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**FIRST SEMESTER M.A./M.Sc./M.Com. DEGREE EXAMINATION  
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(CBCSS)

Mathematics

**MTH 1C 01—ALGEBRA—I**

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**Part A**

*Answer all questions.*

*Each question has weightage 1.*

1. Verify whether  $\phi(x, y) = (x, y) + 1$  is an isometry of the plane.
2. Find the order of  $(1, 2)$  in the group  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ .
3. Describe all abelian groups of order 36 upto isomorphism.
4. Find all homomorphisms from  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .
5. Let  $G$  be a group of order 20. Find the number of 5-Sylow subgroups of  $G$ .
6. Give a presentation of the Klein 4 group using two generators.
7. Verify whether  $(x - 2)$  is a factor of  $x^3 - 3x^2 + 3x - 2$  in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .
8. Let  $\phi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$  be a map defined by  $x \mapsto 2x$ . Verify whether  $\phi$  is a ring homomorphism.

(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)

**Part B**

*Answer six questions choosing two from each unit.*

*Each question has weightage 2.*

**UNIT 1**

9. Describe an isomorphism  $\phi$  from  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_5$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_{20}$ . Verify that  $\phi$  is an isomorphism.

**Turn over**

10. Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $a, b \in G$ . Show that if  $x \in aH$  and  $y \in bH$  then  $xy \in (ab)H$ .

11. Let  $M$  be a maximal normal subgroup of a group  $G$ . Show that  $G/M$  is simple.

#### UNIT 2

12. Give a composition series for the symmetric group  $S_3$ .

13. Let  $G$  be a group of order 45. Show that  $G$  has a normal subgroup of order 5.

14. Find all elements conjugate to  $(1 \ 2 \ 3)$  in  $S_4$ .

#### UNIT 3

15. List all elements in the group algebra  $FG$  where  $F$  is the field  $\mathbb{Z}_2$  and  $G$  is the cyclic group of order 2. Give the multiplication table for the product in  $FG$ .

16. Let  $\phi_\pi : \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  be the evaluation homomorphism with  $\phi_\pi(x) = \pi$ . Find the kernel of  $\phi_\pi$ .

17. Show that  $N = \{f \in \mathbb{R}[x] : f(1) = 0\}$  is a maximal ideal in  $\mathbb{R}[x]$ .

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

#### Part C

*Answer any two questions.*

*Each question has weightage 5.*

18. (a) Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$ . Show that the following are equivalent.

(i)  $ghg^{-1} \in H$  for all  $g \in G$  and  $h \in H$ .

(ii)  $gHg^{-1} = H$  for all  $g \in G$ .

(iii)  $gH = Hg$  for all  $g \in G$ .

(b) Show that every subgroup of an abelian group is a normal subgroup.

19. Let  $X$  be  $G$ -set and  $g \in G$ . Show that :

(a)  $c_g : X \rightarrow X$  defined by  $x \mapsto gx$  is one to one and onto.

(b) For  $x \in X$  let  $G_x = \{g \in G : gx = x\}$ . Then  $G_x$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

20. (a) Let  $F$  be a free group on a set  $A$  and  $G$  be any group. Let  $f : A \rightarrow G$  be a map. Show that there is a homomorphism  $\phi : F \rightarrow G$  such that  $\phi(a) = f(a)$  for all  $a \in A$ .
- (b) Show that every group is a homomorphic image of a free group.
21. (a) Let  $F$  be a field and  $f(x) \in F[x]$  be of degree 2 or 3. Show that  $f(x)$  is irreducible if and only if  $f(x)$  has no zero in  $F$ .
- (b) State Eisenstein criterion for irreducibility of a polynomial.
- (c) Show that the polynomial  $x^5 + 6x^3 + 4x + 10$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)