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**IV Semester B.Sc. Honours in Mathematics Degree  
(CBCSS – Supplementary/Improvement) Examination, April 2023  
(2017 – 2020 Admissions)  
BHM 402 : ADVANCED ABSTRACT ALGEBRA**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 60

## SECTION – A

Answer any 4 questions out of 5 questions. Each question carries 1 mark. (4×1=4)

- Let  $\Phi : G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism of groups. Define  $\text{Ker}(\Phi)$ .
- Define inner automorphism of a group  $G$ .
- Is the map  $\Phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ , with  $\Phi(x) = 2x$  for  $x \in \mathbb{Z}$  is a ring homomorphism? Justify.
- Find the characteristic of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ .
- Find the product of the polynomials  $f(x) = 4x - 5$  and  $g(x) = 2x^2 - 4x + 2$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_8[x]$ .

## SECTION – B

Answer any 6 questions out of 9 questions. Each question carries 2 marks. (6×2=12)

- State and prove Theorem of Lagrange.
- Find all left cosets of the subgroup  $3\mathbb{Z}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$ .
- Prove that a factor group of a cyclic group is cyclic.
- Compute the factor group  $(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_6)/\langle(0, 2)\rangle$ .
- Let  $G$  be a group. Define  $Z(G)$  and prove that  $Z(G)$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- For integers  $r$  and  $s$  with  $\text{gcd}(r, s) = 1$ , prove that the rings  $\mathbb{Z}_{rs}$  and  $\mathbb{Z}_r \times \mathbb{Z}_s$  are isomorphic.

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- Show that  $2^{11213} - 1$  is not divisible by 11.
- Let  $\Phi_3 : \mathbb{Z}_7[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_7$  be the evaluation homomorphism. Compute  $\Phi_3[(x^2 + 2x)(x^3 - 3x^2 + 3)]$ .
- Verify whether  $f(x) = x^3 + 3x + 2$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Z}_5$ .

## SECTION – C

Answer any 8 questions out of 12 questions. Each question carries 4 marks. (8×4=32)

- Let  $\gamma$  be the natural map of  $\mathbb{Z}$  into  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  given by  $\gamma(m) = r$ , where  $r$  is the remainder given by the division algorithm when  $m$  is divided by  $n$ . Show that  $\gamma$  is a homomorphism.
- Let  $\Phi : G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism and let  $H = \text{Ker}(\Phi)$ . Then prove that  $\{x \in G \mid \Phi(x) = \Phi(a)\}$  is the left coset  $aH$  of  $H$ .
- Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that the relation  $\sim$  defined by  $a \sim b$  if and only if  $a^{-1}b \in H$  is an equivalence relation on  $G$ .
- Prove that  $M$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $G/M$  is simple.
- Prove the falsity of the converse of the theorem of Lagrange.
- Let  $G$  be a group. Prove that the set of all commutators  $aba^{-1}b^{-1}$  for  $a, b \in G$  generates a subgroup  $C$  (the commutator subgroup) of  $G$ .
- Solve the equation  $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .
- Prove that every field is an integral domain.
- State and prove Euler's theorem.
- Prove that a nonzero polynomial  $f(x) \in F[x]$  of degree  $n$  can have at most  $n$  zeros in a field  $F$ .
- Prove that  $\sqrt{2}$  is not a rational number.
- 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  $F$ .



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## SECTION – D

Answer any 2 questions out of 4 questions. Each question carries 6 marks. (2×6=12)

- Let  $\Phi : G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism. If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  then prove that  $\Phi[H]$  is a subgroup of  $G'$ .
- Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Prove that  $H$  is normal if and only if  $(aH)(bH) = (ab)H, \forall a, b \in G$ .
- Let  $R$  be a ring with additive identity  $0$ . Then for  $a, b \in R$ , prove that
  - $0a = a0 = 0$ ,
  - $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$ ,
  - $(-a)(-b) = ab$ .
- State and prove the division algorithm for  $F[x]$ .