



**MATHEMATICS  
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PAPER 3 – DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**

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1 hour

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**INSTRUCTIONS TO CANDIDATES**

- Do not open this examination paper until instructed to do so.
- Answer all the questions.
- Unless otherwise stated in the question, all numerical answers must be given exactly or correct to three significant figures.

Please start each question on a new page. Full marks are not necessarily awarded for a correct answer with no working. Answers must be supported by working and/or explanations. In particular, solutions found from a graphic display calculator should be supported by suitable working, e.g. if graphs are used to find a solution, you should sketch these as part of your answer. Where an answer is incorrect, some marks may be given for a correct method, provided this is shown by written working. You are therefore advised to show all working.

1. [Maximum mark: 14]

- (a) (i) One version of Fermat’s little theorem states that, under certain conditions,

$$a^{p-1} \equiv 1 \pmod{p}.$$

Show that this result is not valid when  $a = 4$ ,  $p = 9$  and state which condition is not satisfied.

- (ii) Given that  $5^{64} \equiv n \pmod{7}$ , where  $0 \leq n \leq 6$ , find the value of  $n$ . [8 marks]

- (b) Find the general solution to the simultaneous congruences

$$\begin{aligned} x &\equiv 3 \pmod{4} \\ 3x &\equiv 2 \pmod{5}. \end{aligned} \quad [6 \text{ marks}]$$

2. [Maximum mark: 9]

A graph  $G$  with vertices A, B, C, D, E has the following cost adjacency matrix.

	A	B	C	D	E
A	–	12	10	17	19
B	12	–	13	20	11
C	10	13	–	16	14
D	17	20	16	–	15
E	19	11	14	15	–

- (a) (i) Use Kruskal’s algorithm to find and draw the minimum spanning tree for  $G$ .
- (ii) The graph  $H$  is formed from  $G$  by removing the vertex D and all the edges connected to D. Draw the minimum spanning tree for  $H$  and use it to find a lower bound for the travelling salesman problem for  $G$ . [7 marks]
- (b) Show that 80 is an upper bound for this travelling salesman problem. [2 marks]

**3.** [Maximum mark: 12]

The positive integer  $N$  is expressed in base 9 as  $(a_n a_{n-1} \dots a_0)_9$ .

- (a) Show that  $N$  is divisible by 3 if the least significant digit,  $a_0$ , is divisible by 3. [3 marks]
- (b) Show that  $N$  is divisible by 2 if the sum of its digits is even. [3 marks]
- (c) Without using a conversion to base 10, determine whether or not  $(464860583)_9$  is divisible by 12. [6 marks]

**4.** [Maximum mark: 18]

- (a) Show that, for a connected planar graph,

$$v + f - e = 2. \quad [7 \text{ marks}]$$

- (b) Assuming that  $v \geq 3$ , explain why, for a simple connected planar graph,  $3f \leq 2e$  and hence deduce that  $e \leq 3v - 6$ . [4 marks]
- (c) The graph  $G$  and its complement  $G'$  are simple connected graphs, each having 12 vertices. Show that  $G$  and  $G'$  cannot both be planar. [7 marks]

**5.** [Maximum mark: 7]

Given that  $a, b, c, d \in \mathbb{Z}$ , show that

$$(a-b)(a-c)(a-d)(b-c)(b-d)(c-d) \equiv 0 \pmod{3}.$$

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