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THIRD EXAMINATION IN SCIENCE (2007/2008)
SECOND SEMESTER(December/January, 2008)
MT 309 - NUMBER THEORY
(SPECIAL REPEAT)

Answer all Questions

Time: Two hours

- Q1. (a) State the *Euclid's Lemma*.
- (b) If a and b are two integers. Prove that $8/a^2 - b^2$.
- (c) If p is a prime and a is an integer such that p does not divide a , then prove that p and a are relatively prime.
- (d) If p is prime, show that \sqrt{p} is irrational.
- (e) If $n \geq 3$, prove that $f_n > \alpha^{n-2}$.
- Q2. (a) If $n = q_1 q_2 \dots q_r$ with q_i distinct primes that satisfy $(q_i - 1) | (n - 1)$ for all i , then prove that n is a carmichael number.
- (b) Prove that the quadratic congruence $x^2 + 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$. where p is an odd prime, has a solution if and only if $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$.
- (c) Solve that $6x \equiv 15 \pmod{21}$.
- (d) What is the remainder when 5^{48} is divided by 12.
- (e) Find the general solution $39x - 56y = 11$.

Q3. (a) State and prove the *Euler's Theorem*.

(b) Show that if $\gcd(m, n) = 1$ then $m^{\phi(n)} + n^{\phi(m)} \equiv 1 \pmod{mn}$.

(c) If $a \equiv b \pmod{m_1}$ and $a \equiv b \pmod{m_2}$, where $\gcd(m_1, m_2) = 1$ then show that $a \equiv b \pmod{m_1 m_2}$.

(d) Show that if p is prime then $(p-1)! \equiv (p-1)(\text{mod } 1 + 2 + \dots + (p-1))$.

Use : $(p-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

Q4. (a) Prove that if p is an odd prime, then

i $1^p + 2^p + \dots + (p-1)^p \equiv 0 \pmod{p}$.

ii $1^{p-1} + 2^{p-1} + \dots + (p-1)^{p-1} \equiv -1 \pmod{p}$.

(b) Using *Wilson's Theorem*, prove that $1^2 3^2 5^2 \dots (p-2)^2 \equiv (-1)^{\frac{p-1}{2}} \pmod{p}$ for any odd prime.

Use : $k \equiv -(p-k) \pmod{p}$.

(c) If p is prime congruent 1 modulo 4, show that $\left(\frac{(p-1)!}{2}\right)^2 \equiv (-1) \pmod{p}$.