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(2017 Admission Onwards)  
MATHEMATICS

MAT 2C 06 : Advanced Abstract Algebra

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

PART – A

Answer any 4 questions. Each question carries 4 marks.

1. Distinguish between primes and irreducibles of an integral domain.
2. Find all the units in  $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{-5}]$ .
3. Find  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[4]{2}) : \mathbb{Q}]$ .
4. If  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are constructible real numbers, prove that  $\alpha\beta$  is also constructible.
5. Find two extensions  $E$  and  $K$  of  $\mathbb{Q}$  such that  $[E : \mathbb{Q}] > [K : \mathbb{Q}]$ , but  $|G(E/\mathbb{Q})| < |G(K/\mathbb{Q})|$ .
6. Give the lattice diagram of intermediate fields of  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, i)$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ . (4×4=16)

PART – B

Answer 4 questions without omitting any Unit. Each question carries 16 marks.

Unit – I

7. a) Prove that an ideal  $\langle p \rangle$  in a PID is maximal if and only if  $p$  is an irreducible. 8  
b) Prove or disprove, if  $F$  is a field and  $x, y$  are indeterminates, then  
i)  $F$  is a PID ii)  $F[x, y]$  is a PID. 8
8. a) Prove that every Euclidean domain is a PID. 6  
b) Prove that any two non zero elements of a PID have a gcd and that any gcd of  $a$  and  $b$  can be expressed in the form  $\lambda a + \mu b$  for  $\lambda, \mu \in D$ . 7  
c) Find a gcd of  $x^3 - x^2 - 2x + 2$  and  $x^3 + x^2 - 2$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ . 3

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9. a) Let  $p$  be an odd prime in  $\mathbb{Z}$ . Prove that  $p = a^2 + b^2$  for some integers  $a$  and  $b$  if and only if  $p \equiv 1 \pmod{4}$ . 14
- b) How would you construct a field of 4 elements? 2

## Unit – II

10. a) Prove that if  $E$  is a finite extension of  $F$  and  $K$  is a finite extension of  $E$ , then  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$ . 10
- b) Let  $F \leq E \leq K$ , be fields such that  $E$  is a finite extension of  $F$  and  $K$  is an algebraic extension of  $E$ . Then prove or disprove :
- i)  $K$  is an algebraic extension of  $F$  6
- ii)  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$ . 6
11. a) Prove that 'trisecting the angle is impossible'. 6
- b) Prove that if  $F$  is a finite field of characteristic  $p$ , then the polynomial  $x^{p^n} - x$  has  $p^n$  distinct zeros in the algebraic closure of  $F$ . 6
- c) Find the number of primitive  $8^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity in  $\text{GF}(9)$ . 4
12. a) Define Frobenius automorphism of a finite field. If  $F$  is a finite field of characteristic  $p$ , prove that the fixed field of its Frobenius automorphism is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_p$ . 6
- b) State and prove conjugation isomorphism theorem. 10

## Unit – III

13. Let  $E$  be an algebraic extension of a field  $F$ . Let  $\sigma$  be an isomorphism of  $F$  onto a field  $F'$ . If  $\bar{F}'$  denotes an algebraic closure of  $F'$ , prove that  $\sigma$  can be extended to an isomorphism  $\tau$  of  $E$  onto a subfield of  $\bar{F}'$  such that  $\tau(a) = \sigma(a)$  for all  $a \in F$ . 16
14. a) Prove that every field of characteristic 0 is perfect. 5
- b) Prove that if  $E$  is a finite extension of  $F$ , then  $\{E : F\}$  divides  $[E : F]$ . 5
- c) Prove that the field  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[4]{2})$  is not a splitting field extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$ . 6
15. a) Let  $F$  be a finite field and let  $E$  be a finite extension of  $F$  of degree  $n$ . Prove that  $K$  is a normal extension of  $F$ , the group  $G(K/F) = \mathbb{Z}_n$  and  $G(K/F)$  is generated by  $\sigma_p^r$  where  $\sigma_p^r(\alpha) = \alpha^{p^r}$  for  $\alpha \in K$  and  $p^r = |F|$ . (4+6)
- b) Obtain the one-to-one correspondence between the intermediate fields of the extension  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \leq F$  and the subgroups of  $G(F/\mathbb{Z}_2)$  as in the main theorem, if  $F = \mathbb{Z}_2(\alpha)$ , where  $\alpha$  is a root of  $x^4 + x + 1$  in  $\bar{\mathbb{Z}}_2$ . 6