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GS2021: Selection Process for Mathematics

Selection process for admission in 2021 to the various programs in Mathematics at the TIFR centers - namely, the PhD and Integrated PhD programs at TIFR, Mumbai as well as the programs conducted by TIFR CAM, Bengaluru and ICTS, Bengaluru - will be held in two stages.

Stage I. A nation-wide test will be conducted in various centers on March 7, 2021. For the PhD and Integrated PhD programs at the Mumbai Center, this test will comprise the entirety of Stage I of the evaluation process. For more precise details about Stage I of the selection process at other centers (TIFR CAM, Bengaluru, and ICTS, Bengaluru) we refer you to the websites of those centers.

The nation-wide test on March 7 will be an objective test of three hours duration, with 20 multiple choice questions and 20 true/false questions. The score in this test will serve as qualification marks for a student to progress to the second step of the evaluation process. The cut-off marks for a particular program will be decided by the TIFR center handling that program.

Additionally, some or all of the centers may consider the score in Stage I (in addition to the score in Stage II) towards making the final selection for the graduate program in 2021.

Stage II. The second stage of the selection process varies according to the program and the center. More details about this stage will be provided at a later date.

Syllabus for Stage I

Stage I of the selection process is mainly based on mathematics covered in a reasonable B.Sc. course. This includes:

Algebra: Definitions and examples of groups (finite and infinite, commutative and non-commutative), cyclic groups, subgroups, homomorphisms, quotients. Group actions and Sylow theorems. Definitions and examples of rings and fields. Integers, polynomial rings and their basic properties. Basic facts about vector spaces, matrices, determinants, ranks of linear transformations, characteristic and minimal polynomials, symmetric matrices. Inner products, positive definiteness.

Analysis: Basic facts about real and complex numbers, convergence of sequences and series of real and complex numbers, continuity, differentiability and Riemann integration of real valued functions defined on an interval (finite or infinite), elementary functions (polynomial functions, rational functions, exponential and log, trigonometric functions), sequences and series of functions and their different types of convergence.

Geometry/Topology: Elementary geometric properties of common shapes and figures in 2 and 3 dimensional Euclidean spaces (e.g. triangles, circles, discs, spheres, etc.). Plane analytic geometry

(= coordinate geometry) and trigonometry. Definition and basic properties of metric spaces, examples of subset Euclidean spaces (of any dimension), connectedness, compactness. Convergence in metric spaces, continuity of functions between metric spaces.

General: Pigeon-hole principle (box principle), induction, elementary properties of divisibility, elementary combinatorics (permutations and combinations, binomial coefficients), elementary reasoning with graphs, elementary probability theory.

Sample Questions for Stage I

The following are some sample questions for the online test that will be held on March 7. You can find some of the previous years' question papers at:
http://univ.tifr.res.in/gs2021/Prev_QP/Prev_QP.htm

Sample multiple choice questions

1. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous bounded function. Then
   (a) f has to be uniformly continuous
   (b) there exists an $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = x$
   (c) f can not be increasing
   (d) $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x)$ exists.

2. Define a function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + x^2 \cos(\frac{\pi}{x}), & \text{if} \quad x \neq 0 \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0 \end{cases}$$

   Consider the statements:

   I. f is differentiable at $x = 0$ and $f'(0) = 1$.
   II. f is differentiable everywhere and $f'(x)$ is continuous at $x = 0$.
   III. f is increasing in a neighbourhood around $x = 0$.
   IV. f is not increasing in any neighbourhood of $x = 0$.

   Which one of the following combinations of the above statements is true.

   (a) **I.** and **II**.
   (b) **I.** and **III.**
   (c) **II.** and **IV.**
   (d) **I.** and **IV.**

Sample true/false questions

1. If A and B are 3×3 matrices and A is invertible, then there exists an integer n such that $A + nB$ is invertible.

2. Let P be a degree 3 polynomial with complex coefficients such that the constant term is 2010. Then P has a root α with $|\alpha| > 10$.

3. The symmetric group S_5 consisting of permutations on 5 symbols has an element of order 6.

4. Suppose $f_n(x)$ is a sequence of continuous functions on the closed interval [0;1] converging to 0 pointwise. Then the integral
$$\int_0^1 f_n(x)dx$$
converges to 0.

5. There are n homomorphisms from the group $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ to the additive group of rationals $\mathbb{Q}$.

6. A bounded continuous function on $\mathbb{R}$ is uniformly continuous.

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Notation and Conventions

- $\mathbb{N}$ denotes the set of natural numbers $\{0, 1, \ldots\}$, $\mathbb{Z}$ the set of integers, $\mathbb{Q}$ the set of rational numbers, $\mathbb{R}$ the set of real numbers, and $\mathbb{C}$ the set of complex numbers. These sets are assumed to carry the usual algebraic and metric structures.
- $\mathbb{R}^n$ denotes the Euclidean space of dimension n. Subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$ are viewed as metric spaces using the standard Euclidean distance on $\mathbb{R}^n$.
- $\mathrm{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ denotes the real vector space of $n \times n$ real matrices, and $\mathrm{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ the complex vector space of $n \times n$ complex matrices. I denotes the identity matrix in $\mathrm{M}_n(\mathbb{R}) \subset \mathrm{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$.
- For any $A \in \mathrm{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$, we denote by $\mathrm{tr}(A)$ the trace of A and by $\det(A)$ the determinant of A.
- All rings are associative, with a multiplicative identity.
- For a ring R, $R[x]$ denotes the polynomial ring in one variable over R, and $R^\times$ denotes the multiplicative group of units of R.
- All logarithms are natural logarithms.
- If B is a subset of a set A, we write $A \setminus B$ for the set $\{a \in A \mid a \notin B\}$.

PART A

Answer the following multiple choice questions.

1. Consider the sequences $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ defined by

$$a_n = (2^n + 3^n)^{1/n} \text{ and } b_n = \frac{n}{\sum_{i=1}^{n} \frac{1}{a_i}}.$$

What is the limit of $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$?

(a) 2.
(b) 3.
(c) 5.
(d) The limit does not exist.

2. Consider the set of continuous functions $f : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy:

$$\int_0^1 f(x)(1 - f(x))\, dx = \frac{1}{4}.$$

Then the cardinality of this set is:

(a) 0.
(b) 1.
(c) 2.
(d) more than 2.

3. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined as:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^2 \sin \frac{1}{x}, & \text{if } x \neq 0, \text{ and} \\ 0, & \text{if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Which of the following statements is correct?

(a) f is a surjective function.
(b) f is bounded.
(c) The derivative of f exists and is continuous on $\mathbb{R}$.
(d) $\{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid f(x) = 0\}$ is a finite set.

4. Let $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a strictly increasing bounded sequence of real numbers such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = A$. Let $f : [a_1, A] \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that for each positive integer i, $f|_{[a_i, a_{i+1}]} : [a_i, a_{i+1}] \to \mathbb{R}$ is either strictly increasing or strictly decreasing. Consider the set

$$B = \{M \in \mathbb{R} \mid \text{ there exist infinitely many } x \in [a_1, A] \text{ such that } f(x) = M\}.$$

Then the cardinality of B is:

(a) necessarily 0.
✓ (b) at most 1.
(c) possibly greater than 1, but finite.
(d) possibly infinite.

5. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function that satisfies:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|| \sin(x - y)|, \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Which of the following statements is correct?

(a) f is continuous but need not be uniformly continuous.
(b) f is uniformly continuous but not necessarily differentiable.
(c) f is differentiable, but its derivative may not be continuous.
✓ (d) f is constant.

6. Let

$$\mathcal{C} = \left\{ f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R} \mid \ f \text{ is differentiable, and } \lim_{x\to\infty} (2f(x) + f'(x)) = 0 \right\}.$$

Which of the following statements is correct?

(a) For each L with $0 \neq L < \infty$, there exists $f \in \mathcal{C}$ such that $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = L$.
✓ (b) For all $f \in \mathcal{C}$, $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = 0$.
(c) There exists $f \in \mathcal{C}$ such that $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x)$ does not exist.
(d) There exists $f \in \mathcal{C}$ such that $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = \frac{1}{2}$.

7. Let $f(x) = \dfrac{\log(2 + x)}{\sqrt{1 + x}}$ for $x \geq 0$, and $a_m = \dfrac{1}{m} \int_0^m f(t)\, dt$ for every positive integer m. Then the sequence $\{a_m\}_{m=1}^{\infty}$

(a) diverges to $+\infty$.
(b) has more than one limit point.
(c) converges and satisfies $\lim_{m\to\infty} a_m = \frac{1}{2} \log 2$.
✓ (d) converges and satisfies $\lim_{m\to\infty} a_m = 0$.

8. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that:

$$|f(x) - f(y)| \geq \log(1 + |x - y|), \text{ for all } x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

Then:

(a) f is injective but not surjective.
(b) f is surjective but not injective.
(c) f is neither injective nor surjective.
✓ (d) f is bijective.

9. What is the greatest integer less than or equal to

$$\sum_{n=1}^{9999} \frac{1}{\sqrt[4]{n}}?$$

✔ (a) 1332
(b) 1352
(c) 1372
(d) 1392

10. Consider the following sentences:

(I) For every connected subset Y of a metric space X, its interior Y° is connected.
(II) For every connected subset Y of a metric space X, its boundary ∂Y is connected.

Which of the following options is correct?

(a) (I) is true, but (II) is false.
(b) (II) is true, but (I) is false.
(c) (I) and (II) are both true.
✔ (d) (I) and (II) are both false.

11. Consider a set $\{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$ of events, $n > 1$. Suppose that one of the events in $\{A_1, \ldots, A_n\}$ is certain to occur, but that no more than two of them can occur. Suppose that for each $1 \leq r, s \leq n$ such that $r \neq s$, the probability of A_r occurring is p, while the probability of both A_r and A_s occurring is q. Then:

(a) $p \leq 1/n$ and $q \leq 2/n$.
(b) $p \leq 1/n$ and $q \geq 2/n$.
✔ (c) $p \geq 1/n$ and $q \leq 2/n$.
(d) $p \geq 1/n$ and $q \geq 2/n$.

12. Let $\{z_1, z_2, \ldots, z_7\}$ be a set of seven complex numbers with unit modulus. Assume that they form the vertices of a regular heptagon in the complex plane. Define

$$w = \sum_{i<j} z_i z_j.$$

Then:

✔ (a) $w = 0$.
(b) $|w| = \sqrt{7}$.
(c) $|w| = 7$.
(d) $|w| = 1$.

13. Consider $\mathbb{R}^3$ as the space of 3×1 real matrices. The multiplicative group $\mathrm{GL}_3(\mathbb{R})$ of invertible 3×3 real matrices acts on this space by left multiplication. What is the number of orbits for this action?

(a) 1.
✔ (b) 2.
(c) 4.
(d) ∞.

14. Let V be a finite dimensional vector space over $\mathbb{R}$, and $W \subset V$ a subspace. Then $W \cap T(W) \neq \{0\}$ for every linear automorphism $T : V \to V$ if and only if:

(a) $W = V$.
(b) $\dim W < \frac{1}{2} \dim V$.
(c) $\dim W = \frac{1}{2} \dim V$.
✔ (d) $\dim W > \frac{1}{2} \dim V$.

15. Let $A \in \mathrm{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$. Then $\begin{pmatrix} A & A \\ 0 & A \end{pmatrix}$ is diagonalizable if and only if:

✔ (a) $A = 0$.
(b) $A = I$.
(c) $n = 2$.
(d) None of the other three options.

16. Let $T : \mathbb{C} \to \mathbb{R}$ be the map defined by $T(z) = z + \bar{z}$. For a $\mathbb{C}$-vector space V, consider the map

$$\varphi : \{f : V \to \mathbb{C} \mid f \text{ is } \mathbb{C}\text{-linear}\} \to \{g : V \to \mathbb{R} \mid g \text{ is } \mathbb{R}\text{-linear}\},$$

defined by $\varphi(f) = T \circ f$. Then this map is

(a) injective, but not surjective.
(b) surjective, but not injective.
✔ (c) bijective.
(d) neither injective nor surjective.

17. Which of the following statements is correct for every linear transformation $T : \mathbb{R}^3 \to \mathbb{R}^3$ such that $T^3 - T^2 - T + I = 0$?

(a) T is invertible as well as diagonalizable.
✔ (b) T is invertible, but not necessarily diagonalizable.
(c) T is diagonalizable, but not necessarily invertible.
(d) None of the other three statements.

18. Let $n \geq 2$. Which of the following statements is true for every $n \times n$ real matrix A of rank one?

 ✓ (a) There exist matrices $P, Q \in \mathrm{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that all the entries of the matrix PAQ are equal to 1.

 (b) There exists an invertible matrix $P \in \mathrm{M}_n(\mathbb{R})$ such that PAP^{-1} is a diagonal matrix.

 (c) A has a nonzero eigenvalue.

 (d) The vector $(1, 1, \ldots, 1) \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is an eigenvector for A.

19. Let m, n be positive integers. Then the greatest common divisor (gcd) of the polynomials $x^m - 1$ and $x^n - 1$ in the ring $\mathbb{C}[x]$ equals

 (a) $x^{\min(m,n)} - 1$.

 (b) $x - 1$.

 ✓ (c) $x^{\gcd(m,n)} - 1$.

 (d) None of the other three options.

20. Let A_4 denote the group of even permutations of $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$. Consider the following statements:

 (I) There exists a surjective group homomorphism $A_4 \to \mathbb{Z}/4\mathbb{Z}$.

 (II) There exists a surjective group homomorphism $A_4 \to \mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$.

 Which of the following statements is correct?

 (a) (I) is true and (II) is false.

 ✓ (b) (II) is true and (I) is false.

 (c) (I) and (II) are both true.

 (d) (I) and (II) are both false.

PART B

True/False Questions.

F 1. There exists no monotone function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ which is discontinuous at every rational number.

