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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 — ( $10 \times 1 = 10$  marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer

1. If  $Q$  is the field of rational numbers, then  $[Q(\sqrt{2}):Q] + [Q(\sqrt{3}):Q]$  is
- (a) 2                                      (b) 6
- (c) 4                                      (d) 5

2. If  $L$  is a finite extension of  $F$  and  $K$  is a subfield of  $L$  which contains  $F$ , then
- (a)  $[L:K]/[L:F]$                       (b)  $[K:F]/[L:F]$   
(c)  $[L:F]/[L:K]$                       (d)  $[L:F]/[K:F]$
3. 2 is a root of  $(x-2)^4(x+3)^5(x^2-3x+2)$  of multiplicity
- (a) 4    (b) 3  
(c) 5    (d) 11
4. The characteristic of the field of rotational numbers  $\mathbb{Q}$  is
- (a) A prime number  $P$                       (b) 0  
(c) 1    (d) A composite number
5. If  $G$  is a group of automorphisms of  $K$ , then the fixed field of  $G$  is
- (a)  $\{a \in K / \sigma(a) = a \forall \sigma \in G\}$   
(b)  $\{a \in K / \sigma(a) = 0 \forall \sigma \in G\}$   
(c)  $\{a \in K / \sigma(a) = a \forall \sigma \in K\}$   
(d)  $\{a \in K / \sigma(a) = 0 \forall \sigma \in K\}$

6. If  $K = \mathbb{C}$  and  $F = \mathbb{R}$ , then the fixed field of  $G(K, F)$  is
- (a)  $K$
  - (b)  $F$
  - (c) a field between  $K$  and  $F$
  - (d)  $\phi$
7. Which one of the following is a field?
- (a)  $J_6$
  - (b)  $J_{18}$
  - (c)  $J_{28}$
  - (d)  $J_{19}$
8. The cyclotomic polynomial  $\Phi_4(x)$  is
- (a)  $x^2 + 1$
  - (b)  $x - 1$
  - (c)  $x + 1$
  - (d)  $x^2 + x + 1$
9. Let  $H$  be the Hurwitz ring of integral quaternions. If  $a \in H$  then  $a^{-1} \in H$  if and only if.
- (a)  $N(a) = 0$
  - (b)  $N(a) = 1$
  - (c)  $N(a) = \pm 1$
  - (d)  $N(a) \neq 0$
10. Let  $C$  be the field of complex numbers and suppose that the division ring  $D$  is algebraic over  $C$ . Then
- (a)  $D \neq C$
  - (b)  $D = C$
  - (c)  $C \subsetneq D$
  - (d)  $D \subsetneq C$

PART B — ( $5 \times 5 = 25$  marks)

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

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

Or

- (b) If  $a, b \in K$  are algebraic over  $F$  of degree  $m$  and  $n$ , respectively, and if  $m$  and  $n$  are relatively prime, prove that  $f(a,b)$  is of degree  $mn$  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) If  $f(x)$  and  $f'(x)$  have a non trivial common factor, prove that  $f(x) \in F[x]$  has a multiple root.

13. (a) Prove that  $G(K, F)$  is a subgroup of the group of all automorphism of  $K$ .

Or

- (b) If  $K$  is finite extension of  $F$ , prove that  $O(G(K, F)) \leq [K : F]$ .

14. (a) For any prime number  $P$  and any integer  $m$ , prove that there is a field having  $p^m$  elements.

Or

- (b) Let  $G$  be a finite abelian group enjoying the property that the relation  $x^n = e$  is satisfied by at most  $n$  elements of  $G$ , for every integer  $n$ , prove that  $G$  is a cyclic group.
15. (a) Suppose that the division ring  $D$  is algebraic over the field of complex number  $D$ , prove that  $D = \mathbb{C}$ .

Or

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

PART C — ( $5 \times 8 = 40$  marks)

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

16. (a) With usual notations, prove that  $[L:F] = [L:K][K:F]$ .

Or

- (b) Prove that the element of  $a \in k$  is algebraic over  $F$  if and only if  $F(a)$  is a finite extension of  $F$ .

17. (a) If  $P(x)$  is irreducible in  $F[x]$  and if  $v$  is a root of  $p(x)$ , prove that  $F(v)$  is isomorphic to  $F'(w)$  where  $w$  is a root of  $p'(t)$ .

Or

- (b) If  $F$  is of characteristic  $O$  and if  $a, b$  and algebraic over  $F$ , prove that there exist an element  $C \in F(a, b)$  such that  $F(a, b) = F(c)$ .
18. (a) Prove that  $K$  is a normal extension of  $F$  if and only if  $K$  is the splitting field of some polynomial over  $F$ .

Or

- (b) State and prove the fundamental theorem of Galois theory.
19. (a) If  $F$  is a finite field and  $\alpha \neq 0, \beta \neq 0$  and two elements, of  $F$ , prove that we can find elements  $a$  and  $b$  in  $F$  such that  $1 + \alpha a^2 + \beta b^2 = 0$ .

Or

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

Or

- (b) Prove that every positive integer can be expressed as the sum of squares of four integers.