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Note: Throughout this question paper,  $\mathbb{N}$  stands for the set of all natural numbers,  $\mathbb{Z}$  stands for the set of all integers,  $\mathbb{Q}$  stands for the set of all rational numbers,  $\mathbb{R}$  stands for the set of all real numbers and  $\mathbb{C}$  stands for the set of all complex numbers.

**Part A - 1 mark for each question**

1. Let  $\lambda = e^{\frac{30\pi i}{36}}$ . Then the smallest positive integer  $l$  such that  $\lambda^l = 1$  is
  - (a) 6
  - (b) 9
  - (c) 12
  - (d) 5
2. Consider the vector  $(1, 1, 1)$  in  $\mathbb{R}^3$ . Two linearly independent vectors orthogonal to it are
  - (a)  $(1, -1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1, -2)$
  - (b)  $(-2, 1, 1)$  and  $(1, 1, -2)$
  - (c)  $(1, -1, 0)$  and  $(2, -2, 0)$
  - (d)  $(0, 1, -1)$  and  $(0, -2, 2)$
3. The graph of the polynomial  $(X^2 - 2)(X^2 + X + 1)$  will cross the  $X$ -axis
  - (a) 0 times
  - (b) once
  - (c) twice
  - (d) 3 times
4. "There exists an integer which is not divisible by the square of a prime number". The negation of this statement is
  - (a) There exists an integer which is divisible by the square of a prime
  - (b) Every integer is not divisible by the square of a prime number
  - (c) Every integer is divisible by the square of a prime number
  - (d) There exists many integers divisible by the square of a prime number
5. Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be continuous functions whose graphs do not intersect. Then for which function below the graph lies entirely on one side of the  $X$ -axis
  - (a)  $f$
  - (b)  $g + f$

- (c)  $g - f$   
 (d)  $gf$
6. An example of a function from  $\mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^2$  with bounded range is
- (a)  $f(t) = (t, t^2)$   
 (b)  $f(t) = (t, \sin t)$   
 (c)  $f(t) = (t, \sinh t)$   
 (d)  $f(t) = (\sin t, \cos t)$
7. The real root of  $X^3 + X + 1 = 0$  lies between
- (a) -2 and -1  
 (b) -1 and 0  
 (c) 1 and 2  
 (d) 2 and 3
8. Which of the following maps is a linear transformation from  $\mathbb{R}^3$  to  $\mathbb{R}$ ?
- (a)  $T(a, b, c) = a(b + c)$   
 (b)  $T(a, b, c) = 2(a + b + c)$   
 (c)  $T(a, b, c) = ab + c$   
 (d)  $T(a, b, c) = abc$
9. The events  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  occur with probabilities 0.6 and 0.8 respectively. At least one of them occurs with a probability of 0.9. The probability that both  $A_1$  and  $A_2$  will occur is
- (a) 0  
 (b) 0.5  
 (c) 1  
 (d) cannot be determined from the data given
10. Two students each are randomly placed in  $n$  rooms in a hostel. If  $n$  of the  $2n$  students are Mathematics students and  $n$  are in Statistics, the probability that each room has Mathematics student and a statistics student is
- (a)  $\frac{1}{2n!}$   
 (b)  $\frac{1}{2n!}$   
 (c)  $\frac{2^n}{2^n C_n}$   
 (d)  $\frac{2^n}{(n!)^2}$
11. How many positive integers  $a$  less than 24 satisfy  $a^8 \equiv 1 \pmod{24}$ ?

- (a) 2
  - (b) 4
  - (c) 6
  - (d) 8
12. Suppose  $f : [0, \infty) \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is continuous
- (a) Then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[k, \infty)$  for some  $k > 0$
  - (b) Then  $|f|$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, \infty)$
  - (c) If  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[k, \infty)$ , for some  $k > 0$ , then  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0, \infty)$
  - (d) If  $f$  is decreasing then  $f$  is uniform continuous
13. Let  $V$  be a vector space of all polynomials of degree less than or equal 4 over  $\mathbb{Q}$  and  $W = \{\sum_{i=0}^4 a_i X^i \in \mathbb{Q}[X] \mid a_0 \text{ is an even integer}\}$ . Then
- (a)  $W$  is not a subspace of  $V$
  - (b)  $W$  is a subspace and  $\dim W < \dim V$
  - (c)  $W$  is a subspace and  $\dim W = 4$
  - (d)  $W$  is a subspace and  $\dim W = 5$
14.  $x^2 = 2y^2 \log y$  is a solution of
- (a)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{xy}{x^2+y^2}$
  - (b)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xy}{x^2+y^2}$
  - (c)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xy}{2x^2+y^2}$
  - (d)  $\frac{dy}{dx} = \frac{2xy}{x^2+2y^2}$
15. Let  $C_1, C_2$  be two circles in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  with centres at points  $a, b$  respectively and suppose that  $C_1 \cap C_2$  is a singleton set  $\{c\}$ . Let  $|a-b|$  denote the distance between  $a$  and  $b$ . Then
- (a)  $|a-b| \geq |a-c|$
  - (b)  $|a-b| = |a-c| + |c-b|$
  - (c)  $|a-b|^2 = |a-c|^2 + |c-b|^2$
  - (d) None of these
16. The distance between the straight lines  $3x-4y+10=0$  and  $3x-4y-5=0$  is
- (a) 0
  - (b) 3
  - (c) 5