T 2. Let $C([0, 1])$ denote the set of continuous real valued functions on $[0, 1]$, and $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$ the set of all sequences of real numbers. Then there exists an injective map from $C([0, 1])$ to $\mathbb{R}^{\mathbb{N}}$.

T 3. Let $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a bounded sequence of positive real numbers. Then:

$$\limsup_{n\to\infty} \frac{1}{a_n} = \frac{1}{\liminf_{n\to\infty} a_n}.$$

T 4. Let $C([0,1])$ denote the metric space of continuous real valued functions on $[0,1]$ under the supremum metric - i.e., the distance between f and g in $C([0,1])$ equals

$$\sup\{|f(x)-g(x)| \mid x \in [0,1]\}.$$

Let $Q \subset C([0,1])$ be the set of all polynomials in $\mathbb{R}[x]$ in which the coefficient of x^2 is 0. Then Q is dense in $C([0,1])$.

F 5. If X is a metric space such that every continuous function $f : X \to \mathbb{R}$ is uniformly continuous, then X is compact.

T 6. Let X be a metric space, and let $C(X)$ denote the $\mathbb{R}$-vector space of continuous real valued functions on X. Then X is infinite if and only if $\dim_{\mathbb{R}} C(X) = \infty$.

T 7. Let A be a countable union of lines in $\mathbb{R}^3$. Then $\mathbb{R}^3 \setminus A$ is connected.

T 8. An invertible linear map from $\mathbb{R}^2$ to itself takes parallel lines to parallel lines.

F 9. For any matrix C with entries in $\mathbb{C}$, let $m(C)$ denote the minimal polynomial of C, and $p(C)$ its characteristic polynomial. Then for any $n \in \mathbb{N}$, two matrices $A, B \in \mathrm{M}_n(\mathbb{C})$ are similar if and only if $m(A) = m(B)$ and $p(A) = p(B)$.

T 10. Let $A, B \in \mathrm{M}_3(\mathbb{R})$. Then

$$\det(AB - BA) = \frac{\mathrm{tr}[(AB-BA)^3]}{3}.$$

F 11. There exist an integer $r \geq 1$ and a symmetric matrix $A \in \mathrm{M}_r(\mathbb{R})$ such that for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we have:

$$2^{\sqrt{n}} \leq |\mathrm{tr}(A^n)| \leq 2020 \cdot 2^{\sqrt{n}}.$$

T 12. The polynomial $1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \cdots + \frac{x^{101}}{101!}$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$.

F 13. There exists an integer $n > 3$ such that the group of units of the ring $\mathbb{Z}/2^n\mathbb{Z}$ is cyclic.

F 14. For every surjective ring homomorphism $\varphi : R \to S$, we have $\varphi(R^\times) = S^\times$.

F 15. Let G be a finite group and P a p-Sylow subgroup of G, where p is a prime number. Then for every subgroup H of G, $H \cap P$ is a p-Sylow subgroup of H.

T 16. Let G be an abelian group, with identity element e. If

$$\{g \in G \mid g = e \text{ or } g \text{ has infinite order}\}$$

is a subgroup of G, then either all elements of $G \setminus \{e\}$ have infinite order, or all elements of G have finite order.

F 17. There exists a natural number n, with $1 < n \leq 10$, such that x^n and x are conjugate for every element x of S_7, the group of permutations of $\{1, \ldots, 7\}$.

F 18. Every noncommutative ring has at least 10 elements.

T 19. Let $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of elements in $\{0, 1\}$ such that for all positive integers n, $\sum_{i=n}^{n+9} a_i$ is divisible by 3. Then there exists a positive integer k such that $a_{n+k} = a_n$ for all positive integers n.

T 20. The interior of any strip bounded by two parallel lines in $\mathbb{R}^2$, of width strictly greater than 1, contains a point with integer coordinates.

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- $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ denotes the real vector space of $n \times n$ real matrices with the Euclidean metric, and I denotes the identity matrix in $M_n(\mathbb{R})$.
- All rings are associative, with a multiplicative identity.
- For any prime number p, $\mathbb{F}_p$ denotes the finite field with p elements.
- If A and B are sets, then $A - B$ refers to $\{x \in A \mid x \notin B\}$.
- For a ring R, $R[x]$ denotes the polynomial ring in one variable over R, and $R[x, y]$ denotes the polynomial ring in two variables over R.

PART A

Answer the following multiple choice questions.

1. The following sum of numbers (expressed in decimal notation)

$$1 + 11 + 111 + \cdots + \underbrace{11\ldots1}_{n}$$

is equal to

✔ (a) $(10^{n+1} - 10 - 9n)/81$
(b) $(10^{n+1} - 10 + 9n)/81$
(c) $(10^{n+1} - 10 - n)/81$
(d) $(10^{n+1} - 10 + n)/81$

2. For $n \geq 1$, the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$, where:

$$x_n = 1 + \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \cdots + \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}} - 2\sqrt{n}$$

is

✔ (a) decreasing
(b) increasing
(c) constant
(d) oscillating

3. Define a function:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x + x^2\cos(\frac{\pi}{x}), & x \neq 0 \\ 0, & x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Consider the following statements:

(i) $f'(0)$ exists and is equal to 1
(ii) f is not increasing in any neighborhood of 0
(iii) $f'(0)$ does not exist
(iv) f is increasing on $\mathbb{R}$.

How many of the above statements is/are true?

(a) 0
(b) 1
✔ (c) 2
(d) 3

4. Consider differentiable functions $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ with the property that for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ we have:

$$f(b) - f(a) = (b-a)f'\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right).$$

Then which one of the following sentences is true?

✓ (a) Every such f is a polynomial of degree less than or equal to 2

(b) There exists such a function f which is a polynomial of degree bigger than 2

(c) There exists such a function f which is not a polynomial

(d) Every such f satisfies the condition $f\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \leq \frac{f(a)+f(b)}{2}$ for all $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$

5. Let V be an n-dimensional vector space and let $T : V \to V$ be a linear transformation such that

$$\text{Rank } T \leq \text{Rank } T^3.$$

Then which one of the following statements is necessarily true?

(a) Null space(T) = Range(T)

✓ (b) Null space$(T) \cap$ Range$(T) = \{0\}$

(c) There exists a nonzero subspace W of V such that Null space$(T) \cap$ Range$(T) = W$

(d) Null space$(T) \subseteq$ Range(T)

6. The limit

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} n^2 \int_0^1 \frac{1}{(1+x^2)^n} dx$$

is equal to

(a) 1

(b) 0

✓ (c) $+\infty$

(d) 1/2

7. Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with rank k. Consider the following statements:

(i) If A has real entries, then AA^t necessarily has rank k

(ii) If A has complex entries, then AA^t necessarily has rank k.

Then

(a) (i) and (ii) are true

(b) (i) and (ii) are false

✓ (c) (i) is true and (ii) is false

(d) (i) is false and (ii) is true

8. Consider the following two statements:

(E) Continuous functions on $[1, 2]$ can be approximated uniformly by a sequence of even polynomials (i.e., polynomials $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ such that $p(-x) = p(x)$).

(O) Continuous functions on $[1, 2]$ can be approximated uniformly by a sequence of odd polynomials (i.e., polynomials $p(x) \in \mathbb{R}[x]$ such that $p(-x) = -p(x)$).

Choose the correct option below.

(a) (E) and (O) are both false
✓ (b) (E) and (O) are both true
(c) (E) is true but (O) is false
(d) (E) is false but (O) is true

9. Let $f : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \frac{\sin(x^3)}{x}$. Then f is

✓ (a) bounded and uniformly continuous
(b) bounded but not uniformly continuous
(c) not bounded but uniformly continuous
(d) not bounded and not uniformly continuous

10. Let

$$S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x = \text{Trace}(A) \text{ for some } A \in M_4(\mathbb{R}) \text{ such that } A^2 = A\}.$$

Then which of the following describes S?

(a) $S = \{0, 2, 4\}$
(b) $S = \{0, 1/2, 1, 3/2, 2, 5/2, 3, 7/2, 4\}$
✓ (c) $S = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4\}$
(d) $S = [0, 4]$

11. Let f be a continuous function on $[0, 1]$. Then the limit $\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_0^1 nx^n f(x)\, dx$ is equal to

(a) $f(0)$
✓ (b) $f(1)$
(c) $\sup_{x\in[0,1]} f(x)$
(d) The limit need not exist

12. Let $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of functions from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$, defined by

$$f_n(x) = \frac{1}{n} \exp(-n^2 x^2).$$

Then which one of the following statements is true?

(a) Both the sequences $\{f_n\}$ and $\{f_n'\}$ converge uniformly on $\mathbb{R}$
(b) Neither $\{f_n\}$ nor $\{f_n'\}$ converges uniformly on $\mathbb{R}$
(c) $\{f_n\}$ converges pointwise but not uniformly on any interval containing the origin

(d) $\{f_n'\}$ converges pointwise but not uniformly on any interval containing the origin

13. Let the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be defined by $x_1 = \sqrt{2}$ and $x_{n+1} = (\sqrt{2})^{x_n}$ for $n \geq 1$. Then which one of the following statements is true?

(a) The sequence $\{x_n\}$ is monotonically increasing and $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = 2$

(b) The sequence $\{x_n\}$ is neither monotonically increasing nor monotonically decreasing

(c) $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n$ does not exist

(d) $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = \infty$

14. Consider functions $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ with the property that $|f(x) - f(y)| \leq 4321|x - y|$ for all real numbers x, y. Then which one of the following statements is true?

(a) f is always differentiable

(b) There exists at least one such f that is continuous and such that $\lim_{x\to\pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{|x|} = \infty$

(c) There exists at least one such f that is continuous, but is non-differentiable at exactly 2018 points, and satisfies $\lim_{x\to\pm\infty} \frac{f(x)}{|x|} = 2018$

(d) It is not possible to find a sequence $\{x_n\}$ of real numbers such that $\lim_{n\to\infty} x_n = \infty$ and further satisfying $\lim_{n\to\infty} \left|\frac{f(x_n)}{x_n}\right| \leq 10000$

15. Let $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of functions from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$, defined by

$$f_n(x) = \frac{\sqrt{1 + (nx)^2}}{n}.$$

Then which one of the following statements is true?

(a) $\{f_n\}$ and $\{f_n'\}$ converge uniformly on $\mathbb{R}$

(b) $\{f_n'\}$ converges uniformly on $\mathbb{R}$ but $\{f_n\}$ does not

(c) $\{f_n\}$ converges uniformly on $\mathbb{R}$ but $\{f_n'\}$ does not

(d) $\{f_n\}$ converges uniformly to a differentiable function on $\mathbb{R}$

16. The number of ring homomorphisms from $\mathbb{Z}[x, y]$ to $\mathbb{F}_2[x]/(x^3 + x^2 + x + 1)$ equals

(a) 2^6

(b) 2^{18}

(c) 1

(d) 2^9

17. Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ be the subset

$$X = \{(x, y) \mid x = 0, |y| \leq 1\} \cup \left\{(x, y) \mid 0 < x \leq 1, y = \sin\frac{1}{x}\right\}.$$

Consider the following statements:

(i) X is compact

(ii) X is connected

(iii) X is path connected.

How many of the statements (i)-(iii) is/are true?

(a) 0

(b) 1

✔ (c) 2

(d) 3

18. Consider the different ways to colour the faces of a cube with six given colours, such that each face is given exactly one colour and all the six colours are used. Define two such colouring schemes to be equivalent if the resulting configurations can be obtained from one another by a rotation of the cube. Then the number of inequivalent colouring schemes is

(a) 15

(b) 24

✔ (c) 30

(d) 48

19. Let $C^\infty(0,1)$ stand for the set of all real-valued functions on $(0,1)$ that have derivatives of all orders. Then the map $C^\infty(0,1) \to C^\infty(0,1)$ given by

$$f \mapsto f + \frac{df}{dx}$$

is

(a) injective but not surjective

✔ (b) surjective but not injective

(c) neither injective nor surjective

(d) both injective and surjective

20. A stick of length 1 is broken into two pieces by cutting at a randomly chosen point. What is the expected length of the smaller piece?

(a) 1/8

✔ (b) 1/4

(c) $1/e$

(d) $1/\pi$

PART B

Answer whether the following statements are True or False.

F 1. There exists a continuous function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(\mathbb{Q}) \subseteq \mathbb{R}-\mathbb{Q}$ and $f(\mathbb{R}-\mathbb{Q}) \subseteq \mathbb{Q}$.

T 2. If $A \in M_{10}(\mathbb{R})$ satisfies $A^2 + A + I = 0$, then A is invertible.

F 3. Let $X \subseteq \mathbb{Q}^2$. Suppose each continuous function $f : X \to \mathbb{R}^2$ is bounded. Then X is necessarily finite.

F 4. If A is a 2×2 complex matrix that is invertible and diagonalizable, and such that A and A^2 have the same characteristic polynomial, then A is the 2×2 identity matrix.

F 5. Suppose A, B, C are 3×3 real matrices with Rank $A = 2$, Rank $B = 1$, Rank $C = 2$. Then Rank $(ABC) = 1$.

F 6. For any $n \geq 2$, there exists an $n \times n$ real matrix A such that the set $\{A^p \mid p \geq 1\}$ spans the $\mathbb{R}$-vector space $M_n(\mathbb{R})$.

T 7. The matrices

$$\begin{pmatrix} 0 & i & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 \\ 0 & 0 & 0 \end{pmatrix} \text{ and } \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 \\ -i & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

are similar.

F 8. Consider the set $A \subset M_3(\mathbb{R})$ of 3×3 real matrices with characteristic polynomial $x^3 - 3x^2 + 2x - 1$. Then A is a compact subset of $M_3(\mathbb{R}) \cong \mathbb{R}^9$.

F 9. There exists an injective ring homomorphism from the product ring $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ into $C(\mathbb{R})$, where $C(\mathbb{R})$ denotes the ring of all continuous functions $\mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ under pointwise addition and multiplication.

