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Weightage: 30

*Instructions: (Applicable for Private Registration, 2020 Admission Onwards) This question paper contains two sections. Answer section I questions in the answer book provided. Section II Internal examination questions must be answered in the question paper itself. Follow the detailed instructions given under section II.*

**SECTION I**

**Part A (Short Answer Questions)**

Answer any **eight** questions.

Weight **1** each.

1. Define Multiplication Principle with an example
2. Find the number of ternary sequence of length 10 having two 0's, three 1's and five 2's
3. A) Find the number of integer solution to the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 + x_4 + x_5 + x_6 = 60$  where  $x_1 \geq 2, x_2 \geq 5, 2 \leq x_3 \leq 7, x_4 \geq 1, x_5 \geq 3, x_6 \geq 2$   
 B) Obtain the relation  $S(r, n) = S(r-1, n-1) + nS(r-1, n)$  with  $r \geq n$  for Stirlings number of second kind  
 C) Define Bell number
4. Construct a coloring of 5 clique using blue or red color which is independent of a blue 3-clique or a red 3-clique
5. Stating necessary results show that  $R(3,6) \leq 19$
6. Define the function  $\omega(m)$  in GPIE. Is  $\omega(0) = E(0)$ . Justify?
7. Define  $F(n, m)$  and  $S(n, m)$ ? Also find a relation connecting them
8. In the usual notations, define  $D(n, r, k)$  and  $D_n$
9. Let  $a_r$  be the number of partitions of  $r$  into distinct parts of sizes 1, 2, 3 or 4. Then find the generating function for  $(a_r)$
10. What is mean by  $r^{th}$  order linear homogeneous recurrence relation for a sequence  $(a_n)$ ? Give example.

(8×1=8 weightage)





### Part B (Short Essay/Problems)

Answer any **six** questions.

Weight 2 each.

11. Find the number of ways of arranging the 26 letters in the English alphabets in a row such that there are exactly 5 letters between  $x$  and  $y$ .
12. Let  $X = \{1, 2, \dots, n\}$  and  $Y = \{A \subset X \mid n \notin A\}$  and  $Z = \{A \subset X \mid n \in A\}$ . Using bijection principle Show that  $|Y| = |Z|$
13. Among any group of 3000 people, Prove that there must be at least 9 who have the same birthday
14. Show that  $R(4,3)=9$
15. State GPIE. Let  $A_1, A_2, \dots, A_n$  be  $n$  subsets of a finite set  $S$ . Give a formula for  $|\bar{A}_1 \cap \bar{A}_2 \cap \dots \cap \bar{A}_n|$  using GPIE
16. Find the number of non negative integer solutions using GPIE for the equation  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 11$  where  $x_1 \leq 3, x_2 \leq 4, x_3 \leq 6$
17. A) What you mean by generating function for a sequence  $(a_r)$ ? Find the generating function for the sequence  $(1, 2, 3, \dots)$ .  
B) Find the closed form of the generating functions for the sequence  $(3r + 7)$  where  $r \in N^*$
18. Explain the problem "Tower of Hanoi"

(6×2=12 weightage)

### Part C (Essay Type Questions)

Answer any **two** questions.

Weight 5 each.

19. A) Let  $n$  and  $k$  be positive integers and let  $S$  be a set of  $n$  points in the plane such that no 3 points of  $S$  are collinear and for any point  $P$  of  $S$ , there are at least  $k$  points of  $S$  equidistant from  $P$ . Prove that  $k < \frac{1}{2} + \sqrt{2n}$ .  
B) Give the algebraic and combinatorial proof for  $\binom{n}{r} = \binom{n-1}{r-1} + \binom{n-1}{r}$ , where  $n, r \in N$ , with  $r \leq n$ .
20. A) Show that any set  $A$  of 13 distinct real numbers there are two points  $x$  and  $y$  in  $A$  such that  $0 < \frac{x-y}{1+xy} < 2 - \sqrt{3}$   
B) Let  $A$  be a set of  $m$  positive integers where  $m \geq 1$ . Show that there exist a nonempty proper subset  $B$  of  $A$  such that the sum  $\sum(x \mid x \in B)$  is divisible by  $m$
21. A) State and prove Principle of Inclusion and Exclusion for  $n$  finite sets  
B) Let  $A, B$ , and  $C$  be finite sets. Prove that  $|\bar{A} \cap B| = |B| - |A \cap B|$  and  $|\bar{A} \cap \bar{B} \cap C| = |C| - |A \cap C| - |B \cap C| + |A \cap B \cap C|$   
C) Find the number of integers in the set  $\{1, 2, \dots, 500\}$  which are not divisible by 5 nor by 7 but divisible by 3
22. (a) For each  $r \in N^*$ , find  $a_r$ , the number of ways of distributing  $r$  distinct objects into  $n$  distinct boxes such that no box is empty.  
(b) In how many ways can 4 of the letters from PAPAYA be arranged.

(2×5=10 weightage)

