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SECTION B

Q1. (a) Let  $P_n: 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .

[B1]

For  $n = 1$ ,

LHS of  $P_1: 1^3 = 1$  [M1]

RHS of  $P_1: \frac{1}{4}(1^2)(1+1)^2 = \frac{1}{4} \cdot 4 = 1$  [M1]

Thus,  $P_1$  is true. [A1/2]

Assume that

4. (a) Determine whether  $\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by

$$\alpha(x) = \sqrt{x} \quad \text{for all } x \in \mathbb{R}$$

is a mapping. Justify your answer.

(b) Let  $\mathbb{Z}$  be the set of all integers and  $f: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be defined by

$$f(x) = 2x + 1, x \in \mathbb{Z}.$$

Determine whether  $f$  is

- (i) a one-to-one mapping.
- (ii) an onto mapping.

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### SECTION B

Answer any **THREE** questions from this section.

1. (a) Prove by mathematical induction that
$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + n^3 = \frac{1}{4}n^2(n+1)^2$$
for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .  
(b) If  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ , prove that  $(-a) + (-b) = -(a + b)$ .
  
2. (a) Show that the operation  $a * b = 1 + ab$  defined on the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  has no identity element.  
(b) Let  $B = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ . Define the relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $B$  by  $a\mathcal{R}b$  if and only if  $ab > 0$ . Show that  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation on  $B$ .
  
3. (a) Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be sets. Prove that
$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C).$$
  
(b) Show that if  $x = y + z$  and  $d$  is a divisor of any two of the integers  $x, y$  and  $z$ , it is also a divisor of the third.

16. Express  $\gcd(72, 26)$  in the form  $72m + 26n$ .

A.  $72(4) + 26(-11)$

B.  $72(4) + 26(6)$

C.  $72(8) + 26(11)$

D.  $72(-2) + 26(11)$

Items 17 to 20 are statements followed by True and False option. Read each statement carefully and indicate whether the statement is True or False, by circling the letter of correct option.

17. The mapping  $f: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $f(x) = x + 3$  is one-to-one.

A. True

B. False

18. The mapping  $g: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  defined by  $g(x) = x^2 - x$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  is onto.

A. True

B. False

19. The mapping  $h: [3, \infty) \rightarrow [5, \infty)$  defined by  $h(x) = (x - 3)^2 + 5$  is one-to-one and onto.

A. True

B. False

20. The relation

$$R = \{(1,1), (1,2), (2,2), (3,1), (3,3), (2,1), (2,3), (1,3), (3,2)\}$$

on the set  $A = \{1,2,3\}$  is an equivalence relation.

A. True

B. False

9. Which of the following relations is not reflexive?

- A.  $aRb$  if and only if  $a \leq b, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- B.  $ARB$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B, A, B \in P(S)$
- C.  $aRb$  if and only if  $a \equiv b \pmod{n}, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
- D.  $aRb$  if and only if  $a + b \equiv 0 \pmod{n}, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$

10. Which of the following is a mapping?

- A.  $\alpha: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $\alpha(n) = (-1)^n n^2$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- B.  $\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\alpha(x) = 2 + \sqrt{x}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- C.  $\alpha: \{e, f\} \rightarrow \{2, 7, 12\}$  defined by  $\{(e, 7), (f, 2), (f, 12)\}$ .
- D.  $\alpha: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  defined by  $\alpha(k) = k^2 + k$  for all  $k \in \mathbb{Z}$ .

11. Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}^+$  such that  $b \nmid a$  and  $b$  is a prime. Find  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

- A.  $a$
- B.  $b$
- C. 1
- D. 2

12. If  $m = kn$  for  $m, n, k \in \mathbb{Z}^+$ , what is  $\gcd(m, n)$ ?

- A.  $m$
- B.  $n$
- C.  $k$
- D. 1

13. If there exist integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that  $ma + nb - 7 = 0$ , find  $\gcd(a, b)$ .

