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## QUESTION BANK

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# ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

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**CORE COURSE XII  
ABSTRACT ALGEBRA**

**Objectives**

1. To introduce the concept of Algebra from the basic set theory and Functions, etc.
2. To introduce the concept of Group theory and Rings.

**UNIT I**

Groups : Definition and Examples – Elementary Properties of a Group – Equivalent Definitions of a Group.-Permutation Groups

**UNIT II**

Subgroups - Cyclic Groups-Order of an Element – Cosets and Lagrange's Theorem .

**UNIT III**

Normal Subgroups and Quotient Groups - Isomorphism –Homomorphism

**UNIT IV**

Rings: Definitions and Examples - Elementary properties of rings – Isomorphism - Types of rings.-Characteristic of a ring – subrings – Ideals - Quotient rings

**UNIT V**

Maximal and Prime Ideals.-Homomorphism of rings – Field of quotient of an integral domain – unique factorization domain-Euclidean domain

**Textbook**

1. S Arumugam and Athangapandi Isaac, Modern Algebra, SciTech Publications, Chennai, 2003.

**Unit 1:** Chapter 3 Sections 3.1-3.4

**Unit 2:** Chapter 3 Sections 3.5-3.8

**Unit 3:** Chapter 3 Sections 3.9-3.11

**Unit 4:** Chapter 4 Sections 4.1-4.8

**Unit 5:** Chapter 4 Sections 4.9- 4.11, 4.13-14

**References**

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## UNIT – I

### CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER :

- 1) An element  $a \in G$  is called idempotent if  $a^2 = ?$ 
  - a.  $a^3$
  - b.  $a$
  - c.  $e$
  - d. Otherwise
  
- 2) If  $G$  be a group with identity  $e$ , find  $x$  for the equation that  $xab = c$ 
  - a.  $cb^{-1}a^{-1}$
  - b.  $c^{-1}b^{-1}a$
  - c.  $cab$
  - d.  $cab^{-1}$
  
- 3) If  $a * e = a$  for all  $a \in G$ , then  $e$  is called a
  - a. Identity
  - b. Left Identity
  - c. Right Identity
  - d. Group
  
- 4) If  $A$  is an permutation,  $A = \{1,2,3,4\}$  for  $f: A \rightarrow A$  given by  $f(1) = 2$ ,  
 $f(3) = 4, f(2) = ?$ 
  - a. 1
  - b. 2
  - c. 3
  - d. 4
  
- 5) A cycle of length two is called a
  - a. Disjoint
  - b. Transposition
  - c. Permutation
  - d. Otherwise
  
- 6) Let us consider  $p$  be the permutation, Then  $p$  is a product of 4 transpositions  
Hence  $p$  is an
  - a. Odd permutation
  - b. Even permutation
  - c. Both are true
  - d. Both are false

- 7) Determine which of the following statements is true
- Every permutation is a cycle.
  - Product of two cycles is a cycle
  - Every cycle is a permutation
  - Any finite group is abelian.
- 8) Find which one is not group
- $(N, +)$
  - $(Z_n, \oplus)$
  - $Z_n - \{0\}$
  - $(Z, +)$
- 9) If  $G$  be a group is said to be abelian if  $ab = ?$
- $a^2$
  - $-ba$
  - $ab^{-1}$
  - $ba$
- 10) If  $f : R \rightarrow R$  is given by  $f(x) = x + 3$  and  $g : R \rightarrow R$  is given by  $g(x) = 2x$ ,  $f$  and  $g$  are bijections then  $f \circ g(x) = ?$
- $3x + 2$
  - $2x + 6$
  - $2x + 3$
  - $x + 3$

**ANSWERS:** 1) b 2) a 3) c 4) a 5) b 6) b 7) c 8) a 9) d 10) c

**2 Marks :**

- Define group.
- Define abelian group.
- If  $G$  be a group, Let  $a, b \in G$ . Then  $(ab)^{-1} = b^{-1}a^{-1}$  and  $(a^{-1})^{-1} = a$ .
- Show that in a group  $x^2 = x$  iff  $x = e$ .
- Define left identity and right identity.
- Define permutation.
- Define symmetric group.
- Define order of  $G$
- Define disjoint.
- If  $A = \{1,2,3,4,5\}$  consider the cycle of length 4 is given by  $p = (2\ 4\ 5\ 1)$ .

