

**FIRST SEMESTER M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, DECEMBER 2017**

(CUCSS)

Mathematics

MT 1C 01—ALGEBRA—I

(2010 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 36 Weightage

**Part A***Answer all questions.**Each question carries weightage 1.*

1. Verify whether  $\phi(x, y) = (x + 1, y + 2)$  is an isometry of the plane.
2. Find the order of  $(2, 3)$  in the group  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_6$ .
3. Give two non isomorphic abelian groups of order 8.
4. Find the weight of the binary code  $u = 00110001$ .
5. Give a composition series of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ .
6. Find the commutator subgroup of  $S_3$ .
7. Let  $H$  be a subgroup of a group  $G$  and  $X$  be the set of all left cosets of  $H$  in  $G$  which is a  $G$ -set with  $g.(xH) = (gx)H$ . Find the orbit of  $H$ .
8. Find the number of 5-Sylow subgroups of a group  $G$  where  $|G| = 50$ .
9. Show that all groups of order 15 contains a normal subgroup of order 5.
10. Let  $F(x, y)$  be the free group on  $\{x, y\}$ . Give a homomorphism from  $F(x, y)$  to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .
11. Give a presentation of  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$  using one generator.
12. Verify whether  $x^3 + x^2 + 2x + 2$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}_3[x]$ .
13. Find the inverse of  $(1 + 2i + j)$  in the ring of quaternions.
14. Verify whether  $N = \{0, 1, 2\}$  is an ideal of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_6$ .

(14 × 1 = 14 weightage)

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## Part B

Answer any seven questions.

Each question carries weightage 2.

15. Verify whether  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_2$  is isomorphic to the Klein four group.
16. Find the kernel of the homomorphism  $\eta: G \rightarrow G/N$  defined by  $x \mapsto Nx$ .
17. Let  $N$  be a maximal normal subgroup of a group  $G$ . Show that  $G/N$  is a simple group.
18. Let  $H, K$  be groups. Show that  $\bar{H} = \{(h, e) \in H \times K : h \in H\}$  is a normal subgroup of  $H \times K$  where  $e$  is the identity of  $K$ .
19. Show that every group of order 35 has a normal subgroup of order 7.
20. Show that if  $H$  and  $N$  are subgroups of a group  $G$  and if  $N$  is normal then  $HN$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
21. Verify whether  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$  is a free group.
22. Give a presentation of the group  $\mathbb{Z}_2 \times \mathbb{Z}_4$  using two generators.
23. Let  $\phi_\alpha: \mathbb{Q}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Q}$  be the evaluation homomorphism where  $f(x) \mapsto f(\alpha)$ . Find  $\ker \phi_\alpha$ .
24. Verify whether  $x^5 - 12x^3 + 12$  is irreducible in  $\mathbb{Z}[x]$ .

(7 × 2 = 14 weightage)

## Part C

Answer any two questions.

Each question carries weightage 4.

25. (a) Define isomorphic subnormal series of a group.  
(b) Show that any two subnormal series of a group  $G$  have isomorphic refinements.
26. (a) Define commutator subgroup of a group.  
(b) Show that if  $K$  is the commutator subgroup of  $G$  then :  
(i)  $K$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .  
(ii)  $G/K$  is abelian.
27. (a) Describe the free group on a set  $A$ .  
(b) Prove that if  $F$  is the free group on  $A$  and  $G$  is any group then every map  $f: A \rightarrow G$  extends to a homomorphism from  $F$  to  $G$ .
28. (a) Describe the group ring  $R(G)$  of a group  $G$  over a ring  $R$ .  
(b) Show that  $R(G)$  is a ring.  
(c) List all elements of the group ring  $R(G)$  for  $R = \mathbb{Z}_3$  and  $G = \mathbb{Z}_2$ .

(2 × 4 = 8 weightage)