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Second Semester

Mathematics — Core

ALGEBRA — II

(For those who joined in July 2017 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — ( $10 \times 1 = 10$  marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. A homomorphism of  $R$  into  $R'$  is said to be an isomorphism if it is a ——— mapping.

- (a) onto                      (b) one to one  
(c) isomorphic              (d) none of these

2. Let  $D$  be an integral domain,  $a, b \in D$  suppose that  $a^n = b^n$  and  $a^m = b^m$  for two relatively prime positive integers  $m$  and  $n$  then  $a$  ———  $b$ .

- (a)  $>$                       (b)  $<$   
(c)  $=$                       (d)  $\neq$

3. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unit element. An element  $a \in R$  is a unit in  $R$  if there exists an element  $b \in R$  such that  $ab =$  ———

- (a) 1                      (b) 0  
(c)  $\infty$                       (d)  $-1$

4. If  $R$  is an Euclidean ring and  $a, b \in R$ . If  $b \neq 0$  is not a unit in  $R$  then ———

- (a)  $d(a) < d(ab)$               (b)  $d(a) > d(ab)$   
(c)  $d(a) = d(ab)$               (d) none of these

5. If  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_nx^n \neq 0$  and  $a_n \neq 0$  then the degree of  $f(x)$ , written as  $\deg f(x)$ , is ———

- (a)  $n-1$                       (b)  $n+1$   
(c) 1                      (d)  $n$

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6. If  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  are two polynomials, then \_\_\_\_\_

- (a)  $\deg(f(x)g(x)) \leq \deg f(x), g(x) \neq 0$
- (b)  $\deg(f(x)g(x)) \geq \deg f(x), g(x) \neq 0$
- (c)  $\deg(f(x)g(x)) = \deg f(x) + \deg g(x), g(x) \neq 0$
- (d)  $\deg(f(x)g(x)) = \deg f(x) - \deg g(x), g(x) \neq 0$

7. The only idempotent element in  $\text{rad } R$  is \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) 1
- (b) 2
- (c) 3
- (d) 0

8. The ring  $Z$  of integers is \_\_\_\_\_

- (a) prime radical
- (b) semi-simple
- (c) prime ideal
- (d) none of these

9. For any ring  $R$ ,  $R/\text{rad } R$  is \_\_\_\_\_ to a sub direct sum of integral domains.

- (a) monomorphic
- (b) isomorphic
- (c) homomorphic
- (d) automorphic

10. If  $a$  and  $b$  are elements of  $\Sigma \oplus R_i$  such that  $\pi_i(a) = \pi_i(b)$  for each index  $i$ , then  $a$  \_\_\_\_\_  $b$ .

- (a) =
- (b)  $\neq$
- (c)  $>$
- (d)  $<$

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

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

11. (a) If  $\phi$  is a homomorphism of  $R$  into  $R'$  with Kernel  $I(\phi)$ , then prove the following.

- (i)  $I(\phi)$  is a subgroup of  $R$  under addition.
- (ii) If  $a \in I(\phi)$  and  $r \in R$  then both  $ar$  and  $ra$  are in  $I(\phi)$ .

Or

(b) If  $U$  is an ideal of  $R$  and  $1 \in U$ , prove that  $U = R$ .

12. (a) Prove that a Euclidean ring possesses a unit element.

Or

(b) State and prove Fermat theorem.



13. (a) If  $f(x), g(x)$  are two nonzero elements of  $f[x]$ , then prove that  $\deg(f(x), g(x)) = \deg f(x) + \deg g(x)$ .

Or

- (b) State and prove Gauss' Lemma.
14. (a) Prove that an element  $a$  is invertible in the ring  $R$  iff the coset  $a + \text{rad } R$  is invertible in the quotient ring  $R/\text{rad } R$ .

Or

- (b) Prove that for any ring  $R$ ,  $\text{rad } R$  is the smallest ideal  $I$  of  $R$  such that the quotient ring  $R/I$  is semi-simple (in other words, if  $R/I$  is a semi-simple ring, then  $\text{rad } R \subseteq I$ ).
15. (a) Prove that an element  $a$  of the ring  $R$  is quasi-regular iff there exists some  $b \in R$  such that  $a + b - ab = 0$ . The elements  $b$  satisfying this equation is called a quasi-inverse of  $a$ .

Or

- (b) Prove that a ring  $R$  is isomorphic to a sub-direct sum of fields iff for each nonzero ideal  $I$  of  $R$ , there exists an ideal  $J \neq R$  such that  $I + J = R$ .

### PART C — (5 × 8 = 40 marks)

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

16. (a) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unit element whose only ideals are  $(0)$  and  $R$  itself. Then, prove that  $R$  is a field.

Or

- (b) Prove that every integral domain can be imbedded in a field.
17. (a) Prove that  $J[i]$  is a Euclidean ring.

Or

- (b) State and prove Unique Factorization theorem.
18. (a) Prove that the ideal  $A = p(x)$  in  $F[x]$  is a maximal ideal iff  $p(x)$  is irreducible over  $F$ .

Or

- (b) Prove that if  $R$  is a unique factorization domain and if  $p(x)$  is a primitive polynomial in  $R[x]$ , then it can be factored in a unique way as the product of irreducible elements in  $R[x]$ .



19. (a) Prove that for any ring  $R$ , the quotient ring  $R/\text{rad } R$  is semi-simple; that is,  $\text{rad}(R/\text{rad } R) = \{0\}$ .

Or

- (b) Prove that a ring  $R$  is a primary ring iff  $R$  has a minimal prime ideal which contains all zero divisors.
20. (a) Define the  $J$ -Radical  $J(R)$  and  $J$ -semi simple ring and prove that the ring of even integers is  $J$ -Semi simple.

Or

- (b) Prove that for any ring  $R$ , the  $J$ -radical  $J(R)$  is an ideal of  $R$ .
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