

B.Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S.) EXAMINATION, OCTOBER 2013

Fifth Semester

Core Course—ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

(Common for Model I and II B.Sc. Mathematics)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 25

Part A

*Answer all questions.**Each bunch of four questions has weight of 1.*

- I. 1 Is the usual matrix addition a binary operation on $M(R)$ set of all matrices with real entries ?
2 Whether the binary operation $*$ defined on C by letting $a * b = |ab|$ gives a group structure on C .
3 Write a non-trivial proper sub group of Z_4 .
4 Every permutation is a cycle. True or False.
- II. 5 Find the quotient and remainder when -38 is divided by 7 .
6 Every group of order less than or equal to 4 is cyclic. Write true or false.
7 Find the number of elements in the set $\{\sigma \in S_4 \mid \sigma(3) = 3\}$.
8 Every factor group of a cyclic group is cyclic. Write true or false.
- III. 9 Define a skew field.
10 Is the set of all pure imaginary numbers with usual addition and multiplication a ring ?
11 Solve the equation $3x - z$ in the field Z_7 .
12 Find all units in Z_5 .
- IV. 13 Find the characteristics of the ring $2Z$.
14 Every integral domain of characteristic zero is infinite – True or False.
15 Are $2Z/8Z$ and Z_4 isomorphic rings ?
16 Define Kernel of a ring homomorphism.

(4 × 1 = 4)

Turn over

Part B

Answer any **five** questions.
Each question has weight 1.

- 17 Show that the binary structures $(Q, +)$ and $(Z, +)$ under usual addition are not isomorphic.
- 18 Let n be a positive integer and let $nZ = \{nm \mid m \in Z\}$, show that $\langle nZ, + \rangle$ is a group.
- 19 Show that every cyclic group is abelian.
- 20 Show that every subgroup of an abelian group is normal.
- 21 Compute the product $(16)(3)$ in Z_{32} .
- 22 Show that $M_2(Z_2)$ has zero divisors.
- 23 Let R be a commutative ring with unity of characteristic 4. Compute and simplify $(a+b)^4$ for $a, b \in R$.
- 24 Let F be the ring of all functions mapping R into R and let C be the subring of F consisting of all the constant functions in F . Is C an ideal in F ? Why?

(5 × 1 = 5)

Part C

Answer any **four** questions.
Each question has weight 2.

- 25 Show that the identity element and inverse of each element are unique in a group.

26 Express $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 8 & 2 & 6 & 3 & 7 & 4 & 5 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$

as a product of disjoint cycles and as a product of transpositions.

- 27 Show that a subgroup of a cyclic group is cyclic.
- 28 Prove that M is a maximal normal subgroup of G if and only if G/M is simple.
- 29 If p is Prime, show that Z_p has no divisors of 0.
- 30 $\phi: R \rightarrow R'$ be a ring homomorphism and let N be an ideal R . Show that $\phi(N)$ is an ideal of $\phi[R]$.

(4 × 2 = 8)

Part D

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

- 31 Prove that no permutation in S_n can be expressed both as a product of an even number of transpositions and as a product of a odd number of transpositions.
- 32 Let H be a subgroup of G . Prove that the left coset multiplication $(aH)(bH) = (ab)H$ is well defined if and only if H is a normal subgroup of G .
- 33 Prove that every integral domain is a field.

$(2 \times 4 = 8)$