

B. Sc. DEGREE (C.B.C.S.S) EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2018
(2014 Admission Supplementary)
SEMESTER V - CORE COURSE (MATHEMATICS)
MAT5AA - ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

Time: Three Hours

Maximum Marks: 80

PART A

I. Answer all questions. Each question carries 1 mark.

1. How many different binary operations can be defined on a set having exactly 2 elements
2. Give an example of an abelian group which is not cyclic
3. Find the order of the permutation $\sigma = \begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 & 5 & 6 \\ 2 & 1 & 5 & 4 & 6 & 3 \end{pmatrix}$ in S_6
4. Is $\langle \mathbb{Z}, + \rangle$ isomorphic to $\langle \mathbb{Q}, + \rangle$
5. Define normal subgroup of a group G.
6. What are the units of \mathbb{Z}_5
7. Define Kernel of a group homomorphism
8. Define Skew field.
9. Check whether Q is an ideal of R.
10. Find the characteristic of the ring \mathbb{Z}_n . (10x1=10)

PART B

II. Answer any eight questions. Each question carries 2 marks.

11. Show that every group G with identity e and such that $x * x = e$ for all $x \in G$ is abelian.
12. Prove left cancellation law.
13. State that the set $G = \{1, -1, i, -i\}$ forms an abelian group with respect to multiplication
14. Prove that every cyclic group is abelian
15. Show that \mathbb{R} under addition is isomorphic to \mathbb{R}^+ under multiplication
16. Prove that every subgroup of an abelian group is a normal subgroup
17. If $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$ is a group homomorphism, then prove that $\text{Ker } \phi$ is a normal subgroup of G.
18. Find all solutions of the equation $x^2 + 2x + 4 = 0$ in \mathbb{Z}_6 .
19. Let $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$ be a homomorphism, then prove that if $a \in G$ then $a^{-1} \phi = (a \phi)^{-1}$.
20. Check whether $\langle \mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot \rangle$ is a field. Give reasons to support of your answer.
21. Let R be a commutative ring with unity of characteristic 4. Compute and simplify $(a+b)^4$ for $a, b \in R$.
22. Find all ideals of \mathbb{Z}_{12} .

(8x2= 16)

PART C

III. Answer any six questions. Each question carries 4 marks.

23. Show that if H and K are subgroups of an abelian group G then $G' = \{hk/h \in H \text{ and } k \in K\}$ is a subgroup of G
24. Let G be a group and $a \in G$. Then $H = \{a^n/n \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is a subgroup of G and is the smallest

- subgroup G that contains a .
25. Let G be a cyclic group with n elements and generated by a . Let $b \in G$ and $b = a^s$. then b generates a cyclic subgroup H of G containing $\frac{n}{d}$ elements, where d is the g.c.d of n and s .
26. a). Find all generators of Z_8 .
 b). Find all subgroups of Z_8 and draw the lattice diagram.
27. Prove that any infinite cyclic group G is isomorphic to the group Z of integers under addition.
28. Prove that a homomorphism ϕ of a group G is a one-one function iff $\text{Ker } \phi = \{e\}$.
29. Prove that every finite integral domain is a field.
30. A). Define characteristic of a ring.
 B). Prove that if R is a ring with unity 1 , then R has characteristic $n > 0$ iff n is the smallest positive integer such that $n \cdot 1 = 0$.
31. Let R be a commutative ring and $a \in R$. Show that $I_a = \{x \in R / ax = 0\}$ is an ideal of R .

(6x4= 24)

PART D

IV. Answer any two questions. Each question carries 15 marks.

32. a). Prove that for $n \geq 2$, the number of even permutations in S_n is same as the number of odd permutations.
 b). Prove that intersection of two subgroups of a group G is a subgroup of G .
33. State and prove Cayley's theorem.
34. State and prove Fundamental Homomorphism theorem for groups.
35. a). Prove that if R is a ring with unity and N is an ideal of R containing a unit then $N = R$.
 b). Prove that M is a maximal normal subgroup of G iff G/M is simple.

(2x15=30)