

All questions may be attempted but only marks obtained on the best **four** solutions will count.

The use of an electronic calculator is permitted in this examination.

1. (a) Define the Euler totient function  $\varphi$ .
- (b) Prove that for any prime  $p$  and any positive integer  $a$ , we have

$$\varphi(p^a) = (p-1)p^{a-1}.$$

- (c) Factorize 2013 into primes and hence calculate  $\varphi(2013)$ .
  - (d) Calculate  $5^{12121203}$  modulo 2013 by any method you choose. (Express your answer as an integer between 0 and 2012.)
  - (e) Solve the congruence  $x^{343} \equiv 2 \pmod{2013}$ . (Express your answer as an integer between 0 and 2012.)
2. (a) Let  $p$  be a prime number. Explain what is meant by a *primitive root modulo*  $p$ .
  - (b) Describe a method for finding a primitive root modulo  $p$ .
  - (c) Using your method, find a primitive root modulo 41.
  - (d) Calculate the Teichmüller lift  $T(2)$  of 2 modulo  $5^3$ .
  - (e) Decompose the element  $33 \in (\mathbb{Z}/5^3)^\times$  in the form

$$33 \equiv T(x) \cdot \exp(5y) \pmod{5^3},$$

where  $x \in \mathbb{F}_5^\times$  and  $y \in \mathbb{Z}/25$ .

3. (a) Define the quadratic residue symbol  $\left(\frac{a}{p}\right)$ .
- (b) State and prove Euler's criterion.
- (c) Calculate the quadratic residue symbol  $\left(\frac{124}{199}\right)$ , showing your working.
- (d) Which of the following congruences have solutions? Justify your answers.
  - (i)  $x^2 \equiv 124 \pmod{199^{300}}$ ,
  - (ii)  $x^2 \equiv 124 \pmod{4 \times 199}$ ,
  - (iii)  $x^2 \equiv 124 \pmod{16 \times 199}$ .

4. (a) State and prove Hensel's Lemma.  
(b) Find a solution to the congruence

$$x^3 + 2x^2 + x - 1 \equiv 0 \pmod{81}.$$

Write your answer as an integer between 0 and 80.

5. (a) Define the valuation  $v_p$ , where  $p$  is a prime number.  
(b) Write down a criterion for a series  $\sum_{m=1}^{\infty} a_m$  of numbers  $a_m \in \mathbb{Z}_{(p)}$  to converge  $p$ -adically.  
(c) Assuming that  $p$  is an odd prime, show that the binomial series expansion of  $\sqrt[4]{1+px}$  converges modulo  $p^n$  for all integers  $x$ . (You may assume without proof that  $v_p(n!) \leq \frac{n}{p-1}$ ).  
(d) Using the binomial expansion in (c), find a solution to the congruence

$$x^4 \equiv 6 \pmod{125}.$$

Write  $x$  as an integer between 0 and 124.

6. (a) Using Euclid's algorithm in  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ , show that  $18 + 3i$  and  $5 + 4i$  are coprime and find Gaussian integers  $h, k$  such that

$$(18 + 3i)h + (5 + 4i)k = 1.$$

- (b) State and prove the decomposition law for Gaussian integers.  
(c) Factorize 37 and 41 into Gaussian primes.  
(d) Hence write the number 3034 as a sum of two squares.