T 10. $\mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{R} \oplus \mathbb{R}$ are isomorphic as vector spaces over $\mathbb{Q}$.

T 11. If 0 is a limit point of a set $A \subseteq (0, \infty)$, then the set of all $x \in (0, \infty)$ that can be expressed as a sum of (not necessarily distinct) elements of A is dense in $(0, \infty)$.

F 12. The only idempotents in the ring $\mathbb{Z}_{51}$ (i.e., $\mathbb{Z}/51\mathbb{Z}$) are 0 and 1. (An idempotent is an element x such that $x^2 = x$).

T 13. Let A be a commutative ring with 1, and let $a, b, c \in A$. Suppose there exist $x, y, z \in A$ such that $ax + by + cz = 1$. Then there exist $x', y', z' \in A$ such that $a^{50}x' + b^{20}y' + c^{15}z' = 1$.

F 14. The ring $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^5 + x - 3)$ is an integral domain.

F 15. Given any group G of order 12, and any n that divides 12, there exists a subgroup H of G of order n.

T 16. Let H, N be subgroups of a finite group G, with N a normal subgroup of G. If the orders of G/N and H are relatively prime, then H is necessarily contained in N.

F 17. If every proper subgroup of an infinite group G is cyclic, then G is cyclic.

T 18. Each solution of the differential equation

$$y'' + e^x y = 0$$

remains bounded as $x \to \infty$.

F 19. There exists a uniformly continuous function $f : (0, \infty) \to (0, \infty)$ such that

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{f(n)}$$

converges.

F 20. Let $v : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}^2$ be C^∞ (i.e., has derivatives of all orders). Then there exists $t_0 \in (0, 1)$ such that $v(1) - v(0)$ is a scalar multiple of $\frac{dv}{dt}\big|_{t=t_0}$.

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GS-2018 (Mathematics)

TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

Written Test in **MATHEMATICS - December 10, 2017**

For the Ph.D. Programs at TIFR, Mumbai and CAM & ICTS, Bangalore and for the Int. Ph.D. Programs at TIFR, Mumbai and CAM, Bangalore.

Duration: Two hours (2 hours)

Name: ____ Ref. Code: ____________

Please read all instructions carefully before you attempt the questions.

1. Please fill in details about name, reference code etc. on the answer sheet for. The Answer Sheet is machine-readable. Use only Black/Blue ball point pen to fill in the answer sheet.

2. Indicate your ANSWER ON THE ANSWER SHEET by blackening the appropriate circle for each question. Do not mark more than one circle for any question: this will be treated as a wrong answer.

3. There are twenty-five (25) True/False type questions in **PART A** of the question paper. **PART B** contains 15 multiple choice questions. Questions in both Parts carry +1 for a correct answer, -1 (negative marks) for a wrong answer and 0 for not answering.

4. We advise you to first mark the correct answers on the QUESTION PAPER and then to TRANSFER these to the ANSWER SHEET only when you are sure of your choice.

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Test structure

The duration of this test is two hours. It has two parts, Part A and Part B. Part A has 25 'True or False' questions. Part B has 15 multiple choice questions. Each multiple choice question comes with four options, of which exactly one is correct.

Marking scheme

In both Part A and Part B, a correct answer will get 1 point, a wrong answer or an invalid answer (such as ticking multiple boxes) will get -1 point, and not attempting a particular question will get 0 points.

Notation and conventions

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- $\mathbb{R}^n$ denotes the Euclidean space of dimension n. Subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$ are assumed to carry the induced topology and metric.
- $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ denotes the real vector space of $n \times n$ real matrices with the Euclidean metric, and I denotes the identity matrix.
- For any prime number p, $\mathbb{F}_p$ denotes the finite field with p elements.
- All rings are associative, with a multiplicative identity.
- All logarithms are natural logarithms.

Part A

Answer whether the following statements are True or False. Mark your answer on the machine checkable answer sheet that is provided.

1. Let A be a countable subset of $\mathbb{R}$ which is well-ordered with respect to the usual ordering on $\mathbb{R}$ (where 'well-ordered' means that every nonempty subset has a minimum element in it). Then A has an order preserving bijection with a subset of $\mathbb{N}$. F

2. $\lim_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin x}{\log(1+\tan x)} = 1.$ T

3. For any closed subset $A \subset \mathbb{R}$, there exists a continuous function f on $\mathbb{R}$ which vanishes exactly on A. T

4. Let f be a nonnegative continuous function on $\mathbb{R}$ such that $\int_0^\infty f(t)dt$ is finite. Then $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = 0$. F

5. The function $f(x) = \cos(e^x)$ is not uniformly continuous on $\mathbb{R}$. T

6. Let A be a 3×3 real symmetric matrix such that $A^6 = I$. Then, $A^2 = I$. T

7. In the vector space $\{f \mid f : [0,1] \to \mathbb{R}\}$ of real-valued functions on the closed interval $[0,1]$, the set $S = \{\sin(x), \cos(x), \tan(x)\}$ is linearly independent. T

8. Let f be a twice differentiable function on $\mathbb{R}$ such that both f and f'' are strictly positive on $\mathbb{R}$. Then $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = \infty$. F

9. Let G, H be finite groups. Then any subgroup of $G \times H$ is equal to $A \times B$ for some subgroups $A < G$ and $B < H$. F

10. Let g be a continuous function on $[0,1]$ such that $g(1) = 0$. Then the sequence of functions $f_n(x) = x^n g(x)$ converges uniformly on $[0,1]$. T

11. Let $A, B, C \in M_3(\mathbb{R})$ be such that A commutes with B, B commutes with C and B is not a scalar matrix. Then A commutes with C. F

12. If $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ (with $n \geq 2$) has rank 1, then the minimal polynomial of A has degree 2. T

13. Let V be the vector space over $\mathbb{R}$ consisting of polynomials of degree less than or equal to 3. Let $T : V \to V$ be the operator sending $f(t)$ to $f(t+1)$, and $D : V \to V$ the operator sending $f(t)$ to $df(t)/dt$. Then T is a polynomial in D. T

14. Let V be the subspace of the real vector space of real valued functions on $\mathbb{R}$, spanned by $\cos t$ and $\sin t$. Let $D : V \to V$ be the linear map sending $f(t) \in V$ to $df(t)/dt$. Then D has a real eigenvalue. F

15. The set of nilpotent matrices in $M_3(\mathbb{R})$ spans $M_3(\mathbb{R})$ considered as an $\mathbb{R}$-vector space (a matrix A is said to be nilpotent if there exists $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $A^n = 0$). F

16. Let G be a finite group with a normal subgroup H such that G/H has order 7. Then $G \cong H \times G/H$. F

17. The multiplicative group $\mathbb{F}_7^\times$ is isomorphic to a subgroup of the multiplicative group $\mathbb{F}_{31}^\times$. T

18. Any linear transformation $A : \mathbb{R}^4 \to \mathbb{R}^4$ has a proper non-zero invariant subspace. T

19. Let $A, B \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ be such that $A + B = AB$. Then $AB = BA$. T

20. Let $A \in M_n(\mathbb{R})$ be upper triangular with all diagonal entries 1 such that $A \neq I$. Then A is not diagonalizable. T

21. A countable group can have only countably many distinct subgroups. F

22. There exists a continuous surjection from $\mathbb{R}^3 - S^2$ to $\mathbb{R}^2 - \{(0, 0)\}$ (here $S^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ denotes the unit sphere defined by the equation $x^2 + y^2 + z^2 = 1$). T

23. The permutation group S_{10} has an element of order 30. T

24. Let G be a finite group and $g \in G$ an element of even order. Then we can colour the elements of G with two colours in such a way that x and gx have different colours for each $x \in G$. T

25. Let $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ be uniformly continuous functions from $\mathbb{R}$ to $\mathbb{R}$. Then their pointwise product $f(x)g(x)$ is uniformly continuous. F

Part B

Answer the following multiple choice questions, by appropriately marking your answer on the machine checkable answer sheet that is provided.

1. The set of real numbers in the open interval $(0, 1)$ which have more than one decimal expansion is

   (a) empty.

   (b) non-empty but finite.

   (c) countably infinite. ✔

   (d) uncountable.

2. How many zeroes does the function $f(x) = e^x - 3x^2$ have in $\mathbb{R}$?

   (a) 0

   (b) 1

   (c) 2

   (d) 3. ✔

3. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined as follows:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } x = 0, \\ 0, & \text{if } x \in \mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}, \textit{and} \\ \frac{1}{n}, & \text{if } x = \frac{m}{n} \text{ with } m, n \in \mathbb{Z}, n > 0, \text{ and } \gcd(m, n) = 1. \end{cases}$$

   Which of the following statements is true?

   (a) f is continuous everywhere except at 0.

   (b) f is continuous only at the irrationals. ✔

   (c) f is continuous only at the non-zero rationals.

   (d) f is not continuous anywhere.

4. Suppose p is a degree 3 polynomial such that $p(0) = 1$, $p(1) = 2$, and $p(2) = 5$. Which of the following numbers cannot equal $p(3)$?

   (a) 0

   (b) 2

   (c) 6

   (d) 10. ✔

5. Let A be the set of all functions $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ that satisfy the following two properties:

   - f has derivatives of all orders, and
   - for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$,

$$f(x + y) - f(y - x) = 2xf'(y).$$

   Which of the following sentences is true?

   (a) Any $f \in A$ is a polynomial of degree less than or equal to 1.
   (b) Any $f \in A$ is a polynomial of degree less than or equal to 2. ✓
   (c) There exists $f \in A$ which is not a polynomial.
   (d) There exists $f \in A$ which is a polynomial of degree 4.

6. Denote by $\mathfrak{A}$ the set of all $n \times n$ complex matrices A ($n \geq 2$ a natural number) having the property that 4 is the only eigenvalue of A. Consider the following four statements.

   - $(A - 4I)^n = 0$,
   - $A^n = 4^n I$,
   - $(A^2 - 5A + 4I)^n = 0$,
   - $A^n = 4nI$.

   How many of the above statements are true for all $A \in \mathfrak{A}$?

   (a) 0
   (b) 1
   (c) 2 ✓
   (d) 3.

7. Let A be the set of all continuous functions $f : [0, 1] \to [0, \infty)$ satisfying the following condition:

$$\int_0^x f(t)\, dt \geq f(x), \text{ for all } x \in [0, 1].$$

   Then which of the following statements is true?

   (a) A has cardinality 1. ✓
   (b) A has cardinality 2.
   (c) A is infinite.
   (d) A is empty.

8. Consider the following four sets of maps $f : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q}$:

   (i) $\{f : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q} \mid f \text{ is bijective and increasing}\}$,

   (ii) $\{f : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q} \mid f \text{ is onto and increasing}\}$,

   (iii) $\{f : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q} \mid f \text{ is bijective, and satisfies that } \forall\, n \leq 0, f(n) \geq 0\}$, and

   (iv) $\{f : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q} \mid f \text{ is onto and decreasing}\}$.

   How many of these sets are empty?

   (a) 0
   (b) 1
   (c) 2
   (d) 3. ✓

9. What are the last 3 digits of 2^{2017}?

   (a) 072 ✓
   (b) 472
   (c) 512
   (d) 912.

10. The minimal polynomial of $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 2 & 0 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 2 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$ is

   (a) $(x-2)(x-5)$.
   (b) $(x-2)^2(x-5)$. ✓
   (c) $(x-2)^3(x-5)$.
   (d) none of the above.

11. Consider a cube C centered at the origin in $\mathbb{R}^3$. The number of invertible linear transformations of $\mathbb{R}^3$ which map C onto itself is

   (a) 72
   (b) 48 ✓
   (c) 24
   (d) 12.

12. The number of rings of order 4, up to isomorphism, is:

(a) 1
(b) 2
(c) 3
(d) 4. ✓

13. For a sequence $\{a_n\}$ of real numbers, which of the following is a negation of the statement '$\lim_{n\to\infty} a_n = 0$'?

(a) There exists $\varepsilon > 0$ such that the set $\{n \in \mathbb{N} \mid |a_n| > \varepsilon\}$ is infinite. ✓
(b) For any $M > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $|a_n| > M$ for all $n \geq N$.
(c) There exists a nonzero real number a such that for every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exists $N \in \mathbb{N}$ with $|a_n - a| < \varepsilon$ for all $n \geq N$.
(d) For any $a \in \mathbb{R}$, and every $\varepsilon > 0$, there exist infinitely many n such that $|a_n - a| > \varepsilon$.

14. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be continuous. Then which of the following statements implies that $f(0) = 0$?

(a) $\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_0^1 f(x)^n \, dx = 0$.
(b) $\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_0^1 f(x/n) \, dx = 0$. ✓
(c) $\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_0^1 f(nx) \, dx = 0$.
(d) None of the above.

15. Consider the following maps from $\mathbb{R}^2$ to $\mathbb{R}^2$:

(i) the map $(x, y) \mapsto (2x + 5y + 1, x + 3y)$,
(ii) the map $(x, y) \mapsto (x + y^2, y + x^2)$, and
(iii) the map given in polar coordinates as $(r, \theta) \mapsto (r, \theta + r^3)$ for $r \neq 0$, with the origin mapping to the origin.

The number of maps in the above list that preserve areas is:

(a) 0
(b) 1
(c) 2 ✓
(d) 3.

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GS-2017 (Mathematics)

TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

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Duration : Three hours (3 hours)

Name : ____ Ref. Code : ___________

Please read all instructions carefully before you attempt the questions.

1. Please fill in details about name, reference code etc. on the answer sheet for Part I as well on the answer booklet of Part II . The Answer Sheet for Part I is machine-readable. Use only Black/Blue ball point pen to fill in the answer sheet.

2. **PART I** - There are thirty (30) True/False type questions in Part I of the question paper. Allotted time for Part I is 90 minutes. The answer sheet for Part I will be collected at the end of 90 minutes. Part I questions carry +2 for a correct answer, -1 (negative marks) for a wrong answer and 0 for not answering.

