

M. Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2017  
BRANCH I - MATHEMATICS  
THIRD SEMESTER

COURSE : CORE  
PAPER : TOPOLOGY  
TIME : 3 HOURS

MAX. MARKS : 100

SECTION – A

ANSWER ALL THE QUESTIONS:

(5 x 2 = 10)

1. Define subspace topology.
2. Define components of a space.
3. Define compact space.
4. When is a space said to be normal?
5. State Tychonoff theorem.

SECTION – B

ANSWER ANY FIVE QUESTIONS:

(5 x 6 = 30)

6. Show that the topologies of  $\mathbb{R}_\ell$  and  $\mathbb{R}_k$  are strictly finer than the standard topology on  $\mathbb{R}$ , but are not comparable with one another.
7. If the sets C and D form a separation of X and if Y is a connected subspace of X, then prove that Y lies entirely with C or D.
8. Show that the image of a compact space under a continuous map is compact.
9. If X has a countable basis then prove the following
  - a) every open covering of X contains a countable subcollection covering X.
  - b) there exist a countable subset of X that is dense in X.
10. If  $f : A \rightarrow \prod_{\alpha \in J} X_\alpha$  given by the equation  $f(a) = (f_\alpha(a))_{\alpha \in J}$  where  $f_\alpha : A \rightarrow X_\alpha$  for each  $\alpha$ . Let  $\prod X_\alpha$  have the product topology. Then show that the function f is continuous if and only if for each function  $f_\alpha$  is continuous.
11. Prove that  $\bar{A} = A \cup A'$  where A is a subset of the topological space X and A' is the set of all limit points of A.
12. Show that a space X is locally connected if and only if for every open set U of X each component of U is open in X.

## SECTION – C

ANSWER ANY THREE QUESTIONS:

(3 x 20 = 60)

13. a) Show that the collection  $D = \{B \times C / B \in \mathfrak{B}, C \in \mathcal{C}\}$  is a basis for the topology on  $X \times Y$  where  $\mathfrak{B}$  is a basis for the topology on  $X$  and  $\mathcal{C}$  is a basis for the topology on  $Y$ .
- b) Prove that  $x \in \bar{A}$  if and only if every basis element  $B$  containing  $x$  intersects  $A$  where  $A$  is a subset of a topological space  $X$ .
14. a) Show that intervals are connected in the order topology.
- b) Show that the topologist *sine* curve is connected but not locally connected.
15. a) Prove that every closed subspace of a compact space is compact.
- b) State and prove the Lebesgue number lemma.
16. State and prove Urysohn metrization theorem.
17. a) If  $X$  and  $Y$  are topological spaces and if  $f: X \rightarrow Y$  then show that the following statements are equivalent,
- (i)  $f$  is continuous.
  - (ii) for every subset  $A$  of  $X$ , one has  $f(\bar{A}) \subset \overline{f(A)}$ .
  - (iii) for every closed set  $B$  in  $Y$  the set  $f^{-1}(B)$  is closed in  $X$ .
- b) State and prove the pasting lemma.