**5 Marks :**

- Prove that The set of all  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity with usual multiplication is a group.
- Prove that  $(Z_n, \oplus)$  is a group.

- 23) Prove that Let  $G$  be a group. Then
- (I) Identity element of  $G$  is unique.
  - (II) For any  $a \in G$ , the inverse of  $a$  is unique.
- 24) If  $G$  be a group and  $a, b \in G$ . Then the equations  $ax = b$  and  $ya = b$  have the unique solutions for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$ .
- 25) If  $G$  be a group in which  $(ab)^m = a^m b^m$  for three consecutive integers and for all  $a, b \in G$ . Then  $G$  is abelian.
- 26) Let  $G$  be a non empty set with an associative binary operation defined on it such that there exists a left identity  $e$  in  $G$  and each element  $a \in G$  has a left inverse  $a'$  with respect to  $e$ . Then  $G$  is a group.
- 27) If  $G$  be a non empty set with an associative binary operation defined on it such that the equations  $ax = b$  and  $ya = b$  have the unique solutions for  $x$  and  $y$  in  $G$ . Then  $G$  is a group.
- 28) Prove that Any permutation can be expressed as a product of transpositions.
- 29) If  $A_n$  be the set of all even permutations in  $S_n$ , prove that  $A_n$  is a group containing  $n!/2$  permutations.
- 30) If  $G = \left\{ \frac{z}{\bar{z}} \in \mathbb{C} \text{ and } |z| = 1 \right\}$ . Prove that  $G$  is a group under usual multiplication.

**10 Marks :**

- 31) If  $(a + ib)(c + id) = (ac - bd) + i(ad + bc)$ , prove that  $\mathbb{C}^*$  is a group under usual multiplication.
- 32) If  $G$  be the set of all real numbers except  $-1$ , Define  $*$  on  $G$  by  $a * b = a + b + ab$ , then  $(G, *)$  is a group.
- 33) Let  $n$  be a prime. Then  $Z_n - \{0\}$  is a group under multiplication modulo  $n$ .
- 34) If  $G = \{(a, b) / a \in \mathbb{R}^*, b \in \mathbb{R}\}$ , Then  $G$  is a group under the operation  $*$  defined by  $(a, b) * (c, d) = (ac, bc + d)$ .
- 35) Prove that
- (I)  $a^m a^n = a^{m+n}$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
  - (II)  $(a^m)^n = a^{mn}$ ,  $m, n \in \mathbb{Z}$ .
- 36) If  $G$  be a finite set with an associative binary operation defined on  $G$  in which both cancellation laws hold good, Then  $G$  is a group.
- 37) Prove that any permutation can be expressed as a product of disjoint cycles.
- 38) If a permutation  $p \in S_n$  is a product of  $r$  transpositions and also a product of  $s$  transpositions then either  $r$  and  $s$  are both even or both odd.
- 39) Prove that the set of all positive integers less than  $n$  and prime to it is a group under multiplication modulo  $n$ .

40) Prove that

- (I) The product of two odd permutations is an even permutation.
- (II) The product of an even permutation and an odd permutation is an odd permutation.
- (III) The inverse of an even permutation is an even permutation.
- (IV) The inverse of an odd permutation is an odd permutation.

## UNIT – II

CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER :

- 1) If  $G$  be any group. Then  $\{e\}$  and  $G$  are subgroups of  $G$ , They are called?
  - a. Subgroup
  - b. Symmetric group
  - c. Improper subgroup
  - d. normal subgroup
- 2) Find the order of -1 and 3 in  $(\mathbb{R}^*, \cdot)$ 
  - a. Infinite and 2
  - b. 2 and infinite
  - c. 3 and 1
  - d. 1 and 3
- 3) Determine which one of the following is true?
  - a. The order of  $e$  is zero.
  - b. If in a group every element is of finite order then the group is finite.
  - c. In a finite group the order of every element is finite.
  - d. In an infinite group the order of every element is infinite.
- 4) Find the order of the permutation  $\begin{pmatrix} 1 & 2 & 3 & 4 \\ 2 & 3 & 4 & 1 \end{pmatrix}$ 
  - a. 3
  - b. 4
  - c. 2
  - d. 1
- 5) Which one of the following statement is false?

Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ ,

  - a.  $H$  itself is a left coset of  $H$ .
  - b. The identity element belongs to every left cosets of  $H$ .
  - c.  $a \in H$  iff if  $aH = H$ .
  - d. If  $b \in Ha$  then  $Ha = Hb$ .

- 6) Find the number of elements in the cyclic subgroup  $\langle 2 \rangle$  in  $(Z_{18}, \oplus)$
- 9
  - 5
  - 4
  - 16
- 7) If  $A$  and  $B$  be cyclic groups of order  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively. Then  $A \times B$  is cyclic iff :
- $m$  divides  $n$
  - $n$  divides  $m$
  - $m = n$
  - $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime
- 8) Every cyclic group is an
- Infinite subgroup
  - Abelian group
  - Monoid
  - Commutative semigroup
- 9) The number of generators of cyclic group of order 219 is
- 144
  - 124
  - 56
  - 218
- 10) If a group  $G$  of order 20 is
- Unsolvable
  - Solvable
  - 1
  - Not determined

**ANSWERS:** 1) c 2) b 3) c 4) b 5) b 6) a 7) d 8) b 9) a 10) b

**2 Marks :**

- Define subgroup with give an example
- Define cyclic group
- Prove that any cyclic group is abelian
- Define order of an element
- Define left coset of a subgroup
- If  $a \in R^*$  and ,Let  $H = \{a^n/n \in z\}$  then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $R^*$  .
- Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ , Then the identity element of  $H$  is same as that of  $G$  .
- Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$  . Then  $a \in bH \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in Hb^{-1}$
- Define index
- State Fermat's theorem.

**5 Marks :**

- 21) A non empty subset  $H$  of a group  $G$  is a subgroup of  $G$  iff  
$$a, b \in H \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in H.$$
- 22) If  $H$  and  $K$  are subgroups of a group  $G$ , then is  $H \cap K$  is also a subgroup of  $G$ .
- 23) Let  $H$  be a non empty finite subset of  $G$ . If  $H$  is closed under the operation in  $G$  then  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$
- 24) Prove that Any subgroup of cyclic group is cyclic.
- 25) Let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ , Then the number of left cosets of  $H$  is the same as the number of right cosets.
- 26) Let  $G$  be a group and  $a$  be an element of order  $n$  in  $G$ . Then  $a^m = e$  iff  $n$  divides  $m$ .
- 27) If  $H$  and  $K$  be two subgroups of  $G$  of finite index in  $G$ , then  $H \cap K$  is a subgroup of finite index.
- 28) If  $H$  and  $K$  be two finite subgroups of a group  $G$ , then  $|HK| = \frac{|H||K|}{|H \cap K|}$ .
- 29) Let  $G$  be a group prove that  $Z(G) = \{a/a \in G \text{ and } ax = xa \text{ for all } x \in G\}$ .
- 30) State and prove Euler's theorem.

**10 Marks :**

- 31) The union of two subgroups of a group  $G$  is a subgroup iff one is contained in the other.
- 32) Let  $A$  and  $B$  be a two subgroups of a group  $G$ , then  $AB$  is a subgroup of  $G$  iff  $AB = BA$ .
- 33) Let  $G$  be a group and  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ , then
- $a \in H \Rightarrow aH = H$
  - $aH = bH \Rightarrow a^{-1}b \in H$
  - $a \in bH \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in Hb^{-1}$
  - $a \in bH \Rightarrow aH = bH$ .
- 34) Let  $G$  be group and  $a, b \in G$ , then
- Order of  $a$  = Order of  $a^{-1}$
  - Order of  $a$  = Order of  $b^{-1}ab$
  - Order of  $ab$  = Order of  $ba$ .
- 35) State and prove Lagrange's theorem.
- 36) (i) every group of prime order is cyclic  
(ii) a group  $G$  has no proper subgroups if it is a cyclic group of prime order.
- 37) a) If  $G$  be a group and  $a \in G$ , Then the order of  $a$  is the same as the order of the cyclic group generated by  $a$ .  
b) Prove that a finite group every element is of finite order.
- 38) If  $G$  be a group and let  $a$  be an element of order  $n$  in  $G$ . Then the order of  $a^s$ , where  $0 < s < n$  is  $n/d$  where  $d$  is the g.c.d of  $n$  and  $s$ .



