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B.Sc. (CBCS) (Semester-V)
EXAMINATION NOVEMBER 2022
Mathematics
Algebra

[Duration : Three Hours]

[Total Marks : 120]

Instructions :

1. All questions are compulsory, however internal choice is available
2. Figures to the **right** indicate full marks.
3. Use of scientific non-programmable calculators is allowed.
4. Symbols have their usual meanings.

1. Attempt **any five** of the following:

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(a) Find all generators of \mathbb{Z}_8 and \mathbb{Z}_{20} .

(b) List all elements of $\mathbb{Z}_4 \oplus \mathbb{Z}_2$.

(c) Express the following permutations as products of transpositions and identify them as even or odd.

$(17254) (1423) (154632)$

and $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 & 7 & 8 & 9 \\ 2 & 5 & 4 & 3 & 6 & 1 & 7 & 9 & 8 \end{bmatrix}$.

(d) Prove that $U(5)$ is isomorphic to $U(10)$, but $U(12)$ is not. Justify your claim.

(e) Show that if G is the internal direct product of H_1, H_2, \dots, H_n , and $i \neq j$ with $1 \leq i, j \leq n$, then $H_i \cap H_j = \{e\}$.

(f) Prove that $\mathbb{Z}/\langle n \rangle \approx \mathbb{Z}_n$.

(g) State the following theorems:

- i. Fermat's Little theorem
- ii. Orbit-Stabilizer theorem

2. Attempt **any five** of the following:

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(a) Construct a multiplication table for $\mathbb{Z}_2[i]$, the ring of Gaussian integers modulo 2. Is this ring a field? Is it an integral domain?

(b) Let $S = \{a + bi | a, b \in \mathbb{Z}, b \text{ is even}\}$. Show that S is a subring of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$ but not an ideal of $\mathbb{Z}[i]$.

(c) Let $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} | a, b \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ and $H = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & 2b \\ b & a \end{bmatrix} | a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$. Show that $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}]$ and H are isomorphic as rings.

- (d) Let R and S be rings. Prove that $R \oplus S$ is ring isomorphic to $S \oplus R$.
- (e) State and prove remainder theorem.
- (f) Define the following terms:
i. Characteristic of a ring
ii. Principal ideal domain.
- (g) Let $f(x) = 5x^4 + 3x^3 + 1$ and $g(x) = 3x^2 + 2x + 1$ in $\mathbb{Z}_7[x]$. Determine the quotient and remainder upon dividing $f(x)$ by $g(x)$.
3. A) Attempt **any one** of the following:
- (a) (i) Prove or disprove the following: 05
If k is a positive divisor of n , then the number of elements of order k in cyclic group of order n is $\phi(k)$.
- (ii) Let G be a group and let $a \in G$. If $|a| = n$, then prove that $\langle a \rangle = \{a, a^2, a^3, \dots, a^{n-1}, a^n\}$ 05
and $a^i = a^j$ if and only if n divides $i - j$.
- (b) (i) If a cyclic group G is generated by an element a of order n , prove that a^m is a generator 05
of G if and only if $\gcd(m, n) = 1$.
- (ii) Let H be a subset of a group G . Prove that H is a subgroup of G if and only if $H \neq \emptyset$ 05
and whenever $g, h \in H$ then gh^{-1} is in H .
- B) Prove that any cyclic group of order n is isomorphic to $(\mathbb{Z}_n, +_n)$. 10
4. A) Attempt **any one** of the following:
- (a) (i) Let H be a subgroup of a group G . Prove that any two left cosets of H are either disjoint 05
or identical.
- (ii) Suppose that f is an isomorphism from a group G onto a group T . Prove that 05
 $f(Z(G)) = Z(T)$.
- (b) (i) Let σ and τ be two disjoint cycles in S_n . Prove that $\sigma\tau = \tau\sigma$. 05
(ii) Prove or disprove that every group of prime order is cyclic. 05
- B) Prove that the set of even permutations in S_n forms a subgroup of S_n and has the order $\frac{n!}{2}$. 10
5. A) Attempt **any one** of the following:
- (a) (i) Let G and H be finite cyclic groups. Prove that $G \oplus H$ is cyclic if and only if $|G|$ and $|H|$ 05
are relatively prime.

- (ii) If K is a subgroup of G and N is a normal subgroup of G , prove that $\frac{K}{K \cap N}$ is isomorphic to $\frac{KN}{N}$. 05
- (b) Let G be a finite abelian group of order $p^n m$, where p is a prime that does not divide m . Prove that $G = H \times K$, where $H = \{x \in G | x^{p^n} = e\}$ and $K = \{x \in G | x^m = e\}$. 10
- B) Prove that every group of order p^2 , where p is a prime, is isomorphic to Z_{p^2} or $Z_p \oplus Z_p$. 10
6. A) Attempt **any one** of the following:
- (a) (i) Prove or disprove:
 Every finite integral domain is a field. 05
- (ii) Let $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$ be the ring of 2×2 matrices over the integers and let

$$R = \left\{ \begin{bmatrix} a & a-b \\ a-b & b \end{bmatrix} \mid a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}.$$
 Prove or disprove that R is subring of $M_2(\mathbb{Z})$. 05
- (b) (i) If F is a field of characteristic p , then prove that F contains a subfield isomorphic to \mathbb{Z}_p . 05
- (ii) Let m be a fixed positive integer. For any integer a , let \bar{a} denote a mod m . Show that the mapping $f: \mathbb{Z}[x] \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_m[x]$ given by

$$f(a_n x^n + a_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + a_0) = \bar{a}_n x^n + \bar{a}_{n-1} x^{n-1} + \dots + \bar{a}_0$$
 is a ring homomorphism. 05
- B) Let R be a commutative ring with unity and let M be an ideal of R . Prove that $\frac{R}{M}$ is a integral domain if and only if M is prime. 10