



HYDERABAD CENTRAL UNIVERSITY (HCU)
M.Sc. Mathematics Entrance - 2010

Time : 2 Hours

Max. Marks: 75

Instructions:

- (i) There are a total of **50** questions in **Part-A** and **Part-B** together.
- (ii) **Part-A** : Each question carry **1 Mark. 0.33 marks** will be deducted for each wrong answer. There will be no penalty if the questions if left unanswered.
- (iii) **Part-B** : Each question carries **2 Marks. 0.66 marks** will be deducted for a wrong answer. There will be no penalty if the questions if left unanswered.

PART-A

The set of real numbers is denoted by \mathbb{R} , the set of complex numbers by \mathbb{C} , the set of rational numbers by \mathbb{Q} , the set of integers by \mathbb{Z} , and the set of natural numbers by \mathbb{N} .

1. Let $f(x) = \cos |x|$ and $g(x) = \sin |x|$ then
- (a) both f and g are even functions
(b) both f and g are odd functions
(c) f is an even function and g is an odd function
(d) f is an odd function and g is an even function
2. The sequence $\left\{(-1)^n \left(1 + \frac{1}{n}\right)\right\}$ is
- (a) bounded below but not bounded above
(b) bounded above but not bounded below
(c) bounded
(d) not bounded
3. If $f(x) = \begin{cases} \exp(x) - 1 - x, & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0, \end{cases}$ then $f'(0)$ is
- (a) 0
(b) 1
(c) 1/2
(d) none of these
4. Let $A = \begin{bmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{bmatrix}$ be a matrix with integer entries such that $b \neq 0$. If $A^2 + A + I_2 = 0$ then
- (a) $a^2 - a - bc = 1$
(b) $a^2 - a - bd = 1$
(c) $a^2 + a + bc = -1$
(d) $a^2 + a - bc = -1$



5. The number of points at which the function $f(x) = |(|x| - 3)\sin(\pi x)| + |(x^2 - 1)(x^3 - 27)|$ takes zero value is
 (a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
6. Let $f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x, & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational,} \\ x+3, & \text{if } x \text{ is rational,} \end{cases}$ be a function defined from \mathbb{R} to \mathbb{R} . Then the discontinuities of f are
 (a) all rational numbers (b) all irrational numbers
 (c) $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{2\}$ (d) $\mathbb{R} \setminus \{3\}$
7. Consider the system of equations $AX = 0$, $BX = 0$ where A and B are $n \times n$ matrices and X is a $n \times 1$ matrix. Which of the following statements are true.
 (i) $\det(A) = \det(B)$ implies that the two systems have the same solutions
 (ii) The two systems have the same solutions implies $\det(A) = \det(B)$
 (iii) $\det(A) = 0 \neq \det(B)$ implies that the two systems can have different solutions
 (a) All are true (b) (i) is true
 (c) (iii) is true (d) (i) and (ii) are true
8. $\int \frac{(x+1)\exp(x)}{\cos^2(x\exp(x))} dx$ is equal to
 (a) $-\cot(x\exp(x)) + C$ (b) $\tan(x\exp(x)) + C$
 (c) $\log(\sec(x\exp(x))) + C$ (d) $\cos(x\exp(x)) + C$
9. If $f(x) = x^3 - 2x^2$ in $(0, 5)$ then the value of c to satisfy the Mean Value theorem is
 (a) 2 (b) 3 (c) 4 (d) None of these
10. A random variable X takes the values $-1, 0$ and 1 with probabilities $1/3$ each. Then the mean value of X is
 (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 0.5 (d) 0.52
11. Two numbers are drawn without replacement from $1, 2, \dots, 10$. The probability that their sum is an even number strictly lies in
 (a) $(0, 1/3]$ (b) $(1/3, 1/2]$ (c) $(1/2, 3/4]$ (d) $(3/4, 1]$
12. $\lim_{x \rightarrow -1} \frac{\sqrt{2x+3}-1}{\sqrt{5+x}-2}$ is equal to
 (a) 4 (b) 3 (c) 2 (d) None of these
13. For $X, Y \subset \mathbb{R}$, define $X + Y = \{x + y / x \in Y, y \in Y\}$. An example where $X + Y \neq \mathbb{R}$ is
 (a) $X = \mathbb{Q}, Y = \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}$ (b) $X = \mathbb{Z}, Y = [1/2, 1/2]$
 (c) $X = (-\infty, 100], Y = \{p \in \mathbb{N} / p \text{ is prime}\}$ (d) $X = (-\infty, 100], Y = \mathbb{Z}$

