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**SEMESTER END EXAMINATION APRIL – 2017****M. Sc. Mathematics****16PMTCC06 – ALGEBRA -II***Duration of Exam – 3 hrs**Semester – II**Max. Marks – 70***Part A (5x2= 10 marks)**Answer **ALL** questions

1. Define: (1) Division ring. (2) Characteristic of a field.
2. Find  $[\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}) : \mathbb{Q}]$ .
3. Define: Derivative of a polynomial.
4. Find (1)  $[GF(512) : GF(8)]$  (2)  $[GF(729) : GF(9)]$ .
5. Define: Module over a ring  $R$ .

**Part B (5x5= 25 marks)**Answer **ALL** questions

- 6a. If  $F$  is a field of characteristic  $p$  then prove that  $(\alpha + \beta)^{p^n} = \alpha^{p^n} + \beta^{p^n}$ , for any  $\alpha, \beta \in F$ .

**OR**

- 6b. If  $a$  is algebraic over a field  $F$  and  $p(x) \in F[x]$  is a minimal polynomial such that  $p(a) = 0$  then prove that  $p(x)$  is irreducible over  $F$ .

- 7a. If  $K$  is a finite extension field of  $F$  then prove that  $K$  is an algebraic extension of  $F$ .

**OR**

- 7b. Define: Perfect field. Prove that any finite field is perfect.

- 8a. If  $F$  is a field of characteristic  $p$  and  $f(x) \in F[x]$  is a polynomial such that  $f'(x) = 0$  then prove that  $f(x) = g(x^p)$  for some polynomial  $g(x) \in F[x]$ .

**OR**

- 8b. For any two polynomials  $f(x)$  and  $g(x)$  over a field  $F$  and for any  $\alpha \in F$ , prove that  
 (1)  $(f(x) + g(x))' = f'(x) + g'(x)$  (2)  $(\alpha f(x))' = \alpha f'(x)$ .

- 9a. Prove that  $\mathbb{Q}$  is a  $\mathbb{Z}$ -module.

**OR**

- 9b. Let  $M$  be an  $R$ -module.  $N \subset M$  is a submodule of  $M$  if and only if for  $r_1, r_2, \dots, r_k \in R$  and  $n_1, n_2, \dots, n_k \in N$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^k r_i n_i \in N$ .

- 10a. Let  $R$  be a ring with unity and  $M$  be an  $R$ -module. Prove that  $M$  is simple if and only if  $M$  is generated by any non-zero element  $x \in M$ .

**OR**

- 10b. State and prove Schur's lemma.

**Part C (5x7= 35 marks)**

Answer **ALL** questions

11a. Prove that  $\mathbb{Z}_3(i)$  is a field.

**OR**

11b. If  $L$  is a finite extension of  $K$  and  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$  then prove that  $L$  is finite extension of  $F$ . Also prove that  $[L : F] = [L : K] \cdot [K : F]$ .

12a. Let  $K$  be an algebraic extension of  $F$ . If  $a \in K$  is algebraic of degree  $n$  over  $F$  then prove that  $[F(a) : F] = n$ .

**OR**

12b. Find splitting field of (1)  $x^5 - 1$  (2)  $x^4 + x^2 + 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

13a. Define: (1) Algebraic extension (2) Normal extension. Prove that every algebraic extension field (of a field  $F$ ) of degree 2 is normal extension.

**OR**

13b. Prove that a polynomial  $f(x)$  over a field  $F$  has a multiple root if and only if  $f(x)$  and  $f'(x)$  have a nontrivial common factor in  $F[x]$ .

14a. Prove that  $GF(p^n)$  has a unique subfield of order  $p^m$  if and only if  $m|n$ .

**OR**

14b. Define:  $R$ -homomorphism between two modules. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two  $R$ -modules and  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be an  $R$ -homomorphism. Prove that  $\text{Ker } f$  and  $R(f)$  are submodules of  $M$  and  $N$  respectively.

15a. Let  $M$  and  $N$  be two  $R$ -modules and  $f: M \rightarrow N$  be an  $R$ -homomorphism. Prove that  
(i)  $f(0) = 0$ .  
(ii)  $f(-x) = -f(x)$ .  
(iii)  $f(x - y) = f(x) - f(y), \forall x, y \in M$ .

**OR**

15b. An  $R$ -module  $M$  is a direct sum of submodules  $M_1, M_2, \dots, M_n$  if and only if

(1)  $M = M_1 + M_2 + \dots + M_n$

(2)  $M_i \cap (M_1 + M_2 + \dots + M_{i-1} + M_{i+1} + \dots + M_n) = \{0\}, \forall i, 1 \leq i \leq n$ .

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