

SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2015

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 2C 06—ALGEBRA—II

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

Part A

*Short answer questions (1-14).**Answer all questions. Each question has 1 weightage.*

1. Is $\mathbb{Q}[x]/(x^2 - 2)$ a field? Justify your answer.
2. Show that the polynomial $x^2 + 1$ is irreducible in $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$.
3. Is \mathbb{C} a simple extension over \mathbb{R} ? Justify your answer.
4. Find $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) : \mathbb{Q}]$.
5. Let E be a finite extension of degree n over a finite field F . If F has q elements, then prove that E has q^n elements.
6. Does there exist a field of 4096 elements? Justify your answer.
7. Prove that a finite extension E of a finite field F is a simple extension of F .
8. Find all conjugates of $3 + \sqrt{2}$ over \mathbb{Q} .
9. Find the splitting field of $\{x^2 - 2, x^3 - 2\}$ over \mathbb{Q} .
10. Show that $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$ has only the identity automorphism.
11. Define separable extension of a field. Give a separable extension of \mathbb{Q} .
12. Let p be a prime, $F = \mathbb{Z}_p$ and let $K = \text{GF}(p^2)$. Find $G(K/F)$.
13. Is regular 7-gon constructible? Justify your answer.
14. Prove that the polynomial $x^5 - 1$ is solvable by radicals over \mathbb{Q} .

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

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Part B

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

15. Let F be a field. Prove that every ideal in $F[x]$ is a principal ideal.
16. Prove that a finite extension is an algebraic extension.
17. Prove that $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3} + \sqrt{7}) = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3}, \sqrt{7})$.
18. Show that if E is a finite extension of a field F and $[E : F]$ is a prime number, then E is a simple extension of F and $E = F(a)$ for every $a \in E$ with $a \notin F$.
19. Let F be a field and let $f(x)$ be irreducible in $F[x]$. Prove that all zeros of $f(x)$ in \bar{F} have the same multiplicity.
20. Let F be a **subfield** of a field E . Prove that the set all **automorphisms** of E leaving F fixed forms a subgroup of the group of all **automorphisms** of E .
21. Show that if $[E : F] = 2$, then E is a splitting field over F .
22. Let K be a finite extension of E and E be a finite extension of F . Prove that K is separable over F if and only if K separable over E and E is separable over F .
23. Describe the group of polynomial $(x^3 - 1) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ over \mathbb{Q} .
24. Prove that the **Galois** group of the p th cyclotomic extension of \mathbb{Q} for a prime p is cyclic of order $p - 1$.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

Part C

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

25. (a) Prove that $x^2 - 3$ is irreducible over $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})$.
(b) Let E be a finite extension field of a field F and let K be a finite extension field of E . Prove that K is a finite extension field of F and

$$[K : F] = [K : E][E : F].$$

26. Let F be a field of characteristic p . Prove that the map $\phi_p : F \rightarrow F$ defined by $\phi_p(a) = a^p$ is an automorphism. Also, prove that $|F_{\phi_p}| \leq p$.
27. Prove that every finite field is perfect.
28. Let F be a field of characteristic zero and let $F \subset E \subset K \subset F$, where E is a normal extension of F and K is an extension of F by radicals. Prove that $G(E/F)$ is a solvable group.

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)