



Duration : Two and Half Hours

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Time: 9.30a.m.-12.00noon

Answer Four Questions Only.

01. (a) Show that $\sqrt{3}$ is an irrational number.

(b) Let X and Y be non-empty subsets of \mathbb{R} such that $X \subseteq Y$.

Show that $\inf Y \leq \inf X \leq \sup X \leq \sup Y$.

(c) Find each of the following:

$$(i) \bigcap_{n=1}^{\infty} \left(1 - \frac{1}{n}, 1 + \frac{1}{n} \right)$$

$$(ii) \sup \{ x \in \mathbb{Q} : \sqrt{3} < x < \sqrt{3} \}$$

$$(iii) \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \left(\frac{\sin n}{n} \right)$$

$$(iv) \lim_{x \rightarrow 2^+} x - [x]$$

02. (a) Let $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of real numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = x$. Show that

(i) if $x_n \geq a, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $x \geq a$.

(ii) if $x_n \leq b, \forall n \in \mathbb{N}$, then $x \leq b$.

(b) Let $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}, \{y_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ and $\{z_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be sequences of real numbers such that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = l = \lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} y_n$ and $x_n \leq z_n \leq y_n$ for $n \in \mathbb{N}$. Show that $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} z_n = l$. Show that

$$\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} a^{1/n} = 1 \text{ for } a > 0.$$

03. (a) Show that a monotone sequence is convergent if and only if it is bounded.

(b) Let $b > a > 0$. Show that the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ given by

$$x_1 = a$$

$$x_{n+1} = \sqrt{\frac{ab^2 + x_n^2}{a+1}} \text{ for } n \in \mathbb{N}$$

is convergent and $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = b$.

04. (a) Show that every convergent sequence is Cauchy.

Show that the sequence $\left\{1 + \frac{1}{2!} + \frac{1}{3!} + \dots + \frac{1}{n!}\right\}$ is Cauchy.

(b) Find the limit inferior and limit superior of each of the following sequences:

(i) $\left\{(-1)^n\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

(ii) $\left\{n^2 + (-1)^n n\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

(iii) $\left\{n(\sin n)^2\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

(iv) $\left\{\left(-\frac{1}{n}\right)^n\right\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$

05. (a) In each of the following, give an example that shows that the statement is false.

(i) If $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ converges and $x_n > M$ for all n , then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n > M$.

(ii) Every convergent sequence is monotone.

(iii) The sum of two monotone sequences is monotone.

(b) Test for the convergence of each of the following series:

(i) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt{n+1} - \sqrt{n})$

(ii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} (\sqrt[3]{n^3+1} - n)$

(iii) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{3^n + x}$, $x > 0$

(iv) $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^n}$

06. (a) Show that $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} x_n$ is convergent, then $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} x_n = 0$.

Is the converse true? Justify your answer.

(b) Let $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ be a sequence of real numbers and let $y_n = x_n - x_{n+1}$, $n \in \mathbb{N}$.

(i) Prove that the series $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$ is convergent if and only if the sequence $\{x_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is convergent.

(ii) If $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} y_n$ converges, what is the sum?