14. Let $f : [0, 5] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous function with a maximum at $x = 2$ then
- the derivative of f at 2 may not exist
 - the derivative of f at 2 must not exist and be nonzero
 - the derivative of f at 2 must not exist and be zero
 - the derivative of f at 2 can not exist
15. The perimeter of the Cardioid $r = a(1 + \cos \theta)$ is
- $2a$
 - $4a$
 - $8a$
 - none of these
16. If $P(x) = x^3 + 7x^2 + 6x + 5$ then
- P has no real root
 - P has three real roots
 - P has exactly one negative real root
 - P has exactly two complex roots
17. The number of diagonal 3×3 complex matrices A such that $A^3 = I$ is
- 1
 - 3
 - 9
 - 27
18. The number of subgroups of order 4 in a cyclic group of order 12 is
- 0
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3
19. Let G be an abelian group and let $f(x) = x^2$ be an automorphism of G if G is
- finite
 - finite cyclic
 - prime order
 - prime order ≥ 7
20. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(\frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{n+1}} \right)$
- converges to 1
 - converges to $1/2$
 - converges to $3/4$
 - does not converge
21. The sequence $\left\{ 1 + \sum_{j=1}^n \frac{(-1)^j}{2j+1} \right\}$ is
- unbounded and divergent
 - bounded and divergent
 - unbounded and convergent
 - bounded and convergent
22. The function $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(x) = \begin{cases} \frac{1-x}{|1-x|}, & |x| < 1, \\ x^2, & |x| \geq 1 \end{cases}$ is
- continuous at all points
 - not continuous at $x = \pm 1$
 - differentiable at all points
 - none of these
23. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation defined by $T((x_1, x_2, x_3)) = (x_1 + x_2, x_2 + x_3, x_3 + x_1)$. Then an eigenvalue for T is
- 0
 - 1
 - 2
 - 3

24. The solutions of $x^2y'' + xy' + 4y = 0$, $x \neq 0$ are
- (a) $\cos(\log x)$, and $\sin(\log x)$ (b) $\cos(\log x)$, and $\sin(\log x^2)$
 (c) $\cos(\log x^2)$, and $\sin(\log x)$ (d) $\cos(2 \log x)$, and $\sin(2 \log x)$
25. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{x^{2n}}{n}$
- (a) converges in $(-1, 1)$ (b) converges in $[-1, 1]$
 (c) converges in $[-1, 1)$ (d) converges in $(-1, 1]$

PART-B

26. The integrating factor of the differential equation $(y^2 - x^2y)dx + x^3dy = 0$ is
- (a) $(xy)^{-1}$ (b) $(xy)^{-2}$ (c) xy (d) x^3y^3
27. An example of an infinite group in which every element has finite order is
- (a) non-singular 2×2 matrices with integer entries
 (b) $(\mathbb{Q} / \mathbb{Z}, +)$
 (c) the invertible elements in \mathbb{Z} under multiplication
 (d) the Quaternion group
28. The value of the determinant $\begin{vmatrix} 1^2 & 2^2 & 3^2 & 4^2 \\ 2^2 & 3^2 & 4^2 & 5^2 \\ 3^2 & 4^2 & 5^2 & 6^2 \\ 4^2 & 5^2 & 6^2 & 7^2 \end{vmatrix}$ is
- (a) 0 (b) 1 (c) 2 (d) none of these
29. Three girls G_1, G_2, G_3 and 3 boys B_1, B_2, B_3 are made to sit in a row randomly. The probability that at least two girls are next to each other is
- (a) 0 (b) $1/10$ (c) $1/20$ (d) $9/10$
30. 3 red balls (all alike), 4 blue balls (all alike) and 3 green balls (all alike) are arranged in a row. Then the probability that all 3 red balls are together is
- (a) $1/15$ (b) $1/10!$ (c) $8!/10!$ (d) $3/10!$
31. The equation $|x-1| + |x| + |x+1| = x+2$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$ has
- (a) no solution (b) only one solution
 (c) only two solutions (d) infinitely many solutions



