

**(FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED  
DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2022 ONLY)**

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**N.G.M.COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS): POLLACHI**

**END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: MAY-2025**

**B.Sc.-MATHEMATICS**

**MAXIMUM MARKS: 50**

**SEMESTER: VI**

**TIME: 3 HOURS**

**PART - III  
THEORY OF NUMBERS**

**SECTION – A (10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)**

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**

**MULTIPLE CHOICE QUESTIONS.**

**(K1)**

1. If m and n are positive integers and if  $m > 1$ , then \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a.  $n > m$       b.  $n = m$       c.  $n < m$       d.  $n \neq m$
2. If p is a prime, then \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a.  $p \mid [(p-1)! + 1]$       b.  $p \mid [(p-1)! - 1]$   
 c.  $p \mid [(p+1)! + 1]$       d.  $p \mid [(p+1)! - 1]$
3. Since g.c.d.(15,12) = 3 and  $3 \mid 9$ , then the congruence  $15x \equiv 9 \pmod{12}$  has exactly \_\_\_\_\_ mutually incongruent solutions.  
 a. 9      b. 3      c. 12      d. 15
4.  $d(120) =$  \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a. 40      b. 30      c. 360      d. 16
5.  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \pi(x)$  is \_\_\_\_\_.  
 a.  $\neq \infty$       b.  $\infty$       c. = 1      d. = 0

**ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES.**

**(K2)**

6. Define linear Diophantine equation.
7. State Cancellation law.
8. State Fermat's Little theorem.
9. Define  $\mu(n)$ .
10. Define a primitive root.

**SECTION – B (5 X 3 = 15 MARKS)**

**ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.(K3)**

11. a) If x is any real number other than 1, then prove that  $\sum_{j=0}^{n-1} x^j = \frac{x^n - 1}{x - 1}$ .  
 (OR)  
 b) If a, b and c are integers, where a and c are relatively prime and if  $c \mid ab$ , then prove that c divides b.

**(CONTD .... 2)**

12. a) Prove that the product of any  $n$  consecutive positive integers is divisible by the product of the first  $n$  positive integers.  
**(OR)**  
b) If  $s$  integers  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_s$  form a reduced residue system modulo  $m$ , then prove that  $s = \phi(m)$ .

13. a) State and prove Euler's theorem.  
**(OR)**  
b) Prove that if  $p$  is prime congruent to 1 modulo 4, then  $\left\{ \left( \frac{p-1}{2} \right) ! \right\}^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$ .

14. a) Prove that  $\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$ .  
**(OR)**  
b) Prove that if one of the functions in the Möbius pair  $\{f(n), g(n)\}$  is multiplicative, so is the other.

15. a) If  $g$  is a primitive root modulo  $m$ , then prove that  $g, g^2, \dots, g^{\phi(m)}$  are mutually incongruent and form a reduced residue system modulo  $m$ .  
**(OR)**  
b) If  $p$  is a prime, then show that  $\sum_{j=1}^{\infty} \left[ \frac{n}{p^j} \right]$  is the exponent of  $p$  appearing in the prime factorization of  $n!$ .

**SECTION – C****(5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)**

**ANSWER EITHER (a) OR (b) IN EACH OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.**  
**(K4 (Or) K5)**

16. a). State and prove Euclid's division lemma.  
**(OR)**  
b). State and prove fundamental theorem of arithmetic.

17. a) Prove that  $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n-1}{r} + \binom{n-1}{r-1}$ .  
**(OR)**  
b) Prove that  $a_n = \binom{2n-2}{n-1}/n$ .

18. a) Prove that the congruence  $(m-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{m}$  holds if and only if  $m$  is a prime.  
**(OR)**  
b) State and prove Chinese remainder theorem.

19. a) If  $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} p_2^{\alpha_2} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}$ , then prove that  $d(n) = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_s + 1)$ , and  

$$\sigma(n) = \frac{p_1^{(\alpha_1+1)} - 1}{p_1 - 1} \frac{p_2^{(\alpha_2+1)} - 1}{p_2 - 1} \dots \frac{p_s^{(\alpha_s+1)} - 1}{p_s - 1}$$
  
**(OR)**  
b) State and prove Möbius inversion formula.

20. a) Prove that for each prime  $p$ , there exist primitive roots modulo  $p$ .  
**(OR)**  
b) Find the value of  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x)}{x}$ .