} , \mathbb{Z} , \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} and \mathbb{C} respectively.

Part A

Part A consists of 30 multiple choice questions each carrying 1 mark.

Answer all questions from Part A.

- Four possible answers are provided for each question (tick \checkmark) the correct answer against A, B, C or D on page 3 of the answer book.

If $(a, b) \neq (0, 0)$ then the real polynomial $x^2 + ax + b$ must have \checkmark

- A. only real zeros.
- B. only non-real complex zeros.
- C. a real zero.
- D. a non-real complex zero.

For any integer $n \geq 3$, the value of $\frac{1}{n+1} + \frac{1}{n+2} + \dots + \frac{1}{2n}$ is always

- A. $\frac{1}{n}$
- B. $\frac{1}{2n}$
- C. $\frac{n}{2}$
- D. $\frac{2}{3n}$

3. Let ρ be a non-trivial relation on a set X . If ρ is symmetric and antisymmetric then ρ is

- A. reflexive
- B. transitive
- C. an equivalence relation.
- D. the diagonal relation (i.e. $\rho y \Leftrightarrow x = y$)

Let $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = x^3 - 3x - 1$. Then f is

- A. not a function
- B. surjective (onto) function
- C. an injective (one-to-one) function.
- D. a bijective function but neither injective nor surjective

Suppose $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $f(x) = x^2 + 2001$. Then

- A. does not have inverse over whole of \mathbb{R} .

- B. has no inverse outside a finite open subset of \mathbb{R} .
- C. has no inverse outside a finite closed subset of \mathbb{R}
- D. has inverse over the whole of \mathbb{R} .

✓ 6. The set $\{5, 15, 25, 35\}$ is a group under multiplication modulo 40. The identity element of this group is

- A. 5.
- B. 15
- C. 25
- D. 35

Order of the permutation $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 \\ 7 & 6 & 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ is

- A. 3.
- B. 4.
- C. 7.
- D. 12

✓ 8. Let \mathbb{Z}_n be the additive group of integers modulo n . The number of homomorphisms from \mathbb{Z}_n to itself is

- A. 0.
- B. 1.
- C. n .
- D. n^2

✗ 9. The number of non-isomorphic abelian group(s) of order 15 is

- A. 1
- B. 2
- C. 3
- D. 4

10. Let R be a commutative ring. An element $x \in R$ is said to be nilpotent if $x^n = 0$ for some positive integer n . If x and y in R are such that x and $x + y$ are nilpotents then y must be

- A. the additive identity of R .
- B. the multiplicative identity of R

- C. x^m , for some integer m .
- D. nilpotent.

1 The characteristic polynomial of the matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$ is

- A. $x(x^2 + 1)$.
- B. $x(x - 1)^2$
- C. $x(x + 1)^2$.
- D. $x(x^2 - 1)$

✓ 12. Let $v = (1, 1)$ and $w = (1, -1) \in \mathbb{R}^2$. Then a vector $u = (a, b) \in \mathbb{R}^2$ is in the \mathbb{R} -linear span of v and w

- A. only when $a = b$.
- B. always.
- C. for exactly one value of (a, b) .
- D. for at most finitely many values of (a, b)

13. The dimension of the vector space $\{(x, y, z, w) \in \mathbb{R}^4 \mid w, x + z = y = z + w\}$ is

- A. 0.
- B.
- C. 2
- D.

✓ 14. Let A be a 3×3 real matrix. Suppose $A^4 = 0$. Then A has

- A. exactly two distinct real eigenvalues.
- B. exactly one non-zero real eigenvalue.
- C. exactly 3 distinct real eigenvalues.
- D. no non-zero real eigenvalue.

✓ 15. Let a, b, c, d be real numbers and let $f : \mathbb{C} \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ be the map defined by $f(x + iy) = (ax + by) + i(cx + dy)$. Then f is linear over \mathbb{C} if and only if

- A. $a = d$ and $b = c$.
- B. $a = d$ and $b = -c$
- C. $a = -d$ and $b = c$

D. $a = d$ and $b = c$

16. Let C_1 and C_2 be two distinct ellipses in the plane. If C_1 and C_2 have a common tangent at a common point P then the number of distinct common points of C_1 and C_2 must be

A. 1.

B. 1 or 2.

C. 1, 2 or 3.

D. 1, 2, 3 or 4.

17. Let $P = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x = 0\}$, $Q = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : y = 0\}$, $R = \{(x, y, z) \in \mathbb{R}^3 : x + y = 1\}$ be three planes in \mathbb{R}^3 . Let $l = P \cap R$ and $m = Q \cap R$. Then l and m

A. are two skew lines.

B. are two parallel lines.

C. intersect at the origin.

D. are perpendicular to each other

18. Let S be unit sphere with center $(0, 0, 1)$ in \mathbb{R}^3 and P be the plane $z = \frac{1}{2}$. Then the equation of $S \cap P$ is