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3. **PART II** – 10 problems to be solved. The solutions should be written in the Answer Booklet for Part II that is provided. Extra blank sheets will be provided if needed. All Part II questions carry equal marks, and there are no negative marks. Partial credit will be given for partial solutions.

   Candidate can begin answering questions on Part II anytime. The answer booklet for Part II will be collected at the end of the exam.

4. **Selection Procedure** : The answers for Part I will be machine-graded. Part I will score will be used to decide a cut-off. Answer papers for Part II will be graded only for those candidates whose score is above the cut-off. List of candidates to be called for interview for the final selection for admission in the various programs will be decided based on the combined performance in Part I and II, weighted appropriately for each program.

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Mathematics Question Paper, GS2017
Parts I and II

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- $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ denotes the real vector space of $n \times n$ real matrices with the Euclidean metric.
- All logarithms are natural logarithms.

Part I

Answer whether the following statements are True or False. Mark your answer on the machince checkable answer sheet that is provided.

Note: +2 marks for a correct answer, −1 mark (negative marks) for a wrong answer, 0 marks for not answering.

1. Let $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that $f(x) \geq x^3$ for all $x \in [0, 1]$ with $\int_0^1 f(x)dx = \frac{1}{4}$. Then $f(x) = x^3$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. True

2. Suppose $a,\ b,\ c$ are positive real numbers such that True

$$(1 + a + b + c)\left(1 + \frac{1}{a} + \frac{1}{b} + \frac{1}{c}\right) = 16.$$

Then $a + b + c = 3$.

3. There exists a function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ satisfying, False

$$f(-1) = -1, \quad f(1) = 1 \quad \text{and} \quad |f(x) - f(y)| \leq |x - y|^{\frac{3}{2}}, \quad \text{for all} \quad x, y \in \mathbb{R}.$$

4. Over the real line, False

$$\lim_{x\to\infty} \log\left(1+\sqrt{4+x}-\sqrt{1+x}\right) = \log(2).$$

5. Suppose f is a continuously differentiable function on $\mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) \to 1$ and $f'(x) \to b$ as $x \to \infty$. Then $b = 1$. False

6. If $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ is differentiable and bijective, then f^{-1} is also differentiable. False

7. Let $H_1,\ H_2,\ H_3,\ H_4$ be four hyperplanes in $\mathbb{R}^3$. The maximum possible number of connected components of $\mathbb{R}^3 - (H_1 \cup H_2 \cup H_3 \cup H_4)$ is 14. False

8. Let $n \geq 2$ be a natural number. Let S be the set of all $n \times n$ real matrices whose entries are only 0, 1 or 2. Then the average determinant of a matrix in S is greater than or equal to 1. False

9. For any metric space (X, d) with X finite, there exists an isometric embedding $f : X \to \mathbb{R}^4$. False

10. There exists a non-negative continuous function $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$ such that $\int_0^1 f^n dx \to 2$ as $n \to \infty$. False

11. There exists a subset A of $\mathbb{N}$ with exactly five elements such that the sum of any three elements of A is a prime number. False

12. There exists a finite abelian group G containing exactly 60 elements of order 2. False

13. Let $\alpha,\ \beta$ be complex numbers with non-positive real parts. Then True

$$|e^{\alpha} - e^{\beta}| \leq |\alpha - \beta|.$$

14. Every 2×2-matrix over $\mathbb{C}$ is a square of some matrix. False

15. Under the projection map $\mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ sending (x, y) to x, the image of any closed set is closed. False

16. The number of ways a 2×8 rectangle can be tiled with rectangular tiles of size 2×1 is 34. True

17. Over the real line, True
$$\lim_{x\to\infty} \left(\frac{x + \log 9}{x - \log 9}\right)^x = 81.$$

18. Let $f : [0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function with $\lim_{x\to\infty} f(x) = 0$. Then f has a maximum value in $[0, \infty)$. False

19. Given a continuous function $f : \mathbb{Q} \to \mathbb{Q}$, there exists a continuous function $g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ such that the restriction of g to $\mathbb{Q}$ is f. False

20. For all positive integers m and n, if A is an $m \times n$ real matrix, and B is an $n \times m$ real matrix such that $AB = I$, then $BA = I$. False

21. There is a continuous onto function $f : S^2 \to S^1$ from the unit sphere in $\mathbb{R}^3$ to the unit sphere in $\mathbb{R}^2$, where $S^n = \{v \in \mathbb{R}^{n+1} \mid ||v|| = 1\}$ denotes the unit sphere in $\mathbb{R}^{n+1}$. True

22. Let P be a monic, non-zero, polynomial of even degree, and $K > 0$. Then the function $P(x) - Ke^x$ has a real zero. True

23. A p-Sylow subgroup of the underlying additive group of a finite commutative ring R is an ideal in R. True

24. Suppose A is an $n \times n$-real matrix, all whose eigenvalues have absolute value less than 1. Then for any $v \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $||Av|| \leq ||v||$. False

25. For any $x \in \mathbb{R}$, the sequence $\{a_n\}$, where $a_1 = x$ and $a_{n+1} = \cos(a_n)$ for all n, is convergent. True

26. Suppose $A_1, \cdots, A_m$ are distinct $n \times n$ real matrices such that $A_iA_j = 0$ for all $i \neq j$. Then $m \leq n$. False

27. In the symmetric group S_n any two elements of the same order are conjugate. False

28. If a particle moving on the Euclidean line traverses distance 1 in time 1 starting and ending at rest, then at some time $t \in [0, 1]$, the absolute value of its acceleration should be at least 4. True

29. Let $y(t)$ be a real valued function defined on the real line such that $y' = y(1 - y)$, with $y(0) \in [0, 1]$. Then $\lim_{t\to\infty} y(t) = 1$. False

30. The matrices
$$\begin{pmatrix} x & 0 \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{and} \quad \begin{pmatrix} x & 1 \\ 0 & y \end{pmatrix}, \quad x \neq y,$$
for any $x,\ y \in \mathbb{R}$ are conjugate in $M_2(\mathbb{R})$. True

Part II

Write your solutions in the answer booklet provided. All questions carry equal marks. There are no negative marks, and partial credit will be given for partial solutions.

1. Show that the subset $GL_n(\mathbb{R})$ of $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ consisting of all invertible matrices is dense in $M_n(\mathbb{R})$.

2. Let f be a continuous function on $\mathbb{R}$ satisfying the relation
$$f(f(f(x))) = x \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}.$$
Prove or disprove that f is the identity function.

3. Prove or disprove: the group of positive rationals under multiplication is isomorphic to its subgroup consisting of rationals which can be expressed as p/q, where both p and q are odd positive integers.

4. Show that the only elements in $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ commuting with every idempotent matrix are the scalar matrices. (A matrix P in $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ is said to be idempotent if $P^2 = P$.)

5. Prove or disprove the following: let $f : X \to X$ be a continuous function from a complete metric space (X, d) into itself such that $d(f(x), f(y)) < d(x, y)$ whenever $x \neq y$. Then f has a fixed point.

6. How many isomorphism classes of associative rings (with identity) are there with 35 elements? Prove your answer.

7. Prove or disprove: If G is a finite group and $g, h \in G$, then g, h have the same order if and only if there exists a group H containing G such that g and h are conjugate in H.

8. Prove or disprove: there exists $A \subset \mathbb{N}$ with exactly five elements, such that sum of any three elements of A is a prime number.

9. Show that there does not exist any continuous function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ that takes every value exactly twice.

10. For which positive integers n does there exist a $\mathbb{R}$-linear ring homomorphism $f : \mathbb{C} \to M_n(\mathbb{R})$? Justify your answer.

MTH

GS-2016 (Mathematics)

TATA INSTITUTE OF FUNDAMENTAL RESEARCH

Written Test in **MATHEMATICS - December 13, 2015**
For the Ph.D. Programs at TIFR (Mumbai, and CAM and ICTS, Bangalore)
and for the Int. Ph.D. Programs at TIFR (CAM, Bangalore and Mumbai)

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Part I

1. The value of the product $\left(1+\frac{1}{1!}+\frac{1}{2!}+\cdots\right)\left(1-\frac{1}{1!}+\frac{1}{2!}-\frac{1}{3!}+\cdots\right)$ is

   A. 1 ✓
   B. e^2
   C. 0
   D. $\log_e 2$.

2. Which of the following is false ?

   A. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\frac{1}{n}$ diverges
   B. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin\frac{1}{n^2}$ converges
   C. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\frac{1}{n}$ diverges
   D. $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \cos\frac{1}{n^2}$ converges. ✓

3. The value of the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n}{2^n}$ is

   A. 1
   B. 2 ✓
   C. 3
   D. 4.

4. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be the function defined by $f(x) = \dfrac{\sin x}{|x| + \cos x}$. Then

   A. f is differentiable at all $x \in \mathbb{R}$ ✓
   B. f is not differentiable at $x = 0$
   C. f is differentiable at $x = 0$ but f' is not continuous at $x = 0$
   D. f is not differentiable at $x = \frac{\pi}{2}$.

5. Which of the following continuous functions $f : (0, \infty) \to \mathbb{R}$ can be extended to a continuous function on $[0, \infty)$?

   A. $f(x) = \sin \frac{1}{x}$
   B. $f(x) = \frac{1 - \cos x}{x^2}$ ✓
   C. $f(x) = \cos \frac{1}{x}$
   D. $f(x) = \frac{1}{x}$.

6. Let V be the vector space over $\mathbb{R}$ consisting of polynomials $p(t)$ over $\mathbb{R}$ of degree less than or equal to 4. Let $D : V \to V$ be the linear operator that takes any polynomial $p(t)$ to its derivative $p'(t)$. Then the characteristic polynomial $f(x)$ of D is

   A. x^4
   B. x^5 ✓
   C. $x^3(x - 1)$
   D. $x^4(x - 1)$.

7. Let $A = \{\sum_{i=1}^{\infty} \frac{a_i}{5^i} : a_i = 0, 1, 2, 3 \text{ or } 4\} \subset \mathbb{R}$. Then

   A. A is a finite set
   B. A is countably infinite
   C. A is uncountable but does not contain an open interval
   D. A contains an open interval. ✓

8. The number of group homomorphisms from $\mathbb{Z}/20\mathbb{Z}$ to $\mathbb{Z}/29\mathbb{Z}$ is

   A. 1 ✓
   B. 20
   C. 29
   D. 580.

9. Let $p(x)$ be a polynomial of degree 3 with real coefficients. Which of the following is possible ?

A. $p(x)$ has no real roots
B. $p(x)$ has exactly 2 real roots
C. $p(1) = -1$, $p(2) = 1$, $p(3) = 11$ and $p(4) = 35$ ✓
D. $i - 1$ and $i + 1$ are roots of $p(x)$, where i is the square root of -1

10. Let $\{a_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and $\{b_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be two sequences of real numbers such that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n^2$ and $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} b_n^2$ converge. Then the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n b_n$

A. is absolutely convergent ✓
B. may not converge
C. is always convergent, but may not converge absolutely
D. converges to 0.

11. Let $v_i = (v_i^{(1)}, v_i^{(2)}, v_i^{(3)}, v_i^{(4)})$, for $i = 1, 2, 3, 4$, be four vectors in $\mathbb{R}^4$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^{4} v_i^{(j)} = 0$, for each $j = 1, 2, 3, 4$. Let W be the subspace of $\mathbb{R}^4$ spanned by $\{v_1, v_2, v_3, v_4\}$. Then the dimension of W over $\mathbb{R}$ is always

A. either equal to 1 or equal to 4
B. less than or equal to 3 ✓
C. greater than or equal to 2
D. either equal to 0 or equal to 4.

12. Let A be a subset of $[0, 1]$ with non-empty interior, and let $\mathbb{Q} + A = \{q + a : q \in \mathbb{Q},\ a \in A\}$. Which of the following is true ?

A. $\mathbb{Q} + A = \mathbb{R}$ ✓
B. $\mathbb{Q} + A$ can be a proper subset of $\mathbb{R}$
C. $\mathbb{Q} + A$ need not be closed in $\mathbb{R}$
D. $\mathbb{Q} + A$ need not be open in $\mathbb{R}$.

13. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuously differentiable function such that $|f(x) - f(y)| \geq |x - y|$, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the equation $f'(x) = \frac{1}{2}$

A. has exactly one solution
B. has no solution ✓
C. has a countably infinite number of solutions
D. has uncountably many solutions.

14. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to [0, \infty)$ be a continuous function such that $g(x) = (f(x))^2$ is uniformly continuous. Which of the following statements is always true ?

A. f is bounded
B. f may not be uniformly continuous
C. f is uniformly continuous ✓
D. f is unbounded.

15. Which of the following sequences of functions $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges uniformly ?

A. $f_n(x) = x^n$ on $[0, 1]$
B. $f_n(x) = 1 - x^n$ on $[\frac{1}{2}, 1]$
C. $f_n(x) = \dfrac{1}{1 + nx^2}$ on $[0, \frac{1}{2}]$
D. $f_n(x) = \dfrac{1}{1 + nx^2}$ on $[\frac{1}{2}, 1]$. ✓

16. Let S be a collection of subsets of $\{1, 2, \ldots, 100\}$ such that the intersection of any two sets in S is non-empty. What is the maximum possible cardinality $|S|$ of S ?

A. 100
B. 2^{100}
C. 2^{99} ✓
D. 2^{98}.

17. Let S be the set of all 3×3 matrices A with integer entries such that the product AA^t is the identity matrix. Here A^t denotes the transpose of A. Then $|S| =$

A. 12
B. 24
C. 48 ✓
D. 60.

18. Let A be a 3×3 matrix with integer entries such that $\det(A) = 1$. What is the maximum possible number of entries of A that are even ?

