



WEST BENGAL STATE UNIVERSITY
B.Sc. Honours/Programme 4th Semester Examination, 2023

MTMHGEC04T/MTMGCOR04T-MATHEMATICS (GE4/DSC4)

ALGEBRA

Time Allotted: 2 Hours

Full Marks: 50

*The figures in the margin indicate full marks.
Candidates are required to give their answers in their own words as far as practicable.
All symbols are of usual significance.*

Answer Question No. 1 and any five from the rest

1. Answer any *five* questions from the following: 2×5 = 10
- (a) Define a partial order relation. Give an example.
- (b) Find the number of elements of order 5 in \mathbb{Z}_{20} .
- (c) Find all cyclic sub-groups of the group $\{1, i, -1, -i\}$ with respect to multiplication.
- (d) Prove or disprove “union of two sub-groups of a group (G, \circ) is a sub-group of (G, \circ) ”.
- (e) If G is a group and $a^2 = e, \forall a \neq e$. Prove that G is an abelian group.
- (f) Is symmetric group S_3 cyclic? Give reasons.
- (g) Examine whether $5\mathbb{Z} = \{5x : x \in \mathbb{Z}\}$ is an ideal or not of the ring $(\mathbb{Z}, +, \cdot)$, where \mathbb{Z} is the set of all integers.
- (h) Examine if the ring of matrices $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ 2b & 2b \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ contains any divisor of zero.
2. (a) Let a relation R defined on the set \mathbb{Z} by “ $a R b$ if and only if $a - b$ is divisible by 5 for all $a, b \in \mathbb{Z}$. Show that R is an equivalence relation. 4
- (b) Show that the set of all permutations on the set $\{1, 2, 3\}$ forms a non abelian group. 4
3. (a) Show that a non-empty subset H of G forms a subgroup of (G, \circ) if and only if 4
- (i) $a \in H, b \in H \Rightarrow a \circ b \in H$, and $a \in H \Rightarrow a^{-1} \in H$.
- (b) Prove that $SL(n, \mathbb{R})$ is a normal subgroup of $GL(n, \mathbb{R})$. 4

4. (a) Show that every proper sub-group of a group of order 6 is cyclic. 4
(b) Prove that the commutator sub-group of any group is a normal sub-group. 4
5. (a) Prove that the order of every subgroup of a finite group G is a divisor of the order of G . 4
(b) Prove that quotient group of an abelian group is abelian. Is the converse true? Justify. 4
6. (a) Prove that for any positive integer n , the set $U(n) = \{[x] : x \text{ is positive integer less than } n \text{ and prime to } n\}$ is a group with respect to 'Multiplication Modulo n '. 4
(b) Let $f : \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^+$ be defined by $f(x) = e^x$, $x \in \mathbb{R}$, where \mathbb{R} is the set of real numbers. Prove that f is invertible and find f^{-1} . 4
7. (a) Prove that any finite subgroup of the group of non zero complex numbers under multiplication is a cyclic group. 4
(b) Let $G = S_3$ be a group and $H = \{\rho_0, \rho_1, \rho_2\}$ be a subgroup of G . Find all the left cosets of H (where the symbols have their usual meanings). 4
8. (a) Show that the ring of matrices $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2a & 0 \\ 0 & 2b \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \right\}$ contains divisors of zeros and does not contain the unity. 4
(b) Let $\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}] = \{a + b\sqrt{2} : a, b \in \mathbb{Z} \text{ (the set of integers)}\}$. Show that $(\mathbb{Z}[\sqrt{2}], +, \cdot)$ is an integral domain. 4
9. (a) Prove that the ring of matrices $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ -b & a \end{pmatrix} : a, b \in \mathbb{R} \right\}$ is a field. 4
(b) Prove that a field is an integral domain. 4

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