

(FOR THE CANDIDATES ADMITTED

23UMS6E4

DURING THE ACADEMIC YEAR 2023 - 2026 ONLY)

REG.NO. :

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

END-OF-SEMESTER EXAMINATIONS: MAY P2026

B.SC. MATHEMATICS

MAXIMUM MARKS: 75

SEMESTER: VI

TIME: 3 HOURS

PART - III

23UMS6E4 – THEORY OF NUMBERS

SECTION – A (10 X 1 = 10 MARKS)

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS.

(K1)

- Find $2^{35}-1$ is divisible by -----?
a) 35 b) 30 c) 31 d) 33
- "Let p denote a prime. If p does not divide a then prove that $a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$.
For every integer $a^p \equiv a \pmod{p}$," refers _____ theorem
(a) Fermat's (b) Fermat's Little (c) Wilson's (d) Euclid's
- $37 \equiv \underline{\hspace{1cm}} \pmod{12}$
(a) 0 (b) 1 (c) -1 (d) 2
- Find $\sigma(12) = ?$
(a) 24 (b) 28 (c) 32 (d) 48
- Every even number larger than 2 is the sum of two ____
(a) Odd (b) even (c) primes (d) Mersenne primes

ANSWER THE FOLLOWING IN ONE (OR) TWO SENTENCES

(K2)

- Find $\gcd(2a+3, 4a+5)$.
- Write the statement of Wilson's theorem.
- Define inverse of a modulo c .
- Find $\sigma(180)$.
- Define primitive root modulo m .

SECTION – B

(5 X 5 = 25 MARKS)

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

(K3)

- a) Given integers a and b , not both of which are zero, prove that there exist integers x and y such that $\gcd(a,b) = ax + by$.
(OR)
b) State and prove Division algorithm.
- 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 integer $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_s$ form a reduced residue system modulo m then prove that $s = \phi(m)$.

- a) State and prove Chinese remainder theorem.

(OR)

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13. b) State and prove Euler's theorem
14. a) State and prove Mobius inversion theorem.
(OR)
b) Prove that $\phi(n), d(n), \sigma(n)$, and $\mu(n)$ are multiplicative arithmetic functions.
15. a) Prove that for each prime p , there exist primitive roots modulo p .
(OR)
b) If $f(x) = \frac{x}{\log x}$, then prove that $f(x)$ is increasing for $x > e$,
 $f(x-2) > \frac{1}{2} f(x)$ for $x \geq 4$, $f\left(\frac{x+2}{2}\right) < \frac{15}{16} f(x)$ for $x \geq 8$.

SECTION – C

(5 X 8 = 40 MARKS)

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

16. a) State and prove Euclid division algorithm.
(OR)
b) State and prove fundamental theorem of arithmetic
17. a) Prove that the quadratic congruence $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$, where p is an odd prime, has a solution iff $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$
(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 $\Leftrightarrow m$ is a prime
(OR)
b) If $f(x)$ is a polynomial of degree n with integral coefficients (that is if $f(x) = a_0x^n + a_1x^{n-1} + \dots + a_n$) and if p is a prime such that $p \nmid a_0$, then prove that the congruence $f(x) \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$ has at most n mutually incongruent solutions modulo p .
19. a) Prove that $\sum_{d|n} \phi(d) = n$
(OR)
b) If $n = p_1^{\alpha_1} \dots p_s^{\alpha_s}$ then prove that $d(n) = (\alpha_1 + 1)(\alpha_2 + 1) \dots (\alpha_s + 1)$
and $\sigma(n) = \frac{p_1^{\alpha_1+1} - 1}{p_1 - 1} \frac{p_2^{\alpha_2+1} - 1}{p_2 - 1} \dots \frac{p_s^{\alpha_s+1} - 1}{p_s - 1}$.
20. a) Prove that for $x \geq 8$, $\frac{\log 2}{4} \cdot \frac{x}{\log x} < \pi(x) < 30(\log 2) \frac{x}{\log x}$.
(OR)
b) Prove that $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x)}{x} = 0$.