A. 2
B. 3
C. 6 ✓
D. 8.

19. The limit

$$\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{n} + \frac{1}{n+1} + \cdots + \frac{1}{2n} \right) =$$

A. e
B. 2
C. $\log_e 2$ ✓
D. e^2.

20. Let $G = \mathbb{Z}/100\mathbb{Z}$ and let $S = \{h \in G : \text{Order}(h) = 50\}$. Then $|S|$ equals

A. 20 ✓
B. 25
C. 30
D. 50.

Part II

21. Let $A_1 \supset A_2 \supset \cdots \supset A_n \supset A_{n+1} \supset \cdots$ be an infinite sequence of non-empty subsets of $\mathbb{R}^3$. Which of the following conditions ensures that their intersection is non-empty ?

A. Each A_i is uncountable
B. Each A_i is open
C. Each A_i is connected
D. Each A_i is compact.✔

22. Let (X, d) be a metric space. Which of the following is possible ?

A. X has exactly 3 dense subsets
B. X has exactly 4 dense subsets✔
C. X has exactly 5 dense subsets
D. X has exactly 6 dense subsets.

23. Let $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be the sequence of functions on $\mathbb{R}$ defined by $f_n(x) = n^2x^n$. Let A be the set of all points a in $\mathbb{R}$ such that the sequence $\{f_n(a)\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges. Then

A. $A = \{0\}$
B. $A = [0, 1)$
C. $A = \mathbb{R} \setminus \{-1, 1\}$
D. $A = (-1, 1)$.✔

24. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that $f(i) = 0$, for all $i \in \mathbb{Z}$. Which of the following statements is always true ?

A. Image(f) is closed in $\mathbb{R}$
B. Image(f) is open in $\mathbb{R}$
C. f is uniformly continuous
D. None of the above.✓

25. Let $S^1 = \{z \in \mathbb{C} : |z| = 1\}$ be the unit circle. Which of the following is false ? Any continuous function from S^1 to $\mathbb{R}$

A. is bounded
B. is uniformly continuous
C. has image containing a non-empty open subset of $\mathbb{R}$✓
D. has a point $z \in S^1$ such that $f(z) = f(-z)$.

26. Which of the following is false ?

A. Any continuous function from $[0, 1]$ to $[0, 1]$ has a fixed point
B. Any homeomorphism from $[0, 1)$ to $[0, 1)$ has a fixed point
C. Any bounded continuous function from $[0, \infty)$ to $[0, \infty)$ has a fixed point
D. Any continuous function from $(0, 1)$ to $(0, 1)$ has a fixed point.✓

27. For $n \geq 1$, let S_n denote the group of all permutations on n symbols. Which of the following statements is true ?

A. S_3 has an element of order 4
B. S_4 has an element of order 6
C. S_4 has an element of order 5
D. S_5 has an element of order 6.✓

28. Which of the following rings is an integral domain ?

A. $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2 + x + 1)$ ✓
B. $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^2 + 5x + 6)$
C. $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^3 - 2)$
D. $\mathbb{R}[x]/(x^7 + 1)$.

29. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to (0, \infty)$ be a twice differentiable function such that $f(0) = 1$ and $\int_a^b f(x)\, dx = \int_a^b f'(x)\, dx$, for all a, $b \in \mathbb{R}$, with $a \leq b$. Which of the following statements is false ?

A. f is one to one
B. The image of f is compact ✓
C. f is unbounded
D. There is only one such function.

30. For $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$, consider X as a metric space with metric induced by the usual Euclidean metric on $\mathbb{R}^n$. Which of the following metric spaces X is complete?

A. $X = \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$ ✓
B. $X = \mathbb{Q} \times \mathbb{R} \subset \mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$
C. $X = (-\pi, \pi) \cap \mathbb{Q} \subset \mathbb{R}$
D. $X = [-\pi, \pi] \cap (\mathbb{R} \setminus \mathbb{Q}) \subset \mathbb{R}$.

Correct answers are ticked in green.

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   A. The sum of the entries of each row of the inverse of A is 1 ✓
   B. The sum of the entries of each column of the inverse of A is 1
   C. The trace of the inverse of A is non-zero
   D. None of the above.

2. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Which one of the following sets cannot be the image of $(0, 1]$ under f ?

   A. $\{0\}$
   B. $(0, 1)$ ✓
   C. $[0, 1)$
   D. $[0, 1]$.

3. Let A be a 10×10 matrix with complex entries such that all its eigenvalues are non-negative real numbers, and at least one eigenvalue is positive. Which of the following statements is always false ?

   A. There exists a matrix B such that $AB - BA = B$
   B. There exists a matrix B such that $AB - BA = A$ ✓
   C. There exists a matrix B such that $AB + BA = A$
   D. There exists a matrix B such that $AB + BA = B$.

4. Let S be the collection of (isomorphism classes of) groups G which have the property that every element of G commutes only with the identity element and itself. Then

   A. $|S| = 1$ ✓
   B. $|S| = 2$
   C. $|S| \geq 3$ and is finite
   D. $|S| = \infty$.

5. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ denote the function defined by $f(x) = (1-x^2)^{\frac{3}{2}}$ if $|x| < 1$, and $f(x) = 0$ if $|x| \geq 1$. Which of the following statements is correct ?

   A. f is not continuous
   B. f is continuous but not differentiable
   C. f is differentiable but f' is not continuous
   D. f is differentiable and f' is continuous. ✓

6. Let A be the 2×2 matrix $\begin{pmatrix} \sin\frac{\pi}{18} & -\sin\frac{4\pi}{9} \\ \sin\frac{4\pi}{9} & \sin\frac{\pi}{18} \end{pmatrix}$. Then the smallest number $n \in \mathbb{N}$ such that $A^n = I$ is

   A. 3
   B. 9 ✓
   C. 18
   D. 27.

7. Let f and g be two functions from $[0, 1]$ to $[0, 1]$ with f strictly increasing. Which of the following statements is always correct ?

   A. If g is continuous, then $f \circ g$ is continuous
   B. If f is continuous, then $f \circ g$ is continuous
   C. If f and $f \circ g$ are continuous, then g is continuous ✓
   D. If g and $f \circ g$ are continuous, then f is continuous.

8. Let $f(x) = \frac{e^{-\frac{1}{x}}}{x}$, where $x \in (0,1)$. Then, on $(0,1)$

A. f is uniformly continuous ✓
B. f is continuous but not uniformly continuous
C. f is unbounded
D. f is not continuous.

9. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers such that $|a_{n+1} - a_n| \leq \frac{n^2}{2^n}$ for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

A. The sequence $\{a_n\}$ may be unbounded
B. The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is bounded but may not converge
C. The sequence $\{a_n\}$ has exactly two limit points
D. The sequence $\{a_n\}$ is convergent. ✓

10. For a group G, let $\text{Aut}(G)$ denote the group of automorphisms of G. Which of the following statements is true ?

A. $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z})$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}_2$ ✓
B. If G is cyclic, then $\text{Aut}(G)$ is cyclic
C. If $\text{Aut}(G)$ is trivial, then G is trivial
D. $\text{Aut}(\mathbb{Z})$ is isomorphic to $\mathbb{Z}$.

11. Let $\{a_n\}$ be a sequence of real numbers. Which of the following is true ?

A. If $\sum a_n$ converges, then so does $\sum a_n^4$
B. If $\sum |a_n|$ converges, then so does $\sum a_n^2$ ✓
C. If $\sum a_n$ diverges, then so does $\sum a_n^3$
D. If $\sum |a_n|$ diverges, then so does $\sum a_n^2$.

12. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be an infinitely differentiable function that vanishes at 10 distinct points in $\mathbb{R}$. Suppose $f^{(n)}$ denotes the n-th derivative of f, for $n \geq 1$. Which of the following statements is always true ?

    A. $f^{(n)}$ has at least 10 zeros, for $1 \leq n \leq 8$
    B. $f^{(n)}$ has at least one zero, for $1 \leq n \leq 9$ ✓
    C. $f^{(n)}$ has at least 10 zeros, for $n \geq 10$
    D. $f^{(n)}$ has at least one zero, for $n \geq 9$.

13. For a real number $t > 0$, let $\sqrt{t}$ denote the positive square root of t. For a real number $x > 0$, let $F(x) = \int_{x^2}^{4x^2} \sin\sqrt{t}\, dt$. If F' is the derivative of F, then

    A. $F'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 0$
    B. $F'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = \pi$
    C. $F'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = -\pi$ ✓
    D. $F'(\frac{\pi}{2}) = 2\pi$.

14. Let $n \in \mathbb{N}$ be a six digit number whose base 10 expansion is of the form $abcabc$, where a, b, c are digits between 0 and 9 and a is non-zero. Then

    A. n is divisible by 5
    B. n is divisible by 8
    C. n is divisible by 13 ✓
    D. n is divisible by 17.

15. The series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\cos(3^n x)}{2^n}$

    A. Diverges, for all rational $x \in \mathbb{R}$
    B. Diverges, for some irrational $x \in \mathbb{R}$
    C. Converges, for some but not all $x \in \mathbb{R}$
    D. Converges, for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. ✓

Part II

16. Let X be a proper closed subset of $[0,1]$. Which of the following statements is always true ?

   A. The set X is countable
   B. There exists $x \in X$ such that $X \setminus \{x\}$ is closed
   C. The set X contains an open interval
   D. None of the above. ✔

17. In how many ways can the group $\mathbb{Z}_5$ act on the set $\{1,2,3,4,5\}$?

   A. 5
   B. 24
   C. 25 ✔
   D. 120.

18. Let f be a function from $\{1,2,\ldots,10\}$ to $\mathbb{R}$ such that

$$\left(\sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{|f(i)|}{2^i}\right)^2 = \left(\sum_{i=1}^{10} |f(i)|^2\right)\left(\sum_{i=1}^{10} \frac{1}{4^i}\right).$$

   Mark the correct statement.

   A. There are uncountably many f with this property ✔
   B. There are only countably infinitely many f with this property
   C. There is exactly one such f
   D. There is no such f.

19. Let $U_1 \supset U_2 \supset \cdots$ be a decreasing sequence of open sets in Euclidean 3-space $\mathbb{R}^3$. What can we say about the set $\cap U_i$?

A. It is infinite
B. It is open
C. It is non-empty
D. None of the above. ✓

20. Let $n \geq 1$ and let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with real entries such that $A^k = 0$, for some $k \geq 1$. Let I be the identity $n \times n$ matrix. Then

A. $I + A$ need not be invertible
B. $\text{Det}(I + A)$ can be any non-zero real number
C. $\text{Det}(I + A) = 1$ ✓
D. A^n is a non-zero matrix.

21. Let $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$ be a fixed continuous function such that f is differentiable on $(0, 1)$ and $f(0) = f(1) = 0$. Then the equation $f(x) = f'(x)$ admits

A. No solution $x \in (0, 1)$
B. More than one solution $x \in (0, 1)$
C. Exactly one solution $x \in (0, 1)$
D. At least one solution $x \in (0, 1)$. ✓

22. A complex number $\alpha \in \mathbb{C}$ is called *algebraic* if there is a non-zero polynomial $P(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ with rational coefficients such that $P(\alpha) = 0$. Which of the following statements is true ?

A. There are only finitely many algebraic numbers
B. All complex numbers are algebraic
C. $\sin(\frac{\pi}{3}) + \cos(\frac{\pi}{4})$ is algebraic ✓
D. None of the above.

23. For a group G, let $F(G)$ denote the collection of all subgroups of G. Which one of the following situations can occur ?

A. G is finite but $F(G)$ is infinite
B. G is infinite but $F(G)$ is finite
C. G is countable but $F(G)$ is uncountable ✓
D. G is uncountable but $F(G)$ is countable.

24. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function and $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ be defined by

$$A = \{y \in \mathbb{R} : y = \lim_{n\to\infty} f(x_n), \text{ for some sequence } x_n \to +\infty\}.$$

Then the set A is necessarily

A. A connected set ✓
B. A compact set
C. A singleton set
D. None of the above.

25. How many finite sequences $x_1, x_2, \ldots, x_m$ are there such that each $x_i = 1$ or 2, and $\sum_{i=1}^{m} x_i = 10$?

A. 89 ✓
B. 91
C. 92
D. 120.

26. Let (X, d) be a path connected metric space with at least two elements, and let $S = \{d(x, y) : x, y \in X\}$. Which of the following statements is not necessarily true ?

A. S is infinite
B. S contains a non-zero rational number
C. S is connected
D. S is a closed subset of $\mathbb{R}$. ✓

27. Let $X \subset \mathbb{R}$ and let $f, g : X \to X$ be continuous functions such that $f(X) \cap g(X) = \emptyset$ and $f(X) \cup g(X) = X$. Which one of the following sets cannot be equal to X ?

A. $[0, 1]$ ✓
B. $(0, 1)$
C. $[0, 1)$
D. $\mathbb{R}$.

28. Let $X = \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 : 2x^2 + 3y^2 = 1\}$. Endow $\mathbb{R}^2$ with the discrete topology, and X with the subspace topology. Then

A. X is a compact subset of $\mathbb{R}^2$ in this topology
B. X is a connected subset of $\mathbb{R}^2$ in this topology
C. X is an open subset of $\mathbb{R}^2$ in this topology ✓
D. None of the above.

29. Let G be a group. Suppose $|G| = p^2q$, where p and q are distinct prime numbers satisfying $q \not\equiv 1 \mod p$. Which of the following is always true ?

A. G has more than one p-Sylow subgroup
B. G has a normal p-Sylow subgroup ✓
C. The number of q-Sylow subgroups of G is divisible by p
D. G has a unique q-Sylow subgroup.

30. Let $d(x, y)$ be the usual Euclidean metric on $\mathbb{R}^2$. Which of the following metric spaces is complete ?

A. $\mathbb{Q}^2 \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ with the metric $d(x, y)$
B. $[0, 1] \times [0, \infty) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ with the metric $d'(x, y) = \frac{d(x,y)}{1+d(x,y)}$ ✓
C. $(0, \infty) \times [0, \infty) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ with the metric $d(x, y)$
D. $[0, 1] \times [0, 1) \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ with the metric $d''(x, y) = \min\{1, d(x, y)\}$.