A. $x^2 + y^2 = \frac{3}{4}, z = \frac{1}{2}$

B. $x^2 + y^2 = 1, z = \frac{1}{2}$

C. $x^2 + y^2 = 2x = 1, z = \frac{1}{2}$

D. $x^2 + y^2 = 2y = \frac{3}{4}, z = \frac{1}{2}$

19. The three lines $ax + a^2y = c$, $bx + b^2y = c$, $cx + c^2y = c$ in \mathbb{R}^2 are concurrent if and only if

A. $a = b = c$

B. two of a, b, c are equal

C. a, b, c are all distinct.

D. $a = c^2$ and $b = c^3$.

20. The function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = \max\{1 - |x|, 0\}$ is differentiable

A. at all points.

B. at all except one point.

C. at all except three points.

D. nowhere.

✓21 Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function with $f(0) = f(1)$. If f is differentiable on $(0, 1)$ and the derivative f' is continuous on $(0, 1)$ then f' is

- A. strictly positive in $(0, 1)$.
- B. strictly negative in $(0, 1)$.
- C. identically zero in $(0, 1)$.
- D. zero at some point in $(0, 1)$

22. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^p}$ is convergent for

- A. all $p > 0$.
- B. for only $p = 1$.
- C. for all $p > 1$.
- D. for all integer values of p .

23. Let $\mathbf{V}: \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the vector field defined by

$$\mathbf{V}(x_1, x_2, x_3) := (x_1^2 + x_2^2, x_1x_2 + x_2x_3, x_2^2 + x_1x_3)$$

The divergence of \mathbf{V} is

- A. $4x_1 + x_3$.
- B. 0.
- C. $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + 2x_1x_3$
- D. $(2x_1, x_1 + x_3, x_1)$

✓ 24 A unit normal vector to the curve $\mathbf{C} := \{(x, x^2) \mid x \in \mathbb{R}\}$ in the plane \mathbb{R}^2 at the point $(0, 0)$ is given by

- A. $(0, -1)$.
- B. $(-1, 0)$.
- C. $(\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}, \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}})$
- D. $(1, 0)$.

25. The number of zeros of the function $f(x) = \sin x \cos x$ in $(0, n\pi)$ is

- A. $n + 1$.
- B. $2n - 1$
- C. $2n$.
- D. $2n + 1$

26. The function $f: [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = 1 - x^2$ has
- no local maxima or minima in $(-1, 1)$
 - has exactly one local maximum and two local minima in $(-1, 1)$
 - has exactly one local maximum in $(-1, 1)$.
 - has exactly one local minimum in $(-1, 1)$.
27. If $f(x, y) = x^7 + 100x^5y^2 + 200xy^6 + 10y^7$ then $x^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x^2} + 2xy \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y} + y^2 \frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial y^2}$ is =
- $42x^7 + 4200x^5y^2 + 8400xy^6 + 420y^7$.
 - $42x^7 + 500x^5y^2 + 200xy^6 + 10y^7$.
 - $42x^7 + 1000x^5y^2 + 1200xy^6 + 420y^7$
 - $7x^7 + 700x^5y^2 + 1400xy^6 + 70y^7$.
28. A solution of the differential equation $\frac{dy}{dx} = y + 1$ is
- $y = e^x - 1$.
 - $y = e^x + 1$.
 - $y = e^x + x$
 - $y = e^{x-1}$.
29. The differential equation $\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} + 4\frac{dy}{dx} + 4y = 0$ has general solution of the form
- $A \cos 2x + B \sin 2x$
 - $Ae^{-2x} + Bxe^{-2x}$.
 - $Ae^{2x} + Bxe^{2x}$.
 - $Ae^{2x} + Be^{-2x}$.
30. The iteration $x_{n+1} = x_n^2 - 2$, $x_n \geq 0$ for $n \geq 1$ will converge to the solution $x = 2$ of the equation $x^2 - x - 2 = 0$ if and only if x_1 is
- close to 2 from the left.
 - close to 2 from the right.
 - equal to 2.
 - equal to $\sqrt{2}$.

Part B

- Part B comprises 24 questions. Each question carries 5 marks
 - Answer **any 14** full questions only.
 - Only the **first 14 answered** questions will be evaluated
 - Answer should be to the point.
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1. Let a, b be real numbers and let $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the functions defined by

$$\begin{aligned} f(x) &= ax + b \text{ and} \\ g(x) &= x^2, \end{aligned}$$

respectively. Show that $f \circ g = g \circ f$ if and only if $(a, b) = (0, 0), (0, 1)$ or $(1, 0)$

2. For an integer $n \geq 4$, compute the $n \times n$ determinant

$$\begin{vmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & \dots & n \\ & 2^3 & 3^3 & \dots & n^3 \\ & & & \dots & \\ & & & & \\ 1 & 2^{2n-1} & 3^{2n-1} & \dots & n^{2n} \end{vmatrix}$$

