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RESIT EXAMINATION, 2018/2019

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**BASS, B.Ed (Sec.), B.Sc.**

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**Title of Paper** : Foundations of Mathematics

**Course Number** : MAT231/M231

**Time Allowed** : Three (3) Hours

**Instructions**

1. This paper consists of SEVEN (7) questions in TWO sections.
2. Section A is **COMPULSORY** and is worth 40%. Answer ALL questions in this section.
3. Section B consists of FIVE questions, each worth 20%. Answer ANY THREE (3) questions in this section.
4. Show all your working.
5. Start each new major question (A1, A2, B2, ..., B6) on a new page and clearly indicate the question number at the top of the page.
6. You can answer questions in any order.

**Special Requirements: NONE**

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**SECTION A [40 Marks]: ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS**
**QUESTION A1 [20 Marks]**

(a) Determine whether or not the given sentence is a proposition. If it is a proposition, give its truth value. (6)

i.  $\exists x \in \mathbb{R}, x^2 - 2x + 1 > 0$ .

iii. Mbabane is a city in Eswatini.

ii. Are you at home now?

iv.  $x$  is a real number.

(b) Give clear definitions of each of the following

i. An *equivalence relation* on a set  $A$ ? (4)

ii. An *injective function* from a set  $A$  into a set  $B$ . (2)

iii. A *surjective function* from a set  $A$  into a set  $B$ . (2)

(c) Write down (i.) the inverse, (ii.) the converse, and (iii.) the contrapositive of the following statement.

$$\neg(p \vee q) \rightarrow r.$$

(6)

**QUESTION A2 [20 Marks]**

(a) Let  $\mathbb{R}^+$  be the set of positive real numbers. True or False? (Explain your answer). (3)

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}^+, x > \frac{1}{x}.$$

(b) Write down the negation of the proposition

$$\forall x \in \mathbb{R}, \text{if } x(x+1) > 0, \text{ then } x > 0 \text{ or } x > -1.$$

(5)

(c) Use a truth table to determine whether or not the following argument is valid. (6)

$$\begin{array}{l} p \rightarrow q \\ q \rightarrow r \\ \hline \therefore p \rightarrow r \end{array}$$

(d) Without using truth tables, show that  $\neg p \vee (p \wedge q) \equiv p \rightarrow q$ . (6)

**SECTION B: ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS****QUESTION B3 [20 Marks]**

- (a) Prove: For all integers  $n$ , if  $n$  is odd, then  $n^2$  is odd. (4)
- (b) Prove: For an integer  $n$ , if  $n^3 + 5$  is odd, then  $n$  is even. (5)
- (c) Prove: If  $n$  is an odd integer, then there exists an integer  $m$  such that  $n^2 = 8m + 1$ . (7)
- (d) Let  $a, b, c \in \mathbb{Z}, a \neq 0, b \neq 0$ . Prove: If  $a \mid b$  and  $a \mid c$ , then  $a \mid (b + c)$ . (4)

**QUESTION B4 [20 Marks]**

- (a) i. Define a *partition* of a set  $A$ . (2)
- ii. Let  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}, A_1 = \{1\}, A_2 = \{2, 3\}, A_3 = \{4, 5\}$ . Does  $\{A_1, A_2, A_3\}$  form a partition of  $A$ ? (2)
- (b) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be sets in a universal set  $U$ . Prove
- i. If  $A \subseteq B$ , then  $A \cup B = B$ . (5)
- ii.  $(A \setminus B) \cap B = \emptyset$ . (5)
- ii.  $(A \cap B)^c = A^c \cup B^c$ . (6)

**QUESTION B5 [20 Marks]**

- (a) Use mathematical induction to prove that  $2^{3n} - 1$  is divisible by 7 for all integers  $n \geq 1$ . (7)
- (b) Use strong induction to prove: Any integer  $n > 1$  is either a prime number or can be written as a product of prime numbers. (7)
- (c) Find a solution to the sequence recursively defined by

$$a_1 = 1, a_2 = 2, \quad a_n = 2a_{n-1} + 3a_{n-2}, \quad n \geq 3.$$

(6)

