

SECOND SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, JUNE 2014

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 2C 06—ALGEBRA—II

Time : 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 \mathbb{Z}_6** .
2. Verify whether $\{(0, 2n) : n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ **is a prime ideal of $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$** .
3. **Verify whether the field \mathbb{Z}_5 is an extension of the field \mathbb{Z}_3 .**
4. Verify whether \mathbb{Q} **is an algebraic extension of \mathbb{Q}** .
5. **Which of the following real numbers is constructible** **a $a^{1/3}$** .
6. **Verify** whether $\varphi : \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}) \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{3})$ defined by $a + b\sqrt{2} \mapsto a + b\sqrt{3}$ for $a, b \in \mathbb{Q}$ **is an isomorphism** of fields.
7. Show that the field **\mathbb{R} of reals is not algebraically closed**.
8. Let α be the real cube root of 2. Verify that $\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)$ is not a splitting field.
9. Find the order of the group $G(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)/\mathbb{Q})$ 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 $G(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})/\mathbb{Q})$.
12. Let K be a finite field of 8 elements and $F = \mathbb{Z}_2$. 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 x 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 \mathbb{Z}_8 .
16. Let R be a ring with identity. Show that the map $\varphi: \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow R$ defined by $\varphi(n) = n \cdot 1$ is a 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 zero of $p(x)$ in $\mathbb{Q}[x]/I$.
18. Let $f(x) = x^4 - 1 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$. Let $\alpha \in \mathbb{Q}$ be a zero of $f(x)$. Find the degree $[\mathbb{Q}(\alpha): \mathbb{Q}]$.
19. Let α be a zero of $x^2 + 1 \in \mathbb{Z}_3[x]$. Find the number of elements in $\mathbb{Z}_3(\alpha)$.
20. Let α be an automorphism of $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3})$ with $\alpha(\sqrt{2}) = -\sqrt{2}$ and $\alpha(\sqrt{3}) = \sqrt{3}$. Find the fixed field of α .
21. Let $f(x) \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$ be irreducible and α, β be zeros of $f(x)$ in \mathbb{Q} . Let τ be an automorphism of \mathbb{Q} such that $\tau(\alpha) = \beta$. Let $T_x: \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}[x]$ be the natural isomorphism with $T_x(x) = x$. Show that $\tau_x(f(x)) = f(x)$.
22. Let $F \in K$ and K be a finite normal extension of a field F . Show that K is a normal extension of F .
23. Let K be a field of 9 elements and let $F = \mathbb{Z}_3$. Show that $\alpha: K \rightarrow K$ defined by $\alpha(a) = a^3$ 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 x 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 .

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

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

27. Define separable extension. Show that every finite extension of a field of characteristic zero is a separable extension.

28. 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 x 4 = 8 weightage)