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III Semester B.Sc. Degree (CBCSS – Reg.) Examination, November 2018
(2017 Admn. Only)

CORE COURSE IN MATHEMATICS
3B03MAT – Elements of Mathematics – I

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 48

SECTION – A

All the first 4 questions are **compulsory**. They carry 1 mark each.

1. State True/False, if C is an infinite set and B is a finite set then $C \setminus B$ a finite set.
2. Define reciprocal equation.
3. State Sturm's theorem.
4. Evaluate the greatest common divisor of -8 and -36 .

SECTION – B

Answer **any 8** questions from among the questions 5 to 14. These questions carry 2 marks each.

5. Prove that if A is a set with m elements and B is a set with n elements and if $A \cap B = \phi$. Then $A \cup B$ has $m+n$ elements.
6. Let $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$, Determine the truth value of the following statements.
a) $(\exists x \in A)(x+3=10)$ b) $(\exists x \in A)(x+3 < 5)$
7. Find a cubic equation with rational coefficients having the roots $2, 1+\sqrt{2}$.
8. If α, β, γ are the roots of $2x^3 + 3x^2 - x - 1 = 0$ find the equation whose roots are $\alpha\beta, \beta\gamma, \gamma\alpha$.
9. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ find the value of $\sum \alpha^2\beta$.
10. Discuss the nature of roots of the equation $x^3 - 8x^2 + 17x - 10 = 0$.
11. Find the sum of the trigonometric series $1 - \frac{1}{2} \cos \alpha + \frac{1}{4} \cos 2\alpha - \frac{1}{8} \cos 3\alpha + \dots$

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12. If a/c & b/c with $\gcd(a, b) = 1$ prove that ab/c .
13. Prove that $\sqrt{2}$ is irrational.
14. Let $n > 1$ and a, b, c positive integers then prove that
- $a \equiv a \pmod{n}$
 - $a \equiv b \pmod{n}, b \equiv c \pmod{n} \Rightarrow a \equiv c \pmod{n}$.

SECTION – C

Answer **any four** questions from among the questions **15** to **20**. These questions carry **4** marks **each**.

15. Prove that the set Q of rational numbers is denumerable.
16. If the roots of the equation $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ are in arithmetic progression prove that $2p^3 - 9pq + 27r = 0$.
17. Solve the reciprocal equation $60x^4 - 736x^3 + 1433x^2 - 736x + 60 = 0$.
18. Solve the Diophantine equation $172x + 20y = 1000$.
19. Prove that the integer $53^{103} + 103^{53}$ is divided by 39.
20. Using the Sieve of Eratosthenes find all primes not exceeding 50.

SECTION – D

Answer **any 2** questions from among the questions **21** to **24**. These questions carry **6** marks **each**.

21. a) State and prove Cantor's theorem.
b) Show that $p \wedge q$ logically implies $p \leftrightarrow q$.
22. If α, β, γ are the roots of $x^3 - x + 1 = 0$ prove that $\sum \frac{1+\alpha}{1-\alpha} = 1$.
23. Solve $x^3 - 2x - 5 = 0$ using Cardan's method.
24. Using Euclidean algorithm obtain the $\gcd(826, 1890)$ and find integers x and y such that $\gcd(826, 1890) = 826x + 1890y$.