

MASTER'S DEGREE (C.S.S) EXAMINATION, MARCH 2024
2022 ADMISSIONS REGULAR
SEMESTER IV - M. Sc. Mathematics ELECTIVE COURSE
MT4E02TM20 - Combinatorics

Time : 3 Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Part A

I. Answer any Eight questions. Each question carries 1 weight

(8x1=8)

1. Explain (i) Injection Principle. (ii) Bijection Principle. (iii) Bell's number.
2. Find the number of ways of arranging the 26 letters in the English alphabet in a 5 letters between x and y .
3. Using Pigeonhole Principle prove that any group of 13 students in a class must have 2 in the same month
4. Let $A = \{a_1, a_2, \dots, a_5\}$ be a set of positive integers. Show that for any permutation the product $(a_{i1} - a_1) \cdot (a_{i2} - a_2) \cdots (a_{i5} - a_5)$ is always even.
5. Show that $D_n = (n-1)(D_{n-1} + D_{n-2})$.
6. Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{D_n}{n!} = e^{-1}$
7. Let $S = \{1, 2, \dots, 500\}$. Find the number of integers in S which are divisible by 3, 5
8. Define recurrence relation for any sequence $a(n)$, solution of a recurrence relation
9. Define r^{th} order linear homogenous recurrence relation for any sequence $a(n)$
10. List the partitions of 6 and hence find $p(6)$.

Part B

II. Answer any Six questions. Each question carries 2 weight

(6x2=12)

11. Show that for any finite X , the cardinality of X and cardinality of its power set are equal
12. Let $S = \{3001, 3002, \dots, 4999\}$. Find the odd integers in S in which no digit is repeated
13. Among any 5 points in an equilateral triangle of unit lengths, show that there are 2 points whose distance is less than 1
14. Find the relation between $R(p, q)$ and $R(p-1, q) + R(p, q-1)$, where $p, q \geq 2$.
15. Find the number of prime numbers which do not exceed 120 using Generalized Prime Number Theorem
16. A man has 6 friends. At dinner in certain restaurant, he has met each of them 1 time, every three of them 4 times, every four of them 3 times, every five of them twice and every six of them once. He has dined out 8 times without meeting any of them. How many times he has dined out?
17. Find the coefficient of x^9 and x^{14} in the expansion of $(1+x+x^2+\dots+x^5)^4$.
18. Show that the number of partitions of n into distinct parts is equal to number of partitions of n into parts not exceeding $n/2$. Verify the theorem for $n = 4, 5$.

Part C

III. Answer any Two questions. Each question carries 5 weight

(2x5=10)

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- (i) Find the number of non-negative integer solutions to the equation



$$rx_1 + x_2 + \cdots + x_n = kr \text{ where } r, k, n \in N$$

(ii) In a group of 15 students, 5 of them are female. If exactly three female students in how many ways can 9 students be chosen from the group (a) to form a committee

20. (a) Show that $R(p, q) \leq R(p-1, q) + R(p, q-1) - 1$, if $R(p-1, q), R(p, q-1)$ are known.
 (b) Define Ramsey's number
 (c) State Ramsey's Theorem and Generalized Pigeon Hole Principle
21. Derive the formula for $D(n, r, k)$, the number of r -permutations of N_n that have no k -permutation. Also derive any two identities satisfied by D_n , the number of derangements of N_n .
22. Solve the recurrence relation $a_n - 3a_{n-1} + 2a_{n-2} = 2^n, a_0 = 3, a_1 = 8$.

