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Mathematics

MT 2C 06—ALGEBRA II

(2010 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A

Answer all questions. Each question carries weightage 1.

1. Is the ring $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ an integral domain. Justify your answer
2. Let $p(x)$ be an irreducible polynomial of degree > 1 in $\mathbb{F}[x]$ and let $\mathbf{I} = \langle p(x) \rangle$. Show that $a + \mathbf{I} \neq b + \mathbf{I}$ for $a \neq b$ in \mathbb{F} .
3. Show that $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ is an algebraic extension of \mathbb{Q} .
4. Find the degree $[\mathbb{Q}(a) : \mathbb{Q}]$ where $a = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$
5. Find the degree of \mathbb{C} over \mathbb{R} where \mathbb{C} is the field of complex numbers and \mathbb{R} is the field of reals.
6. Let a be a real number such that $[\mathbb{Q}(a) : \mathbb{Q}] = 4$. Is a constructible. Justify your answer.
7. Let a be a zero of $x^2 + x + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_2[x]$ and let $F = \mathbb{Z}_2(a)$. List all the elements of F .
8. Let $\alpha : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$ be defined by $\alpha(a + b\sqrt{2}) = b + a\sqrt{2}$ where $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$. verify whether α is an automorphism of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$.
9. Let E be the splitting field of $x^3 - 1$ over \mathbb{Q} . Find $[E : \mathbb{Q}]$
10. Find the index $[\mathbb{Q}(a) : \mathbb{Q}]$ where $a = \sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$
11. List the elements of the Galois group $G(\mathbb{Q}(1+i)/\mathbb{Q})$.

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12. Verify whether $(y_1 - 1)(y_2 - 1)(y_3 - 1)$ is a symmetric function in y_1, y_2, y_3 .
13. Describe the third cyclotomic polynomial $\Phi_3(x)$ over \mathbb{Q} .
14. Verify whether $x^5 - 2$ is solvable by radicals over \mathbb{Q} .

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

Part B

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

15. Let N be an ideal in a commutative ring R and let $a \in R$. Show that $I = \{ra + n : r \in R, n \in N\}$ is an ideal of R containing N .
16. Let E be an extension of a field F and $\alpha \in E$. Let $p(x)$ be an irreducible polynomial in $F[x]$ such that $p(\alpha) = 0$. Show that if $f(x) \in F[x]$ is such that $f(\alpha) = 0$ then $p(x) \mid f(x)$.
17. Let E be an extension of a field F , $\alpha \in E$ and let $\phi : F[x] \rightarrow E$ be the evaluation homomorphism. Show that α is transcendental over F if and only if ϕ is one-to-one.
18. Let E be an extension of a field F and let $K = \{\alpha \in E : \alpha \text{ is algebraic over } F\}$. Show that K is a subfield of E .
19. Show that every finite extension of a finite field is a simple extension.
20. Let E be an extension of a field F and $\alpha \in E$ be algebraic over F . Let σ be an automorphism of E leaving F fixed. Show that $\sigma(\alpha)$ is a zero of $\text{irr}(\alpha; F)$.
21. Let K be the splitting field of $x^3 - 2$ over \mathbb{Q} . Find $[K : \mathbb{Q}]$.
22. Describe all elements of the Galois group $G(K/\mathbb{Q})$ where K is the splitting field of $x^3 + 2$ over \mathbb{Q} .
23. Let H be a subgroup of a Galois group $G(K/F)$. Show that $K_H = \{\alpha \in K : \sigma(\alpha) = \alpha \text{ for all } \sigma \in H\}$ is a subfield of K .
24. Show that a regular 7-gon is not constructible by straight edge and compass.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

Part C

· Answer any two questions.

Each question carries **weightage** 4.

25. Let F be a field. Show that every ideal in $F[x]$ is a principal ideal. Let $p(x)$ be irreducible in $F[x]$. Show that $(p(x))$ is a maximal ideal in $F[x]$. Verify whether $x^3 + x^2 + 2$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$.
26. Define algebraically closed field. Show that a field F is algebraically closed if and only if every non constant polynomial in $F[x]$ factors into linear factors in $F[x]$.
27. Define splitting field. Let E, F be fields such that $F \subset E \subset \bar{F}$. Show that E is a splitting field over F if and only if every isomorphism from E into \bar{F} leaving F fixed maps E onto E .
28. Describe the 8th cyclotomic polynomial $\Phi_8(x)$ over \mathbb{Q} . Show that $\Phi_8(x) = x^4 + 1$. Describe the Galois group of $\Phi_8(x)$ over \mathbb{Q} .

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)