- A. 1
- B.  $m$
- C. -7
- D. 7

$2 \times 2 = 2 \times 3 \times 3$

14. Find  $[s, m], [t, n]$  if  $[s, m] = [2, 3]$  and  $[t, n] = [1, 4]$ .

- A.  $[3, 7]$
- B.  $[14, 11]$
- C.  $[6, 4]$
- D.  $[2, 12]$

15. Given that  $[3] = \{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21\}$ . Find  $[18]$ .

- A.  $\{18, 21\}$
- B.  $\{12, 15, 18, 21\}$
- C.  $\{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18, 21\}$
- D.  $\{3, 12, 18\}$

$\{3, 6, 9, 12, 15, 18\}$   
 $\{3, 12, 18\}$

Proof  
sum  
7

4. A binary operation  $\Delta$  on the set  $A$  of positive real numbers is given by  $a \Delta b = \sqrt{ab}$ . Find the identity element for  $\Delta$  if it exists.

- A.  $1/a$
- B. 1
- C. 4
- D. Does not exist

$$\begin{aligned}
 e \Delta b &= \sqrt{eb} & a \Delta e &= \sqrt{ae} \\
 (\sqrt{eb})^2 &= b^2 & (\sqrt{ae})^2 &= a^2 \\
 eb &= b^2 & ae &= a^2 \\
 e &= \frac{b^2}{b} & e &= \frac{a^2}{a} \\
 & & e &= a
 \end{aligned}$$

Use the following information to answer questions 5 to 7.

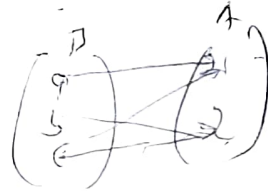
Suppose that the set  $A$  has as exactly two elements and  $B$  has exactly three elements.

5. How many mappings are there from  $B$  to  $A$ ?

- A. 4
- B. 5
- C. 8
- D. 9

6. How many one-to-one mappings are there from  $B$  to  $A$ ?

- A. 0
- B. 2
- C. 6
- D. 9



7. How many onto mappings are there from  $B$  to  $A$ ?

- A. 0
- B. 2
- C. 6
- D. 9

8. An equivalence relation  $R$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  is defined by  $aRb$  if  $a^2 + b^2$  is even. Find  $[1]$ .

- A.  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ is even}\}$
- B.  $\{n \in \mathbb{N} : n \text{ is odd}\}$
- C.  $\{1, 2, 3, 4\}$
- D.  $\{1, 3, 5, 7\}$

$$P_k: 1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 = \frac{1}{4}k^2(k+1)^2$$

is true.

[M1]

Then,

$$1^3 + 2^3 + 3^3 + \dots + k^3 + (k+1)^3 = \frac{1}{4}k^2(k+1)^2 + (k+1)^3 \quad [\text{M1 M1}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2[k^2 + 4(k+1)] \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2[k^2 + 4k + 4] \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$= \frac{1}{4}(k+1)^2(k+2)^2 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$= P_{k+1} \quad [\text{M1}]$$

Thus,  $P_{k+1}$  is true. [M1/2]

Therefore, the statement  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . [A1]

(b) Let  $a \leftrightarrow [s, m]$  and  $b \leftrightarrow [t, n]$ . [B1/2 B1/2]

Then

$$-a \leftrightarrow [m, s] \quad [\text{M1}]$$

and

$$-b \leftrightarrow [n, t] \quad [\text{M1}]$$

Thus,

$$(-a) + (-b) \leftrightarrow [m, s] + [n, t] = [(m+n), (s+t)] \quad \dots (1) \quad [\text{M1}]$$

Also,

$$a + b \leftrightarrow [s, m] + [t, n] = [(s+t), (m+n)] \quad [\text{M1 M1}]$$

Then

$$-(a+b) \leftrightarrow [(m+n), (s+t)] \quad \dots (2) \quad [\text{M1}]$$

From (1) and (2) we have that

$$(-a) + (-b) = -(a+b) \quad [\text{A1}]$$

Q2. (a) Suppose  $e$  is the identity element for  $*$ . [M1]

Then

$$a * e = a \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 + ae = a \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$\Rightarrow ae = a - 1 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 1 - \frac{1}{a} \quad [\text{M1}]$$

Since  $e$  depends on  $a$ , it means that  $e$  is not unique. [M1 A1]

Hence,  $*$  has no identity element. [A1]

