

M. Sc. DEGREE END SEMESTER EXAMINATION : NOVEMBER 2023**SEMESTER 1 : MATHEMATICS****COURSE : 21P1MATT02 : ALGEBRA***(For Regular - 2023 Admission and Improvement/Supplementary -2022/2021 Admissions)*

Duration : Three Hours

Max. Weights: 30

PART A**Answer any 8 questions****Weight: 1**

1. True or False: \mathbb{R} is not perfect. Justify your answer. (U, CO 4)
2. Find all $c \in \mathbb{Z}_3$ such that $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]/\langle x^3 + x^2 + c \rangle$ is a field? (A, CO 2)
3. How many polynomials (including the zero polynomial) are there of degree ≤ 2 in $\mathbb{Z}_5[x]$? (A, CO 2)
4. Is $\mathbb{R}(i)$ the smallest subfield of \mathbb{C} containing a zero of $x^2 + 1$? Justify your answer. (U, CO 3)
5. Show that $1 + \sqrt{2}$ is an algebraic number. (A, CO 3)
6. Consider the evaluation homomorphism $\phi_5 : \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$. Find six elements in the kernel of the homomorphism ϕ_5 . (A, CO 2)
7. Define simple extension and algebraic extension of a field. Is every finite extension an algebraic extension? (U, CO 3)
8. What is the order of $G(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}), i\sqrt{3})/\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$? (An, CO 4)
9. What are the possible numbers of Sylow 2-subgroups of a group of order 24? (R, CO 1)
10. Is every group of order 102 simple? Justify your answer. (An, CO 1)
(1 x 8 = 8)

PART B**Answer any 6 questions****Weights: 2**

11. Find the degree and a basis of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ over \mathbb{Q} . (A, CO 3)
12. Find the splitting field of $x^3 - 2$ over \mathbb{Q} . (E, CO 4)
13. Show that a group of order 48 is not simple. (E, CO 1)
14. Show that $x^4 - 22x + 1$ is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} . (E, CO 2)
15. For the evaluation homomorphism $\phi_5 : \mathbb{Z}_7[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_7$, evaluate $\phi_5(3x^{106} + 5x^{99} + 2x^{53})$. (E, CO 2)
16. Show that $\mathbb{Q}(2^{1/2}, 2^{1/3}) = \mathbb{Q}(2^{1/6})$ (E, CO 3)
17. Show that if $\alpha, \beta \in \overline{F}$ are both separable over F , then $\alpha \pm \beta$, $\alpha\beta$, and α/β , if $\beta \neq 0$, are all separable over F . (An, CO 4)
18. (a) State the fundamental theorem of Finitely generated abelian groups. (A, CO 1)
(b) Find all abelian groups upto isomorphism of order 720.

(2 x 6 = 12)

PART C

Answer any 2 questions

Weights: 5

19. (a). Show that if F is a field of prime characteristic p with algebraic closure \overline{F} , then $x^{p^n} - x$ has p^n distinct zeroes in \overline{F} . (An, CO 3)
 (b). Show that if F is a field of prime characteristic p , then $(\alpha + \beta)^{p^n} = \alpha^{p^n} + \beta^{p^n}$ for all $\alpha, \beta \in F$ and all positive integers n .
20. Show that every finite field is perfect. (E, CO 4)
21. (a). 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 $gx_1 = x_2$. Show that \sim is an equivalence relation on X . What is the equivalence class of $x \in X$ under this equivalence relation known as?
 (b). Let X be a G -set. Show that $G_x = \{g \in G \mid gx = x\}$ is a subgroup of G for each $x \in X$. What is this subgroup known as? (E, CO 1)
 (c). Let G be a group of order p^n and let X be a finite G -set. Let $X_G = \{x \in X \mid gx = x \text{ for all } g \in G\}$. Show that $|X| \cong |X_G| \pmod{p}$.
22. (a). State and prove Eisenstein's criterion for irreducibility over \mathbb{Q} .
 (b). Show that the p^{th} cyclotomic polynomial is irreducible over \mathbb{Q} for any prime p . (E, CO 2)

(5 x 2 = 10)

OBE: Questions to Course Outcome Mapping

CO	Course Outcome Description	CL	Questions	Total Wt.
CO 1	Develop ideas of finitely generated abelian groups, Sylow theorems and applications.	E	9, 10, 13, 18, 21	11
CO 2	Explain the concept of rings of polynomials, factorisation of polynomials and ideal structure.	E	2, 3, 6, 14, 15, 22	12
CO 3	Illustrate the idea of extension fields, algebraic extensions and geometric constructions.	E	4, 5, 7, 11, 16, 19	12
CO 4	Develop ideas of automorphisms of fields, isomorphism extension theorem and Galois theory.	E	1, 8, 12, 17, 20	11

Cognitive Level (CL): Cr - CREATE; E - EVALUATE; An - ANALYZE; A - APPLY; U - UNDERSTAND; R - REMEMBER;