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[Total Marks : 70

- Instructions:*
- (1) There are five questions.
 - (2) All questions are compulsory.
 - (3) Each question carries 14 marks.

Q.1 Fill in the blanks: (Each question carries two marks)

- (i) If a/b and c/d are consecutive Farrey fractions in the n^{th} row then _____ is the unique rational between a/b and c/d with the smallest denominator.
- (ii) If r is a rational multiple of π then the sum of all rational values of $\cos r\pi =$ _____
- (iii) If m and n are positive integers and θ is a rational solution of $x^n = m$ then θ must be _____
- (iv) If x_0 is a positive integer such that $1+2+3+\dots+x_0=y^2$ then $(2x_0+1, y)$ is a solution of Pell's equation _____.
- (v) If the continued fraction expansion of θ is periodic then $\theta =$ _____.
- (vi) If $\theta > 1$ and $\theta + \theta^{-1} < \sqrt{5}$ then $\theta <$ _____ and $\theta^{-1} >$ _____
- (vii) If θ is an irrational number and a/b is a rational number with $b > 0, (a, b) = 1$ and $|\theta - a/b| < \frac{1}{2b^2}$ then $a/b =$ _____

Q.2 Attempt any two.

- (a) State and Prove Hurwitz's Theorem using Farrey Fraction Method. 7
- (b) If θ is an irrational number and $\frac{h_n}{k_n}$ denotes the n^{th} convergent corresponding to the continued fraction expansion of θ then prove that $|\theta k_{n-1} - h_{n-1}| > \frac{1}{k_{n+1}} > |\theta k_n - h_n|, \forall n \geq 1$. 7
- (c) If $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ are positive integers and $x > 1$ then prove 7
that $\langle a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{n-1}, x \rangle = \frac{x h_{n-1} + h_{n-2}}{x k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}}$. Deduce that $\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n \rangle = \frac{h_n}{k_n}$
for all $n \geq 1$

Q.3 All are compulsory:

- (a) Suppose $a_0, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$ are positive integers and $\frac{h_n}{k_n}$ are the n th convergents 5
corresponding to these integers then prove that for all $n \geq 1$,
 $h_n k_{n-2} - h_{n-2} k_n = (-1)^n$.
- (b) Prove that every irrational number θ can be uniquely expressed as an 6
infinite simple continued fraction.
- (c) Suppose θ is an irrational number, $\frac{a}{b}$ is a rational number with $b > 0$ 3
and $\frac{h_n}{k_n}$ are the n th convergent for θ . If $|\theta b - a| < |\theta k_n - h_n|$ implies
 $b \geq k_{n+1}$ then prove that $\left| \theta - \frac{a}{b} \right| < \left| \theta - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right|$ implies $b \geq k_n$.

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Q.3 All are compulsory:

- (a) Prove that if θ is a rational multiple of π and $\cos \theta$ is rational then $|\cos \theta|$ 7
cannot be different from $0, \frac{1}{2}$ and 1 .
- (b) Suppose (x_1, y_1) is the smallest positive solution of $x^2 - dy^2 = 1$ (d is a 7
positive integer which is not a perfect square). Prove that all the positive
solutions of the above equation are given by $x_n + \sqrt{d} y_n = (x_1 + \sqrt{d} y_1)^n$
($n = 1, 2, 3, \dots$).

Q.4 Attempt any two of the following:

- (a) Prove that the Diophantine equation $15x^2 - 7y^2 = 9$ has no solution in 7
integers.
- (b) Suppose (x, y, z) is a primitive Pythagorean triplet. Prove that there are 7
positive integers r and s such that $r > s$, $(r, s) = 1$ and $x = r^2 - s^2$, $y = 2rs$ and $z = r^2 + s^2$.
- (c) Prove that for every integer $n \geq 1$ there is a polynomial $f_n(x)$ with integer 7
coefficients and leading coefficient 1 such that $f_n(2\cos\theta) = 2\cos n\theta$ for
all θ .

Q.5 Do as directed: (Each question carries two marks)

- (i) Find the simple continued fraction expansion of $\sqrt{2} - 1$.
- (ii) Find the simple continued fraction expansion of $\frac{1741}{31}$.
- (iii) Find the irrational number θ whose continued fraction expansion is
 $\langle 4, 4, 8, 4, 8, 4, 8, \dots \rangle$.
- (iv) Find the primitive Pythagorean triplets for which $z < 60$.
- (v) Find first three positive solutions of $x^2 - 19y^2 = 1$.
- (vi) Find the simple continued fraction expansion of $\frac{1}{\sqrt{2}}$.
- (vii) Find first three positive solutions of $x^2 - 2y^2 = -1$.