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**ST. JOSEPH'S COLLEGE (AUTONOMOUS), BANGALORE-27**  
**M.Sc. MATHEMATICS - IV SEMESTER**  
**SEMESTER EXAMINATION: APRIL 2018**  
**MT-0416 – THEORY OF NUMBERS**

**Time- 2 ½ hrs.**

**Max Marks-70**

**This paper contains 2 printed pages.**

**Answer any seven questions.**

**(7x10=70)**

1. Verify these for Euler's totient function,

a)  $\phi(p^\alpha) = p^\alpha - p^{\alpha-1}$  for prime  $p$  and  $\alpha \geq 1$ .

b)  $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)\left(\frac{d}{\phi(d)}\right)$ , where  $d = (m, n)$ .

c)  $\phi(mn) = \phi(m)\phi(n)$  if  $(m, n) = 1$ .

d)  $a \mid b$  implies  $\phi(a) \mid \phi(b)$ .

e)  $\phi(n)$  is even for  $n \geq 3$ . Moreover, if  $n$  has  $r$  distinct odd prime factors, then  $2^r \mid \phi(n)$ .

(10)

2. If  $n \geq 1$ , then prove the following,

a)  $\log n = \sum_{d|n} \Lambda(d)$

b)  $\sum_{d|n} \lambda(d) = \begin{cases} 1, & \text{if } n \text{ is a square} \\ 0, & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$  also  $\lambda^{-1}(n) = |\mu(n)|$  for all  $n$ . (5+5)

3. State and prove Lagrange's Theorem. (10)

4. Solve for  $x$  in  $x \equiv 1 \pmod{3}, x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}, x \equiv 6 \pmod{7}, x \equiv 8 \pmod{11}$  (10)

5. a) State and prove Euler's criterion. (10)

b) Legendre's symbol is a completely multiplicative function. (7+3)

6. State and prove Gauss's lemma. (10)

7. Let  $p$  be an odd prime and let  $d$  be any positive divisors of  $p - 1$ . Then in every reduced residue system mod  $p$  there are exactly  $\phi(d)$  numbers  $a$  such that  $\exp_p(a) = d$ . In particular, when  $d = \phi(p) = p - 1$  there are exactly  $\phi(p - 1)$  primitive roots mod  $p$  (10)
8. State and prove Euler's pentagon-number theorem. (10)
9. Determine the upper bound for  $p(n)$ . (10)
10. State and prove Jacobi's triple product identity. (10)