(b) Let  $x \in B$ . [M1/2]

Then  $xx = x^2 > 0$ , that is, [M1/2]

$$x \mathcal{R} x \text{ for all } x \in B. \quad [\text{M1/2}]$$

Thus,  $\mathcal{R}$  is reflexive. [M1/2]

Suppose  $x, y \in B$  and  $x \mathcal{R} y$ , that is  $xy > 0$ . [M1/2]

Since  $xy = yx$  we have that  $yx > 0$  and so  $y \mathcal{R} x$ . [M1/2]

Thus  $\mathcal{R}$  is symmetric. [M1/2]

Suppose  $x, y, z \in B$  such that  $x \mathcal{R} y$  and  $y \mathcal{R} z$ , that is, [M1/2]

$$xy > 0 \text{ and } yz > 0 \quad [\text{M1/2 M1/2}]$$

If  $x > 0$ , then since  $xy > 0$  we have  $y > 0$ . [M1/2 M1/2]

Since  $y > 0$  and  $yz > 0$  then  $z > 0$ . [M1/2 M1/2]

Since  $x > 0$  and  $z > 0$  it follows that  $xz > 0$ , that is,  $x \mathcal{R} z$ . [M1/2 M1/2]

Also if  $x < 0$ , then since  $xy > 0$ , then  $y < 0$ . [M1/2 M1/2]

Since  $y < 0$  and  $yz > 0$  then  $z < 0$ . [M1/2 M1/2]



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SECTION A

Answer all the questions in this section

For items 1 to 16, each stem is followed by four options lettered A to D. Read each item carefully and circle the letter that corresponds to the correct or the best option

- Let  $P$  and  $Q$  be sets. Which of the following is true if  $P - Q = Q - P$ ?
  - $P \cap Q = \phi$
  - $P \subseteq Q$
  - $Q \subseteq P$
  - $P = Q$
- Which of the following is not true about a set  $Q$  and its universal set  $U$ ?
  - $Q \cap \phi = Q$
  - $Q \cap Q' = \phi$
  - $Q \cap U = Q$
  - $Q \cup Q' = U$
- Which of the following is not a binary operation on the given set, (where the set notation maintain their normal meaning)
  - $*$  defined on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $a * b = b + a$
  - $+$  defined on  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  by  $[a] + [b] = [a] \odot [b]$
  - $+$  defined on  $S = \{1, -2, 3, 2, -4\}$  by  $a * b = [b]$
  - $*$  defined on  $\mathbb{Z}$  by  $a * b = a^b$

$$\Rightarrow a + e - 2(ae)^2 = a[M1/2]$$

$$\Rightarrow e - 2(ae)^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow e(1 - 2a^2e) = 0[M1/2]$$

$$\Rightarrow e = 0 [M1/2]$$

or

$$1 - 2a^2e = 0 \Rightarrow e = \frac{1}{2a^2}[M1/2]$$

Therefore, \* has no identity element since it is not unique. [A1/2]

Q3. Suppose that  $p|q$  and  $p|r$ . Then there exist integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that

$$q = np \dots (1) [M1/2]$$

and

$$r = mp \dots (2) [M1/2]$$

Multiplying equations (1) and (2) by  $x$  and  $y$  respectively gives

$$qx = npx \text{ and } ry = mpy [M1/2 \ M1/2]$$

Thus,

$$qx + ry = npx + mpy [M1]$$

$$\Rightarrow qx + ry = p(nx + my) [M1/2]$$

$$\Rightarrow p|(qx + ry) \text{ since } nx + my \in \mathbb{Z} [M1 \ A1/2]$$

Q4. By the Euclidean Algorithm we have that

$$726 = 275(2) + 176 [M1]$$

$$275 = 176(1) + 99 [M1]$$

$$176 = 99(1) + 77 [M1/2]$$

$$99 = 77(1) + 22 [M1/2]$$

$$77 = 22(3) + 11 [M1/2]$$

$$22 = 11(2) [M1/2]$$

Thus,  $\text{gcd}(726, 275) = 11$ . [A1]

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Q1. Let  $P_n: \sum_{k=1}^n (2k - 1) = n^2$  for all  $n \geq 1$ . [B1/2]