Correct answers are ticked in green.

MTH

GS-2014 (Mathematics)

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Written Test in **MATHEMATICS - December 8, 2013**
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A sequence is always indexed by the set of natural numbers.
The cyclic group with n elements is denoted by $\mathbb{Z}/n$.
Subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$ are assumed to carry the induced topology.
For any set S, the cardinality of the set is denoted by $|S|$.

Part I

1. Let A, B, C be three subsets of $\mathbb{R}$. The negation of the following statement
   For every $\epsilon > 1$, there exists $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ such that for all $c \in C$, $|a - c| < \epsilon$ and $|b - c| > \epsilon$

   is

   A. there exists $\epsilon \leq 1$, such that for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ there exists $c \in C$ such that $|a - c| \geq \epsilon$ or $|b - c| \leq \epsilon$
   B. there exists $\epsilon \leq 1$, such that for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ there exists $c \in C$ such that $|a - c| \geq \epsilon$ and $|b - c| \leq \epsilon$
   C. there exists $\epsilon > 1$, such that for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ there exists $c \in C$ such that $|a - c| \geq \epsilon$ and $|b - c| \leq \epsilon$
   D. there exists $\epsilon > 1$, such that for all $a \in A$ and $b \in B$ there exists $c \in C$ such that $|a - c| \geq \epsilon$ or $|b - c| \leq \epsilon$. ✓

2. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous bounded function, then:

   A. f has to be uniformly continuous
   B. there exists an $x \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $f(x) = x$ ✓
   C. f cannot be increasing
   D. $\lim_{x \to \infty} f(x)$ exists.

3. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a differentiable function such that $\lim_{x \to +\infty} f'(x) = 1$, then

   A. f is bounded
   B. f is increasing
   C. f is unbounded ✓
   D. f' is bounded.

4. Let f be the real valued function on $[0, \infty)$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} x^{\frac{2}{3}} \log x \text{ for } x > 0 \\ 0 \text{ if } x = 0. \end{cases}$$

Then

A. f is discontinuous at $x = 0$
B. f is continuous on $[0, \infty)$, but not uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty)$
C. f is uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty)$ ✓
D. f is not uniformly continuous on $[0, \infty)$, but uniformly continuous on $(0, \infty)$.

5. Let $a_n = (n+1)^{100} e^{-\sqrt{n}}$ for $n \geq 1$. Then the sequence $(a_n)_n$ is

A. unbounded
B. bounded but does not converge
C. bounded and converges to 1
D. bounded and converges to 0. ✓

6. Let $f : [0, 1] \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Which of the following statements is always true?

A. $\int_0^1 f^2(x)\, dx = \left(\int_0^1 f(x)\, dx\right)^2$
B. $\int_0^1 f^2(x)\, dx \leq \left(\int_0^1 |f(x)|\, dx\right)^2$
C. $\int_0^1 f^2(x)\, dx \geq \left(\int_0^1 |f(x)|\, dx\right)^2$ ✓
D. $\int_0^1 f^2(x)\, dx \lneq \left(\int_0^1 f(x)\, dx\right)^2$.

7. Let $f_n(x)$, for $n \geq 1$, be a sequence of continuous nonnegative functions on $[0,1]$ such that

$$\lim_{n\to\infty} \int_0^1 f_n(x)\,dx = 0.$$

Which of the following statements is always correct?

A. $f_n \to 0$ uniformly on $[0,1]$
B. f_n may not converge uniformly but converges to 0 point-wise
C. f_n will converge point-wise and the limit may be non-zero
D. f_n is not guaranteed to have a point-wise limit. ✔

8. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function such that $|f(x)-f(y)| \geq \frac{1}{2}|x-y|$, for all $x, y \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

A. f is both one-to-one and onto ✔
B. f is one-to-one but may not be onto
C. f is onto but may not be one-to-one
D. f is neither one-to-one nor onto.

9. Let $A(\theta) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos\theta & \sin\theta \\ -\sin\theta & \cos\theta \end{pmatrix}$, where $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$. Mark the correct statement below.

A. $A(\theta)$ has eigenvectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ for all $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$
B. $A(\theta)$ does not have an eigenvector in $\mathbb{R}^2$, for any $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$
C. $A(\theta)$ has eigenvectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$, for exactly one value of $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$ ✔
D. $A(\theta)$ has eigenvectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$, for exactly 2 values of $\theta \in (0, 2\pi)$

10. Let $\mathcal{C} \subset \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ be the set of integer pairs (a, b) for which the three complex roots r_1, r_2 and r_3 of the polynomial $p(x) = x^3 - 2x^2 + ax - b$ satisfy $r_1^3 + r_2^3 + r_3^3 = 0$. Then the cardinality of $\mathcal{C}$ is

A. $|\mathcal{C}| = \infty$
B. $|\mathcal{C}| = 0$ ✓
C. $|\mathcal{C}| = 1$
D. $1 < |\mathcal{C}| < \infty$.

11. Let A be an $n \times n$ matrix with real entries such that $A^k = 0$ (0-matrix), for some $k \in \mathbb{N}$. Then

A. A has to be the 0 matrix
B. trace(A) could be non-zero
C. A is diagonalizable
D. 0 is the only eigenvalue of A. ✓

12. There exists a map $f : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{Q}$ such that f

A. is bijective and increasing
B. is onto and decreasing
C. is bijective and satisfies $f(n) \geq 0$ if $n \leq 0$ ✓
D. has uncountable image.

13. Let S be the set of all tuples (x, y) with x, y non-negative real numbers satisfying $x + y = 2n$, for a fixed $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Then the supremum value of

$$x^2y^2(x^2 + y^2)$$

on the set S is

A. $3n^6$
B. $2n^6$ ✓
C. $4n^6$
D. n^6.

14. Let G be a group and let H and K be two subgroups of G. If both H and K have 12 elements, which of the following numbers cannot be the cardinality of the set $HK = \{hk : h \in H, k \in K\}$?

A. 72
B. 60 ✓
C. 48
D. 36.

15. How many proper subgroups does the group $\mathbb{Z} \oplus \mathbb{Z}$ have?

A. 1
B. 2
C. 3
D. infinitely many. ✓

16. X is a metric space. Y is a closed subset of X such that the distance between any two points in Y is at most 1. Then

A. Y is compact
B. any continuous function from $Y \to \mathbb{R}$ is bounded
C. Y is not an open subset of X
D. none of the above. ✓

17. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function and let S be a non-empty proper subset of $\mathbb{R}$. Which one of the following statements is always true? (Here $\bar{A}$ denotes the closure of A and A^o denotes the interior of A.)

A. $f(S)^o \subseteq f(S^o)$
B. $f(\bar{S}) \subseteq \overline{f(S)}$ ✓
C. $f(\bar{S}) \supseteq \overline{f(S)}$
D. $f(S)^o \supseteq f(S^o)$.

18. What is the last digit of 97^{2013}?

A. 1
B. 3
C. 7 ✓
D. 9.

19. For $n \in \mathbb{N}$, we define

$$s_n = 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \cdots + n^3.$$

Which of the following holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$?

A. s_n is an odd integer
B. $s_n = n^2(n+1)^2/4$ ✓
C. $s_n = n(n+1)(2n+1)/6$
D. none of the above.

20. Let C denote the cube $[-1,1]^3 \subset \mathbb{R}^3$. How many rotations are there in $\mathbb{R}^3$ which take C to itself?

A. 6
B. 12
C. 18
D. 24. ✓

Part II

21. Let $f : [0,1] \to [0,\infty)$ be continuous. Suppose

$$\int_0^x f(t)\,\mathrm{d}t \geq f(x), \text{ for all } x \in [0,1].$$

Then

A. no such function exists
B. there are infinitely many such functions
C. there is only one such function ✓
D. there are exactly two such functions.

22. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous map such that $f(x) = 0$ for only finitely many values of x. Which of the following is true?

A. either $f(x) \leq 0$ for all x, or, $f(x) \geq 0$ for all x ✓
B. the map f is onto
C. the map f is one-to-one
D. none of the above.

23. Let S_n be the symmetric group of n letters. There exists an onto group homomorphism

A. from S_5 to S_4
B. from S_4 to S_2 ✓
C. from S_5 to $\mathbb{Z}/5$
D. from S_4 to $\mathbb{Z}/4$.

24. Let H_1, H_2 be two distinct subgroups of a finite group G, each of order 2. Let H be the smallest subgroup containing H_1 and H_2. Then the order of H is

A. always 2
B. always 4
C. always 8
D. none of the above. ✓

25. Which of the following groups are isomorphic?

A. $\mathbb{R}$ and $\mathbb{C}$ ✓
B. $\mathbb{R}^*$ and $\mathbb{C}^*$
C. $S_3 \times \mathbb{Z}/4$ and S_4
D. $\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2$ and $\mathbb{Z}/4$.

26. The number of irreducible polynomials of the form $x^2 + ax + b$, with a, b in the field $\mathbb{F}_7$ of 7 elements is:

A. 7
B. 21 ✓
C. 35
D. 49.

27. X is a topological space of infinite cardinality which is homeomorphic to $X \times X$. Then

A. X is not connected
B. X is not compact
C. X is not homemorphic to a subset of $\mathbb{R}$
D. none of the above. ✓

28. Let X be a non-empty topological space such that every function $f : X \to \mathbb{R}$ is continuous. Then

    A. X has the discrete topology ✓
    B. X has the indiscrete topology
    C. X is compact
    D. X is not connected.

29. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a continuous map between metric spaces. Then $f(X)$ is a complete subset of Y if

    A. the space X is compact ✓
    B. the space Y is compact
    C. the space X is complete
    D. the space Y is complete.

30. How many maps $\phi : \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\} \to \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$ are there, with the property that $\phi(ab) = \phi(a) + \phi(b)$, for all $a, b \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\}$?

    A. none
    B. finitely many ✓
    C. countably many
    D. uncountably many.

MTH

GS-2013 (Mathematics)

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PART A

F 1. Every countable group G has only countably many distinct subgroups.

T 2. Any automorphism of the group $\mathbb{Q}$ under addition is of the form $x \mapsto qx$ for some $q \in \mathbb{Q}$.

T 3. The equation $x^3 + 3x - 4 = 0$ has exactly one real root.

T 4. The equation $x^3 + 10x^2 - 100x + 1729 = 0$ has at least one complex root α such that $|\alpha| > 12$.

F 5. All non-trivial proper subgroups of $(\mathbb{R}, +)$ are cyclic.

F 6. Every infinite abelian group has at least one element of infinite order.

F 7. If A and B are similar matrices then every eigenvector of A is an eigenvector of B.

T 8. If a real square matrix A is similar to a diagonal matrix and satisfies $A^n = 0$ for some n, then A must be the zero matrix.

T 9. There is an element of order 51 in the multiplicative group $(\mathbb{Z}/103\mathbb{Z})^*$.

T 10. Any normal subgroup of order 2 is contained in the center of the group.

PART B

F 11. Consider the sequences

$$x_n = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{j}$$
$$y_n = \sum_{j=1}^{n} \frac{1}{j^2}$$

Then $\{x_n\}$ is Cauchy but $\{y_n\}$ is not.

F 12. $\lim\limits_{x\to 0} \frac{\sin(x^2)}{x^2} \sin\left(\frac{1}{x}\right) = 1$.

F 13. Let $f : [a, b] \to [c, d]$ and $g : [c, d] \to \mathbb{R}$ be Riemann integrable functions defined on the closed intervals $[a, b]$ and $[c, d]$ respectively. Then the composite $g \circ f$ is also Riemann integrable.

T 14. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be defined by $f(x) = \sin x^3$. Then f is continuous but not uniformly continuous.

T 15. Let $x_1 \in (0, 1)$ be a real number between 0 and 1. For $n > 1$, define

$$x_{n+1} = x_n - x_n^{n+1}.$$

Then $\lim\limits_{n\to\infty} x_n$ exists.

T 16. Suppose $\{a_i\}$ is a sequence in $\mathbb{R}$ such that $\sum |a_i||x_i| < \infty$ whenever $\sum |x_i| < \infty$. Then $\{a_i\}$ is a bounded sequence.

T 17. The integral $\int\limits_0^\infty e^{-x^5} dx$ is convergent.

F 18. Let $P(x) = 1 + x + \frac{x^2}{2!} + \frac{x^3}{3!} + \cdots + \frac{x^n}{n!}$ where n is a large positive integer. Then $\lim\limits_{x\to\infty} \frac{e^x}{P(x)} = 1$.

F 19. Every differentiable function $f : (0, 1) \to [0, 1]$ is uniformly continuous.

T 20. Consider the function $f(x) = ax + b$ with $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$. Then the iteration

$$x_{n+1} = f(x_n); \qquad n \geq 0$$

for a given x_0 converges to $b/(1 - a)$ whenever $0 < a < 1$.

PART C

F 21. Every homeomorphism of the 2-sphere to itself has a fixed point.

F 22. The intervals $[0, 1)$ and $(0, 1)$ are homeomorphic.

F 23. Let X be a complete metric space such that distance between any two points is less than 1. Then X is compact.

F 24. There exists a continuous surjective function from S^1 onto $\mathbb{R}$.

T 25. There exists a complete metric on the open interval $(0, 1)$ inducing the usual topology.

F 26. There exists a continuous surjective map from the complex plane onto the non-zero reals.

T 27. If every differentiable function on a subset $X \subset \mathbb{R}^n$ (i.e., restriction of a differentiable function on a neighbourhood of X) is bounded, then X is compact.

F 28. Let $f : X \to Y$ be a continuous map between metric spaces. If f is a bijection, then its inverse is also continuous.

