



**MATHEMATICS
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PAPER 3 – DISCRETE MATHEMATICS**

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1 hour

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

$$x \equiv 3 \pmod{4}$$

$$3x \equiv 2 \pmod{5} .$$

[6 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

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