For  $n = 1$ ,

$$\text{LHS of } P_1: 2(1) - 1 = 1$$

$$\text{RHS of } P_1: 1^2 = 1$$

Thus,  $P_1$  is true. [M1/2 A1/2]

Assume that

$$P_n: \sum_{k=1}^n (2k - 1) = n^2$$

is true. [M1/2]

Then,

$$\sum_{k=1}^{n+1} (2k - 1) = \sum_{k=1}^n (2k - 1) + 2(n + 1) - 1 \text{ [M1/2]}$$

$$= n^2 + 2(n + 1) - 1 \text{ [M1/2]}$$

$$= n^2 + 2n + 2 - 1$$

$$= n^2 + 2n + 1$$

$$= (n + 1)^2 \text{ [M1/2]}$$

$$= P_{n+1} \text{ [M1/2]}$$

Thus,  $P_{n+1}$  is true. [M1/2]

Therefore, the statement  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$ . [A1/2]

Q2. (i) By definition

$$a * b = a + b - 2(ab)^2 \dots (1) \text{ [B1/2]}$$

But addition of real numbers is commutative so  $a + b = b + a$ .

Thus equation (1) is the same as,

$$b * a = b + a - 2(ab)^2 \dots (2) \text{ [M1/2]}$$

Also, multiplication of real numbers is commutative so  $ab = ba$ .

Thus equation (2) becomes

$$a * b = b + a - 2(ba)^2 = b * a \text{ [M1/2]}$$

Therefore,  $*$  is commutative since  $a * b = b * a$ . [A1/2]

(ii) Let  $e$  denote the identity element of  $*$ . Thus,

$$a * e = a \text{ [M1/2]}$$

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Answer All the questions

1. Prove by mathematical induction that

$$\sum_{k=1}^n (2k-1) = n^2$$

for  $n \geq 1$ .

2. Let  $*$  be a binary operation defined on the set of real numbers  $\mathbb{R}$  by  
 $a * b = a + b - 2(ab)^2$ , where  $a, b \in \mathbb{R}$ .

(i) Prove that  $*$  is commutative.

(ii) Find the identity element for  $*$ .

3. If  $p|q$  and  $p|r$ , prove that  $p|(qx + ry)$  where  $x$  and  $y$  are integers.

4. Find  $\gcd(726, 275)$  using the Euclidean Algorithm.

Thus,

$$x \in A \cap (B \cup C) \quad [M1]$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C) \quad [A1]$$

Therefore,

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \quad [A1]$$

(b) Suppose that

$$d|y \text{ and } d|z \quad [B1 \ B1]$$

Then there are integers  $m$  and  $n$  such that

$$y = md \quad [M1]$$

and

$$z = nd \quad [M1]$$

But

$$x = y + z \quad [M1]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = md + nd \quad [M1]$$

$$\Rightarrow x = (m + n)d \quad [M1]$$

$$\Rightarrow d|x \text{ since } m + n \in \mathbb{Z}. \quad [A1]$$

Q4. (a)  $\alpha(x)$  is not a mapping since [M2]

$$\alpha(-1) = \sqrt{-1} \notin \mathbb{R} \quad [A2]$$

(b) (i) Suppose that  $x_1, x_2 \in \mathbb{Z}$  such that  $f(x_1) = f(x_2)$  [B2]

Then

$$f(x_1) = f(x_2) \quad [M1]$$

Since  $x < 0$  and  $z < 0$  we have  $xz > 0$ , that is,  $xRz$ . [M1/2 M1/2]

Therefore,  $\mathcal{R}$  is transitive. [M1/2]

Hence,  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation. [A1/2]

Q3. (a) Let  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ . [M1/2]

Then

$$x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \cup C \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \text{ or } x \in C \quad [\text{M1/2}]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \text{ or } x \in A \text{ and } x \in C \quad [\text{M1}]$$

When

$$x \in A \text{ and } x \in B, \text{ then } x \in A \cap B \text{ so } x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

[M1/2]

Also, when

$$x \in A \text{ and } x \in C \text{ then } x \in A \cap C \text{ so } x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

[M1/2]