- 39) a) If  $G$  is a finite group with even number of elements then  $G$  contains at least one element of order 2.  
b) Prove that the order of a permutation  $p$  is the *l.c.m* of the lengths of its disjoint cycles.
- 40) Prove that the order of any element of a finite group  $G$  divides the order of  $G$ .

### UNIT III

#### CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER :

- 1) A subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  is called a normal subgroup of  $G$  if  $aH = ?$  For all  $a \in G$ .
- $ah$
  - $Ha$
  - $ha$
  - $aH$
- 2) Find the order of quotient group is  $Z_6/\langle 3 \rangle$
- 5
  - 6
  - 3
  - 2
- 3) Which of the following statements are true?
- $Z/nZ$  is cyclic.
  - $S_n/A_n$  is abelian
  - Both are true
  - None of these
- 4) If  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  is an isomorphism, if  $G$  is cyclic then  $G'$  is also \_\_\_\_\_?
- Normal subgroup
  - Generator group
  - Cyclic
  - Subgroup
- 5) Any finite group is isomorphic to a group of permutations is called an ?
- Cayley's theorem
  - Lagranges theorem
  - Fundamental theorem
  - Fermat's theorem

- 6) If  $(Z_4, \oplus)$ , here 1 is a generator of this cyclic group. If  $f(1) = 3$  then  $f(2) = ?$
- 1
  - 3
  - 2
  - 4
- 7) If  $f : G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism, then if  $f$  is onto, it is called an ?
- Isomorphism
  - Epimorphism
  - Monomorphism
  - Canonical homomorphism
- 8) If  $f$  is 1-1 is called an ?
- Isomorphism
  - Epimorphism
  - Monomorphism
  - Canonical homomorphism
- 9) If  $f$  it is a homomorphism, find the kernel  $f : (Z, +) \rightarrow (R^*, \cdot)$  is given by  $f(x) = 3^x$
- $\ker f = 2Z$
  - $\ker f = A_n$
  - $\ker f = R^+$
  - $\ker f = \{0\}$
- 10) Determine which of the following statement is true?
- $(Z, -)$  is a group
  - $(Z_n, \oplus)$ , is a group
  - A subgroup of a non abelian group is non abelian
  - $(Z_n, \odot)$ , is a group

**ANSWERS:** 1) b 2) c 3) c 4) c 5) a 6) c 7) b 8) c 9) d 10) b

**2 Marks :**

- Define normal subgroup.
- Every subgroup of an abelian group is a normal subgroup
- The centre  $H$  of a group  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- Determine the order of the quotient group is  $Z/3Z$ .
- Define isomorphism.
- If  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  is an isomorphism. If  $G$  is abelian, then  $G'$  is also abelian.
- Prove that  $(Z_4, \oplus)$  is not isomorphic to  $V_4$ .
- Define homomorphism.
- Define kernel of  $f$ .
- If  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism, then  $f$  is 1-1 iff  $\ker f = \{e\}$ .

### 5 Marks :

- 21) If  $H$  be a subgroup of index 2 in a group  $G$ . Then  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- 22)  $M$  and  $N$  are normal subgroups of a group  $G$  such that  $M \cap N = \{e\}$ . Show that every element of  $M$  commutes with every element of  $N$ .
- 23) A subgroup  $N$  of  $G$  is normal iff the product of two right cosets of  $N$  is again a right coset of  $N$ .
- 24) Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of a group  $G$ . Then  $G/N$  is a group under the operation defined by  $N_a N_b = N_{ab}$ .
- 25) Let  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be an isomorphism. Then
  - (i)  $f(e) = e'$  where  $e$  and  $e'$  are the identity elements of  $G$  and  $G'$  respectively. (ie) in an isomorphism identity is mapped onto identity.
  - (ii)  $f(a^{-1}) = [f(a)]^{-1}$ .
- 26) Let  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be an isomorphism. If  $G$  is cyclic then  $G'$  is also cyclic.
- 27) Let  $G$  be any group. Find  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  given by  $f(x) = x^{-1}$  is an isomorphism  $\Leftrightarrow G$  is abelian.
- 28) For any group  $G$ ,
  - (i)  $Aut G$  is a group under composition of functions.
  - (ii)  $I(G)$  is a normal subgroup of  $Aut G$ .
- 29) Show that  $Aut Z_8 \cong V_4$ .
- 30) Let  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism. Then the kernel  $K$  of  $f$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

