

## FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2016

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 1C 01—ALGEBRA—I

(2016 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

## • Part A

Answer **all** questions.  
Each question has **weightage 1**.

1. Verify whether  $+(x, y) = (x + y, 0)$  is an isometry of the plane.
2. Find the order of  $(2, 6)$  in the group  $Z_4 \times Z_{12}$ .
3. Give two non-isomorphic groups of order 8.
4. Let  $G$  be the cyclic group  $Z_4$  and  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with action given by  $a \cdot x = a + x \pmod{4}$ . Find the isotropy group  $G_x$  for  $x = 1$ .
5. Verify whether the series  $(0) < < 5 > < Z_{15}$  and  $(0) < < 3 > < 76_{15}$  are isomorphic.
6. Find the commutator subgroup of the symmetric group  $8_3$ .
7. Find a subgroup of order 4 in  $Z_6 \times Z_6$ .
8. Find the number of **3-sylow** subgroup of a group  $G$  where  $|G| = 18$ .
9. Let  $H, K$  be subgroups of a group  $G$  and  $H \cap K = \{e\}$ . Show that if  $h_1 k_1 = h_2 k_2$  for some  $h_1, h_2 \in H$  and  $k_1, k_2 \in K$  then  $h_1 = h_2$  and  $k_1 = k_2$ .
10. Find the number of elements in the group presented as  $\langle x, y : xy = x, x^2 y = y \rangle$ .
11. Let  $\phi : \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  be the evaluation homomorphism at 2. Find  $\text{Ker } \phi$ .
12. Verify whether  $x^2 - x$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Q}[x]$ .
13. Find the inverse of  $(1 + 2i + 2j)$  in the ring of quaternions.
14. Verify whether  $N = \{0, 2, 4\}$  is an ideal of the ring  $Z_6$ .

(14 x 1 = 14 weightage)

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## Part B

Answer any seven questions.  
Each question has *weightage* 2.

15. Find all generators of the cyclic group  $7\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$ .
16. Show that there are only two non-isomorphic groups of order 25.
17. Let  $G = \mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ . Find a subgroup  $H$  of order 2 in  $G$  such that  $G/H$  is cyclic.
18. Let  $G$  be the symmetric group  $S_4$  and  $X = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$  with action given by  $a \cdot x = (ax)$  for all  $a \in G$  and  $x \in X$ . Find the number of orbits in  $X$ .
19. Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Show that  $HN = NH$ .
20. Show that  $S_3$  is a solvable group.
21. Show that a free group on one generator is isomorphic of  $(\mathbb{Z}, +)$ .
22. Show that the group presented by  $\langle x, y : x^2 = y^3 = 1, xy = yx \rangle$  is isomorphic to the cyclic group  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .
23. Verify whether  $x^5 - 3x^3 + 9x + 6$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .
24. Let  $N$  be an ideal of a ring  $R$ . Show that  $\phi: R \rightarrow R/N$  defined by  $x \mapsto x + N$  is a **homomorphism** of rings.

(7 x 2 = 14 weightage)

## Part C

Answer any two questions.  
Each question has *weightage* 4.

25. (a) Show that  $\mathbb{Z}_m \times \mathbb{Z}_n$  is isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_{mn}$  if and only if **gcd** of  $m$  and  $n$  is 1.  
(b) Show that if  $a$  is of order  $m$  in a group  $G_1$  and  $b$  is of order  $n$  in a group  $G_2$  then the order of  $(a, b)$  in  $G_1 \times G_2$  is the **lcm** of  $m$  and  $n$ .
26. (a) Define simple group.  
(b) Let  $G$  be a group and  $M$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Show that  $G/M$  is simple if and only if  $M$  is a maximal normal subgroup of  $G$ .
27. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  and  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Show that :  
(a)  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $HN$ .  
(b)  $H \cap N$  is a normal subgroup of  $H$ .  
(c)  $HN/N$  is isomorphic to  $H/(H \cap N)$ .
28. (a) State the division algorithm in  $F[x]$  where  $F$  is a field.  
(b) Show that the quotient and the remainder are unique in the division.  
(c) Show that if  $a \in F$  is a zero of  $f(x) \in F[x]$  then  $(x - a)$  is a factor of  $f(x)$ .

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)