T 29. Let f be a function on the closed interval $[0, 1]$ defined by

$$f(x) = x \quad \text{if } x \text{ is rational}$$

$$f(x) = x^2 \quad \text{if } x \text{ is irrational}$$

Then f is continuous at 0 and 1.

T 30. There exists an infinite subset $S \subset \mathbb{R}^3$ such that any three vectors in S are linearly independent.

PART D

F 31. The inequality

$$\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n} < \frac{1}{\sqrt{n}}$$

is false for all n such that $101 \leq n \leq 2000$.

F 32. $\lim_{n\to\infty} (n+1)^{1/3} - n^{1/3} = \infty$.

T 33. There exists a bijection between $\mathbb{R}^2$ and the open interval $(0, 1)$.

F 34. Let S be the set of all sequences $\{a_1, a_2, ..., a_n, ...\}$ where each entry a_i is either 0 or 1. Then S is countable.

T 35. Let $\{a_n\}$ be any non-constant sequence in $\mathbb{R}$ such that $a_{n+1} = \frac{a_n + a_{n+2}}{2}$ for all $n \geq 1$. Then $\{a_n\}$ is unbounded.

F 36. The function $f : \mathbb{Z} \to \mathbb{R}$ defined by $f(n) = n^3 - 3n$ is injective.

F 37. The polynomial $x^3 + 3x - 2\pi$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{R}$.

T 38. Let V be the vector space consisting of polynomials with real coefficients in variable t of degree ≤ 9. Let $D : V \to V$ be the linear operator defined by

$$D(f) := \frac{df}{dt}.$$

Then 0 is an eigenvalue of D.

T 39. If A is a complex $n \times n$ matrix with $A^2 = A$, then rank A = trace A.

F 40. The series

$$1 - \frac{1}{\sqrt{2}} + \frac{1}{\sqrt{3}} - \frac{1}{\sqrt{4}} + \cdots$$

is divergent.

MTH

GS-2012 (Mathematics)

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1. If H_1 & H_2 are subgroups of a group G then $H_1.H_2 = \{h_1h_2 \in G | h_1 \in H_1, h_2 \in H_2\}$ is a subgroup of G.

2. There exist polynomials $f(x)$ and $g(x)$, with complex coefficients, such that $\left(\frac{f(x)}{g(x)}\right)^2 = x$.

3. Let f be real valued, differentiable on (a,b) and $f'(x) \neq 0$ for all $x \in (a,b)$. Then f is $1-1$.

4. The inequality $\sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{(\log\log 2)^n}{n!} > \frac{3}{5}$ holds.

5. Every subgroup of order 74 in a group of order 148 is normal.

6. Let u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4 be vectors in $\mathbb{R}^2$ and
$$u = \sum_{j=1}^{4} t_j u_j \quad ; \quad t_j > 0 \text{ and } \sum_{j=1}^{4} t_j = 1.$$
Then three vectors $v_1, v_2, v_3 \in \mathbb{R}^2$ may be chosen from $\{u_1, u_2, u_3, u_4\}$ such that
$$u = \sum_{j=1}^{3} s_j v_j, \quad s_j \geq 0, \quad \sum_{j=1}^{3} s_j = 1.$$

7. The inequality
$$\sqrt{1+x} < 1 + x/2$$
for $x \in (-1, 10)$ is true

8. If n is not a multiple of 23 then the remainder when n^{11} is divided by 23 is $\pm 1 (\mod 23)$.

9. Suppose A is a nilpotent matrix and I is the identity matrix. Then $(I+A)$ is invertible.

10. The equations
$$\begin{aligned} x_1 + \frac{1}{2}x_2 + \frac{1}{3}x_3 &= 1 \\ x_1 + \frac{1}{4}x_2 + \frac{1}{9}x_3 &= 1 \\ x_1 + \frac{1}{8}x_2 + \frac{1}{27}x_3 &= 1 \end{aligned}$$
has no solution.

PART B

11. The automorphism group Aut $(\mathbb{Z}/2 \times \mathbb{Z}/2)$ is abelian

12. Let V be the vector space of consisting of polynomials of $\mathbb{R}[t]$ of deg ≤ 2. The map $T : V \to V$ sending $f(t)$ to $f(t) + f'(t)$ is invertible.

13. The polynomials $(t-1)(t-2), (t-2)(t-3), (t-3)(t-4), (t-4)(t-6) \in \mathbb{R}[t]$ are linearly independent.

14. $A \in M_2(\mathbb{C})$ and A is nilpotent then $A^2 = 0$.

15. Let P be an $n \times n$ matrix whose row sums equal 1. Then for any positive integer m the row sums of the matrix P^m equal 1.

16. There is a non trivial group homomorphism from C to R.

17. If the equation
$$xyz = 1$$
holds in a group G, does it follow that
$$yzx = 1.$$

18. Any 3×3 and 5×5 skew-symmetric matrices have always zero determinants.

19. The rank of the matrix
$$\begin{bmatrix} 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 21 & 22 & 23 & 24 \\ 31 & 32 & 33 & 34 \\ 41 & 42 & 43 & 44 \end{bmatrix}$$
is 2.

20. The number 2 is a prime in $\mathbb{Z}[i]$

PART C

21. Let $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \to \mathbb{R}$ be a continuous function. Then the derivative $\frac{\partial^2 f}{\partial x \partial y}$ can exist without $\frac{\partial f}{\partial x}$ existing.

22. If f is continuous on $[0,1]$ and if $\int_0^1 f(x)x^n \, dx = 0$ for $n = 0, 1, 2, 3, \cdots$. Then $\int_0^1 f^2(x) \, dx = 0$.

23. Suppose that $f \in \mathfrak{L}^2(\mathbb{R})$. Then $f \in \mathfrak{L}^1(\mathbb{R})$.

24. The integral
$$\int_{-\infty}^{+\infty} \frac{e^{-x}}{1+x^2} \, dx$$
is convergent.

25. If $A \subset \mathbb{R}$ and open then the interior of the closure $\overline{A}^0$ is A.

26. If $f \in C^\infty$ and $f^{(k)}(0) = 0$ for all integer $k \geq 0$, then $f \equiv 0$.

27. Let $f : [0,1] \to [0,1]$ be continuous then f assumes the value $\int\limits_0^1 f^2(t)dt$ somewhere in $[0,1]$.

28. Let $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ be a function such that
$$\lim_{h \to 0} \frac{f(x+h) - f(x-h)}{h}$$
exists for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then f is differentiable in $\mathbb{R}$.

29. The functions $f(x) = x|x|$ and $x|\sin x|$ are not differentiable at $x = 0$.

30. The composition of two uniformly continuous functions need not always be uniformly continuous.

PART D

31. $f : [0, \infty] \to [0, \infty]$ is continuous and bounded then f has a fixed point.

32. The polynomial $X^8 + 1$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{R}[X]$.

33.
$$\text{The matrix} \quad \begin{pmatrix} 1 & \pi & 3 \\ 0 & 2 & 4 \\ 0 & 0 & 3 \end{pmatrix} \quad \text{is diagonalisable}$$

34. If a rectangle $R := \{(x, y) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \mid A \leq x \leq B, C \leq y \leq D\}$ can be covered (allowing overlaps) by 25 discs of radius 1 then it can also be covered by 101 discs of radius $\frac{1}{2}$.

35. Given any integer $n \geq 2$, we can always find an integer m such that each of the $n - 1$ consecutive integers $m + 2$, $m + 3$,..., $m + n$ are composite.

36.
$$\text{The } 10{\times}10 \text{ matrix} \begin{pmatrix} v_1w_1 & \cdots & v_1w_{10} \\ v_2w_1 & \cdots & v_2w_{10} \\ v_{10}w_1 & \cdots & v_{10}w_{10} \end{pmatrix} \text{ has rank 2, where } v_i, w_i \in \mathbb{C}.$$

37. If every continuos function on $X \subset \mathbb{R}^2$ is bounded, then X is compact.

38. The graph of $xy = 1$ is $\mathbb{C}^2$ is connected.

39. If $z_1, z_2, z_3, z_4 \in \mathbb{C}$ satisfy $z_1 + z_2 + z_3 + z_4 = 0$ and $|z_1|^2 + |z_2|^2 + |z_3|^2 + |z_4|^2 = 1$, then the least value of $|z_1 - z_2|^2 + |z_1 - z_4|^2 + |z_2 - z_3|^2 + |z_3 - z_4|^2$ is 2.

40. Consider the differential equations (with y is a function of x)

$$(1) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= y \\ y(0) &= 0 \end{aligned} \qquad (2) \quad \begin{aligned} \frac{dy}{dx} &= |y|^{\frac{1}{3}} \\ y(0) &= 0. \end{aligned}$$

Then (1) has infinitely many solutions but (2) has finite number of solutions.

GS-2012 (MATHEMATICS)

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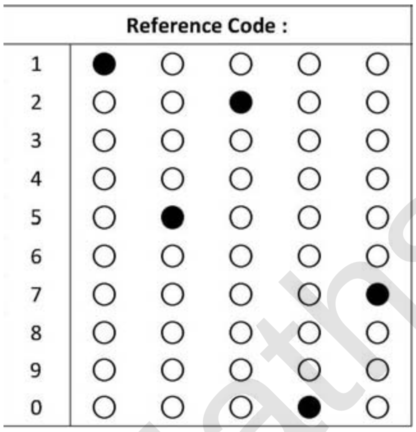

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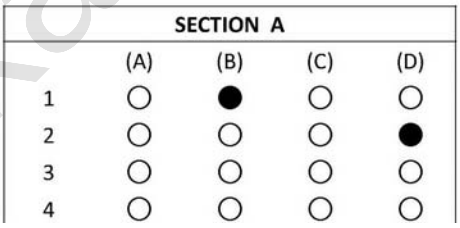

GS-2011 (Mathematics)

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Notation and Conventions

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$\mathbb{R}$ = set of real numbers
$\mathbb{C}$ = set of complex numbers
$\mathbb{R}^n$ = Euclidean space of dimension n

For a natural number n, the product of all the natural numbers from 1 upto n is denoted by $n!$

$[a, b] = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \ a \leq x \leq b\}$ for real numbers a and b with $a < b$.

$(a, b) = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : \ a < x < b\}$ for real numbers a and b with $a < b$.

For a differentiable function $f : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$, f' denotes its derivative.

For any natural number n, $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ denotes the ring of integers modulo n.

Subsets of $\mathbb{R}^n$ are assumed to carry the induced topology and metric.

PART A

1. Consider the sequence $\{x_n\}$ defined by $x_n = \frac{[nx]}{n}$ for $x \in \mathbb{R}$ where $[\cdot]$ denotes the integer part. Then $\{x_n\}$
   (a) converges to x.
   (b) converges but not to x.
   (c) does not converge
   (d) oscillates

2. $\lim_{x \to 0} x \sin(1/x^2)$ equals
   (a) 1.
   (b) 0.
   (c) ∞.
   (d) oscillates

3. Let A be a 5×5 matrix with real entries, then A has
   (a) an eigenvalue which is purely imaginary.
   (b) at least one real eigenvalue.
   (c) at least two eigenvalues which are not real.
   (d) at least 2 distinct real eigenvalues.

4. The groups Z_9 and $Z_3 \times Z_3$ are
   (a) isomorphic
   (b) abelian
   (c) non abelian
   (d) cyclic

5. The differential equation
$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y^{\frac{1}{3}}, y(0) = 0$$
   has
   (a) a unique solution
   (b) no nontrivial solution
   (c) finite number of solutions.
   (d) infinite number of solutions.

6. The function $f_n(x) = n\ \sin(x/n)$
   (a) does not converge for any x as $n \to \infty$.
   (b) converges to the constant function 1 as $n \to \infty$.
   (c) converges to the function x as $n \to \infty$.
   (d) does not converge for all x as $n \to \infty$.

7. The equation $x^{22} \equiv 2 \mod 23$ has
   (a) no solutions.
   (b) 23 solutions.
   (c) exactly one solution.
   (d) 22 solutions.

8. The sum of the squares of the roots of the cubic equation $x^3 - 4x^2 + 6x + 1$ is
   (a) 0.
   (b) 4.
   (c) 16.
   (d) none of the above.

9. The function $f(x)$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax + b & x \geq 1, \\ x^2 + 3x + 3 & x \leq 1 \end{cases}$$

   is differentiable
   (a) for a unique value of a and infinitely many values of b.
   (b) for a unique value of b and infinitely many values of a.
   (c) for infinitely many values of a and b.
   (d) none of the above.

10. Let $m \leq n$ be natural numbers. The number of injective maps from a set of cardinality m to a set of cardinality n is
   (a) $m!$
   (b) $n!$
   (c) $(n - m)!$
   (d) none of the above.

11. For any real number c, the polynomial $x^3 + x + c$ has exactly one real root.

12.
$$e^{\sqrt{2}} > 3.$$

13. A is 3×4-matrix of rank 3. Then the system of equations,
$$Ax = b$$
has exactly one solution.

14. $\log x$ is uniformly continuous on $(\frac{1}{2}, \infty)$.

15. If $A,\ B$ are closed subsets of $[0, \infty)$, then
$$A + B = \{x + y \mid x \in A,\ y \in B\}$$
is closed in $[0, \infty)$.

16. The polynomial $x^4 + 7x^3 - 13x^2 + 11x$ has exactly one real root.

17. The value of the infinite product
$$\prod_{n=2}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n^2}\right)$$
is 1.

18. Consider the map T from the vector space of polynomials of degree at most 5 over the reals to $\mathbb{R} \times \mathbb{R}$, given by sending a polynomial P to the pair $(P(3), P'(3))$ where P' is the derivative of P. Then the dimension of the kernel is 3.

19. The derivative of the function

$$\int_0^{\sqrt{x}} e^{-t^2} dt$$

at $x = 1$ is e^{-1}.