### 10 Marks :

- 31) If  $N$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . Then the following are equivalent.
  - (i)  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
  - (ii)  $aNa^{-1} = N$  for all  $a \in G$ .
  - (iii)  $aNa^{-1} \subseteq N$  for all  $a \in G$ .
  - (iv)  $ana^{-1} \in N$  for all  $n \in N$  and  $a \in G$ .
- 32) Prove that Isomorphism is an equivalence relation among groups.
- 33) a) Any infinite cyclic group  $g$  is isomorphic to  $(Z, +)$ .  
b) Any finite cyclic group of order  $n$  is isomorphic to  $(Z_n, \oplus)$ .
- 34) State and prove Cayley's theorem.
- 35) Let  $G$  be a cyclic group generated by  $a$ . Let  $f: G \rightarrow G$  be a mapping such that  $f(xy) = f(x)f(y)$ . Then  $f$  is an automorphism of  $G$  iff  $f(a)$  is a generator of  $G$ .
- 36) Let  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism. Then
  - (I) If  $H$  is a subgroup of  $G$  then  $f(H)$  is a subgroup of  $G'$ .
  - (II) If  $H$  is normal in  $G$ , then  $f(H)$  is normal in  $f(G)$ .
  - (III) If  $H'$  is a subgroup of  $G'$ , then  $f^{-1}(H')$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .
  - (IV) If  $H'$  is normal in  $f(G)$  then  $f^{-1}(H')$  is normal in  $G$ .
- 37) State and prove fundamental theorem of homomorphism.

- 38) a) show that the centre  $H$  of a group  $G$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .  
 b) show that if  $H$  and  $N$  are subgroups of a group  $G$  and  $N$  is normal in  $G$ , then  $H \cap N$  is normal in  $G$ .
- 39) If  $f: G \rightarrow G'$  be an homomorphism, let  $a \in G$ , then the order of  $a$  is equal to the order of  $f(a)$ . (i.e) isomorphism preserves the order of each element in a group.
- 40) Show that if  $H$  is subgroup of  $G$  and  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$  then  $HN$  is a subgroup of  $G$ .

#### UNIT IV

#### CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER :

- 1) In a group of  $(R, +)$ , the unique additive inverse of  $a$  is denoted by \_\_\_\_?  
 a.  $a$   
 b.  $0$   
 c.  $-a$   
 d.  $a'$
- 2)  $\{0\}$  with binary operations "+" and "." Defined as  $0 + 0 = 0$ ,  $0 \cdot 0 = 0$  is a ring, is called an ?  
 a. Null ring  
 b. Semiring  
 c. Commutative ring  
 d. Quotient ring
- 3) A ring is called an Boolean ring if  $a^2 = ?$   
 a.  $-a$   
 b.  $a'$   
 c.  $a$   
 d.  $a''$
- 4) An example of an infinite commutative ring without identity is  
 a.  $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$   
 b.  $(\mathbb{Z}_n, \oplus, \otimes)$   
 c.  $(2\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$   
 d.  $M_2(\mathbb{R})$
- 5) Determine which of the following is true?  
 a. In any integral domain every non zero element has an inverse  
 b.  $3\mathbb{Z}$  is an integral domain  
 c. Every ring has a multiplicative identity  
 d. Any field is an integral domain
- 6) Determine which of the following is false?