Thus,

$$A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \quad [\text{A1}]$$

Now,

$$\text{let } x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C). \quad [\text{M1/2}]$$

Then

$$x \in A \cap B \text{ or } x \in A \cap C \quad [\text{M1}]$$

When

$$x \in A \cap B \text{ then } x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \quad [\text{M1/2}]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \cup C \quad [\text{M1/2}]$$

Also, when  $x \in A \cap C$  then  $x \in A$  and  $x \in C$  [M1/2]

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \cup C \quad [\text{M1}]$$

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SEPTEMBER 7, 2018 INTRODUCTION TO ABSTRACT ALGEBRA 9:00 AM-9:40 AM

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SECTION A

Answer ALL the questions in this section.

For items 1 to 20, each stem is followed by four options lettered A to D. Read each statement carefully and circle the letter that corresponds to the correct or best option.

1. Which of the following is not true about the sets  $P$ ,  $Q$  and  $R$ ?

- A.  $P - Q = P \cap Q'$
- B.  $(P \cup Q)' = P' \cap Q'$
- C.  $(P \cap Q)' = P' \cup Q'$
- D.  $P - (Q \cap R) = (P - Q) \cap C$

2. Which of the following is a mapping?

- A.  $\alpha: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{a, b, c\}$  defined by  $\{(1, a), (3, b)\}$ .
- B.  $\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\alpha(x) = \sqrt{x}$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ .
- C.  $\alpha: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $\alpha(n) = -n$  for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- D.  $\alpha: \{1, 2, 3\} \rightarrow \{0, 3, 8\}$  defined by  $\{(1, 0), (2, 3), (3, 8)\}$ .

3. The mapping  $\sigma: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by  $\sigma(x) = x^3 - 3x^2 + x$  is one-to-one.

- A. True
- B. False

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 + 1 = 2x_2 + 1 \quad [\text{M2}]$$

$$\Rightarrow 2x_1 = 2x_2 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

$$\Rightarrow x_1 = x_2 \quad [\text{M1}]$$

Thus,  $f(x)$  is one-to-one. [A2]

(ii) Let  $y_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  (co-domain) and  $x_1 \in \mathbb{Z}$  (domain) [B1 B1]

Then  $2x_1 + 1 = y_1$  is odd for every integer  $x_1$ . [M2]

Since there is no such integer  $x_1$  if  $y_1$  is even  $f(x)$  is not onto. [M2 A1]



4. The mapping  $\gamma: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by  $\gamma(x) = x + 2$  for all  $x \in \mathbb{N}$  is onto.
- A. True  
B. False
5. Let  $\alpha: S \rightarrow T$  and  $\beta: T \rightarrow U$  be two mappings. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are invertible with inverses  $\rho$  and  $\delta$  respectively, find  $(\beta\alpha)^{-1}$ .
- A.  $\rho$   
B.  $\delta\rho$   
C.  $\rho\delta$   
D.  $\delta$
6. Let  $E = \{1, 2, 3\}$  and  $F = \{x, y\}$ . Find the number of mappings from  $F$  into  $E$ .
- A. 9  
B. 8  
C. 3  
D. 1
7. Which of the following is a binary operation on the given set.
- A.  $*$  defined on  $Z^+$  by  $a * b = a - b$   
B.  $*$  defined on  $Z$  by  $a * b = a/b$   
C.  $*$  defined on  $Z$  by  $a * b = a + b$   
D.  $*$  defined on  $Z$  by  $a * b = \frac{1}{3}(a + b)$

**Use the following information to answer questions 8 and 9.**

A binary operation  $\Delta$  on the set  $U$  of ordered pairs  $(p, q)$  of real numbers is given by  $(a, b)\Delta(c, d) = (ac - bd, ad + bc)$ .

8. Find the identity element in  $U$  under  $\Delta$ .
- A. 0  
B.  $(0, 0)$   
C.  $(1, 0)$   
D.  $(0, 1)$
9. Find the inverse of  $(a, b)$  under  $\Delta$ .
- A.  $\left(\frac{-a}{a^2+b^2}, \frac{b}{a^2+b^2}\right)$   
B.  $\left(\frac{a}{a^2+b^2}, \frac{b}{a^2+b^2}\right)$   
C.  $\left(\frac{a}{a^2+b^2}, \frac{-b}{a^2+b^2}\right)$   
D.  $\left(\frac{-b}{a^2+b^2}, \frac{a}{a^2+b^2}\right)$

Use the following information to answer questions 10 and 11.

