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Mathematics

MT 1C 01—ALGEBRA – I

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A

Answer all questions.

Each question carries 1 weightage.

1. Define the group of symmetries of a subset  $S$  of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  in  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and give an example of it.
2. Find the subgroups generated by  $\{4,6\}$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .
3. Find all subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$  that are isomorphic to the Klein 4-group.
4. Let  $u = 1101010111$  and  $v = 0111001110$ . Find  $u + v$  and  $wt(u - v)$ .
5. Find all abelian groups, upto isomorphism of order 16.
6. Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -set for  $x_1, x_2 \in X$ , let  $x_1 \sim x_2$  if there exists  $g \in G$  such that  $gx_1 = x_2$ . Show that  $\sim$  is a symmetric relation on  $X$ .
7. Find all Sylow 3-subgroups of  $S_4$ .
8. Show that the center of a group of order 8 is non-trivial.
9. Find the reduced form and the inverse of the reduced form of the word  $a^2a^{-3}b^3a^4c^4c^2a^{-1}$ .
10. Define the evaluation homomorphism.
11. Find all generators of the cyclic multiplicative group of units of the field  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ .
12. Let  $\mathbb{Q}$  be the skew field of quaternions. Write the element  $(i + j)^{-1}$  in the form  $a_1 + a_2i + a_3j + a_4k$  for  $a_i \in \mathbb{R}$ .
13. Find all zeros of  $x^3 + 2x + 2$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_7$ .
14. Find all ideals  $N$  of  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

Turn over

Part B

Answer any seven questions.  
Each question carries 2 weightage.

15. Find the order of the element  $(2,0) + ((4,4))$  in  $Z_6 \times Z_8 / ((4,4))$
16. Show that a subgroup  $M$  of a group  $G$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $G$  iff  $G/M$  is simple.
17. Give isomorphic refinements of the two series :  
 $\{0\} < 60Z < 20Z < Z$  and  $\{0\} < 245Z < 49Z < Z$ .
18. Show that if  $H_0 = \{e\} < H_1 < H_2 < \dots < H_n = G$  is a subnormal series for a group  $G$ , and if  $|H_i/H_{i-1}|$  is of finite order  $S_i + 1$ . Then  $G$  is of finite order  $S_1, S_2, \dots, S_n$ .
19. Let  $G$  be a finite group and  $X$  a finite  $G$ -set. Show that if  $r$  is the number of orbits in  $X$  under  $G$ , then :  
$$r \cdot |G| = \sum_{g \in G} |X_g|$$
20. Show that for a prime number  $p$ , every group  $G$  of order  $p^2$  is abelian.
21. Show that there are no simple groups of order 255.
22. Show that  $\langle a, b : a^3 = 1, b^2 = 1, ba = a^2b \rangle$  gives a non-abelian group of order 6.
23. Demonstrate that  $x^4 - 22x^2 + 1$  is irreducible over  $Q$ .
24. Give the addition and multiplicative tables for the group algebra  $Z_2[G]$ , where  $G = \{a, b\}$  is cyclic of order 2.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

Part C

Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 4 weightage.

25. Show that the group  $Z_m \times Z_n$  is isomorphic to  $Z_{mn}$  iff  $m$  and  $n$  relative prime. Deduce that if  $n$  is any integer written as  $n = p_1^{a_1} p_2^{a_2} \dots p_m^{a_m}$ , where  $p_i$ 's are distinct primes then  $Z_n$  is isomorphic to  $Z_{p_1^{a_1}} \times Z_{p_2^{a_2}} \times \dots \times Z_{p_m^{a_m}}$ .

26. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Prove that the following conditions are equivalent :

$$ghg^{-1} \in H \text{ for all } g \in G \text{ and } h \in H.$$

(ii)  $H$  is normal in  $G$  for all  $g \in G$ .

$$gH = Hg \text{ for all } g \in G.$$

Give an example of a subgroup  $H$  of a group  $G$  which does not satisfy condition (iii).

27. State and prove Cauchy's theorem using Cauchy's theorem, prove that a finite group  $G$  is a  $p$ -group iff  $|G|$  is a power of  $p$ .

28. State and prove Eisenstein's theorem using Eisenstein's theorem, prove that the cyclotomic polynomial :

$$\phi_p(x) = \frac{x^p - 1}{x - 1} = x^{p-1} + x^{p-2} + \dots + x + 1$$

is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$  for many prime  $p$ .

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)