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Mathematics — Core

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. Suppose that L, K, F are three fields in the relation $L \supset K \supset F$. If $[L : F] = 20$, $[K : F] = 4$ then $[L : K]$ is
- (a) 80 (b) 16
(c) 5 (d) 24

2. $[Q(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) : Q]$ is

- (a) 2 (b) 4
(c) 6 (d) 1

3. The degree of the splitting field of the polynomial $x^4 + x^2 + 1$ over the field of rational numbers is

- (a) 4 (b) 1
(c) 2 (d) 24

4. The extension K of F is a simple extension of F if

- (a) K is the splitting field of F
(b) $K = F(\alpha)$ for some $\alpha \in K$
(c) $K = F(\alpha)$ for some $\alpha \in F$
(d) $F = K(\alpha)$ for some $\alpha \in K$

5. Let K be a field and let F be a subfield of K . Then $G(K, F)$ is

- (a) the set of all automorphisms of K
(b) the set of all automorphisms of K leaving every element of F fixed
(c) the set of all automorphisms of F leaving every element of K fixed
(d) the set of all automorphism of F

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6. Let $K = \mathbb{C}$, $F = \mathbb{R}$. The $G(K, F)$ is a group of order

- (a) 1 (b) 0
(c) ∞ (d) 2

7. If $\phi_n(x)$ is the n^{th} cyclotomic polynomial then $\phi_1(x) + \phi_2(x)$ is

- (a) $2x$ (b) $x^2 + x + 1$
(c) $x - 1$ (d) 0

8. Let F be a finite field with 25 elements and suppose that $F \subset K$ where K is also a finite field with $[K : F] = 5$ then $O(K)$ is

- (a) 125 (b) 5
(c) 25^5 (d) 5^{25}

9. If $x = 1 - i + j - k$ then $N(x)$ is

- (a) 4 (b) 2
(c) 0 (d) $1 + i - j + k$

10. "Every positive integer can be expressed as the sum of squares of four integers" – This theorem is known as

- (a) Hurwitz theorem
(b) Frobenius theorem
(c) Wedderburn's theorem
(d) Lagrange's theorem

PART B — ($5 \times 5 = 25$ marks)

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

11. (a) Prove that "algebraic over algebraic is algebraic".

Or

(b) If $a, b \in K$ are algebraic over F of degree m and n respectively, and if $(m, n) = 1$, prove that $F(a, b)$ is of degree mn over F .

12. (a) State and prove the remainder theorem.

Or

(b) If F is of characteristic 0 and $f(x) \in f[x]$ is such that $f'(x) = 0$, prove that $f(x) = \alpha \in F$.



13. (a) If K is a field and if $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$ are distinct automorphisms of K , prove 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 $u \in K$.

Or

- (b) If $K = C$ and $F = R$, find $G(K, F)$ and the fixed field of $G(K, F)$.
14. (a) Let F be a finite field with q elements and suppose that $F \subseteq K$ where K is also a finite field. Prove that K has q^n elements where $n = [K : F]$.

Or

- (b) For every prime number p and every positive integer m , prove that there exists a field having p^m elements.
15. (a) Let C be the field of complex numbers and suppose that the division ring D is algebraic over C . Prove that $D = C$.

Or

- (b) Let Q be the division ring of real quaternions. If $x \in Q$, define $N(x)$ and show that for all $x, y \in Q$, $N(xy) = N(x)N(y)$.

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 , prove that L is a finite extension of F and $[L : F] = [L : K][K : F]$.

Or

- (b) Prove that the element $a \in K$ is algebraic over F if and only if $F(a)$ is a finite extension of F .
17. (a) Prove that a polynomial of degree n over a field can have at most n roots in any extension field.

Or

- (b) If $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$ are algebraic over F , prove that there is an element $c \in F(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$ such that $F(c) = F(\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n)$.



18. (a) If K is the splitting field of some polynomial over F , prove that K is a normal extension of F .

Or

- (b) State and prove the fundamental theorem of Galois theory.
19. (a) After proving the necessary lemmas, prove that the multiplicative group of non zero elements of a finite field is cyclic.

Or

- (b) Prove that a finite division ring is necessarily a commutative field.
20. (a) State and prove Frobenius theorem.

Or

- (b) State and prove the left – division algorithm in the Hurwitz ring of integral quaternions.
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