- a.  $Z$  is an ideal of  $R$
  - b.  $R$  has no proper ideals
  - c.  $Q$  is a principal ideal domain
  - d.  $Z$  is a principal ideal domain
- 7) Any ordered integral domain is of characteristic
- a. 1
  - b. 0
  - c. Infinite
  - d. Prime
- 8) The algebraic structure which is not a ring is
- a.  $(Z, +, \cdot)$
  - b.  $(Q, +, \cdot)$
  - c.  $(Z_n, \otimes, \oplus)$
  - d.  $(Z_n, \oplus, \otimes)$
- 9) In  $(Z, +, \cdot)$  .....
- a. 1 is the only unit
  - b. -1 is the only unit
  - c. 1 and -1 are the only units
  - d. There is no unit
- 10) The kernel of the homomorphism  $f: (R^*, \cdot) \rightarrow (R^+, \cdot)$  defined by  $f(x) = |x|$  is
- a.  $\{1\}$
  - b.  $\{-1\}$
  - c.  $\{0\}$
  - d.  $\{1, -1\}$

**ANSWERS:** 1) c 2) a 3) c 4) c 5) d 6) a 7) b 8) c 9) c 10) d

**2 Marks :**

11) Define ring.

12) Define ring of Gaussian integers.

13) The set  $R$  of all matrices of the form  $\begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix}$  where  $a, b \in R$  is a ring under matrix addition and matrix multiplication.

14) If  $R$  be a ring and  $a, b \in R$ , then  $a(-b) = (-a)b = -(ab)$ .

15) Define isomorphism.

16) If  $f: C \rightarrow C$  defined by  $f(z) = \bar{z}$  is an isomorphism.

17) Define skew field.

18) Define integral domain.

19) Prove that Any unit  $R$  cannot be a zero divisor.

20) Define characteristic of the ring.

**5 Marks :**

21) If  $R$  is a ring such that  $a^2 = a$  for all  $a \in R$ , prove that

(i)  $a + a = 0$

(ii)  $a + b = 0 \Rightarrow a = b$

(iii)  $ab = ba$

22) If  $R$  be a ring with identity, the set of all units in  $R$  is a group under multiplication.

23) In a skew field  $R$ ,

(i)  $ax = ay, a \neq 0 \Rightarrow x = y$

(ii)  $xa = ya, a \neq 0 \Rightarrow x = y$

(iii)  $ax = 0 \Leftrightarrow a = 0$  or  $x = 0$  (by using cancellation laws in ring)

24) Prove that a ring  $R$  has no zero divisors iff cancellation law is valid in  $R$ .

25) If  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity 1, then  $R$  is an integral domain iff the set of non zero elements in  $R$  is closed under multiplication.

26) Prove that  $Z_n$  is a field iff  $n$  is prime.

27) Prove that the set  $F$  of all real numbers of the form  $a + b\sqrt{2}$  where  $a, b \in Q$  is a field under the usual addition and multiplication of real numbers.

28) Prove that the only idempotent elements of an integral domain are 0 and 1.

29) If the additive group of a ring  $R$  is cyclic, prove that  $R$  is commutative. deduce that a ring with 7 elements is commutative.

30) A non empty subset  $S$  of a field  $F$  is a subfield iff

(i)  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b \in S$  and

(ii)  $a, b \in S$  and  $b \neq 0 \Rightarrow ab^{-1} \in S$

**10 Marks :**

31) Prove that  $(Z_n, \oplus, \odot)$  is a ring.

32) a) Prove that  $Z_n$  is an integral domain iff  $n$  is prime.

b) If  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity, then  $R$  is an integral domain iff cancellation laws valid in  $R$ .

33) a) Prove that any finite integral domain is a field.

b) Prove that a finite commutative ring  $R$  without zero divisors is a field.

34) If  $R$  and  $R'$  be rings and  $f : R \rightarrow R'$  be an isomorphism, then

(i)  $R$  is a commutative  $\Rightarrow R'$  is commutative

(ii)  $R$  is ring with identity  $\Rightarrow R'$  is a ring with identity.

(iii)  $R$  is an integral domain  $\Rightarrow R'$  is an integral domain

(iv)  $R$  is a field  $\Rightarrow R'$  is a field.

35) a) Prove that A field has no proper ideals.

b) If  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity, then  $R$  is a field iff  $R$  has no proper ideals.