- (d) 15
17.  $f(x) = e^x - e^{-x}$ ,  $g(x) = e^x + e^{-x}$  Then
- (a) Both  $f$  and  $g$  are even functions
  - (b) Both  $f$  and  $g$  are odd functions
  - (c)  $f$  is odd,  $g$  is even
  - (d)  $f$  is even,  $g$  is odd
18.  $x_{n+1} = \frac{-3}{4}x_n$ ,  $x_0 = 1$ . The sequence  $\{x_n\}$
- (a) diverges
  - (b)  $x_n$  is monotonically increasing and converges to 0
  - (c)  $x_n$  is monotonically decreasing and converges to 0
  - (d) None of the above
19.  $f(x)$  is an odd function,  $g(x)$  an even function then
- (a)  $f \circ g$  is odd
  - (b)  $f \circ g$  is even
  - (c)  $f \circ f$  is odd
  - (d)  $g \circ g$  is odd
20. Let  $X$  be a set and  $f, g : X \rightarrow X$  be functions. We can say that  $f \circ g$  is bijective if
- (a) at least one of  $f, g$  is bijective
  - (b) both  $f$  and  $g$  are bijective
  - (c)  $f$  is 1-1 and  $g$  is onto
  - (d)  $f$  is onto and  $g$  is 1-1
21. Let  $f : [-1, 1] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function such that  $\int_{-1}^1 f(x)dx = 0$ . Then
- (a)  $f \equiv 0$
  - (b)  $f$  is an odd function
  - (c)  $\int_{-1/2}^{1/2} f(x)dx = 0$
  - (d) None of these
22. Let  $f, g : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be functions. We can conclude that  $h(x) \leq f(x) \forall x \in \mathbb{R}$  if we define  $h : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  as
- (a)  $\min\{g(x), f(x) + g(x)\}$
  - (b)  $\min\{f(x), f(x) + g(x)\}$

- (c)  $\max\{g(x), f(x) + g(x)\}$   
 (d)  $\max\{f(x), f(x) + g(x)\}$
23. Let  $X$  be a non-empty set,  $f : X \rightarrow X$  be a function and let  $A, B \subset X$ . Then the identity  $f(A \cap B) = f(A) \cap f(B)$  is true
- (a) always  
 (b) if  $f$  is 1-1  
 (c) if  $f$  is onto  
 (d) if  $A \cup B = X$
24. If  $n \geq 1000$  is a natural number, the remainder when  $n^2 + n + 1$  is divided by 4 is
- (a) always 1  
 (b) always 3  
 (c) 1 or 3  
 (d) 0 or 2
25. Let  $X$  be a finite set with 5 elements. Then the number of 1-1 functions from  $X \times X$  to  $X \times X$  is
- (a)  $5!$   
 (b)  $(5!)^2$   
 (c)  $25!$   
 (d)  $\frac{25!}{5!}$

**Part B - 2 marks for each question**

1. The number of  $2 \times 2$  matrices with integer entries that satisfy the polynomial  $X^2 + X + 1$  is
- (a) atmost 2  
 (b) exactly 2  
 (c) infinite  
 (d) none
2. Let  $(\mathbb{Q}, +)$  be the group of all rationals under addition and  $(\mathbb{Q}_+^*, \cdot)$  be the group of positive nonzero rationals under multiplication. Suppose  $f : \mathbb{Q} \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}_+^*$  is a homomorphism. Then  $f(17) =$
- (a)  $17^2$   
 (b) 17  
 (c)  $\frac{1}{17}$

