

MAY 2011

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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

SECTION A — ( $4 \times 20 = 80$  marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Each question carries 20 marks.

1. (a) (i) State and prove second part of Sylow's theorem.  
(ii) Prove that  $a \in K$  is algebraic over  $F$  if and only if  $F(a)$  is a finite extension of  $F$ .

Or

- (b) (i) State and prove the class equation of  $G$ .  
(ii) Prove that any finitely generated module over an Euclidean ring is the direct sum of finite number of cyclic submodules.
2. (a) (i) If  $p(x)$  is a polynomial in  $F[x]$  of degree  $n \geq 1$  and is irreducible over  $F$ , then show that there is an extension  $E$  of  $F$  such that  $[E:F]=n$ , in which  $p(x)$  has a root.

- (ii) If  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$  then show that  $G(K, F)$  is a finite group and its order,  $O(G(K, F))$  satisfies  $O(G(K, F)) \leq [K : F]$ .

Or

- (b) (i) Prove that  $K$  is a normal extension of  $F$  if and only if  $K$  is the splitting field of some polynomial over  $F$ .
- (ii) Show that a polynomial of degree  $n$  over a field can have at most  $n$  roots in any extension field.
3. (a) (i) Show that  $G$  is solvable if and only if  $G^{(k)} = e$  for some integer  $k$ .
- (ii) Show that for every prime number  $p$  and every positive integer  $m$  there is a unique field having  $p^m$  elements.

Or

- (b) (i) If  $T \in A(V)$  has all its characteristic roots in  $F$  then show that there is a basis of  $V$  in which the matrix of  $T$  is triangular.
- (ii) State and prove Wedderburn's theorem.

4. (a) (i) Show that the elements S and T in  $A_F(V)$  are similar in  $A_F(V)$  if and only if they have the same elementary divisors.

(ii) Determine the rank and signature of the quadratic form

$$x_1^2 + x_1x_2 + 2x_1x_3 + 2x_2^2 + 4x_2x_3 + 2x_3^2.$$

Or

(b) (i) For each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, k$ ,  $V_i \neq (0)$  and  $V = V_1 \oplus V_2 \oplus \dots \oplus V_k$ , show that the minimal polynomial of  $T_i$  is  $q_i(x)^{l_i}$ .

(ii) If F is a field of characteristic 0, and if  $T \in A_F(V)$  is such that  $\text{tr} T^i = 0$  for all  $i \geq 1$  then show that T is nilpotent.

SECTION B — (10 × 2 = 20 marks)

Answer any TEN questions.

Each question carries 2 marks.

5. List all conjugate classes in  $S_3$ .
6. Find the number of 11-Sylow subgroups in a group of order 231.
7. Give an example of a module over the ring of integers.
8. What is the degree of  $\sqrt{2} + \sqrt{3}$  over Q?

9. Determine the degree of splitting field of the polynomial  $x^4 - 2$ .
10. Define a perfect field.
11. Complete  $G(K, F)$  where  $K$  is the field of complex numbers and  $F$  is the field of real numbers.
12. Define the Galois group of  $f(x)$ .
13. If  $G$  is a solvable group and if  $\overline{G}$  is a homomorphic image of  $G$  then show that  $\overline{G}$  is solvable.
14. If  $M$ , of dimension  $m$ , is cyclic with respect to  $T$ , then show that the dimension of  $MT^k$  is  $m - k$  for all  $k \leq m$ .
15. Let  $F$  be a finite field. Then show that  $F$  has  $p^m$  elements where the prime number  $p$  is the characteristic of  $F$ .
16. Define a normal extension.
17. If  $T \in A(V)$  then show that  $\text{tr } T$  is the sum of the characteristic roots of  $T$ .
18. Define Hermitian adjoint of a linear transformation.
19. If  $T \in A(V)$  is Hermitian then show that all its characteristic roots are real.