36) a) Let  $R$  be a ring with identity 1, if 1 is an element of finite order in the group  $(R, +)$  then the order of 1 is the characteristic of  $R$ . If 1 is of infinite order, the characteristic of the ring is 0.

b) The characteristic of an integral domain  $D$  is either 0 or a prime number.

37) a) In an integral domain  $D$  of characteristic  $p$ , the order of every element in the additive group is  $p$ .

b) A non empty subset  $S$  of a ring  $R$  is a subring iff,  $a, b \in S \Rightarrow a - b \in S$  and  $ab \in S$

38) If  $R$  be a ring and  $I$  be a subgroup of  $(R, +)$ , the multiplication in  $R / I$  given by  $(I + a)(I + b) = I + ab$  is well defined iff  $I$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

39) If  $A$  be any abelian group, let  $Hom(A)$  be the set of all endomorphism of  $A$ . Let  $f, g \in Hom(A)$ . Define  $f + g$  by  $(f + g)(x) = f(x) + g(x)$  and  $fg = f \circ g$ . Then  $Hom(A)$  is a ring.

40) a) Prove that in the case of a ring with identity the axiom  $a + b = b + a$  is a redundant. (ie) the axiom  $a + b = b + a$  can be derived from the other axioms of the ring.

b) Prove that the only isomorphism  $f : Q \rightarrow Q$  is the identity map.

## UNIT V

### CHOOSE THE CORRECT ANSWER :

- 1) A homomorphism of a ring onto itself is called an \_\_\_\_\_?
  - a. Epimorphism
  - b. Monomorphism
  - c. Isomorphism
  - d. Endomorphism
  
- 2) If an ideal  $M \neq R$  is said to be maximal ideal of  $R$  if whenever  $U$  is an ideal of  $R$  such that  $M \subseteq U \subseteq R$  either  $U = M$  or  $U = R$ ?
  - a.  $U = R$
  - b.  $M = R$
  - c.  $U \neq R$
  - d. Otherwise
  
- 3) In an equation of homomorphism to find the kernel of  $f : C \rightarrow C$  defined by  $f(z) = \bar{z}$ 
  - a.  $\ker f = \{0\}$
  - b.  $\ker f = nz$
  - c.  $\ker f = z$
  - d. Otherwise

- 4) Which of the following statement is true?
- A homomorphic image of an integral domain is an integral domain
  - Every isomorphism is a homomorphism
  - A homomorphic image of a skewfield is a skewfield
  - Homomorphic image of a field is a field
- 5) Which of the following statement is false?
- $R$  is a field of quotients of  $R$
  - $Q$  is a field of quotients of  $Z$
  - $R$  is a field of quotients of  $Z$
  - If  $D$  is any field then the field of quotients of  $D$  is isomorphic to  $D$
- 6) Two elements  $a$  and  $b$  of an Euclidean domain  $R$  is said to be relatively prime if their g.c.d is
- 1
  - 0
  - 2
  - Otherwise
- 7) Find the g.c.d of ring Gaussian integers of  $11 + 7i$
- $7 - i$
  - $3 + 4i$
  - $i$
  - 0
- 8) If  $f : R \rightarrow R'$  is defined by  $f(a) = 0$  for all  $a \in R$  is a homomorphism then  $f$  is called the
- Trivial homomorphism
  - Non trivial homomorphism
  - Natural homomorphism
  - None of these
- 9) If  $f : R \rightarrow R'$  is a homomorphism, and  $f$  is 1-1 then  $f$  is called a
- Epimorphism
  - Monomorphism
  - Endomorphism
  - None of these
- 10) Find the g.c.d of ring Gaussian integers of  $1 + 6i$
- $i$
  - $3 + 4i$
  - $7 - i$
  - $4 - 3i$

**ANSWERS:** 1) d 2) a 3) a 4) b 5) c 6) a 7) c 8) a 9) b 10) c



## 2 Marks:

- 11) Define maximal ideal
- 12) Define prime ideal
- 13)  $(3)$  is a prime ideal of  $Z$ .
- 14) Define homomorphism.
- 15) Let  $R$  and  $R'$  be rings and  $f: R \rightarrow R'$  be a homomorphism, Then  $f(0) = 0'$ .
- 16) The homomorphic image of an integral domain need not be an integral domain.
- 17) Define ordered integral domain.
- 18) The field of complex numbers is not an ordered field.
- 19) Define unique factorization domain.
- 20) If  $R$  be an Euclidean domain, let  $a, b \in R$  then  $a \mid bc$  and  $(a, b) = 1 \Rightarrow a \mid c$ .

