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**Sixth Semester B.Sc. Degree Examination, April 2019**  
**First Degree Programme under CBCSS**  
**MATHEMATICS**  
**Core Course – XII**  
**MM 1644 : Abstract Algebra – II**  
**(2014 Admn. Onwards)**

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – I

**All** the first **10** questions are **compulsory**. **Each** carries **1** mark.

1. Find  $\phi(25)$  for the homomorphism  $\phi : \mathbb{Z} \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}_7$  such that  $\phi(1) = 4$ .
2. How many homomorphisms are there of  $\mathbb{Z}$  into  $\mathbb{Z}$  ?
3. Find the order of the factor group  $(\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_2) / \langle (2, 1) \rangle$ .
4. The trivial subgroup  $N = \{0\}$  of  $\mathbb{Z}$  is a normal subgroup. Compute  $\mathbb{Z}/\{0\}$ .
5. The image of a group of 6 elements under a homomorphism may have 12 elements. True or False.
6. Compute the product  $(-3, 5)(2, -4)$  in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_4 \times \mathbb{Z}_{11}$ .
7. Find all units in the ring  $\mathbb{Z} \times \mathbb{Z}$ .
8. Find the characteristic of the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_3 \times \mathbb{Z}_3$ .
9. Using Fermat's theorem, find the remainder of  $3^{47}$  when it is divided by 23.
10. A ring homomorphism  $\phi : R \rightarrow R'$  carries ideals of  $R$  into ideals of  $R'$ . True or False.



## SECTION – II

Answer **any 8** questions from this Section. **Each** question carries **2** marks.

11. Show that a group homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  is a one-to-one map if and only if  $\text{Ker}(\phi) = \{e\}$ .
12. Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Then show that  $\gamma : G \rightarrow G/H$  given by  $\gamma(x) = xH$  is a homomorphism with kernel  $H$ .
13. Does there exist a nontrivial homomorphism  $\phi : \mathbb{Z}_3 \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}$ ? If yes, give an example. If not, explain why that is so.
14. Show that any group homomorphism  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  where  $|G|$  is a prime must either be the trivial homomorphism or a one-to-one map.
15. Show that a factor group of a cyclic group is cyclic.
16. Let  $(R, +)$  be an abelian group. Show that  $(R, +, \cdot)$  is a ring if we define  $ab = 0$  for all  $a, b \in R$ .
17. Are the fields  $\mathbb{R}$  and  $\mathbb{C}$  isomorphic? Justify your answer.
18. In the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_n$ , show that the divisors of 0 are precisely those nonzero elements that are not relatively prime to  $n$ .
19. Show that 1 and  $p - 1$  are the only elements of the field  $\mathbb{Z}_p$  that are their own multiplicative inverse.
20. Let  $F$  be the ring of all functions mapping  $\mathbb{R}$  into  $\mathbb{R}$  and having derivatives of all orders. Differentiation gives a map  $\delta : F \rightarrow F$  where  $\delta(f(x)) = f'(x)$ . Is  $\delta$  a homomorphism? Why?
21. Show that each homomorphism from a field to a ring is either one to one or maps everything onto 0.
22. Show that if  $R$  is a ring with unity and  $N$  is an ideal of  $R$  such that  $N \neq R$ , then  $R/N$  is a ring with unity.



## SECTION – III

Answer **any 6** questions from this Section. **Each** question carries **4** marks.

23. Let  $\phi : G \rightarrow G'$  be a group homomorphism. Show that if  $|G|$  is finite, then  $|\phi[G]|$  is finite and is a divisor of  $|G|$ .
24. Show that if a finite group  $G$  has exactly one subgroup  $H$  of a given order, then  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
25. Show that an intersection of normal subgroups of a group  $G$  is again a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
26. Show that if  $U$  is the collection of all units in a ring  $(R, +, \cdot)$  with unity, then  $(U, \cdot)$  is a group.
27. Show that every finite integral domain is a field.
28. Find all positive integers  $n$  such that  $\mathbb{Z}_n$  contains a subring isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Z}_2$ .
29. Find all solutions of the congruence  $155x \equiv 75 \pmod{65}$ .
30. Let  $R$  be a commutative ring with unity of prime characteristic  $p$ . Show that the map  $\phi_p : R \rightarrow R$  given by  $\phi_p(a) = a^p$  is a homomorphism.
31. A ring  $R$  is a Boolean ring if  $a^2 = a$  for all  $a \in R$ . Show that every Boolean ring is commutative.

## SECTION – IV

Answer **any 2** questions from this Section. **Each** question carries **15** marks.

32. a) Prove or disprove : If  $d$  divides the order of  $G$ , then there must exist a subgroup  $H$  of  $G$  having order  $d$ . 10
- b) Let  $\phi$  be a homomorphism of a group  $G$  into a group  $G'$ . If  $K'$  is a subgroup of  $G'$ , then show that  $\phi^{-1}[K']$  is a subgroup of  $G$ . 5



33. a) Let  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism with kernel  $H$  and let  $a \in G$ . Prove the set  $\{x \in G \mid \phi(x) = \phi(a)\} = Ha$ . 5
- b) Let  $H$  be a normal subgroup of  $G$ . Show that the cosets of  $H$  form a group  $G/H$  under the binary operation  $(aH)(bH) = (ab)H$ . 5
- c) Show that if  $H$  and  $N$  are subgroups of a group  $G$ , and  $N$  is normal in  $G$ , then  $H \cap N$  is normal in  $H$ . Show by an example that  $H \cap N$  need not be normal in  $G$ . 5
34. a) An element  $a$  of a ring  $R$  is idempotent if  $a^2 = a$ . Find all idempotents in the ring  $\mathbb{Z}_6 \times \mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . 5
- b) Show that the unity element in a subfield of a field must be the unity of the whole field. 5
- c) Solve the equation  $x^2 - 5x + 6 = 0$  in  $\mathbb{Z}_{12}$ . 5
35. a) Show that a division ring contains exactly two idempotent elements. 5
- b) Show that the characteristic of a subdomain of an integral domain  $D$  is equal to the characteristic of  $D$ . 5
- c) Show that  $2^{11, 213} - 1$  is not divisible by 11. 5
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