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**M. Sc. (Sem. IV) (CBCS) Examination**

**April / May - 2018**

**Mathematics - 4003**

*(Number Theory - II)*

**Faculty Code : 003**

**Subject Code : 1164003**

Time :  $2\frac{1}{2}$  Hours]

[Total Marks : 70

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

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

- (a) If  $\frac{a}{b}$  and  $\frac{c}{d}$  are consecutive Farey fractions in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  row and  $\frac{a}{b}$  is less than  $\frac{c}{d}$  then  $\frac{a}{b}$  and  $\frac{a+c}{b+d}$  are consecutive Farey fractions in the ..... th row.
- (b) If  $\frac{a}{b}$  and  $\frac{c}{d}$  are consecutive Farey fractions in the  $n^{\text{th}}$  row then  $\left| \frac{a}{b} - \frac{a+c}{b+d} \right| \leq \dots\dots\dots$
- (c) If the simple continued fraction expansion of  $\theta$  is finite then  $\theta$  must be a ..... number.
- (d) If  $\theta$  is an irrational and  $\frac{a}{b}$  is a rational number such that  $b > 0$  and  $\left| \theta - \frac{a}{b} \right| < \frac{1}{2b^2}$  then  $\frac{h_n}{k_n} = \dots\dots\dots$  for some  $n$ .
- (e) If continued fraction expansion of an irrational  $\theta$  is periodic and  $\theta'$  lies between  $-1$  and  $0$  then continued fraction expansion of  $\theta$  is .....

(f) If  $\theta$  is an irrational,  $\frac{a}{b}$  is a rational number such that

$$\left| \theta - \frac{a}{b} \right| < \left| \theta - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right| \text{ for some } n \geq 0 \text{ then } b \text{ is greater than}$$

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(g) The Diophantine equation  $ax + by = c$  has a solution if and only if ..... divides  $c$ .

**2** Attempt any **two** of the following :

(a) Write the statement of Hurwitz theorem and prove **7**  
it using Farey fraction method.

(b) Prove that  $\pi$  is irrational using elementary method. **7**

(c) Prove that for each  $n > 0$  there is a polynomial  $f_n(x)$  **7**  
of degree  $n$ , leading coefficient 1 and with integer coefficients such that  $f_n(2 \cos \theta) = 2 \cos n\theta$ .

**3** All are compulsory :

(a) State and prove the necessary and sufficient condition **6**  
under which the continued fraction expansion of a quadratic irrational is purely periodic.

(b) If  $\theta$  is irrational and  $\theta = \langle a_0, a_1, \dots, \dots, a_n, \dots \rangle$  **4**  
then prove that  $k_n < \theta_n k_{n-1} + k_{n-2} < k_{n+1}$  for all  $n \geq 0$ .

(c) Prove that  $15x^2 - 7y^2 = 9$  has no solutions in integers. **4**

**OR**

**3** All are compulsory :

(a) Suppose  $\theta$  is irrational and  $\frac{a}{b}$  is a rational number **7**

such that  $\left| \theta - \frac{a}{b} \right| < \frac{1}{2b^2}$  then prove that  $\frac{a}{b} = r_n$  for some  $n$ .

(b) Find general solutions (if any) of the following **4**  
Diophantine equations :

(i)  $2x + 9y = 11$

(ii)  $100x + 101y = 2018$

- (c) Find the value of following continued fractions : 4
- (i)  $\langle 1, 1, 1, 1, 1 \rangle$
- (ii)  $\langle 0, 2, 2, 2, 2, 2, \dots \rangle$
- 4 Attempt any **two** of the following :
- (a) Suppose  $\theta$  is an irrational number whose continued fraction expansion is periodic. Prove that  $\theta$  is quadratic irrational. 7
- (b) Prove that there are infinitely many positive integers  $n$  such that  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n = m^2$  for some integer  $m$ . 7
- (c) If  $\frac{h_j}{k_j}$  denotes the  $j^{\text{th}}$  convergent of an irrational number  $\theta$  then prove that for all  $n \geq 1$ . 7
- (i)  $|\theta k_n - h_n| < |\theta k_{n-1} - h_{n-1}|$
- (ii)  $\left| \theta - \frac{h_n}{k_n} \right| < \left| \theta - \frac{h_{n-1}}{k_{n-1}} \right|$
- 5 Do as directed : (Each question carries two marks)
- (a) Give the definition of Diophantine equation.
- (b) Express  $\frac{2018}{17}$  as a simple continued fraction.
- (c) Write down the values of  $\frac{h_0}{k_0}, \frac{h_1}{k_1}$  for the continued fraction  $\langle 1, 1, 1, 1, \dots \rangle$ .
- (d) Write down all the Farey fractions between 0 and 1 in the rows up to 7<sup>th</sup> row.
- (e) Find first four positive solutions of  $x^2 - 8y^2 = 1$ .
- (f) Find three primitive Pythagorean triplets  $(x, y, z)$  for which  $z > 50$ .
- (g) Find three positive integers  $n$  for which  $1 + 2 + 3 + \dots + n$  is a perfect square.