Define the relation  $R$  on  $V = \{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$  by

$$R = \{(a, b) : a^3 - a = b^3 - b\}.$$

10. Which of the following elements does not belong to  $R$ ?

- A.  $(2, 2)$
- B.  $(-2, 1)$
- C.  $(-2, -2)$
- D.  $(1, -1)$

11. Find the equivalence class of  $\{1\}$ .

- A.  $\{-1, 1, 2\}$
- B.  $\{-1, 0, 1, 2\}$
- C.  $\{-2, -1, 0, 1, 2\}$
- D.  $\{-1, 0, 1\}$

12. Which of the following relations is not reflexive?

- A.  $aRb$  if and only if  $a \leq b, a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
- B.  $ARB$  if and only if  $A \subseteq B, A, B \in P(S)$
- C.  $aRb$  if and only if  $a - b$  is divisible by 4,  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$
- D.  $aRb$  if and only if  $ab = 1, a, b \in \{x \in \mathbb{R} \mid x > 0\}$

13. Define the relation  $R$  on the set of real numbers by  $aRb$  if and only if  $ab \geq 0$ . Determine all the properties of a partial ordering which  $R$  does not have.

- A. transitive
- B. anti-symmetric, transitive
- C. reflexive, anti-symmetric, and transitive
- D. anti-symmetric, and reflexive

14. Define on the set  $\mathbb{N}$  the relation " $aRb$  if and only if  $b = ka$ " for some integer  $k$ . Find the properties of an equivalence relation which  $R$  does not have.

- A. symmetric
- B. reflexive and transitive
- C. symmetric and transitive
- D. reflexive and symmetric

Use the following information to answer questions 15 and 16.

Define the relation  $R$  on  $A = \mathbb{N} \times \mathbb{N}$  by  $(a, b)R(c, d)$  if and only if  $ab = cd$ .

15. Find an equivalence class with exactly two elements.

- A.  $[(4, 5)]$
- B.  $[(6, 3)]$
- C.  $[(9, 2)]$
- D.  $[(1, 2)]$

16. Find an equivalence class with exactly three elements.

- A.  $[(1, 4)]$
- B.  $[(6, 3)]$
- C.  $[(1, 18)]$
- D.  $[(9, 2)]$

17. If  $[s, m], [t, n] \in J$ , find  $[s, m] + [t, n]$ .

- A.  $[(s + m), (t + n)]$
- B.  $[(s + t), (m + n)]$
- C.  $[(s + n), (m + t)]$
- D.  $[(sm), (tn)]$

18. Which of the following is true about  $(c, d)$  and  $(s, m)$  if  $(c, d) \in [s, m]$ ?

- A.  $[c, d] = [s, m]$
- B.  $(c, d) = (s, m)$
- C.  $cd = sm$
- D.  $[c + s, d + m]$


19. Find  $(1776, 1492)$ , that is, the greatest common divisor of 1776 and 1492.

- A. 2
- B. 3
- C. 4
- D. 6

20. An integer  $a \neq 0$  is called a divisor of an integer  $b$  if there exists an integer  $c$  such that

- A.  $ab = c$
- B.  $b = ac$
- C.  $a + b = c$
- D.  $a = bc$

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SECTION B

Answer any three questions from this section.

1. Let  $A, B$  and  $C$  be sets. Prove that
  - (a)  $A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$ .
  - (b)  $(A - B) - C \subseteq A - (B \cap C)$
2. Assume that  $\alpha: S \rightarrow T$  and  $\beta: T \rightarrow U$  are two mappings.
  - (a) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are onto, prove that the product  $\beta \alpha$  is also onto.
  - (b) If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are one-to-one, prove that  $\beta \alpha$  is also one-to-one.
3. (a) Prove by the principle of mathematical induction that
$$1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + n \times (n + 1) = \frac{1}{3}n(n + 1)(n + 2)$$
for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ .
- (b) Let  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Show that  $(-a) \cdot b = -(a \cdot b)$ .
4. (a) Show that the operation  $a \cdot b = 1 + ab$  defined on the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  has no identity element.  
(b) Let  $B = \mathbb{R} - \{0\}$ . Define the relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $B$  by  $a \mathcal{R} b$  if and only if  $ab > 0$ . Show that  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation on  $B$ .

