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Instructions: All questions are compulsory

Q.1 Answer Briefly any seven of the following (Out of ten) 14

1. Define Pythagorean triplet with an example.
2. Find an integer $n > 1$, such that $n^2 + (n+1)^2$ is a perfect square.
3. Find the value of $\langle 2, 2, \dots, 2, \dots \rangle$.
4. Define Pell's equations with an example.
5. Find continued fraction expansion for $253/51$.
6. Write any two Primitive Pythagorean triplets (x, y, z) , where $z > 100$.
7. If n is a smallest positive integer such that $2/27$ appears in the n^{th} - row of Farey fraction then $n = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$.
8. Define Periodic Continued Fraction.
9. Find the general solution of the Diophantine equation $3x + 15y = 8$. (if exist).
10. Define Quadratic irrational.

Q.2 Answer the following (Any Two) 14

1. Prove that, there is a polynomial $f_n(x)$ of degree n with leading coefficient 1 such that $f_n(2 \cos \theta) = 2 \cos n\theta$, $\forall n \in \mathbb{N}$.
2. Let $\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_n, \dots \rangle$ be the infinite simple continued fraction. Let h_n, k_n to be define in standard notation and $\theta > 1$ be any real number. Prove that, $\langle a_0, a_1, \dots, a_{n-1}, \theta \rangle = \frac{\theta h_{n-1} + h_{n-2}}{\theta k_{n-1} + k_{n-2}}$.
3. Prove that, π is irrational number.

Q.3 Answer the following 14

1. Let x be a real number and $x > 1$. If $x + x^{-1} < \sqrt{5}$, then prove that, $x < \frac{\sqrt{5}+1}{2}$ and $x^{-1} > \frac{\sqrt{5}-1}{2}$.
2. Let p and q are two positive real numbers. Suppose $\sigma < \sqrt{p}$ and (s, t) is a positive solution of $x^2 - py^2 = \sigma$ with $(s, t) = 1$. Prove that, $s = h_n$ and $t = k_n$, for some n .

OR

Answer the following

1 Prove that, the equation $15x^2 - 7y^2 = 9$, does not have any integer solution.

2 State and prove, Hurwitz Inequality for Farey Fraction.

Q.4 Answer the following questions (Any Two)

1 Find the solution of the equation $x^2 - 18y^2 = 1$ as well as $x^2 - 18y^2 = -1$, if exist.

2 Let r and s be two positive integers such that (i) $r > s \geq 1$. (ii) $\gcd(r, s) = 1$. (iii) r is odd, s is even.

OR r is even, s is odd then for $x = r^2 - s^2$, $y = 2rs$ and $z = r^2 + s^2$. Prove that, (x, y, z) is primitive

Pythagorean triplet.

Q.5 Answer the following (Any Two)

Let $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ be a polynomial with integer coefficients of degree n .

Suppose $\frac{a}{b}$ is a rational number with $b > 0$ and $(a, b) = 1$ such that $f\left(\frac{a}{b}\right) = 0$. Prove that, b divides

a_n as well as a divides a_0 .

Let θ be an irrational and $\frac{a}{b}$ is a rational number with $b > 0$, $(a, b) = 1$ and $\left|\theta - \frac{a}{b}\right| < \frac{1}{2b^2}$. Prove that $\frac{a}{b} = \frac{h}{k_n}$, for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

Find the values of $\langle 7, 4, 8, 4, 8, \dots \rangle$ and $\langle 3, 3, 3, \dots \rangle$.

Define, Diophantine equation. Find the general solution of Diophantine equation $147x + 258y = 369$.