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MATHEMATICS  
(2017 Admn.)

MAT 2C 06 : Advanced Abstract Algebra



Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – A

Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries 4 marks.

1. Give an example of a principal ideal domain. Justify your claim.
2. Prove that if  $N$  is a multiplicative norm on an integral domain  $D$ , then  $N(u) = 1$  for every unit  $u$  in  $D$ .
3. Prove that there exist algebraic extensions which are not finite extensions.
4. Prove that every finite field is an algebraic extension of  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  for some prime  $p$ .
5. Find all isomorphisms of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$  onto a subfield of  $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ . Which of them are automorphisms ?
6. If  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ , prove that all zeros of  $f(x)$  have multiplicity one. (4x4=16)

PART – B

Answer 4 questions without omitting any Unit. Each question carries 16 marks.

Unit – I

7. Prove that if  $D$  is a unique factorization domain, then  $D[x]$  is also a unique factorization domain. 16
8. a) Prove that if  $F$  is a field and  $x$  and  $y$  are indeterminates, then  $F[x, y]$  is not a PID. 5  
 b) Prove that if  $D$  is a PID, then any two non-zero elements  $a$  and  $b$  in  $D$  have a gcd and that any gcd of  $a$  and  $b$  can be expressed as  $\lambda a + \mu b$  for some  $\lambda, \mu \in D$ . 7
- c) Find all the units in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ . 4
9. a) What is  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  ? Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}[i]$  is a Euclidean domain. 12  
 b) State Kronecker's theorem. How would you construct an extension field of  $\mathbb{Q}$  contain a root of the polynomial  $x^3 + 2x^2 + 4x + 6$  ? 4

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## Unit - II

10. a) Prove that if  $E$  is a finite extension of  $F$  and  $K$  is a finite extension of  $E$ , then  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$ . 10
- b) Prove that  $\sqrt[3]{2}$  is not a member of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ . Also obtain  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}]$ . 6
11. a) Prove that if  $\alpha$  and  $\beta \neq 0$  are constructible real numbers, then  $\frac{\alpha}{\beta}$  is also constructible. 4
- b) Prove that 'squaring the circle is impossible'. 4
- c) Prove that if  $F$  is a finite field and  $n$  is any positive integer, then there is an irreducible polynomial in  $F[x]$  of degree  $n$ . 8
12. a) If  $\{\sigma_i : i \in I\}$  is a collection of automorphisms of a field  $E$ , prove that the set of all elements in  $E$ , left fixed by  $\sigma_i$ , for all  $i \in I$ , is a subfield of  $E$ . 6
- b) Describe all automorphisms of the field :  
 i)  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}, \sqrt{5})$   
 ii)  $\mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha$  is the root of  $x^2 + x + 1$ , in the algebraic closure of  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ . 10

## Unit - III

13. a) Prove that if  $F \leq E \leq \bar{F}$  and if every automorphism of  $\bar{F}$  leaving  $F$  fixed induces an automorphism of  $E$ , then  $E$  is a splitting field over  $F$ . 8
- b) Prove that any two algebraic closures of a field are isomorphic. 4
- c) Find for which finite extensions  $F$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$ , the following is true.  
 $[F : \mathbb{Q}] = \{F : \mathbb{Q}\} = |G(F/\mathbb{Q})|$ . 4
14. a) Let  $F$  be a field,  $E$  be a finite extension of  $F$  and  $K$  be a finite extension of  $E$ . Prove that  $K$  is separable over  $F$  if and only if  $K$  is separable over  $E$  and  $E$  is separable over  $F$ . 6
- b) Prove that any finite field is perfect. 10
15. a) Let  $K$  be a finite normal extension of  $F$  and let  $E$  be a field such that  $F \leq E \leq K$ . Prove that  
 i)  $K$  is a finite normal extension of  $E$ .  
 ii)  $[K : E] = |G(K/E)|$  and  $[E : F]$  = the number of left cosets of  $G(K/E)$  in  $G(K/F)$ .  
 iii) The lattice diagram of subgroups of  $G(K/F)$  is the inverted lattice of intermediate fields of  $K$  over  $F$ . (3+4+4)
- b) Prove that for every positive integer  $n$ , there exists a finite normal extension  $F \leq K$  such that  $G(K/F) \cong \mathbb{Z}_n$ . 5