

2019

(January)

Time : 3 hours

Full Marks : 80

Answer from both the Sections as directed

The figures in the right-hand margin indicate marks

*Candidates are required to answer in their own words
as far as practicable*

(NUMBER THEORETIC CRYPTOGRAPHY - I)

SECTION – A

- 1. Answer any *four* of the following :** **4 × 4**
- (a)** Using the big-O notation, estimate in terms of a simple function of n the number of bit operations required to compute 3^n in binary.
 - (b)** Let n be a positive odd integer. Prove that there is a 1 to 1 correspondence between the divisors of n which are $< \sqrt{n}$ and those that are $> \sqrt{n}$.

(2)

(c) Find the inverse of

$$A = \begin{pmatrix} 2 & 3 \\ 7 & 8 \end{pmatrix} \in M_2(z/26z)$$

(d) Find $\left(\frac{91}{167}\right)$ using quadratic reciprocity.

(e) Find all solutions $\begin{pmatrix} x \\ y \end{pmatrix}$ modulo N , writing x and y as non-negative integers less than N .

$$x + 4y \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

$$5x + 7y \equiv 1 \pmod{9}$$

Or

2. Answer all questions : 2 × 8

(a) Multiply $(212)_3$ by $(212)_3$.

(b) If a is not divisible by p and if $n \equiv m \pmod{p-1}$, then $a^n \equiv a^m \pmod{p}$.

(c) Prove that $\left(\frac{-2}{p}\right) = 1$ if $p \equiv 1$ or $3 \pmod{8}$.

(d) What is deciphering ?

(3)

(e) Working in the 26-letter alphabet, use the matrix A in ex-1 to encipher the message unit "NO".

(f) What is RSA ?

(g) What do you mean by cryptography ?

(h) What is Legendre symbol ?

SECTION – B

Answer all questions : 16 × 4

3. (a) (i) Describe a subtraction-type bit operation in the same way as was done for an addition-type bit operation in the text.
- (ii) Find a 3-digit (decimal) number which leaves a remainder of 4 when divided by 7, 9 or 11.

Or

(b) State and prove Fermat's little theorem.

4. (a) (i) Prove that there exists a sequence of primes p such that the probability that a

random $g \in F^*$ is a generator approaches zero.

(ii) Prove that

$$(a+b)^p = a^p + b^p$$

in any field of characteristic p .

Or

(b) Prove that

$$G^2 = (-1)^{(q-1)/2} q.$$

5. (a) (i) How many different shift transformations are there with an N -letter alphabet?
- (ii) Find a formula for the number of different affine enciphering transformations there are with an N -letter alphabet.
- (iii) How many affine transformations are there when $N = 26, 27, 29, 30$?

Or

- (b) Prove that if a non-invertible $A \in M_2(\mathbb{Z}/N\mathbb{Z})$ is used to encipher digraph vectors by means

of the formula $C = AP$, then every cipher text one sends can be deciphered as coming from at least two different possible plain texts.

6. (a) Let n be any square free integer (i.e. product of distinct primes). Let d and e be positive integers such that $de-1$ is divisible by $p-1$ for every prime divisor p of n . Prove that $a^{de} \equiv a \pmod{n}$ for any integer ' a '.

Or

- (b) Explain the following :
- (i) Public key cryptography
- (ii) Key exchange
- (iii) Probabilistic encryption.