20. The equation $63x + 70y + 15z = 2010$ has an integral solution.

21. Any continuous function from the open unit interval $(0, 1)$ to itself has a fixed point.

22. There exists a group with a proper subgroup isomorphic to itself.

23. The space of solutions of infinitely differentiable functions satisfying the equation

$$y" + y = 0$$

is infinite dimensional.

24. The series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n}}{n}$$

diverges.

25. The function

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ x & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

is not continuous anywhere on the real line.

PART B

1. Let A be a 2×2-matrix with complex entries. The number of 2×2-matrices A with complex entries satisfying the equation $A^3 = A$ is infinite.

2. In the ring $\mathbb{Z}/8\mathbb{Z}$, the equation $x^2 = 1$ has exactly 2 solutions.

3. There are n homomorphisms from the group $\mathbb{Z}/n\mathbb{Z}$ to the additive group of rationals $\mathbb{Q}$.

4. A bounded continuous function on $\mathbb{R}$ is uniformly continuous.

5. The symmetric group S_5 consisting of permutations on 5 symbols has an element of order 6.

6. Suppose $f_n(x)$ is a sequence of continuous functions on the closed interval $[0, 1]$ converging to 0 pointwise. Then the integral
$$\int_0^1 f_n(x)dx$$
converges to 0.

7. There is a non-trivial group homomorphism from S_3 to $\mathbb{Z}/3\mathbb{Z}$.

8. If A and B are 3×3 matrices and A is invertible, then there exists an integer n such that $A + nB$ is invertible.

9. Let P be a degree 3 polynomial with complex coefficients such that the constant term is 2010. Then P has a root α with $|\alpha| > 10$.

10. Suppose a box contains three cards, one with both sides white, one with both sides black, and one with one side white and the other side black. If you pick a card at random, and the side facing you is white, then the probability that the other side is white is 1/2.

11. There exists a set $A \subset \{1, 2, \cdots, 100\}$ with 65 elements, such that 65 cannot be expressed as a sum of two elements in A.

12. Let S be a finite subset of $\mathbb{R}^3$ such that any three elements in S span a two dimensional subspace. Then S spans a two dimensional space.

13. Any non-singular $k \times k$-matrix with real entries can be made singular by changing exactly one entry.

14. Let f be a continuous integrable function of $\mathbb{R}$ such that either $f(x) > 0$ or $f(x) + f(x+1) > 0$ for all $x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then $\int_{-\infty}^{\infty} f(x)dx > 0$.

15. A gardener throws 18 seeds onto an equilateral triangle shaped plot of land with sides of length one metre. Then at least two seeds are within a distance of 25 centimetres.

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GS-2010 (Mathematics)

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December 13, 2009

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2. The Answer Sheet is machine-readable. Please read the instructions on the reverse of the answer sheet before you start filling it up. Only use HB pencils to fill-in the answer sheet.

3. There are thirty (30) questions divided into **TWO** parts (Part A & B) of 15 questions each. If you wish to be considered **ONLY** for the Integrated Ph.D. programme at Bengaluru, you need to answer only **Part A**. **All other candidates need to answer both Parts.**

4. Indicate your ANSWER ON THE ANSWER SHEET by blackening the appropriate circle for each question. Each correct answer will get 1 mark; each wrong answer will get a -1 mark, and a question not answered will not get you any mark. **Do no mark more than one circle for any question** : this will be treated as a wrong answer.

5. We advise you to first mark the correct answers in the QUESTION SHEET and then TRANSFER these to the ANSWER SHEET only when you are sure of your choice.

6. Rough work may be done on blank pages of the question paper. If needed, you may ask for extra rough sheets from an Invigilator. Please do not scribble or do rough work on the reverse of your hall ticket. If found, the hall ticket will be retained.

7. **Use of calculators is NOT permitted.**

8. Do NOT ask for clarifications from the invigilators regarding the questions. They have been instructed not to respond to any such inquiries from candidates. In case a correction/clarification is deemed necessary, the invigilator(s) will announce it publicly.

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Part A

1. A cyclic group of order 60 has
   - (a) 12 generators.
   - (b) 15 generators.
   - (c) 16 generators.
   - (d) 20 generators.

2. Which of the following is false?
   - (a) Any abelian group of order 27 is cyclic.
   - (b) Any abelian group of order 14 is cyclic.
   - (c) Any abelian group of order 21 is cyclic.
   - (d) Any abelian group of order 30 is cyclic.

3. The last digit of 2^{80} is
   - (a) 2
   - (b) 4
   - (c) 6
   - (d) 8

4. The sum of the series

$$\frac{1}{1.2} + \frac{1}{2.3} + \frac{1}{3.4} + \cdots + \frac{1}{100.101}$$

is
   - (a) $\frac{99}{101}$
   - (b) $\frac{98}{101}$
   - (c) $\frac{99}{100}$
   - (d) None of the above.

5. Let f be an one to one function from the closed interval $[0, 1]$ to the set of real numbers $\mathbb{R}$, then
   - (a) f must be onto.
   - (b) range of f must contain a rational number.
   - (c) range of f must contain an irrational number.
   - (d) range of f must contain both rational and irrational numbers.

6. The maximum value of $f(x) = x^n(1-x)^n$ for a natural number $n \geq 1$ and $0 \leq x \leq 1$ is

   (a) $\frac{1}{2^n}$
   (b) $\frac{1}{3^n}$
   (c) $\frac{1}{5^n}$
   (d) $\frac{1}{4^n}$

7. The sequence $\sqrt{7}, \sqrt{7+\sqrt{7}}, \sqrt{7+\sqrt{7+\sqrt{7}}}, \cdots$ converges to

   (a) $\frac{1+\sqrt{33}}{2}$
   (b) $\frac{1+\sqrt{32}}{2}$
   (c) $\frac{1+\sqrt{30}}{2}$
   (d) $\frac{1+\sqrt{29}}{2}$

8. Let $f(x) = |x|^{\frac{3}{2}},\ x \in \mathbb{R}$. Then

   (a) f is uniformly continuous.
   (b) f is continuous, but not differentiable at $x = 0$.
   (c) f is differentiable and f' is continuous.
   (d) f is differentiable, but f' is discontinuous at $x = 0$.

9. The total number of subsets of a set of 6 elements is

   (a) 720
   (b) 6^6
   (c) 21
   (d) None of the above.

10. Let $M_n(\mathbb{R})$ be the set of $n \times n$-matrices with real entries. Which of the following statements is true?

    (a) Any matrix $A \in M_4(\mathbb{R})$ has a real eigenvalue.
    (b) Any matrix $A \in M_5(\mathbb{R})$ has a real eigenvalue.
    (c) Any matrix $A \in M_2(\mathbb{R})$ has a real eigenvalue.
    (d) None of the above.

11. The series

$$\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{(-1)^{n+1}}{\sqrt{n}}$$

(a) converges but not absolutely.

(b) converges absolutely.

(c) diverges.

(d) none of the above.

12. The sum of the roots of the equation $x^5 + 3x^2 + 7 = 0$ is

(a) -3

(b) $\frac{3}{7}$

(c) $\frac{-1}{7}$

(d) 0

13. $\lim_{x \to 0} x \sin(\frac{1}{x})$ is

(a) 1

(b) 0

(c) $\frac{1}{2}$

(d) does not exist.

14. The solution of the ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{dy}{dx} = y, \ y(0) = 0$$

(a) is unbounded.

(b) is positive.

(c) is negative.

(d) is zero.

15. Let G be the set of all 2×2 symmetric, invertible matrices with real entries. Then with matrix multiplication, G is

(a) an infinite group.

(b) a finite group.

(c) not a group.

(d) an abelian group.

Part B

1. Let $u_n = \sin\left(\frac{\pi}{n}\right)$ and consider the series $\sum u_n$. Which of the following statements is false?

    (a) $\sum u_n$ is convergent.

    (b) $u_n \to 0$ as $n \to \infty$.

    (c) $\sum u_n$ is divergent.

    (d) $\sum u_n$ is absolutely convergent.

2. If V is a vector space over the field $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}$ and $\dim_{\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}}(V) = 3$, then V has

    (a) 125 elements.

    (b) 15 elements.

    (c) 243 elements.

    (d) None of the above.

3. If $f, g : \mathbb{R} \to \mathbb{R}$ are uniformly continuous functions, then their composition $g \circ f$ is

    (a) uniformly continuous.

    (b) continuous but not uniformly continuous.

    (c) continuous and bounded.

    (d) None of the above.

4. Which of the following statements is false?

    (a) There exists a natural number which when divided by 3 leaves remainder 1 and which when divided by 4 leaves remainder 0.

    (b) There exists a natural number which when divided by 6 leaves remainder 2 and when divided by 9 leaves remainder 1.

    (c) There exists a natural number which when divided by 7 leaves remainder 1 and when divided by 11 leaves remainder 3.

    (d) There exists a natural number which when divided by 12 leaves remainder 7 and when divided by 8 leaves remainder 3.

5. If $f_n(x)$ are continuous functions from $[0,1]$ to $[0,1]$, and $f_n(x) \to f(x)$ as $n \to \infty$, then which of the following statements is true?

    (a) $f_n(x)$ converges to $f(x)$ uniformly on $[0,1]$.

    (b) $f_n(x)$ converges to $f(x)$ uniformly on $(0,1)$.

    (c) $f(x)$ is continuous on [0,1].

    (d) None of the above.

6. Let A, B be subsets of $\mathbb{R}$. Define $A+B$ to be the set of all sums $x+y$ with $x \in A$ and $y \in B$. Which of the following statements is false?

   (a) If A and B are bounded, then $A+B$ is bounded.

   (b) If A and B are open, then $A+B$ is open.

   (c) If A and B are closed, then $A+B$ is closed.

   (d) If A and B are connected, then $A+B$ is connected.

7. Number of solutions of the ordinary differential equation

$$\frac{d^2y}{dx^2} - y = 0, \ y(0) = 0, \ y(\pi) = 1$$

   (a) is 0.

   (b) is 1.

   (c) is 2.

   (d) None of the above.

8. The function $f(x)$ defined by

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 0 & \text{if } x \text{ is rational} \\ x & \text{if } x \text{ is irrational} \end{cases}$$

   (a) is not continuous at any point.

   (b) is continuous at every point.

   (c) is continuous at every rational number.

   (d) is continuous at $x = 0$.

9. Let $G = \{z \in \mathbb{C} \mid z^n = 1 \text{ for some positive integer } n\}$. Then under multiplication of complex numbers,

   (a) G is a group of finite order.

   (b) G is a group of infinite order, but every element of G has finite order.

   (c) G is a cyclic group.

   (d) None of the above.

10. Let $\mathbf{x}$ and $\mathbf{y}$ in $\mathbb{R}^n$ be non-zero column vectors. Form the matrix $A = \mathbf{x}\mathbf{y}^t$, where $\mathbf{y}^t$ is the transpose of $\mathbf{y}$. Then the rank of A is

   (a) 2

   (b) 0

   (c) at least $n/2$.

   (d) None of the above.

11. Which of the following is true?

    (a) The matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ is not diagonalisable.

    (b) The matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 5 \\ 0 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$ is diagonalisable.

    (c) The matrix $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 0 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ is diagonalisable.

    (d) None of the above.

12. If n and m are positive integers and $n^9 = 19m + r$, then the possible values for r modulo 19 are

    (a) only 0.

    (b) only 0, ± 1.

    (c) only ± 1.

    (d) None of the above.

13. Define $\{x_n\}$ as $x_1 = 0.1,\ x_2 = 0.101,\ x_3 = 0.101001, \ldots\ldots$ Then the sequence $\{x_n\}$

    (a) converges to a rational number.

    (b) converges to an irrational number.

    (c) does not converge.

    (d) oscillates.

14. The equations

$$x_1 + 2x_2 + 3x_3 = 1$$
$$x_1 + 4x_2 + 9x_3 = 1$$
$$x_1 + 8x_2 + 27x_3 = 1$$

    have

    (a) only one solution.

    (b) two solutions.

    (c) infinitely many solutions.

    (d) no solution.

15. Which of the following statements is false?

    (a) The polynomial $x^2 + x + 1$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}/2\mathbb{Z}[x]$.

    (b) The polynomial $x^2 - 2$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Q}[x]$.

    (c) The polynomial $x^2 + 1$ is reducible in $\mathbb{Z}/5\mathbb{Z}[x]$.

    (d) The polynomial $x^2 + 1$ is reducible in $\mathbb{Z}/7\mathbb{Z}[x]$.

Some Useful Links:

1. **Free Maths Study Materials (**https://pkalika.in/2020/04/06/free-maths-study-materials/**)**

2. **BSc/MSc Free Study Materials (**https://pkalika.in/2019/10/14/study-material/**)**

3. **MSc Entrance Exam Que. Paper: (**https://pkalika.in/2020/04/03/msc-entrance-exam-paper/**)**
   [JAM(MA), JAM(MS), BHU, CUCET, ...etc]

4. **PhD Entrance Exam Que. Paper: (**https://pkalika.in/que-papers-collection/**)**
   [CSIR-NET, GATE(MA), BHU, CUCET,IIT, NBHM, ...etc]

5. **CSIR-NET Maths Que. Paper: (**https://pkalika.in/2020/03/30/csir-net-previous-yr-papers/**)**
   [Upto 2019 Dec]

6. **All-IN-One CSIR-NET, GATE, SET, JAM ...etc: (**https://pkalika.in/kalika-notes-centre/**)**
   [Study Materials, Solutions & Short Notes]

7. **List of Maths Suggested Books** (https://pkalika.in/suggested-books-for-mathematics/)

8. **CSIR-NET Mathematics Details Syllabus (**https://wp.me/p6gYUB-Fc)

9. **ONE SHOT Revision(Last Minute Preparation) for NET, GATE, SET, ..etc**
   https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PLDu0JgProGz5bU90lRgp2ksdfLe2Hay8I

10. **Topic-wise Video Lectures(Crash Course)**
   https://www.youtube.com/pkalika/playlists