

FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2013

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 1C 01—ALGEBRA—I

(2010 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A

Answer all questions.  
Each question carries 1 weightage.

1. Define isometry of  $\mathbb{R}^2$  and give an examples of it.
2. Find all proper non-trivial subgroups of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$ .
3. Show that for two binary words of the same length, we have  $d(u, v) = wt(u - v)$ .
4. Let  $n$  be a positive integer and  $\mathbb{R}$  be the group of all real numbers under addition. If  $n\mathbb{R} = \{nr : r \in \mathbb{R}\}$  is a subgroup of  $\mathbb{R}$ , compute the factor group  $\mathbb{R}/n\mathbb{R}$ .
5. Determine the center of  $A_5$ .
6. Define a p-group and give one example of it.
7. Obtain the class equation of a finite group  $G$ .
8. Show that every group of prime power order is solvable.
9. How many different homomorphism are there of a free group of rank 2 into  $S_3$ ?
10. Determine the Kernel of the evaluation homomorphism  $\phi_f : \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{C}$ .
11. If  $F$  is a field and  $a \neq 0$  in a zero of  $f(x) = a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0 \in F[x]$ , show that  $\frac{-a_0}{a}$  is a zero of  $a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_1 x + a_0$ .
12. Let  $G = \langle a, b \rangle$  be a cyclic group of order 3 with identity element  $e$ . Write the element  $(2e + 3a + 0b)(4e + 2a + 3b)$  in the group algebra  $\mathbb{Z}_5(G)$  in the form  $re + sa + tb$  for  $r, s, t, c \in \mathbb{Z}_5$ .

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13. State division algorithm for  $F[x]$ , where  $F$  is a field.
14. Give an example to show that a factor ring of an integral domain may have divisors of zero.

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

**Part B**

*Answer any seven questions.  
Each question carries 2 weightage.*

15. If  $m$  divides the order of a finite abelian group  $G$ , then show that  $G$  has a subgroup of order  $m$ .
16. Show that if a finite group  $G$  has exactly one subgroup  $H$  of a given order then  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
17. Show that if  $G$  has a composition series, and if  $N$  is a proper normal subgroup of  $G$ , then there exists a composition series containing  $N$ .
18. Let  $X$  be a  $G$ -set and let  $x \in X$ . Show that  $|Gx| = (G : G_x)$ .
19. Find the number of orbits in  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  under the cyclic subgroups  $\langle (1, 3, 6) \rangle$  of  $S_8$ .
20. Show that every group of order  $(35)^3$  has a normal subgroup of order 125.
21. Prove that if  $D$  is an integral domain, then  $D[x]$  is an integral domain.
22. Show that the multiplicative group of all non-zero elements of a finite field is cyclic.
23. If  $G = \{e\}$ , the group of one element, show that  $R(G)$  is isomorphic to  $R$  for any ring  $R$ .
24. Show that a factor ring of a field is either the trivial ring of one element or is isomorphic to the field.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

**Part C**

*Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 4 weightage.*

25. Show that the set of all commutators of a group  $G$  generates the smallest normal group  $C$  such that  $G/C$  is abelian. Determine the commutator subgroup  $C$  of  $D_4$  and the factor group  $D_4/C$ .
26. State the first isomorphism theorem.

Let  $\phi: Z_{18} \rightarrow Z_{12}$  be the homomorphism where  $\phi(1) = 10$ .

- (a) Find the Kernel  $K$  of  $\phi$ .

- (b) List the **cosets** in  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$ , showing the elements in each **coset**.
- (c) Find the group  $\Phi(\mathbb{Z}_{18})$ .
- (d) Give the correspondence between  $\mathbb{Z}_{18}$  and  $\Phi(\mathbb{Z}_{18})$  given by the map  $\Psi$  in the first isomorphism theorem.
27. State and prove first **Sylow** theorem. Show that a normal  $p$ -subgroup of finite group is contained in every **Sylow**  $p$ -subgroup of  $G$ .
28. Determine all group of order 10 up to isomorphism.

(2 x 4 = 8 **weightage**)