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SECTION A

Each question is worth 2marks.

1. D

2. D

3. FALSE

4. FALSE

5. C

6. B

7. C

8. C

9. C

~~10. B~~

11. D

12. D

13. B

14. A

15. D

16. A

17. B

18. A

19. C

20. B

SECTION B

Each question is worth 20 marks.

1. (a) Let  $x \in A \cap (B \cup C)$ . [M1/2]

Then

$$x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \cup C \quad [M1]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \text{ or } x \in C \quad [M1/2]$$

$$\{x \in A \text{ and } x \in B\} \cup \{x \in A \text{ and } x \in C\} \quad [M1] \quad m/2 \quad m/2$$

When  $x \in A$

$$x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \text{ then } x \in A \cap B \text{ so } x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \quad [M1/2]$$

So when

$$x \in A \text{ and } x \in C \text{ then } x \in A \cap C \text{ so } x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \quad [M1/2]$$

Thus

$$A \cap (B \cup C) \subseteq (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \quad [A1]$$

$$\text{Con. Let } x \in (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C). \quad [M1/2]$$

Then

$$x \in A \cap B \text{ or } x \in A \cap C \quad [M1]$$

$$\text{When } x \in A \cap B \text{ then } x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \quad [M1/2]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \cup C \quad [M1/2]$$

$$\text{Also, when } x \in A \cap C \text{ then } x \in A \text{ and } x \in C \quad [M1/2]$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A \text{ and } x \in B \cup C \quad [M1]$$

Thus

$$x \in A \cap (B \cup C) \quad [A1]$$

$$\Rightarrow (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \subseteq A \cap (B \cup C) \quad [A1]$$

Therefore

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C) \quad [A1]$$

$$(c) \text{ Let } x \in (A \cap B) = C \quad [M1]$$

Then

$$x \in A \text{ but that } x \notin B \text{ and } x \notin C \quad [M1 \text{ and } M1]$$

$$\text{Since } B \cap C = \emptyset \text{ and } A \cap C = \emptyset \text{ follows that } (B \cup C) \cap C = \emptyset \quad [B1/2 \text{ B1/2}]$$

$$x \notin (B \cup C) \quad [M1]$$

$$A \cap (B \cup C) = (A \cap B) \cup (A \cap C)$$

$$\Rightarrow x \in A - (B - C) \quad [M1]$$

Therefore,

$$(A - B) - C \subseteq A - (B - C) \quad [A1]$$

2. (a) Suppose that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are onto. [B1]

Let  $u \in U$ . [M1]

Since  $\beta$  is onto, there is a  $t \in T$  such that  $\beta(t) = u$ . [M1/2 M1]

Now, since  $\alpha$  is onto, there is an  $s \in S$  such that  $\alpha(s) = t$ . [M1/2 M1]

Thus, given  $u \in U$  we can find an  $s \in S$  such that

$$\begin{aligned} (\beta\alpha)(s) &= \beta(\alpha(s)) \quad [M1 M1] \\ &= \beta(t) \quad [M1] \\ &= u \quad [M1] \end{aligned}$$

Hence,  $\beta\alpha$  is onto. [A1]

(b) Suppose that  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are one-to-one. [B1]

Let  $s_1, s_2 \in S$  such that

$$(\beta\alpha)(s_1) = (\beta\alpha)(s_2). \quad [M1 M1]$$

Then

$$\begin{aligned} \beta(\alpha(s_1)) &= \beta(\alpha(s_2)) \\ \Rightarrow \alpha(s_1) &= \alpha(s_2), && \text{since } \beta \text{ is one-to-one [M2 B1]} \\ \Rightarrow s_1 &= s_2, && \text{since } \alpha \text{ is one-to-one [M2 B1]} \end{aligned}$$