3. For all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and for all positive real numbers x, y , show that

$$\left(1 + \frac{x}{y}\right) + \left(1 + \frac{y}{x}\right) \geq 2^{n+1}$$

4. Let ρ be a relation on a non-empty set X . For $Y \subseteq X$, let

$$N(Y) := \{x \in X \mid \text{there exists } y \in Y \text{ such that } y\rho x\}$$

Show that ρ is reflexive if and only if $Y \subseteq N(Y)$ for all $Y \subseteq X$

5. Let $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function. If $f(n) = f(n+11) = f(n+18)$ for all $n \in \mathbb{Z}$ then show that f is a constant function.

6. Let '+' and ' \cdot ' be the operations on the set $C[0, 1]$ of continuous real valued functions on $[0, 1]$, defined by

$$\begin{aligned} (f + g)(x) &= f(x) + g(x) \\ (f \cdot g)(x) &= f(x) \cdot g(x), \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in [0, 1]$. Show the following.

(a) $(C[0, 1], +, \cdot)$ is a ring.

[3 marks]

(b) $(C[0, 1], +, \cdot)$ has a divisor of zero.

[2 marks]

7. If

$$x_2 + x_3$$

$$x_{98} + x_{99} + x_{100} = 0.$$

$$x_{99} + x_{100} + x_1 = 0.$$

$$x_{100} + x_1 + x_2 = 0.$$

then show that $x_1 = x_2 = x_3 = x_{99} = x_{100} = 0$.

8. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be defined by $f(x, y) := (x, x + y, y)$.

(a) Show that f is linear.

[2 marks]

(b) Find the range and the kernel of f .

[3 marks]

9. Let P, Q and R be three non-collinear points in the plane. Show that every point X in the plane can be uniquely written as $X = a_1P + a_2Q + a_3R$, where a_1, a_2, a_3 are real numbers with $a_1 + a_2 + a_3 = 1$.

10. Find the volume of the largest (right circular) cone that can be inscribed in a sphere of radius $R > 0$.

Let $f, g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be two continuous functions. Show that the function $h: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by

$$h(x) = \max\{f(x), g(x)\} \text{ for } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

is continuous.

12. Let $f: [a, b] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function on the closed interval $[a, b] \subset \mathbb{R}$ with $f(a) = f(b)$. Show that there exists $c \in [a, \frac{a+b}{2}]$ such that $f(c + \frac{b-a}{2}) = f(c)$.

1. Let $f: [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Suppose that $f(r) = r^3 + 99r + 100$ for every rational number $r \in [0, 1]$. Prove that $f(x) = x^3 + 99x + 100$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$.

14. Does the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(n!)^2 5^n}{(2n)!}$ converge? Justify your answer.

15. If a sequence $a_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ of real numbers is monotone decreasing and the series $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} a_n$ is convergent, then show that the sequence $na_n, n \in \mathbb{N}$ converges to 0.

16. Show that the function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}, f(x) := x^3 + 2x + 1$ is strictly increasing and compute the derivative $(f^{-1})'(1)$ of the inverse function f^{-1} at the point $1 = f(-1)$.

17. Let $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a function which is 3-times differentiable in a neighbourhood of 0 and $f(0) = 0$. Show that the function $g: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$, defined by

$$g(x) = \begin{cases} f(x) & \text{if } x \neq 0 \\ f'(0) & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

is differentiable at 0 and $g'(0) = \frac{1}{2}f''(0)$.

18. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, let

$$a_n := \int_0^{\pi/2} \sin^n t \, dt.$$

Show the following

(a) $(n + 1)a_{n+1} = na_{n-1}$ for $n \geq 1$ [2 marks]

(b) $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_{n+1}}{a_n} = 1$ [3 marks]

19. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^3 \times \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the map defined by

$$f(v, w) := v \times w \quad (\text{the vector product of } v \text{ and } w).$$

Show that f is surjective (onto)

20. Let $f: (0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be the function defined by $f(x) = x^x$. Find local maxima and minima of f .

21. Find out all the local maxima, local minima and points of inflection of the function $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = 3x^5 - 5x^3 + 15$.

22. Show that any solution y of the differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = \sin y$$

on an interval $[0, a]$ satisfies

$$|y(x) - y(0)| \leq x \quad \text{for all } x \in [0, a]$$

23. Describe the Euler numerical scheme and the Runge-Kutta method of order 2 for solving the differential equation

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= f(y) \quad x \in \mathbb{R} \\ y(0) &= y_0, \end{aligned}$$

where $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable and the derivative f' is continuous on \mathbb{R} . Explain also why the Runge-Kutta method is preferred to the Euler method.

24. Compute the area of the region

$$R := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid \max\{|x|, |y|\} \leq 1, 4xy \leq 1\}$$