

SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2014

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 2C 06—ALGEBRA—II

Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A

Answer all questions (1 – 14)
Each question has weightage 1.

1. Verify whether $\{0, 3\}$ is an ideal of Z_6 .
2. Verify whether $\{(0, 2n) : n \in z\}$ is a prime ideal of $Z \times Z$.
3. Verify whether the field Z_5 is an extension of the field Z_3 .
4. Verify whether $Q(\sqrt{2})$ is an algebraic extension of Q .
5. Which of the following real numbers is constructible $\sqrt{2}, \sqrt[3]{2}, \sqrt[3]{5}, \sqrt[4]{3}$.
6. Verify whether $\varphi : Q(\sqrt{2}) \rightarrow Q(\sqrt{3})$ defined by $a + b\sqrt{2} \mapsto a + b\sqrt{3}$ for $a, b \in Q$ is an isomorphism of fields.
7. Show that the field R of reals is not algebraically closed.
8. Let α be the real cube root of 2. Verify that $Q(\alpha)$ is not a splitting field.
9. Find the order of the group $G(Q(\alpha)/Q)$ where α is the real cube root of 2.
10. Give an example of an infinite field of characteristic 2.
11. Describe the Galois group $G(Q(\sqrt{2})/Q)$.
12. Let K be a finite field of 8 elements and $F = Z_2$. Give the order of the Galois group $G(K/F)$.
13. Define the n^{th} cyclotomic polynomial.
14. Give an example of a solvable group.

(14 × 1 = 14 wrightage)

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Part B

Answer any **seven** questions from the following questions (15 - 24).
Each question has weightage 2.

15. Find all prime ideals of the ring Z_8 .
16. Let R be a ring with identity. Show that the map $\varphi: Z \rightarrow R$ defined by $\varphi(n) = n \cdot 1$ is a ring homomorphism.
17. Let $p(x) = x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$. Let $I = \langle p(x) \rangle$ be the ideal generated by $p(x)$. Show that $x + I$ is a root of $p(x)$ in $\mathbb{Q}[x]/I$.
18. Let $f(x) = x^4 - 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$. Let $\alpha \notin \mathbb{Q}$ be a zero of $f(x)$. Find the degree $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha) : \mathbb{Q}]$.
19. Let α be a zero of $x^2 + 1 \in Z_3[x]$. Find the number of elements in $Z_3(\alpha)$.
20. Let σ be an automorphism of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ with $\sigma(\sqrt{2}) = -\sqrt{2}$ and $\sigma(\sqrt{3}) = \sqrt{3}$. Find the fixed field of σ .
21. Let $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ be irreducible and α, β be zeros of $f(x)$ in $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$. Let τ be an automorphism of $\bar{\mathbb{Q}}$ such that $\tau(\alpha) = \beta$. Let $\tau_x: \bar{\mathbb{Q}}[x] \rightarrow \bar{\mathbb{Q}}[x]$ be the natural isomorphism with $\tau_x(x) = x$. Show that $\tau_x(f(x)) = f(x)$.
22. Let $F \leq E \leq K$ and K be a finite normal extension of F . Show that K is a normal extension of E .
23. Let K be a field of 9 elements and let $F = Z_3$. Show that $\sigma: K \rightarrow K$ defined by $\sigma(a) = a^3$ for $a \in K$ is an automorphism of K leaving F fixed.
24. Let K be the splitting field of $x^4 + 1$ over \mathbb{Q} . Show that $G(K/\mathbb{Q})$ is of order 4.

(7 × 2 = 14 weightage)

Part C

Answer any **two** questions from the following questions (25-28).
Each question has weightage 4.

25. Define maximal ideal. Show that if R is a commutative ring with identity and if M is a maximal ideal of R then R/M is a field. Give an example of a commutative ring R with identity, a maximal ideal M of R and describe the field R/M .

Let E be an extension of a field F and let $\alpha \in E$. Prove that

- $\varphi_\alpha : F[x] \rightarrow E$ defined by $f(x) \mapsto f(\alpha)$ for $f(x) \in F[x]$, is a homomorphism.
- If α is algebraic over F then $\text{Ker } \varphi_\alpha \neq (0)$.
- If α is transcendental over F then φ_α is one-to-one.

7. Define separable extension. Show that every finite extension of a field of characteristics zero is a separable extension.

8. Define normal extension. Let F be a field and $F \leq E \leq K \leq \bar{F}$. Show that if K is a normal extension of F then K is a normal extension of E .

Show that $G(K/E)$ is a subgroup of $G(K/F)$.

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)