- (d) 1
3. Let  $f$  be a function from  $[-1,1]$  to  $\mathbb{R}$
- If  $f$  is differentiable at 0 with  $f'(0) = 0$  then  $f(0) = 0$
  - If  $f(0) = 0$  then  $f$  is differentiable at 0
  - If  $f(0) = 0$  then the  $X$ -axis is tangent to the graph of  $f$  at 0
    - All three statements are false
    - (a) and (c) are false but (b) is true
    - (a) and (b) are false but (c) is true
    - (b) and (c) are false but (a) is true
4. Let  $f_n(x) = (x + \frac{1}{n})^2$  and  $f(x) = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f_n(x)$ . Then
- $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f_n(x) dx$  does not exist
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f_n(x) dx$  exists but  $\int_0^1 f(x) dx$  does not exist
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f_n(x) dx = \int_0^1 f(x) dx$
  - $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \int_0^1 f_n(x) dx \neq \int_0^1 f(x) dx$
5. Let  $f(x) = |\cos x|$  and  $g(x) = \cos |x|$ . then
- both  $f$  and  $g$  are differentiable at 0
  - $f$  is differentiable at 0 but  $g$  is not
  - $g$  is differentiable at 0 but  $f$  is not
  - neither  $f$  nor  $g$  are differentiable at 0
6. Let  $V_1$  and  $V_2$  be subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^3$  given by  $V_1 = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | a + b = 2c\}$  and  $V_2 = \{(a, b, c) \in \mathbb{R}^3 | a + b - c = 0\}$ . Then  $\dim (V_1 \cap V_2)$  is
- 0
  - 1
  - 2
  - 3
7. In a bag there are 12 marbles, 11 of which are white and one is red. A child takes out 6 of them, the probability that one of these 6 is red is
- Strictly greater than  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - equal to  $\frac{1}{2}$
  - Strictly less than  $\frac{1}{3}$
  - equal to  $\frac{1}{3}$
8. Two families of 3 members each have to be seated in a row, in how many ways can it be done so that all members of a family do not sit together?

- (a) 648
  - (b) 504
  - (c) 120
  - (d) 324
9. Let  $T_1, T_2$  be two linear transformations from a finite dimensional vector space  $V$  to another space  $W$ . Suppose that  $T_1, T_2$  are onto. Then
- (a)  $\dim \text{Ker } T_1 = \dim \text{Ker } T_2$
  - (b)  $\text{Ker } T_1 = \text{Ker } T_2$
  - (c)  $\text{Ker } T_1$  strictly contained  $\text{Ker } T_2$
  - (d)  $T_1 = T_2$
10. The orthogonal trajectories of the family of curves  $x + 2y^2 = c$  where  $c$  is a constant is
- (a)  $y = 4x$
  - (b)  $y = -4x$
  - (c)  $y = e^{4x}$
  - (d)  $y = e^{-4x}$
11. A non zero vector common to the space spanned by  $(1,2,3)$ ,  $(3,2,1)$  and the space spanned by  $(1,0,1)$  and  $(3,4,3)$  is
- (a)  $(1,2,3)$
  - (b)  $(0,-2,-2)$
  - (c)  $(3,2,0)$
  - (d)  $(1,1,1)$
12. A subset  $A$  of  $\mathbb{C}$  is said to be balanced if whenever  $a \in A$  and  $t \in R$ , it is true that  $ae^{it} \in A$ . Which one of these four subsets is balanced?
- (a) The elliptic region  $\{x + iy \mid \frac{x^2}{4} + \frac{y^2}{9} \leq 1\}$
  - (b) The upper half plane  $\{x + iy \mid y > 0\}$
  - (c) The  $Y$ -axis  $\{x + iy \mid y = 0\}$
  - (d) The annular region  $\{x + iy \mid 1 \leq x^2 + y^2 \leq 2\}$
13. Let  $A_6$  be the set of all positive integers for which 6 is not a factor. Then
- (a)  $A_6$  is closed under addition
  - (b)  $A_6$  is closed under multiplication
  - (c)  $A_6 \cup 6\mathbb{N} = \mathbb{N}$
  - (d)  $A_6 \cup 6A_6 = \mathbb{N}$

