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**B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION – MATHEMATICS**

**FOURTH SEMESTER – APRIL 2022**

**16/17/18UMT4MC01 – ABSTRACT ALGEBRA**

Date: 16-06-2022

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Max. : 100 Marks

Time: 09:00 AM - 12:00 NOON

**PART – A**

**Answer ALL Questions:**

**(10 × 2 = 20)**

1. Show that if every element of a group  $G$  is its own inverse, then  $G$  is abelian.
2. For all  $a, b \in G$ , show that  $(a \cdot b)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$ .
3. Define quotient group.
4. Show that the intersection of two normal subgroups of  $G$  is also a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
5. Let  $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$  be the group under multiplication and  $I$  be group of all integers under addition. Prove that the mapping  $f: I \rightarrow G$  such that  $f(x) = i^n \forall n \in I$ , is a homomorphism.
6. Write the cycles of  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 \\ 3 & 5 & 2 & 4 & 7 & 8 & 1 & 6 \end{pmatrix}$ .
7. Show that kernel of a ring homomorphism is an ideal.
8. When is an integral domain said to be of characteristic zero?
9. Define Euclidean ring.
10. Find all units of  $J[i]$ .

**PART – B**

**Answer any FIVE Questions:**

**(5 × 8 = 40)**

11. If  $G$  is group of even order, prove that it has an element  $a \neq e$  satisfying  $a^2 = e$ .
12. State and prove the necessary and sufficient condition for a nonempty subset of a group to be a subgroup of the group.
13. Show that the subgroup  $N$  of a group  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  if and only if every left coset of  $N$  in  $G$  is a right coset of  $N$  in  $G$ .
14. If  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of a group  $G$ , prove that  $HK$  is a subgroup of  $G$  if and only if  $HK=KH$ .
15. State and prove Cayley's theorem.

16. If  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of a group  $G$  into another group  $G$  with kernel  $K$ , prove that  $K$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
17. If  $U$  is an ideal of a ring  $R$  show that  $R/U$  is also a ring.
18. Let  $R$  be a Euclidean ring. Show that any two elements  $a$  and  $b$  in  $R$  have a greatest common divisor  $d$  which can be expressed as  $\lambda a + \mu b$  for some  $\lambda, \mu$  in  $R$ .

**PART – C**

**Answer any TWO Questions:**

**(2 × 20 = 40)**

19. (a) If  $G$  is a group, show that for all  $a \in G$ ,  $H_a = \{x \in G, a \equiv x \text{ mod } H\}$ . (8)
- (b) Show that any group of prime order is cyclic. (7)
- (c) If  $G$  is a group, show that the set of all automorphisms  $\mathcal{A}(G)$  of  $G$  is also a group. (5)
20. (a) If  $H$  and  $K$  are finite subgroups of  $G$ , then show that  $o(HK) = \frac{o(H)o(K)}{o(H \cap K)}$ . (11)
- (b) If  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of a group  $G$  onto a group  $\bar{G}$  with kernel  $K$ , then prove that  $G/K \cong \bar{G}$ . (9)
21. (a) Show that the alternating group  $A_n$  is a normal subgroup of the symmetric group  $S_n$  of index two. (6)
- (b) Prove that a finite integral domain is a field. (14)
22. (a) If  $U$  is an ideal of a ring  $R$  show that  $R/U$  is also a ring. (3)
- (b) Show that  $J[i]$  is a Euclidean ring. (10)
- (c) State and prove unique factorization theorem. (7)

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