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**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2024**

(CBCSS)

Mathematics

MTH 1C 05—NUMBER THEORY

(2019 Admission onwards)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**Part A (Short Answer Type Questions)***Answer all questions.**Each question carries a weightage 1.*

1. Define multiplicative function and prove that Euler totient function  $\phi(n)$  is multiplicative.
2. State and prove Generalized Mobius inversion formula.
3. Define the big oh notation.
4. For  $x \geq 1$ , show that  $\sum_{n \leq x} \mu(n) \left[ \frac{x}{n} \right] = 1$ .
5. For  $x \geq 2$ , show that  $\vartheta(x) = \pi(x) \log(x) - \int_x^x \frac{\pi(t)}{t} dt$ .
6. Explain enciphering and deciphering transformation.
7. Define Legendre's symbol and evaluate the Legendre symbol  $(5|p)$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime.
8. State Gauss lemma.

(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)

**Turn over**

**Part B (Paragraph Type Questions)**

Answer any **two** questions from each module.

Each question carries a weightage 2.

**MODULE I**

9. If  $n \geq 1$ , show that  $\phi(n) = \sum_{d|n} \mu(d) \frac{n}{d}$ .
10. If  $f$  is an arithmetical function with  $f(1) \neq 0$ , show that there is a unique arithmetical function  $f^{-1}$  such that  $f * f^{-1} = f^{-1} * f = 1$ .
11. For  $x \geq 1$ , show that  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{1}{n^s} = \frac{x^{1-s}}{1-s} + \zeta(s) + O(x^{-3})$ , if  $s > 0, s \neq 1$ .

**MODULE II**

12. Show that for  $x > 0, 0 \leq \frac{\Psi(x)}{x} - \frac{\vartheta(x)}{x} \leq \frac{(\log x)^2}{2\sqrt{x} \log 2}$ .
13. State and prove Abel's identity.
14. For all  $x \geq 1$ , show that  $\sum_{n \leq x} \frac{\Lambda(n)}{n} = x \log x + O(1)$ .

**MODULE III**

15. Determine whether 888 is a quadratic residue or non residue mod 1999.
16. Evaluate Legendre's symbol  $(1|p)$  and  $(2|p)$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime.
17. State and prove Quadratic Reciprocity Law for Jacobi's symbol.

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

**Part C (Essay Type Questions)***Answer any **two** questions.**Each question carries a weightage 5.*

18. Let  $f$  be multiplicative. Prove that if  $f$  is multiplicative if and only if

$$f^{-1}(n) = \mu(n) f(n) \text{ for all } n \geq 1.$$

19. State and prove Euler's summation formula.

20. Let  $p_n$  denote the  $n^{\text{th}}$  prime. Show that the following relations are logically equivalent.

(a)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x) \log(x)}{x} = 1.$

(b)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{\pi(x) \log \pi(x)}{x} = 1.$

(c)  $\lim_{x \rightarrow \infty} \frac{P_n}{n \log n} = 1.$

21. Prove that The Diophantine equation  $y^2 = x^3 + k$  has no solutions if  $k$  has the form

$$k = (4n - 1)^3 - 4m^2, \text{ where } m \text{ and } n \text{ are integers such that no prime } p \equiv -1 \pmod{4} \text{ divides } m.$$

 $(2 \times 5 = 10 \text{ weightage})$