14. Which is not a group homomorphism?
- (a)  $f : (\mathbb{R}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R} - \{0\}, \cdot)$  given by  $f(x) = xe^x$
  - (b)  $f : (\mathbb{Q} - \{0\}, \cdot) \rightarrow (\mathbb{Q} - \{0\}, \cdot)$  given by  $f(x) = 2x$
  - (c)  $f : (\mathbb{N}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{R}, +)$  given by  $f(x) = x + |x|$
  - (d)  $f : (\mathbb{C}, +) \rightarrow (\mathbb{C}, +)$  given by  $f(x) = 2\bar{x}$
15. For a real number  $x$ , let  $\lfloor x \rfloor$  denote the greatest integer less than or equal to  $x$ . Then
- (a)  $\lfloor xy \rfloor \geq \lfloor x \rfloor \lfloor y \rfloor$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$
  - (b)  $\lfloor xy \rfloor \leq \lfloor x \rfloor \lfloor y \rfloor$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$
  - (c)  $\lfloor xy \rfloor \geq \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$
  - (d)  $\lfloor xy \rfloor \leq \lfloor x \rfloor + \lfloor y \rfloor$  for all  $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$
16. Let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence of positive real numbers. A sufficient condition for  $(x_n)$  to have no convergent subsequence is
- (a)  $|x_{n+2} - x_{n+1}| > |x_{n+1} - x_n| \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$
  - (b)  $\forall i, j \in \mathbb{N}$ , the set  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : |x_i - x_n| < \frac{1}{j}\}$  is finite
  - (c)  $\sum_{k=1}^{\infty} x_{n_k} = \infty$  for every increasing sequence  $(n_k)$  of natural numbers.
  - (d) none of the above
17. Let  $P$  be a real polynomial such that for  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ,  $P(x) = 0$  iff  $x = 2$  or  $4$ . Then
- (a) degree of  $P$  is 2
  - (b)  $P(3) < 0$
  - (c)  $P'(x) = 0$  for some  $x < 4$
  - (d)  $P(x)$  is of the form  $c(x-2)^n(x-4)^m$  where  $c$  is a constant
18. Let  $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be a continuous function with  $f(0) = 0$  and let  $(x_n)$  be a sequence in  $\mathbb{R}$  with  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} f(x_n) = 0$ . Then
- (a)  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$
  - (b)  $\lim_{k \rightarrow \infty} x_{n_k} = 0$ , for some subsequence  $(x_{n_k})$
  - (c)  $(x_n)$  is bounded
  - (d) none of the above
19. Number of generators of the group  $(\mathbb{Z}_{36}, +)$  is
- (a) 1
  - (b) 6



- (c) 12  
(d) 35
20. Let  $x_n = \frac{1}{n^2+1}$  and  $y_n = \frac{1}{n \log n}$ . then
- (a)  $\Sigma x_n$  is convergent,  $\Sigma y_n$  is divergent  
(b)  $\Sigma x_n$  is convergent,  $\Sigma y_n$  is convergent  
(c)  $\Sigma x_n$  is divergent,  $\Sigma y_n$  is convergent  
(d)  $\Sigma x_n$  is divergent,  $\Sigma y_n$  is divergent
21. Let  $A \Delta B$  denote the symmetric difference of  $A$  and  $B$ . Then  $A \Delta B \Delta C$  is the same as
- (a)  $\{x \mid x \text{ belongs to all or none of the sets } A, B, C\}$ .  
(b)  $\{x \mid x \text{ belongs to all or exactly one of the sets } A, B, C\}$ .  
(c)  $\{x \mid x \text{ belongs to exactly one of the sets } A, B, C\}$ .  
(d)  $\{x \mid x \text{ belongs to the complement of the union of } A, B \text{ and } C\}$ .
22. Consider the following three conditions on a set  $A \subset \mathbb{N}$  :  
Condition (1) :  $A = \{ma + nb \mid m, n \in \mathbb{N}\}$  for some  $a, b \in \mathbb{N}$  with  $(a, b) = 1$ .  
Condition (2) :  $\mathbb{N} - A$  is finite.  
Condition (3) : there exists  $n_o \in \mathbb{N}$  such that  $A = \{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid n \geq n_o\}$ . Then
- (a) (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3).  
(b) (3)  $\Rightarrow$  (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2).  
(c) (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2)  $\Rightarrow$  (3).  
(d) (1)  $\Rightarrow$  (2).
23. The function  $f(x) = x^x$  on  $(0, \infty)$  has
- (a) a local maximum at  $e^{-1}$  but no local minimum.  
(b) a local maximum at  $e^{-1}$  and a local minimum at 1.  
(c) two local maxima at 1 and  $e^{-1}$  but no local minimum.  
(d) neither a local maximum nor a local minimum.
24. Let  $f(x) = 1 - x^{2/3}$  for  $x \in [-1, 1]$ . Then
- (a)  $f'(c) = 0$  for some  $c \in (-1, 0)$ .  
(b)  $f'(c) = 0$  for some  $c \in (0, 1)$ .  
(c)  $f'(x)$  is never zero in  $(-1, 0)$ .  
(d)  $f'(x)$  is zero in  $(0, 1)$  at two points.
25. A vector of length 1 in  $\mathbb{R}^3$  which is orthogonal to the vectors  $\hat{i} + 2\hat{j} + 3\hat{k}$  and  $4\hat{i} + 5\hat{j} + 6\hat{k}$  is

- (a)  $-\frac{\hat{i}}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}\hat{j}}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}$
- (b)  $\frac{\hat{i}}{\sqrt{6}} - \frac{\sqrt{2}\hat{j}}{\sqrt{3}} + \frac{\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}$
- (c)  $-\frac{\hat{i}}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}\hat{j}}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}$
- (d)  $\frac{\hat{i}}{\sqrt{6}} + \frac{\sqrt{2}\hat{j}}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{\hat{k}}{\sqrt{6}}$