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Time : Three hours

Maximum : 100 marks

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

Answer ALL questions.

Each questions carries 20 marks.

1. (a) (i) If p is a prime number and $p \nmid O(G)$, then prove that G has an element of order p .

- (ii) If L is a finite extension of K and if K is a finite extension of F , then show that L is a finite extension of F and deduce that $[K : F] \mid [L : F]$.

Or

- (b) (i) If G is S_3 and $A = \langle (12) \rangle$ is G , find all the double cosets AxA of A in G .

- (ii) State and prove the fundamental theorem of finitely generated modules over Euclidean rings.

2. (a) (i) Show that any two splitting fields of the same polynomial over a given field F are isomorphic by an isomorphism leaving every element of F fixed.
- (ii) If F is of characteristic 0 and if a, b are algebraic over F , then show that there exists an element $c \in F(a, b)$ such that $F(a, b) = F(c)$.

Or

- (b) (i) Let K be a normal extension of F and let H be a subgroup of $G(K, F)$; Let $K_H = \{x \in K : \sigma(x) = x \text{ for all } \sigma \in H\}$ be the fixed field of H . Then prove that $[K : K_H] = |H|$ and $H = G(K, K_H)$.
- (ii) Let K be the splitting field of $f(x)$ in $F(x)$ and let $p(x)$ be an irreducible factor of $f(x)$ in $F(x)$. If the roots of $p(x)$ are $\alpha_1, \alpha_2, \dots, \alpha_n$, then prove that for each i there exists an automorphism σ_i in $G(K, F)$ such that $\sigma_i(\alpha_1) = \alpha_i$.

3. (a) (i) Show that a polynomial $p(x) \in F[x]$ is solvable by radicals over F if and only if the Galois. Group over F of $p(x)$ is a solvable group.
- (ii) IF $T \in A(V)$ has all its characteristic roots in F , show that there is a basis of V in which the matrix of T is triangular.

Or

- (b) (i) Show that there exists a subspace W of V , invariant under the nilpotent linear transformation, such that $V = V_1 \oplus W$, where V_1 is the subspace of V spanned by $v_1 = v, v_2 = vT, v_{n_1} = vT^{n_1-1}$.
- (ii) Show that the multiplicative group of non zero elements of a finite field is cyclic.
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) If F is the field of rational numbers, find all possible rational canonical forms and elementary divisors for the 6×6 matrices in F_6 having $(x-1)(x^2+1)^2$ as minimal polynomial.

Or

- (b) (i) If A is a triangular matrix, prove that the entries on the diagonal of A are exactly all the characteristic roots of A .
- (ii) Show that the linear transformation T on V is unitary if and only if it taken an orthonormal basis of V into an orthonormal basis of V .

SECTION B — ($10 \times 2 = 20$ marks)

Answer any TEN questions.

Each questions carries 2 marks.

5. Let G be a finite group and $a \in G$ be such that a has only two conjugates. Prove that $N(a)$ is a normal subgroup of G .
6. Let G be a group and $a \in G$. Prove that $a \in Z(G)$ if only if $C(a) = \{a\}$.

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7. Prove that a group of order 121 is abelian.
8. Find $[F(\sqrt{2}, \sqrt{3}): F]$ where F is the field of rational numbers.
9. What is the splitting field of the polynomial $x^2 - 3$ over $F(\sqrt{2})$ where F is the field of rational numbers.
10. Give an example of a simple extension.
11. Give an example of a normal extension.
12. Find the Galois group of the polynomial $x^2 + 1$ over the field F of rational numbers.
13. Show that every abelian group is solvable.
14. Show that any two finite fields of p^n elements are isomorphic, where p is prime and n is a positive integer.
15. If S and T are nilpotent linear transformation which commute, prove that ST is also nilpotent.
16. Find the companion matrix of $(x + 1)^3$

17. If $T \in A(V)$ is nilpotent, prove that $T = 0$.
 18. If T is Skew-Hermitian, prove that all of its characteristic roots are pure imaginaries.
 19. Prove that if T is Hermitian, prove (vT, v) is real for every $v \in V$.
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