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ADVANCED ALGEBRA – II

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — (10 × 1 = 10 marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. The number e is
(a) rational (b) algebraic
(c) transcendental (d) a unit
2. What is the degree of $\sqrt{2}\sqrt{3}$ over Q ?
(a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) 4

3. τ^* is an isomorphism of $F[x]$ onto $F[t]$ with the property that, for all $\alpha \in F$, $\alpha\tau^* =$

- (a) α (b) 0
(c) α' (d) t

4. If $f'(x) = 0$ where $f(x) \in F[x]$ and f is of characteristic 3 then for some polynomial $g(x) \in F[x]$,

- (a) $g'(x) = 0$ (b) $f(x^3) = g(x)$
(c) $f(x) = g(x)$ (d) $f(x) = g(x^3)$

5. If $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is the field of rational functions in x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n over F and S is the field of symmetric rational functions then $[F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n) : S] =$

- (a) S_n (b) n
(c) $n!$ (d) $G(F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n), S)$

6. If F is the field of rational numbers and $K = F(\sqrt[3]{2})$ then $O(G(K, F))$ is

- (a) 1 (b) 2
(c) 3 (d) 4

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7. If F is a field with 9 elements, $F \subset K$ where K is a finite field such that $[K:F]=2$ then K has _____ elements.

(a) 7 (b) 18
(c) 512 (d) 81

8. The cyclotomic polynomial $P_6(x) =$

(a) $x^2 + x - 1$ (b) $x^4 - x^3 - x^2 + 1$
(c) $x^2 - x + 1$ (d) $x^6 - x^3 + 1$

9. The irreducible polynomials over the field of real numbers are of degree

(a) 1 (b) 2
(c) either 1 or 2 (d) neither 1 nor 2

10. If $x \in H$, the Hurwitz ring of integral quaternions $x \neq 0$ then $N(x)$ is

(a) x^* (b) 0
(c) a positive integer (d) can't say

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PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) If L is an algebraic extension of K and if K is an algebraic extension of F , show that L is an algebraic extension of F .

Or

- (b) If $V = (g(x))$ is the ideal generated by the polynomial $g(x)$ of degree n in $F[x]$, prove that $\frac{F[x]}{V}$ is an n -dimensional vector space over F .

12. (a) Prove that a polynomial of degree n over a field can have at most n roots in any extension field.

Or

- (b) Prove that the polynomial $f(x) \in F[x]$ has a multiple root if and only if $f(x)$ and $f'(x)$ have a nontrivial common factor.

13. (a) Define the fixed field of a group G of automorphisms of K and show that it is a sub field of K .

Or

- (b) If K is a field and if $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ are distinct automorphisms of K , show that it is impossible to find elements a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n not all 0, in K such that $a_1\sigma_1(u) + a_2\sigma_2(u) + \dots + a_n\sigma_n(u) = 0$ for all $u \in K$.

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14. (a) Show that for every prime number p and every positive integer m there exists a field having p^m elements.

Or

- (b) If F is a finite field and $\alpha \neq 0$, $\beta \neq 0$ are two elements of F , show that there exist elements a and b in F such that $1 + \alpha a^2 + \beta b^2 = 0$.
15. (a) Show that the adjoint in the division ring Q of real quaternions satisfies the following :
- (i) $x^{**} = x$
- (ii) $(\delta x + \gamma y)^* = \delta x^* + \gamma y^*$
- (iii) $(xy)^* = y^* x^*$ for all x, y in Q and all real δ and γ .

Or

- (b) Define the norm $N(x)$ in Q and show that, for all x, y in Q $N(xy) = N(x)N(y)$.

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PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) If L is a finite extension of K and if K is a finite extension of F , show that $[L : F] = [L : K][K : F]$. Draw your inference when $[L : F]$ is a prime number.

Or

- (b) If $a \in K$ is algebraic of degree n over F , prove that $[F(a) : F] = n$.

17. (a) If $p(x)$ is irreducible in $F[x]$ and if V is a root of $p(x)$ then, show that $F(V)$ is isomorphic to $F'(W)$ where W is a root of $p'(t)$, by an isomorphism σ such that (i) $v\sigma = w$ and (ii) $\alpha\sigma = \alpha'$ for every α in F .

Or

- (b) If F is of characteristics 0 and if a, b are algebraic over F , prove that there exists an element C in $F(a, b)$ such that $F(a, b) = F(c)$.

18. (a) Prove that $[K : F] = O(G(K, F))$, where K is a normal extension of F .

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- (b) Given $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is to field of rational functions, S is the field of symmetric rational functions a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n . Prove that (i) $S = F(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$ and (ii) $F(x_1, x_2, \dots, x_n)$ is the splitting field over S of the polynomial $t^n - a_1 t^{n-1} + a_2 t^{n-2} + \dots + (-1)^n a_n$.

19. (a) Given G is a finite abelian group with the property that $x^n = e$ is satisfied by at most n elements of G , for every integer n . Show that G is a cyclic group. Deduce that the multiplicative group of non zero elements of a finite field is cyclic.

Or

- (b) State and prove Wedderburn's theorem on finite division rings.

20. (a) State and prove Frobenius theorem.

Or

- (b) State and prove Lagrange's four-square theorem.

