

FIFTH SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2013

(U.G.-CCSS)

Mathematics—Core Course

MM 5B 06—ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

Answer all *twelve* questions.

1. Define an abelian group.
2. Order of a finite group G is _____
3. In the addition group of integers the order of every element zero is _____
4. Give an example of a cyclic group.
5. State True *or* False :

If $a \in H = H$ then $Ha = aH = H$, where H is a subgroup of a group.

6. S has _____elements.
7. State True *or* False

Every permutation is a one-to-one function.

8. Define a transposition.
9. State True *or* False :

The set \mathbb{Q} of rational numbers is not a ring w.r.t. ordinary addition and multiplication.

10. Write the smallest subspace of any vector space.
11. Is it true that if the set $S = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_k\}$ of a vector space V is L.D. then every superset of S is also L.D. ?
12. Define the basis of a vector space.

(12 x $\frac{1}{4}$ = 3 weightage)

Short answer questions.

Answer *all* questions.

13. What is the dimension of a vector space.
14. Define the span of a set.
15. Give an example of a linearly independent set.

16. Define a homomorphism.
17. Give an example of a field.
18. What is the order of $\mu = (1, 4) (3, 5, 7, 8)$.
19. Consider $\alpha = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 3 & 1 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 2 \end{pmatrix}, \beta = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 4 & 1 & 3 & 6 & 5 \end{pmatrix}$, compute $\alpha\beta^{-1}$.
20. Show that $\{1, -1, i, -i\}$ is a cyclic group.
21. Examine whether $G = \{-3, -2, -1, 0, 1, 2, 3\}$ for the operation $+$, is a group.

(9 x 1 = 9 weightage)

Answer any *five* questions.

22. Prove that the set $G = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ forms a group under multiplication.
23. Prove that if a, b are any two elements of a group G then $(a \cdot b)^2 = a^2 \cdot b^2$ iff G is abelian.
24. Prove that every group of prime order is cyclic.
25. Let $V = \mathbb{R}_3$ be the vector space. Let $U = \{u = (x_1, x_2, x_3) \in V : x_1 + x_2 + x_3 = 0\}$. Show that U is subspace of V .
26. Check whether the set :

$$S = \{(1, 1, 0), (1, 0, 1), (0, 1, 1)\}$$
linearly independent in V_3 .
27. If p is prime then prove that \mathbb{Z}_p is a field.
28. Prove that if a finite group of order n contains an element of order n then the group must be cyclic.

(5 x 2 = 10 weightage)

Answer any *two* questions.

29. Show that a non-empty subset H of a group G is a subgroup of G iff $ab^{-1} \in H$ for all $a, b \in H$.
30. Prove that every finite integral domain is a field.
31. Suppose $S = \{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$ is an ordered set of a vector space V . If $V_1 \neq 0$ then prove that the set S is L.D. iff one of the vectors of $\{V_1, V_2, \dots, V_n\}$ belongs to the span of remaining other vectors of the set S .

(2 x 4 = 8 weightage)