

COMPUTATIONAL MATHEMATICS  
(MATH 3221)

Time Allotted : 3 hrs

Full Marks : 70

*Figures out of the right margin indicate full marks.*

*Candidates are required to answer Group A and  
any 5 (five) from Group B to E, taking at least one from each group.*

*Candidates are required to give answer in their own words as far as practicable.*

**Group – A**  
**(Multiple Choice Type Questions)**

1. Choose the correct alternative for the following: **10 × 1 = 10**
- (i) The generating function of the sequence  $\{1, 3, 9, 27, 81, 243, \dots, 3^n, \dots\}$  is  
(a)  $\frac{1}{1-x^3}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{1+x^3}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{1+3x}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{1-3x}$
- (ii) The third harmonic number  $H_3 =$   
(a) 1 (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (c)  $\frac{3}{2}$  (d)  $\frac{11}{6}$
- (iii) The second Bernoulli number  $B_2 =$   
(a)  $\frac{1}{6}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{2}$  (c)  $-\frac{1}{2}$  (d) 0
- (iv) Which of the following is a Fibonacci number?  
(a) 235 (b) 144 (c) 133 (d) 35
- (v)  $\varphi(32) =$   
(a) 12 (b) 8 (c) 31 (d) 16
- (vi)  $[\sqrt[4]{3}] + \sqrt[4]{3} =$   
(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4
- (vii) The remainder in the division of  $10^{100} - 1$  by 99 is  
(a) 1 (b) 9 (c) 0 (d) 10
- (viii)  $\Delta(x^{10})$  is a polynomial in  $x$  whose degree is  
(a) 10 (b) 9 (c) 11 (d) 8
- (ix) The generating function of the sequence  $\{1, -3, 9, -27, 81, \dots, (-1)^n 3^n, \dots\}$  is  
(a)  $\frac{1}{1-3x}$  (b)  $\frac{1}{(1+3x)^2}$  (c)  $\frac{1}{1+3x}$  (d)  $\frac{1}{1+x^3}$
- (x) Which one of the following is a Fibonacci number?  
(a) 89 (b) 235 (c) 146 (d) 36.

**Group – B**

2. (a) Express  $S_n = \sum_{k=1}^n k 2^k$  as a function of  $n$ . Show your work in detail.
- (b) Consider the Tower of Hanoi problem. Let  $T_n$  denote the maximum number of moves that will transfer  $n$  disks from one peg to another, if only one disk is moved at a time, and a larger one is never moved onto a smaller one. Prove that  $T_n \geq 2T_{n-1} + 1$  for  $n > 0$ .
3. (a) Prove that  $\sum_{k=0}^n k^2 = \frac{n(n+1)(n+2)}{6}$  by the perturbation method.
- (b) Prove that  $\frac{x^m}{(x-n)^m} = \frac{x^n}{(x-m)^n}$ .

**6 + 6 = 12**

**7 + 5 = 12**

**Group – C**

4. (a) Prove the recurrence relation for the Sterling numbers of the first kind,  $\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} n \\ k \end{smallmatrix} \right]$ :  

$$\left[ \begin{smallmatrix} n \\ k \end{smallmatrix} \right] = (n-1) \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} n-1 \\ k \end{smallmatrix} \right] + \left[ \begin{smallmatrix} n-1 \\ k-1 \end{smallmatrix} \right]$$
 where  $n, k$  are positive integers and  $2 \leq k \leq n$ .
- (b) The generating function of the Bernoulli numbers  $B_n$  is  $\frac{x}{e^x - 1} = \sum_{n=0}^{\infty} \frac{B_n}{n!} x^n$ . Use this to prove that for any integer  $k \geq 1$ , the following recurrence relation hold true.  

$$\frac{B_k}{1!k!} + \frac{B_{k-1}}{2!(k-1)!} + \frac{B_{k-2}}{3!(k-2)!} + \frac{B_{k-3}}{4!(k-3)!} + \dots + \frac{B_{k-2}}{n!1!} + \frac{1}{(n+1)!} = 0.$$
5. (a) Let  $F_k$  denote the Fibonacci numbers. Let  $m \geq 2$  be a fixed integer. Prove that  $F_{m+n} = F_{m-1}F_n + F_m F_{n+1}$  for all integers  $n \geq 1$ , by induction on  $n$ .
- (b) Let  $r, k$  be positive integers and  $r > k$ . Prove that  

$$(r-k) \binom{r}{k} = r \binom{r-1}{k}$$

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**Group – D**

6. (a) Show that  $18! + 3^{310} + 4^{416} + 20! \equiv 1 \pmod{19}$ . Show your calculations and state every theorem that you use.
- (b) (i) Let  $n$  be a positive integer. Prove that if  $(n-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{n}$ , then  $n$  must be a prime number.
- (ii) Let  $a, b, m, k$  be positive integers. If  $a \equiv b \pmod{m}$ , prove that  $a^k \equiv b^k \pmod{m}$ .

**6 + (3 + 3) = 12**

7. (a) Given that  $a$  has order 3 modulo  $p$ , where  $p$  is an odd prime, show that  $(a + 1)^6 \equiv 1 \pmod{p}$ .
- (b) Let  $n, m$  be positive integers such that  $n > m$ .  
Prove the Dirichlet Box Principle: If  $n$  objects are put into  $m$  boxes, then some box must contain  $\geq \left\lceil \frac{n}{m} \right\rceil$ .

**6 + 6 = 12****Group – E**

8. (a) Solve the recurrence relation  $a_{n+1} - a_n = 3n^2 - n; n \geq 0, a_0 = 3$ .
- (b) Find a formula for the general term  $F_n$  of the Fibonacci sequence 0, 1, 1, 2, 3, 5, 8, 13, .....
9. (a) Solve the recurrence relation by using the method of generating function  $a_{n+1} + 4a_n + 4a_{n-1} = n - 1; n \geq 1$ , given  $a_0 = 0$  &  $a_1 = 1$ .
- (b) Use mathematical induction to prove that  $5^{2n} - 2^{5n}$  is divisible by 7.

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