

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 :  $2 \times 10 = 20$

(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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- (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  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  be the roots of the equation

$$x^3 + 3x + 1 = 0, \text{ find the equation whose roots are}$$

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

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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

$$B' = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}. \quad 2+3$$

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



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- (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 :

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

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