32. A natural number 'n' is said to be "petty" if all its prime divisors are $< \sqrt{n}$. A natural number is square free if the square of a prime can not divide it. Then
- Every square free number is petty
 - All even numbers are petty
 - There exists an infinite numbers which are petty
 - Square of a prime number is petty

33. For the sequence $\left\{ \sqrt{n} + \frac{(-1)^n}{\sqrt{n}} \right\}$ of real numbers

- the greatest lower bound and least upper bound exist
- the greatest lower bound exists but not least upper bound
- the least upper bound exists but not the greatest lower bound
- neither the greatest lower bound nor the least upper bound exist

34. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function and consider the following

- $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 1, \forall x, y \in \mathbb{R}$ with $|x - y| \leq 1$
- $|f'(x)| \leq 1, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$

Then we have

- (i) implies (ii) but (ii) does not imply (i)
- (ii) implies (i) but (i) does not imply (ii)
- (i) implies (ii) and (ii) implies (i)
- (i) does not imply (ii) and (ii) does not imply (i)

35. Let $U = \{(a, b, c, d) / a + b = c + d\}$, $V = \{(a, b, c, d) / a = b, c = d\}$ be subspaces of \mathbb{R}^4 . Then the dimensions U and V are

- 1 and 2 respectively
- 2 and 3 respectively
- 3 and 2 respectively
- 3 and 4 respectively

36. Let $f : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be continuous function and define $g : [0, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ as $g(x) = (f(x))^2$. Then

$$(a) \int_0^1 f dx = 0 \Rightarrow \int_0^1 g dx = 0 \qquad (b) \int_0^1 g dx = 0 \Rightarrow \int_0^1 f dx = 0$$

$$(c) \int_0^1 g dx = \left(\int_0^1 f dx \right)^2 \qquad (d) \int_0^1 f dx \leq \int_0^1 g dx$$

37. Let X be a set, $\{A_\alpha / \alpha \in I\}$ be a collection of subsets of X and $f : X \rightarrow X$ be a function. Then we have

$$f \left(\bigcap_{\alpha \in I} A_\alpha \right) = \bigcap_{\alpha \in I} f(A_\alpha) \text{ if}$$

- X is finite
- I is finite
- f is one-one
- f is onto



38. The value of the integral $\int_0^1 \log(\sqrt{1+x} + \sqrt{1-x}) dx$ is
- (a) $\log \sqrt{2} - 1$ (b) $1 - \log \sqrt{2}$
 (c) $\log \sqrt{2} + 1/2 + \pi/4$ (d) $\log \sqrt{2} - 1/2 + \pi/4$
39. The derivative of the function $y = \sin^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{x-1}{x+1}}\right) + \sec^{-1}\left(\sqrt{\frac{x+1}{x-1}}\right)$ is
- (a) -1 (b) 0 (c) 1 (d) none of these
40. Let $T : \mathbb{R}^4 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^3$ be the linear transformation defined by
 $T((x_1, x_2, x_3, x_4)) = c(x_1 - x_2, x_2 - x_3, x_3 - x_4)$. Then, which of the following statements are true?
- (i) $\dim \text{Ker}(T) = 1$ if $c \neq 0$
 (ii) $\dim \text{Ker}(T) = 4$ if $c = 0$
 (iii) $\dim \text{Ker}(T) = 1$ if T is onto
- (a) (i) and (ii) (b) (ii) alone
 (c) (ii) and (iii) (d) (i), (ii) and (iii)
41. Let S_1 and S_2 be two series defined for $x \in (-1, 1)$ as $S_1 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\sin n)x^n$ and $S_2 = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} (\sin n + \cos n)x^n$
 then
- (a) S_1 and S_2 are convergent
 (b) S_1 and S_2 are bounded but are not convergent
 (c) S_1 is convergent, S_1 but S_2 is only bounded
 (d) S_1 and S_2 are divergent
42. If $P = \begin{bmatrix} 3 & -3 & 3 \\ 2 & -3 & 4 \\ 0 & -1 & 1 \end{bmatrix}$ then P is invertible and P^{-1} is equal to
- (a) $(P^2 + P + I)/3$ (b) $(P^2 + P - I)/3$
 (c) $(P^2 - P + I)/3$ (d) $(P^2 - P - I)/3$
43. Let $\{x_n\}, \{y_n\}$ be two convergent real sequences and let $z_n = \max\{x_n, y_n\}$ for each $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then
- (a) $\{z_n\}$ is convergent
 (b) $\{z_n\}$ is bounded but may not be convergent
 (c) $\{z_n\}$ may not be convergent but $\{z_n\}$ has a convergent sub-sequence
 (d) $\{z_n\}$ is convergent if and only if $\exists n_0 \in \mathbb{N} \ni x_n = y_n \forall n \geq n_0$

