

FIRST SEMESTER M. Sc. DEGREE EXTERNAL EXAMINATION, FEBRUARY 2016

(2015 Admission)

**CC15P MT1 C01 : ALGEBRA- I**

(Mathematics)

Time: Three hours

Maximum Weightage: 36

**Part A***Answer all the questions.**Each question carries 1 weightage*

1. Define an isometry of the Euclidean plane  $\mathbb{R}^2$ . Give an example of an isometry.
2. Find the subgroup of  $Z_{18}$  generated by the subset  $\{8, 6, 10\}$
3. Show that for two binary words of the same length,  $d(u, v) = wt(u-v)$
4. Find all proper nontrivial subgroups of  $Z_2 \times Z_2 \times Z_2$
5. Describe the center of every simple abelian group.
6. Define solvable group and give one example of it.
7. Find the number of orbits in  $\{1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8\}$  under the cyclic subgroup  $\langle (1\ 3\ 5\ 6) \rangle$  of  $S_8$ .
8. Show that center of a group of order 8 is non-trivial.
9. Find all sylow 3- subgroups of  $S_4$ .
10. Find the reduced form and the inverse of the reduced form of  $a^2 a^{-3} b^3 a^4 c^4 c^2 a^{-1}$
11. Define the evaluation homomorphism.
12. Write the class equation for  $S_3$ .
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. Show that a subgroup  $M$  of a group  $G$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $G$  iff  $G/M$  is simple.
16. Show that the finite indecomposable abelian groups are exactly the cyclic groups with order a power of a prime
17. Consider the  $(6, 3)$  linear code  $C$  with the standard generator matrix

$$\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \end{bmatrix}.$$

List the code words in  $C$ . How many errors can always be corrected using this code?

18. Show that the multiplicative group of all non-zero elements of a finite field is cyclic.
19. Show that there are no simple groups of order  $p^r m$  where  $p$  is a prime and  $m < p$
20. Demonstrate that  $x^4 - 22x^2 + 1$  is irreducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
21. Show that for a prime  $p$  every group  $G$  of order  $p^2$  is abelian.
22. Write all polynomials of degree  $\leq 2$  in  $Z_2[x]$ .

23. Show that a factor ring of a field is either the trivial ring of one element or is isomorphic to the field.
24. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity of prime characteristic  $p$ . Show that the map  $\varphi_p : R \rightarrow R$  given by  $\varphi_p(a) = a^p$  is a homomorphism.

**(7 x 2=14 weightage)**

### **Part C**

*Answer any two, each carries 4 weightage*

25. Determine all group of order 10 up to isomorphism
26. Show that set of 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  $D_4/C$
27. Let  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  be sylow  $p$ - subgroups of a finite group  $G$ . Show that  $P_1$  and  $P_2$  are conjugate. Verify this theorem for  $S_4$  with  $p = 3$ .
28. State and prove Cauchy's theorem. Using this prove that a finite group  $G$  is a  $p$ - group iff  $|G|$  is a power of  $p$ .

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

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