

**Basic Mathematics**  
**Examination**

**Time allowed: 2 hours**

**Section A: Objective Section (30 points)**

1. Which of the following statement is incorrect? (1 Point)
  - a) Set is a well-defined collection of objects.
  - b) The set of real numbers is not the largest set of numbers.
  - c) The root of a negative 4 is a math error.
  - d) Irrational numbers have been mentioned in the bible.
2. Which of the following statement not false?(1 Point)
  - a) Irrational numbers have recurring decimal.
  - b) Integers are rational numbers.
  - c) The real number system is not closed.
  - d) Irrational numbers are closed under multiplication.
3. Which statement is incorrect?(1 Point)
  - a) Integers are the positive whole numbers.
  - b) Cardinality of the set is the number of elements of a set.
  - c) The power set is the set of all subsets of a set.
  - d) The empty set is a subset of say set A
4. Which statement (s) best describe  $|x|$  where x is a set (1 Point)
  - a) The order of X
  - b) The absolute value of x
  - c) The distance from the origin to point x.
  - d) the determine of matrix X.
5. Assume one has three interrelated sets A, B, and C. Is the statement: *Members of set A and members of set A only are strictly the same?*(1 Point)
  - a) Correct
  - b) Somehow correct
  - c) Incorrect
  - d) Somehow incorrect
6. Which of the following statement is incorrect? (1 Point)
  - a) Quadratic equations are polynomials of degree two.
  - b) Quadratic equations have at most two roots.
  - c) Quadratic functions have at least one turning point.
  - d) The constant term in a quadratic equation can assume any value.
7. Identify the correct statement below. (1 Point)
  - a) The root of negative 7 does not exist.
  - b) The imaginary number i is a complex number.
  - c) The roots of a quadratic equation are always real numbers.

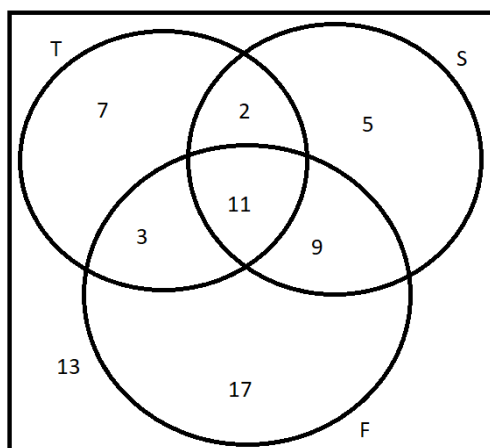
- d) The coefficient of the first term of the quadratic equation can assume any value.
8. Identify the incorrect statement. (1 Point)
- A series is the sum of the terms of a sequence.
  - A sequence is an ordered arrangement of elements.
  - The sum to infinity of an arithmetic progression is infinity.
  - The sum to infinity of a geometric progression is infinity.
9. Three of the definitions are correct except.(1 Point)
- A geometric progression proceeds with a common ratio
  - A finite series is the sum of finite sequence.
  - The sum to infinity of  $0.2+0.02+0.002+\dots$  is infinity.
  - Fibonacci sequences can be found in nature.
10. The following statements are true except (1Point)
- The probability of an event occurring ranges from 0 to 1 inclusive.
  - A spin of a coin is a trial.
  - The probability theory provides mathematical rules for assigning probabilities to outcomes of random experiments.
  - A fair coin has more than two possible outcomes
11. Which statement is false? (1 Point)
- Measures of central tendency include mean, mode etc.
  - Measures of variation include variance and standard deviation.
  - Mean can be used to determine some measures of variation.
  - Mean and mode can be determined graphically e.g. by use of a histogram.
12. State without proof the De Morgan's laws of set (2 Points)
13. Differentiate between absolute complement and relative complement (2 Points)
14. Differentiate between a series and a sequence. Illustrate with a relevant example in each case. (4 Points)
15. Define the following terms: (5 Points)
- Median
  - Arithmetic series
  - Absolute value of a real number  $x$
  - Discrete probability space
  - A linear equation
16. The ages of boys in a certain class were recorded as follows: 18yrs – 2 boys; 19 years – 8 boys; 20 years – 11 boys; 21 years – 5 boys and 22 years – 2 boys. What is the probability of selecting a boy who is either 19 years or 21 years old? (2 Points)
17. Determine the roots of  $3x^2 - 8x - 11 = 0$  (2 Points)
18. Solve for  $x$  in the following:  $2|2x-5| > 12$  (2 Points)

**Section B: Subjective Section (30 points)**

- 1) Determine a quadratic equation whose roots are  $3i$  and  $2 - i$  (2 Points)
- 2) Determine the probability of getting a head and an odd number when a fair coin is tossed, and a die rolled once. (2 Points)
- 3) Two fair dice are tossed.
  - (i) Draw a contingency table for the total possible outcomes (1 Point)
  - (ii) Find the probability of two number showing up whose product is a factor of 36 (2 Points)
- 4) Show that  $1 + \frac{1}{2} + \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{8} + \dots = 2$  (2 Points)
- 5) The following table represents the number of masks sold to motorists by some hawkers along Thika road.

No. of masks	10 - 14	15 - 19	20 - 24	25 - 29	30 - 34	35 - 39	40 - 44	45 - 49	50 - 54
No. of Hawkers	4	5	7	18	28	16	11	8	3

- (i) Calculate the mean number of masks sold (2 Points)
  - (ii) Estimate the median mask (2 Points)
  - (iii) Calculate the standard deviation (3 Points)
- 6) The first and the last term of a GP are 3 and 729 respectively and the sum of all terms is 1092. Find the common ratio and the number of terms. (3 Points)
- 7) Apply the Cramer's rule to solve the linear system (show your working): (4 Points)
 
$$\begin{aligned} 3x + 2y - z &= 12 \\ 5x + 2z &= 17 \\ x - y + 7z &= 8 \end{aligned}$$
- 8) Study the Venn diagram below that represent the number of people in a party who consumed certain beverages i.e. Tea T, Soda S, Fresh juice F, and others. Use the information to attempt the following questions (Do not draw the Venn diagram).



Supposed 5 people did not honor the invitation to attend the party, find how many people were invited. (1 Point)

- (i) How many people drunk all the drinks i.e. tea, soda, and fresh juice (1 Point)
- (ii) How many people took at least one of the three drinks i.e. tea, soda, and fresh juice (1 Point)

- (iii) How many took exactly one of the drinks i.e. tea, soda, and fresh juice (1 Point)
- (iv)  $n(T \cup S), |(F \cap S) \cap T^c|$  (2 Points)
- (v) How many took both fresh juice and tea but not soda (1 Point)