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**UNIVERSITY OF CALICUT**  
DEPARTMENT OF MATHEMATICS  
M.Phil. Entrance Model Question Paper

Time: 2 hours

Max. Marks: 100

**PART - A**Answer **all** questions. Each question carries **2** marks

- If the statement ( $P$  if and only if  $Q$ ) is not true, then which one of the following is true?
  - (Not  $P$ ) if and only if  $Q$
  - $P$  if and only if (Not  $Q$ )
  - (Not  $P$ ) if and only if (not  $Q$ )
  - None of these
- Which one of the following sets is uncountable?
  - The set of all finite subsets of the set of all positive integers
  - The set of all subsets, of the set of all positive integers, whose complement is finite
  - The set of all infinite subsets of the set of all positive integers
  - None of the above
- Let  $X$  be a linearly ordered set containing at least two elements and such that for any two elements  $x$  and  $y$  such that  $x < y$ , there exists an element  $z$  such that  $x < z < y$ . Then which one of the following is true?
  - $X$  is countable
  - $X$  is uncountable
  - $X$  is infinite
  - None of these
- Which one of the following is not true for a simple group  $G$  with identity  $0$ ?
  - The only normal subgroups are  $\{0\}$  and  $G$
  - The only factor groups are  $\{0\}$  and  $G$  upto isomorphism
  - Every non trivial homomorphism from  $G$  into any group is one to one.
  - The only homomorphism from  $G$  into any group is trivial
- Which one of the following is a finite number?
  - Number of algebraic extensions of a finite field
  - Number of finite extensions of a finite field
  - Number of extensions of an algebraically closed field
  - Number of finite extensions of an algebraically closed field
- If  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{\alpha}) = \{a + b\sqrt{\alpha} : a, b \in \mathbb{Q}\}$ , for  $\alpha = 2, 3$ , then which one of the following pairs are not isomorphic structures under the usual operations?
  - The fields  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$
  - The groups  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$
  - The vector spaces  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$  and  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$  over the field  $\mathbb{Q}$
  - None of these
- If  $G$  and  $R$  denote respectively the group  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$  and the ring  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  and if  $Aut(X)$  denotes the group of automorphisms of  $X$ , then
  - both  $Aut(G)$  and  $Aut(R)$  are finite
  - $Aut(G)$  is finite but  $Aut(R)$  is not
  - $Aut(R)$  is finite but  $Aut(G)$  is not
  - both  $Aut(G)$  and  $Aut(R)$  are infinite



18. The integral equation  $y(x) = \lambda \int_0^1 (3x - 2)\xi y(\xi) d\xi$  has
- (a) no characteristic number (b) one characteristic number  
(c) two characteristic numbers (d) infinitely many characteristic numbers
19. The IVP  $y' = 2\sqrt{y}$ ,  $y(0) = a$  has
- (a) a unique solution if  $a < 0$  (b) no solution if  $a > 0$   
(c) infinitely many solutions if  $a = 0$  (d) unique solution if  $a \geq 0$ .
20. Which one of the following is false?
- (a) There exists a simple connected graph with at least two vertices in which each vertex is a cut vertex  
(b) There exists a simple connected graph with at least two vertices in which each edge is a cut edge  
(c) There exists a simple connected graph with at least two vertices in which no vertex is a cut vertex and no edge is a cut edge  
(d) None of the above
21. Let  $\Sigma$  be a finite nonempty set of symbols. Then which one of the following is true?
- (a) Every language on the alphabet  $\Sigma$  is infinite  
(b) The set of all languages on the alphabet  $\Sigma$  is countable  
(c) The set of all languages on the alphabet  $\Sigma$  is uncountable  
(d) None of the above
22. Which of the following is true?
- (a)  $[0, 1]$  and the unit circle  $S^1$  are homeomorphic (b)  $[0, 1]$  and  $(0, 1)$  are homeomorphic  
(c)  $[0, 1]$  and  $[0, 1)$  are homeomorphic (d) None of these
23. Which of the following topology on  $\mathbb{R}$  is not first countable?
- (a) Discrete topology (b) Usual topology  
(c) Cofinite topology (d) None of these
24. The value of the integral  $\int_C \frac{1}{1+z^2} dz$  where  $C$  is the ellipse  $x^2 + 4y^2 = 1$
- (a)  $2\pi$  (b) 0 (c)  $\pi$  (d) None of these
25. The number of solutions of the equations  $e^z = 1 + 2z$  that satisfy  $|z| = 1$  is
- (a) 1 (b) 0 (c)  $\infty$  (d) None of these

### PART - B

Answer any **ten** questions. Each question carries **5** marks

1. Prove that the set of sequences of positive integers is uncountable.
2. If  $A$  is any set, prove that there exists no bijection between  $A$  and the power set of  $A$ .
3. Give an example of an infinite group which is
  - (i) not abelian
  - (ii) abelian but not cyclic.
 Justify your claim.
4. Does the subring  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$  produce a factor ring of  $(\mathbb{Q}, +, \cdot)$ ? Why?

5. Prove or disprove: for any positive integer  $n$ , there exists a field extension  $F \leq E$ , for which the Galois group is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ .
6. Let  $T$  be the linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^2$  defined by  $T(x_1, x_2) = (x_1 - x_2, 2x_1 + 2x_2)$ . Find all subspaces of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  which are invariant under  $T$ .
7. Define the transpose of a linear transformation from a vector space into a finite dimensional vector space. What is the reason for which it is called the transpose? Justify your claim.
8. Is the matrix  $\begin{pmatrix} 2 & 1 \\ 1 & 2 \end{pmatrix}$  invertible modulo 13? Why? If yes, find the inverse modulo 13.
9. Prove that no prime  $p \equiv 3(\text{mod } 4)$  can be written as a sum of two squares.
10. Find the fractional linear transformation mapping  $-1$  to  $0$ ,  $\infty$  to  $1$  and  $i$  to  $\infty$
11. If  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  is any sequence of nonnegative integers whose sum is even, show that there exists a graph with  $(d_1, d_2, \dots, d_n)$  as its degree sequence.
12. Let  $X$  be a poset with a smallest element  $0$  and a largest element  $1$ , such that any nonempty subset of  $X$  has a supremum. Prove that  $X$  is a complete lattice.
13. Find the general solution for the differential equation  $y'' + 4y = 0$ . (Your answer should contain a recurrence relation for the power series coefficients.)
14. Find the solution of the Cauchy problem:  $3u_x - 4u_y = 0$  with  $u(x, x) = x^2$ .
15. Suppose  $X$  is a metric space and  $A \subseteq X$  is closed and bounded. Is  $A$  necessarily compact? Justify