



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY  
B.Sc. Major 1st Semester Examination, 2023-24



## MTMDSC101T-MATHEMATICS (MAJOR)

### ALGEBRA

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.  
Candidates should answer in their own words and adhere to the word limit as practicable.  
All symbols are of usual significance.*

**Answer Question No. 1 and any five from the rest**

1. Answer any *five* questions from the following:

2×5 = 10

- If  $a$  is prime to  $b$ , prove that  $a^2$  is prime to  $b$ .
- If  $\alpha, \beta, \gamma$  are roots of the cubic equation  $x^3 + px^2 + qx + r = 0$ , find the value of  $\sum \alpha^2$ .
- Prove that  $19^{10} \equiv 1 \pmod{181}$ .
- Find  $x, y$  if  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 \\ 4 & 1 & x & y & 3 \end{pmatrix}$  is an odd permutation.
- Find all complex numbers  $z$ , such that  $\exp(2z+1) = i$ .
- Examine if the relation  $\rho$  on the set of integers  $\mathbb{Z}$  is an equivalence relation; where  
$$\rho = \{(a, b) \in \mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} : |a-b| \leq 3\}$$
- Let  $f: A \rightarrow B$  and  $g: B \rightarrow C$  be two mappings. If  $g \circ f$  is surjective and  $g$  is injective, then prove that  $f$  is surjective.
- If  $A$  be a Hermitian matrix, then show that  $iA$  is a skew-Hermitian matrix.

2. (a) Prove that  $\sin \left[ i \log \frac{a-ib}{a+ib} \right] = \frac{2ab}{a^2+b^2}$ .

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(b) If  $x, y, z$  are positive real numbers and  $x+y+z=1$ , prove that

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$$8xyz \leq (1-x)(1-y)(1-z) \leq \frac{8}{27}$$

3. (a) State Descartes' rule of signs. Apply it to find the nature of the roots of the equation  $x^4 + 16x^2 + 7x - 11 = 0$ .

1+2

(b) Solve the biquadratic equation  $x^4 - 4x^3 + 5x + 2 = 0$  by Ferrari's method.

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4. (a) Use De-Moivre's theorem to prove  $\cos 5\theta = 16\cos^5 \theta - 20\cos^3 \theta + 5\cos \theta$ .

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(b) Find the greatest value of  $xyz$  where  $x, y, z$  are positive real numbers and  $xy + yz + zx = 27$ .

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5. (a) Let  $S = \{x \in \mathbb{R} : -1 < x < 1\}$ . A map  $f: \mathbb{R} \rightarrow S$  is defined by  $f(x) = \frac{x}{1+|x|}$ ,  $x \in \mathbb{R}$ . 4

Show that  $f$  is a bijection. Determine  $f^{-1}$ .

- (b) Show that the permutation  $f = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 5 & 1 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 2 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$ , on the set  $S = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  is an odd permutation. Find the order of  $f$ . 2+2

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7. (a) Apply Laplace's method along second and third rows to prove that 5

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- (b) Reduce the matrix 3

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & -2 \\ 2 & 1 & 2 \\ -2 & 2 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$$

to row-reduced Echelon form and find its rank.

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