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**M.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MATHEMATICS**

**SECOND SEMESTER – APRIL 2016**

**MT 2810 - ALGEBRA**

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Max. : 100 Marks

ANSWER ALL QUESTIONS.

- I a) Show that any group of order  $45$  has a subgroup of order  $9$ .  
[OR]  
b) Let  $G$  be a group and  $a \in G$ . Prove that  $N(a)$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . (5)  
c i) State and prove Cauchy's theorem.  
ii) If  $o(G) = p^n$  where  $p$  is a prime number then prove that  $Z(G) \neq (e)$ . (8+7)  
[OR]  
d i) State and prove Sylow's first theorem.  
ii) Show that  $Z_{12} \approx Z_3 \times Z_4$  (10+5)
- II a) Show that  $x^6 + 9x^5 - 12x^4 + 24x^3 - 15x + 12$  is irreducible over rational numbers.  
[OR]  
b) If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are two polynomials in  $F[x]$  then prove that  $\deg f(x)g(x) = \deg f(x) + \deg g(x)$ . (5)  
c i) State and prove the Eisenstein criterion.  
ii) State and prove division algorithm (10+5)  
[OR]  
d i) State and prove Gauss lemma.  
ii) Prove that the polynomial  $x^2 + 1$  is irreducible over the field  $F$  of integers mod  $11$  and show that  $F[x]/x^2 + 1$  is a field having  $121$  elements. (7+8)
- III a) Find the degree of  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .  
[OR]  
b) State and prove remainder theorem. (5)  
c) If  $L$  is a finite extension of  $K$  and  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$  then prove that  $L$  is a finite extension of  $F$  and  $[L:F] = [L:K][K:F]$ .  
[OR]  
d) Let  $f(x) \in F[x]$  be of degree  $n \geq 1$ . Prove that there exist an extension  $E$  of  $F$  of degree at most  $n!$  in which  $f(x)$  has  $n$  roots. (15)

IV a) Let  $F$  be the field of rational numbers and let  $f(x) = x^4 + x^2 + 1 \in F[x]$ . Find the splitting field of  $f(x)$ .

[OR]

b) Define a normal extension and give an example. (5)

c) Let  $F$  be a field and let  $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  be the field of rational functions in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  over  $F$ . Suppose  $S$  is the field of symmetric rational functions. Then prove that

(i)  $[F(x_1, \dots, x_n) : S] = n!$

(ii)  $G([F(x_1, \dots, x_n) : S]) = S_n$

(iii) If  $a_1, \dots, a_n$  are elementary symmetric functions in  $x_1, \dots, x_n$  then  $S = F(a_1, \dots, a_n)$ .

(iv)  $F(x_1, \dots, x_n)$  is the splitting field over  $F(a_1, \dots, a_n) = S$  of the polynomial  $t^n - a_1 t^{n-1} + a_2 t^{n-2} \dots + (-1)^n a_n$

[OR]

d) State and prove Fundamental theorem of Galois theory. (15)

V a) Let  $F$  be a finite field with  $q$  elements and  $F \subset K$  where  $K$  is also a finite field.

Prove that  $K$  has  $q^n$  elements where  $n = [K:F]$ .

[OR]

b) Derive the cyclotomic polynomials  $\Phi_3(x)$  and  $\Phi_4(x)$ . (5)

c) Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group satisfying the relation  $x^n = e$  is satisfied by at most  $n$  elements of  $G$ , for every integer  $n$ . Then prove that  $G$  is a cyclic group.

[OR]

d) State and prove Wedderburn's theorem on division rings. (15)

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