

FIFTH SEMESTER B.Sc. DEGREE EXAMINATION, NOVEMBER 2011

(CCSS)

Mathematics—Core Course

MM 5B 06—ABSTRACT ALGEBRA

Three Hours

Maximum Weight : 30

Questions from 1 to 12 are compulsory.

Each has weight $\frac{1}{4}$.

The smallest non abelian group has _____ elements.

The order of the identity element in any group G is _____.

A cyclic group with only one generator can have at most _____ elements.

Write the number of cosets of $5\mathbb{Z}$ in \mathbb{Z} .

The Klein 4-group has how many proper sub groups ?

The total number of subgroups of \mathbb{Z}_{12} is _____.

State true or false. "A subgroup of a group is a left coset of itself".

The field \mathbb{Z}_5 has how many zero divisors ?How many unit elements are there in the ring \mathbb{Z} ?The alternating group A_5 has how many elements ?State true or false : \mathbb{Z} is a sub field of \mathbb{Q} .Write the number of generators of the group \mathbb{Z} under addition.(12 \times $\frac{1}{4}$ = 3)

Short Answer Type Questions

Answer all questions.

Let G be a group and suppose that $a * b * c = e \quad \forall a, b, c \in G$. Show that $b * c * a = e$.If G is an abelian group with identity e , then all elements x of G satisfying $x^2 = e$ form a sub group of G .

Prove that every cyclic group is abelian.

Prove that every permutation σ of a finite set is a product of disjoint cycles.Exhibit the left and right of the sub group $4\mathbb{Z}$ of \mathbb{Z} .Let ϕ be a homomorphism of a group G into a group G' . If $a \in G$, then prove that $\phi(a^{-1}) = (\phi(a))^{-1}$.Find the value of the product $(11) * (-4)$ in \mathbb{Z}_{15} .Prove that every field F is an Integral Domain.Is \mathbb{Q} over \mathbb{R} a vector space ? Verify.(9 \times 1 = 9)

Turn over

Short Essay Questions

Answer any five questions.

22. Let $*$ be defined on Q^+ by $a * b = \frac{ab}{2}$. Show that $(Q^+, *)$ is an abelian group.
23. Show that intersection of sub groups H_i of a group G for $i \in I$ is again a sub group of G . about union of two sub groups ?
24. Describe the symmetric group S_3 .
25. Prove that every prime order group is cyclic.
26. Show that cancellation law holds in a ring R if and only if R has no zero divisors.
27. Define a vector space. Give an example.
28. Show that $\{1, x, x^2\}$ form a basis for $P_2(x)$, the collection of all polynomials of degree at most 2.

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Essay Question.

Answer any two questions.

29. (a) Define an abelian group.
- (b) Describe Klein 4 - group V .
- (c) Write all proper sub groups of V . Specific which are abelian
30. (a) Define the term orbit, cycle and transposition with respect to a permutation.
- (b) Prove that any permutation of a finite set with at least two elements is a product of transpositions.
- (c) Define even and odd permutation. Prove that the product $(1, 4, 5, 6)(2, 1, 5)$ is an odd permutation.
31. (a) State and prove Lagrange's theorem.
- (b) Prove that the order of an element of a finite group divides the order of the group.
- (c) Find the order of the element 2 in the group $(Z_5, +)$.

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