Therefore,  $\beta\alpha$  is one-to-one. [A1]

3. (a) Let  $P_n: 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + n \times (n+1) = \frac{1}{3}n(n+1)(n+2)$

for all  $n \in \mathbb{N}$ . [B1]

For  $n = 1$ ,

$$\text{LHS of } P_1: 1(1+1) = 2 \quad [M1]$$

$$\text{RHS of } P_1: \frac{1}{3}(1)(1+1)(1+2) = \frac{6}{3} = 2 \quad [M1]$$

Thus,  $P_1$  is true. [A1]

Assume that

$$P_k: 1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + k \times (k+1) = \frac{1}{3}k(k+1)(k+2)$$

is true. [M1]

Then,

$$1 \times 2 + 2 \times 3 + 3 \times 4 + \dots + k \times (k+1) + (k+1)(k+2) \quad \text{--- [M1]}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}k(k+1)(k+2) + (k+1)(k+2) \quad \text{--- [M1]}$$

$$= (k+1)(k+2) \left[ \frac{1}{3}k+1 \right] \quad \text{[M1]}$$

$$= \frac{1}{3}(k+1)(k+2)(k+3) \quad \text{[M1]}$$

$$= P_{k+1} \quad \text{[M1]}$$

Thus,  $P_{k+1}$  is true. [M1]

Therefore, the statement  $P_n$  is true for all  $n \geq 1$ . [A1]

(b) Let  $a \leftrightarrow [s, m]$  and  $b \leftrightarrow [t, n]$ . [M1/2 M1/2]

Then

$$-a \leftrightarrow [m, s] \quad \text{[M1]}$$

Thus,

$$(-a).b \leftrightarrow [m, s], [t, n] = [(m, t + s, n), (m, n + s, t)] \quad \dots \quad (1) \quad \text{[M1 M1]}$$

Also,

$$a.b \leftrightarrow [s, m], [t, n] = [(s, t + m, n), (s, n + m, t)] \quad \text{[M1 M1]}$$

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$$\Rightarrow -(a.b) \leftrightarrow [(s, n + m, t), (s, t + m, n)] \quad \dots \quad (2) \quad \text{[M1]}$$

From (1) and (2) we have that

$$(-a).b = (a.b) \quad \text{[A1]}$$

4. (a) Suppose  $e$  is the identity element for  $\cdot$ . [M1]

Then

$$a \cdot e = a \quad \text{[M1]}$$

$$e \cdot a = a \quad \text{[M1]}$$

$$ae = a \cdot 1 \quad \text{[M1]}$$

$$= a \cdot \frac{1}{a} \quad \text{[M1]}$$



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TUTORIAL 1

- Let  $A, B, C$  be sets such that  $A \subseteq C$  and  $B \subseteq C$ . Show that
  - $A \cup B \subseteq C$
  - $A \cup B = B \cup A$
- Let  $A$  and  $B$  be subsets of a set  $S$ . Prove that  $A \cap B = B \cap A$ .
- Determine whether  $\alpha: \mathbb{N} \rightarrow \mathbb{N}$  defined by
$$\alpha(n) = -n \text{ For all } n \in \mathbb{N}$$
is a mapping. Justify your answer.
- Determine whether the mapping  $\alpha: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  defined by
$$\alpha(x) = 3 - 4x$$
one-to-one.
- Assume that  $\alpha: S \rightarrow T$  and  $\beta: T \rightarrow U$  are two mappings.
  - If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are onto, prove that the product  $\beta \alpha$  is also onto.
  - If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are one-to-one, prove that  $\beta \alpha$  is also one-to-one.
- Let  $P(S)$  denote the set of all subsets of the non-empty set  $S$ , that is  $P(S) = \{A: A \subseteq S\}$ . Define the relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $P(S)$  by  $A \mathcal{R} B$  if  $A \subseteq B$ .

Determine if  $\mathcal{R}$  is

  - reflexive
  - Symmetric
  - Transitive.
- A relation  $\mathcal{R}$  on  $\mathbb{N}$  is defined by  $a \mathcal{R} b$  if  $a^2 + b^2$  is even. Prove that  $\mathcal{R}$  is an equivalence relation.