## 5 Marks :

- 21) Let  $f: R \rightarrow R'$  be a homomorphism. Let  $K$  be the kernel of  $f$ . Then  $K$  is an ideal of  $R$ .
- 22) The field of quotients  $F$  of an integral domain  $D$  is the smallest field containing  $D$ . (ie) If the  $F'$  is any other field containing  $D$  then  $F'$  contains a subfield isomorphic to  $F$ .
- 23) Let  $R$  be an integral domain. Let  $a$  and  $b$  be two non zero elements of  $R$ . Then  $a$  and  $b$  are associates iff  $a = bu$  where  $u$  is a unit in  $R$ .
- 24) The ring of Gaussian integers  $R = \{a + bi \mid a, b \in Z\}$  is an Euclidean domain, where  $d(a + bi) = a^2 + b^2$ .
- 25) Let  $R$  be an Euclidean domain and  $I$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then there exists an element  $a \in I$  such that  $I = aR$ . (ie) every ideal of an Euclidean domain is a principal ideal.
- 26) Any Euclidean domain  $R$  has an identity element.
- 27) Show that  $1 + i$  is a prime element in the ring  $R$  of Gaussian integers.
- 28) Let  $a$  be a non zero element of an Euclidean domain  $R$ . Then  $a$  is a unit in  $R$  iff  $d(a) = d(1)$ .
- 29) Let  $R$  be an Euclidean domain. Then any two elements  $a, b \in R$  have a g.c.d and it is of the form  $ax + by$  where  $x, y \in R$ .
- 30) Let  $p$  be a prime element in an Euclidean domain  $R$ . Let  $a, b \in R$ .  
Then  $p \mid ab \Rightarrow p \mid a$  or  $p \mid b$ .

## 10 Marks :

- 31) Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity. An ideal  $M$  of  $R$  is maximal iff  $R/M$  is a field.
- 32) If  $R$  be any commutative ring with identity. Let  $P$  be an ideal of  $R$ . Then  $P$  is a prime ideal  $\Leftrightarrow R/P$  is an integral domain.
- 33) If  $R$  be a commutative ring with identity. Then every maximal ideal of  $R$  is a prime ideal of  $R$ .
- 34) State and prove fundamental theorem of homomorphism.

35) a) If  $R$  be a Euclidean domain, let  $a$  and  $b$  be two non zero elements of  $R$ . Then

- i)  $b$  is not a unit in  $R \Rightarrow d(a) < d(ab)$
- ii)  $b$  is a unit in  $R \Rightarrow d(a) = d(ab)$ .

b) Prove that any Euclidean domain  $R$  is a principal ideal domain.

36) Prove that any Euclidean domain  $R$  is a U.F.D

37) If  $D$  be any order integral domain then the relation defined the following properties

- i)  $<$  is transitive (i.e)  $a < b$  and  $b < c \Rightarrow a < c$ .
- ii)  $b < c \Rightarrow a + b < a + c$
- iii)  $b < c, a > 0 \Rightarrow ab < ac$ .

38) If  $f : R \rightarrow R'$  be rings of homomorphism, then prove that

- i) If  $S$  is an ideal of  $R$ , then  $f(S)$  is an ideal of  $f(R)$ .
- ii) If  $S'$  is a subring of  $R'$ , then  $f^{-1}(S')$  is a subring of  $R$ .
- iii) If  $S'$  is an ideal of  $f(R)$ , then  $f^{-1}(S')$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

39) Prove that if  $f : R \rightarrow R'$  be a homomorphism, let  $K$  be the kernel of  $f$ . Then  $K$  is an ideal of  $R$ .

40) a) Prove that any ordered integral domain the square of any non zero element is positive.

b) Prove that any ordered integral domain  $D$  is of characteristic 0.

