

M.Sc. Sem.-4 (Rep) Examination

508 - Mathematics

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Time : 2-30 Hours]

[Max. Marks : 70

1. (A) Let R be a commutative ring with unity and let A be an ideal of R . Show that R/A is an integral domain if and only if A is prime. 7
- (B) If n is an integer greater than 1, show that $\langle n \rangle = n\mathbb{Z}$ is a prime ideal of \mathbb{Z} if and only if n is prime. 7

OR

1. (A) State and prove first isomorphism theorem for rings. 7
- (B) Let R be a commutative ring with unity. Suppose that the only ideals of ring R are $\{0\}$ and R . Show that R is a field. Does the converse hold? Explain. 7
2. (A) Let F be a field and let $p(x) \in F[x]$. Prove that $\langle p(x) \rangle$ is a maximal ideal in $F[x]$ if and only if $p(x)$ is irreducible over F . 7
- (B) State (without proof) mod p irreducibility test. Discuss the irreducibility of the polynomial $f(x) = x^5 + 2x + 4$ over \mathbb{Q} . 7

OR

2. (A) In a principal ideal domain, prove that an element is an irreducible if and only if it is prime. 7
- (B) Define Euclidean domain.
Show that the ring of Gaussian integers $\mathbb{Z}[i] = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a Euclidean domain. 7
3. (A) Define splitting field of a polynomial $f(x)$ over a field F .
Find the splitting field E of $x^4 + x^2 + 1$ over \mathbb{Q} . Find the degree $[E : \mathbb{Q}]$. 7
- (B) Let F be a field and let $f(x)$ be a nonconstant polynomial in $F[x]$. Prove that there is an extension field E of F in which $f(x)$ has a zero. 7

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3. (A) If K is an algebraic extension of E and E is an algebraic extension of F , prove that K is an algebraic extension of F . 7
- (B) Draw the subfield lattices of $\text{GF}(3^{18})$ and $\text{GF}(2^{30})$. 7
4. (A) Let $E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$. Find the Galois group $\text{Gal}(E/\mathbb{Q})$. Discuss the lattice of subgroups of $\text{Gal}(E/\mathbb{Q})$ and the lattice of subfields of E . 7
- (B) Is the polynomial $g(x) = 3x^5 - 15x + 5$ solvable by radicals over \mathbb{Q} ? Explain. 7

OR

4. (A) Define cyclotomic polynomial $\Phi_n(x)$. Find $\Phi_n(x)$, for $n = 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6$. 7
- (B) Determine the Galois group of $x^3 - 2$ over \mathbb{Q} . 7
5. **Attempt any seven of the following.** 14
- (1) Consider the ring \mathbb{Z}_{10} and its subring $S = \{0, 2, 4, 6, 8\}$. Which of the following statements are true?
- (A) \mathbb{Z}_{10} and S have different unity.
(B) \mathbb{Z}_{10} and S have the same unity.
(C) \mathbb{Z}_{10} has zero-divisors but S has no zero-divisors.
(D) S is a field under addition and multiplication modulo 10.
- (2) The number of zero-divisors of the ring \mathbb{Z}_{14} is
- (A) 2 (B) 6 (C) 7 (D) 8
- (3) Which of the following integers are units in the ring \mathbb{Z}_{15} ?
- (A) 1 (B) 4 (C) 8 (D) 9
- (4) The number of zeros of the polynomial $x^2 + 3x + 2$ in the ring \mathbb{Z}_6 is
- (A) 2 (B) 3 (C) 4 (D) 5
- (5) Consider the polynomials $f(x) = x^2 + x + 4$ and $g(x) = x^2 + 2x + 3$. Then
- (A) $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ both are reducible over \mathbb{Z}_5 .
(B) $f(x)$ and $g(x)$ both are irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_5 .
(C) $f(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_5 but $g(x)$ is reducible over \mathbb{Z}_5 .
(D) $f(x)$ is reducible over \mathbb{Z}_5 but $g(x)$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Z}_5 .

- (6) In $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$, $1 + 3\sqrt{-5}$ is
- (A) irreducible and prime. (C) prime but not irreducible
 (B) irreducible but not prime (D) neither irreducible nor prime.
- (7) The splitting field of the polynomial $x^4 - x^2 - 2$ over \mathbb{Q} is
- (A) $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i)$ (C) $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$
 (B) $\mathbb{Q}(i)$ (D) $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$
- (8) The minimal polynomial for $\sqrt{2} - \sqrt{3}$ over \mathbb{Q} is
- (A) $x^4 + 10x^2 + 1$ (C) $x^4 - 10x^2 + 1$
 (B) $x^4 - 10x^2 - 1$ (D) $x^4 - x^2 + 1$
- (9) $[GF(1024) : GF(32)] = \underline{\hspace{2cm}}$
- (A) 5 (B) 2 (C) 10 (D) 32
- (10) Which of the following is **not** a field?
- (A) $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$ (C) $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$
 (B) $\mathbb{Z}_2[x]/\langle x^2 + x + 1 \rangle$ (D) $\mathbb{Q}[x]/\langle x^2 + 1 \rangle$
- (11) The order of the Galois group of the field $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ over \mathbb{Q} is
- (A) 6 (B) 3 (C) 1 (D) 2
- (12) Let $\alpha = \cos(2\pi/15) + i \sin(2\pi/15)$. Then $\text{Gal}(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)/\mathbb{Q})$ is isomorphic to
- (A) \mathbb{Z}_8 (C) \mathbb{Z}_{15}
 (B) $\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$ (D) $\mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$