44. The solution of the differential equation $y' - y = xy^5$ is
- (a) $y = (-x + c \exp(-4x) + 1/4)^4$ (b) $y = (-x + c \exp(-4x) + 1/4)^{-4}$
(c) $y = (-x + c \exp(-4x) + 1/4)^{-1/4}$ (d) $y = (-x + c \exp(-4x) + 1/4)^{1/4}$
45. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that $f(n) = n, \forall n \in \mathbb{Z}$. Then
- (a) f is identity (b) $|f(x)| \leq x, \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$
(c) $f(x) > 0, \forall x \in (0, \infty)$ (d) none of these
46. Let $\{u, v, w\}$ be a linearly independent set in the vector space \mathbb{R}^3 and let $X = \text{span}\{u, v + w\}$ and $Y = \text{span}\{w, u + v\}$. Then the dimension of $X \cap Y$ is
- (a) 0 (b) 1
(c) 2 (d) can not be found from the information
47. Let $f(x) = x|x|$ and $g(x) = \sin|x|$ then
- (a) both f and g are differentiable functions
(b) f is differentiable function but g is not
(c) g is differentiable function but f is not
(d) both f and g are not differentiable functions
48. Let $u = x + ct, v = x - ct$ and $z = \log u + \sin v^2$ then $\frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial t^2} - c^2 \frac{\partial^2 z}{\partial x^2}$ is equal to
- (a) $-c$ (b) -1 (c) $-2c$ (d) 0
49. If α, β and γ are the roots of the equation $15x^3 + 7x - 11 = 0$ then the value of $\alpha^3 + \beta^3 + \gamma^3$ is
- (a) $3/5$ (b) $7/5$ (c) $9/5$ (d) $11/5$
50. Area of the region enclosed by the curves $y = x^2 - x - 2$ and $y = 0$ is
- (a) $7/2$ (b) $-7/2$ (c) $9/2$ (d) $-9/2$

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ANSWER KEY

PART-A

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| 1. (a) | 2. (c) | 3. (a) | 4. (c) | 5. (c) |
| 6. (d) | 7. (c) | 8. (b) | 9. (b) | 10. (a) |
| 11. (b) | 12. (a) | 13. (a) | 14. (a) | 15. (c) |
| 16. (c, d) | 17. (d) | 18. (b) | 19. (d) | 20. (a) |
| 21. (d) | 22. (a) | 23. (c) | 24. (d) | 25. (a) |

PART-B

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| 26. (b) | 27. (b) | 28. (a) | 29. (d) | 30. (a) |
| 31. (d) | 32. (c) | 33. (b) | 34. (b) | 35. (c) |
| 36. (b) | 37. (c) | 38. (d) | 39. (b) | 40. (d) |
| 41. (a) | 42. (c) | 43. (a) | 44. (c) | 45. (d) |
| 46. (b) | 47. (b) | 48. (d) | 49. (d) | 50. (c) |

