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I Semester M.Sc. Degree (CBSS – Reg./Sup./Imp.) Examination, October 2022  
(2019 Admission Onwards)

MATHEMATICS  
MAT1C01 : Basic Abstract Algebra

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

## PART – A

Answer any four questions from this Part. Each question carries 4 marks.

- List the elements of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ . Find the order of each the elements.
- Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -set. For  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , let  $x_1 \sim x_2$  if and only if there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $gx_1 = x_2$ . Prove that  $\sim$  is an equivalence relation on  $X$ .
- Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  and  $H$  be any subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that  $H \vee N = HN = NH$ .
- Let  $H^*$ ,  $H$  and  $K$  be subgroups of  $G$  with  $H^*$  normal in  $H$ . Show that  $H^* \cap K$  is normal in  $H \cap K$ .
- Let  $f(x) = 2x^2 + 3x + 4$ ,  $g(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 3$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_6[x]$ . Find  $f(x) + g(x)$  and  $f(x)g(x)$ .
- Let  $R$  be a ring with unity 1. Prove that the map  $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$  given by  $\phi(n) = n \cdot 1$  for  $n \in \mathbb{Z}$  is a homomorphism of  $\mathbb{Z}$  into  $R$ .

## PART – B

Answer any four questions from this Part without omitting any Unit. Each question carries 16 marks.

## Unit – I

- Let  $G_1, G_2, \dots, G_n$  be groups. For  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  and  $(b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  in  $\prod_{i=1}^n G_i$ , define  $(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n) (b_1, b_2, \dots, b_n)$  to be the element  $(a_1 b_1, a_2 b_2, \dots, a_n b_n)$ . Prove that  $\prod_{i=1}^n G_i$  is a group under this operation.
  - State Fundamental theorem of finitely generated Abelian groups.
  - Find all abelian groups of order 16 up to isomorphism.

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- Prove that the group  $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{mn}$  if and only if  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime.
  - Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -set and let  $x \in G$ . Prove that  $|G_x| = (G : G_x)$ . Also if  $|G|$  is finite, show that  $|G_x|$  is a divisor of  $|G|$ .
- State and prove First Sylow theorem.
  - Prove that no group of order 96 is simple.

## Unit – II

- Prove that any integral domain  $D$  can be embedded in a field  $F$  such that every element of  $F$  can be expressed as a quotient of two elements of  $D$ .
- State and prove Third isomorphism theorem.
  - Define free Abelian group. Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  is not free Abelian.
  - Let  $G \neq \{0\}$  be a free abelian group with a finite basis. Prove that every basis of  $G$  is finite and all bases of  $G$  have the same number of elements.
- State and prove Schreier theorem.

## Unit – III

- State and prove division algorithm for  $F[x]$ .
  - State Factor theorem and factorize  $x^4 + 3x^3 + 2x + 4 \in \mathbb{Z}_5[x]$ .
- Let  $f(x) \in F[x]$  and let  $f(x)$  be of degree 2 or 3. Prove that  $f(x)$  is reducible over  $F$  if and only if it has a zero in  $F$ .
  - State and prove Eisenstein criterion for irreducibility.
  - Prove that  $25x^5 - 9x^4 - 3x^2 - 12$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
- Let  $R = \{a + b\sqrt{2}/a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$  and let  $R'$  consists of all  $2 \times 2$  matrices of the form  $\begin{bmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$  for  $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$ . Show that  $R$  is a subring of  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $R'$  is a subring of  $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ . Also show that  $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$ , where  $\phi(a + b\sqrt{2}) = \begin{bmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix}$  is an isomorphism.
  - 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.