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MATHEMATICS - Paper VII

(Algebra - II)

(Admissions of 2009 and onwards)

Time: 3 Hours

Maximum Marks: 75

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on receipt of this question paper.)*

*Attempt two parts from each question.*

*All questions are compulsory.*

1. (a) Every permutation of a finite set can be written as a cycle or as a product of disjoint cycles.
- (b) Suppose that  $|G| = pq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are prime. Prove that every proper subgroup of  $G$  is cyclic.
- (c) Let  $N$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$  and let  $H$  be a subgroup of  $G$ . If  $N$  is a normal subgroup of  $H$ , prove that  $H/N$  is a normal subgroup of  $G/N$  if and only if  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .

(2×6=12)

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2. (a) Every group is isomorphic to a group of permutations.
- (b) Prove that there is no homomorphism from  $Z_8 \oplus Z_2$  onto  $Z_4 \oplus Z_4$ .
- (c) If  $G$  is non-abelian, show that  $\text{Aut}(G)$  is not cyclic. (2×6=12)
3. (a) Let  $D$  be an integral domain. Then there exists a field  $F$  (called the field of quotients of  $D$ ) that contains a subring isomorphic to  $D$ .
- (b) If  $n$  is a positive integer, show that  $\langle n \rangle = nZ$  is a prime ideal of  $Z$  if and only if  $n$  is prime.
- (c) Let  $\phi$  be a homomorphism from a ring  $R$  into a ring  $S$ . Let  $A$  be an ideal of  $R$  and  $B$  be an ideal of  $S$ . then
- (i) If  $\phi$  is onto, then  $\phi(A)$  is an ideal of  $S$ .
- (ii)  $\phi^{-1}(B) = \{r \in R : \phi(r) \in B\}$  is an ideal of  $R$ . (2×6=12)
4. (a) If  $D$  is an integral domain, then  $D[x]$  is an integral domain. Let  $F$  be a field, then  $F[x]$  is a principal ideal domain.
- (b) Show that  $x^2 + x + 4$  is irreducible over  $Z_{11}$ .

- (c) Let  $D$  be a principal ideal domain and let  $p \in D$ . Prove that  $\langle p \rangle$  is a maximal ideal in  $D$  if and only if  $p$  is irreducible. (2×6½=13)
5. (a) Prove that if  $W_1$  and  $W_2$  are finite - dimensional subspaces of a vector space  $V$ , then the subspace  $W_1 + W_2$  is finite - dimensional and
- $$\dim(W_1 + W_2) = \dim(W_1) + \dim(W_2) - \dim(W_1 \cap W_2)$$
- (b) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be vector spaces over  $F$ , and suppose that  $\{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}$  is a basis for  $V$ . For  $w_1, w_2, \dots, w_n$  in  $W$ , there exists exactly one linear transformation  $T : V \rightarrow W$  such that  $T(v_i) = w_i$  for  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$ .
- (c) Let  $V$  and  $W$  be finite - dimensional vector spaces over  $F$  of dimensions  $n$  and  $m$  respectively, and let  $\beta$  and  $\gamma$  be ordered bases for  $V$  and  $W$  respectively. Then the function  $\phi : L(V, W) \rightarrow M_{m \times n}(F)$ , defined by  $\phi(T) = [T]_{\beta}^{\gamma}$  for  $T \in L(V, W)$ , is an isomorphism, where  $L(V, W)$  is the vector space of all linear transformations from  $V$  into  $W$ . (2×6½=13)
6. (a) Suppose that  $V$  is a finite - dimensional vector space with ordered basis
- $$\beta = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_n\}.$$
- For each  $i = 1, 2, \dots, n$  define

$f_i(v) = a_i$ , where  $[v]_\beta = \begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ \vdots \\ a_n \end{bmatrix}$  is the coordinate

vector of  $v$  relative to  $\beta$ . Prove that  $f_i$  is a linear functional on  $V$ . Let  $\beta^* = \{f_1, f_2, \dots, f_n\}$ . Then  $\beta^*$  is an ordered basis for  $V^*$  and for any

$$f \in V^*, \text{ we have } f = \sum_{i=1}^n f(v_i) f_i$$

(b) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on  $\mathbb{R}^3$  defined by

$$\begin{bmatrix} a_1 \\ a_2 \\ a_3 \end{bmatrix} \mapsto \begin{bmatrix} 4a_1 + a_3 \\ 2a_1 + 3a_2 + 2a_3 \\ a_1 + 4a_3 \end{bmatrix}$$

Determine the eigenspaces of  $T$  corresponding to each eigenvalue and hence find a basis for  $\mathbb{R}^3$  consisting of eigenvectors of  $T$ .

(c) Let  $T$  be a linear operator on a finite - dimensional vector space  $V$  and suppose that  $V = W_1 \oplus W_2 \oplus \dots \oplus W_k$ , where  $W_i$  is  $T$  - invariant subspace of  $V$  for each  $i$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ). Suppose that  $f_i(t)$  is the characteristic polynomial of  $T_{W_i}$  ( $1 \leq i \leq k$ ), the restriction of  $T$  on  $W_i$ . Then  $f_1(t)f_2(t) \dots f_k(t)$  is the characteristic polynomial of  $T$ . (2×6½=13)

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