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I Semester M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. Degree (Reg./Sup./Imp.)  
 Examination, November 2014  
**MATHEMATICS**  
 (2013 & earlier Admn.)  
 Paper - I : Algebra - I



Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

PART - A

Answer any four questions. Each question carries 3 marks.

1. Find the order of (8, 4, 10) in the group  $Z_{12} \times Z_{60} \times Z_{24}$ .
2. Find all Sylow 3-subgroups of  $S_4$ .
3. Give a presentation of  $Z_6$  involving one generator; involving two generators.
4. Show by an example that a field  $F'$  of quotients of a proper subdomain  $D'$  of an integral domain  $D$  may also be a field of quotients of  $D$ .
5. Factorize  $x^4 + 4$  into a product of linear factors in  $Z_5[x]$ .
6. Is  $Q[x]/\langle x^2 - 6x + 6 \rangle$  a field? Why? (4x3=12)

PART - B

Answer any four questions without omitting any unit. Each question carries 12 marks.

Unit - I

7. a) Prove that the finite indecomposable abelian groups are exactly the cyclic groups with prime power order.
- b) If  $m$  divides the order of a finite abelian group, then prove that  $G$  has a subgroup of order  $m$ .
- c) Find all proper nontrivial subgroups of  $Z_2 \times Z_2$ .



8. a) Show that if  $H$  and  $N$  are subgroups of  $G$ , and  $N$  is normal in  $G$ , then  $H \cap N$  is normal in  $G$ . Also prove that  $HN/N$  is isomorphic to  $H/(H \cap N)$ .
- b) Let  $G$  be a finite group and let a prime  $p$  divides  $|G|$ . Prove that  $G$  has a subgroup of order  $p$ .
9. a) State and prove the first Sylow theorem.
- b) State (no proof) the third Sylow theorem. Show that no group of order 48 is simple.

### Unit – II

10. a) If  $G$  is a nonzero free abelian group with a basis of  $r$  elements, prove that  $G$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z} \times \dots \times \mathbb{Z}$  for  $r$  factors.
- b) Let  $G$  be a nonzero free abelian group of finite rank  $n$ , and let  $K$  be a nonzero subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that  $K$  is free abelian of rank  $s \leq n$ .
11. a) Determine all nonabelian groups of order 8 upto isomorphism.
- b) Let  $F$  be a field of quotients of an integral domain  $D$  and let  $L$  be any field containing  $D$ . Prove that there exists a map  $\psi: F \rightarrow L$  that gives an isomorphism of  $F$  with a subfield of  $L$  such that  $\psi(a) = a$  for  $a \in D$ .
12. a) Prove that the set  $R[x]$  of all polynomials in an indeterminate  $x$  with coefficients in a ring  $R$  is a ring under polynomial addition and multiplication.
- b) Define the evaluation homomorphism  $\phi_a$  for field theory and show that  $\phi_a$  is indeed a homomorphism.
- c) Let  $\phi_a: \mathbb{Z}_7[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_7$  be an evaluation homomorphism. Compute  $\phi_3(x^4 + 2x)(x^3 - 3x^2 + 3)$ .



### Unit – III

13. a) State (no proof) division algorithm for  $F[x]$ , where  $F$  is a field. Show that (i) an element  $a \in F$  is a zero of  $f(x)$  in  $F[x]$  if and only if  $x - a$  is a factor of  $f(x)$  in  $F[x]$ . (ii) a nonzero polynomial  $f(x)$  in  $F[x]$  of degree  $n$  can have at most  $n$  zero in  $F$ .
- b) Let  $f(x) \in F[x]$ , where  $F$  is a field and let  $f(x)$  be a polynomial of degree 2 or 3. Prove that  $f(x)$  is reducible over  $F$  if and only if it has a zero in  $F$ .
14. a) Let  $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$  be a ring homomorphism with Kernel  $H$ . Then the additive cosets of  $H$  form a ring  $R/H$  whose binary operations are defined by choosing representatives: sum defined by  $(a + H) + (b + H) = (a + b) + H$  and product defined by  $(a + H)(b + H) = ab + H$ . Also prove that the map  $\mu: R/H \rightarrow \phi[R]$  defined by  $\mu(a + H) = \phi(a)$  is an isomorphism.
- b) Define an ideal of a ring  $R$ . Prove that the intersection of any two ideals of a ring  $R$  is an ideal of  $R$ . Is it true that union of any two ideals of  $R$  is again an ideal of  $R$ ? Justify.
15. a) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity. Prove that  $M$  is a maximal ideal of  $R$  if and only if  $R/M$  is a field.
- b) Define a principal ideal in a commutative ring with unity. Prove that every ideal in  $F[x]$ , where  $F$  is a field is principal. Also describe the ideal  $\langle x \rangle$  in  $F[x]$ .

(4×12=48)