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**M.Sc. (MATHEMATICS WITH  
APPLICATIONS IN COMPUTER SCIENCE)  
M.Sc. (MACS)**

**Term-End Examination**

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**MMT-003 : (ALGEBRA)**

*Time : 2 hours*

*Maximum Marks : 50*

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*Note : Question no. 1 is compulsory. Answer any four questions from question no. 2 to question no. 6. Use of calculator is not allowed.*

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1. State, with reasons, which of the following 10 statements are *true* and which are *false*.
- (a) The dihedral group  $D_6$  has exactly six subgroups of order 2.
  - (b) If  $F$  is a free group on two generators  $x$  and  $y$ , and  $F_1 \subset F$  is a subgroup that does not contain  $x$  or  $y$ . Then  $F_1$  is not isomorphic to  $F$ .
  - (c) There is no transitive action of the group  $Z_5$  on  $Z_6$ .
  - (d) For any natural number  $n$ ,  $n > 1$ ,  $(n-1)! \equiv -1 \pmod{n}$ .
  - (e) There exists a group of order 12 with exactly two irreducible representations of degree 1.

2. (a) Show that a group of order 77 is cyclic. 5
- (b) Let  $F = \mathbf{Z}_{13}$  and  $\alpha = \sqrt[3]{\overline{10}}$  where  $\overline{10} \in \mathbf{Z}_{13}$ . 3  
Find the minimal polynomial satisfied by  $\alpha$ .
- (c) Find a solution to the equation  $6x \equiv 7 \pmod{11}$ . 2
3. (a) Let  $F$  be any field. Check that the group 3  
 $GL_n(F)$  acts on  $M_n(F)$  by conjugation. Is the action transitive? Justify your answer.
- (b) Let  $F = \frac{\mathbf{Z}_5[x]}{\langle x^3 + 3x + 2 \rangle}$  and 2  
 $\alpha = x + \langle x^3 + 3x + 2 \rangle \in F$ . Find  $\alpha^5$ .
- (c) Solve the simultaneous congruence. 5  
 $x \equiv 3 \pmod{7}$   
 $x \equiv 5 \pmod{8}$   
 $x \equiv 3 \pmod{5}$
4. (a) Let  $F = \mathbf{F}_5$ . Find the order of the conjugacy 3  
class of  $\begin{pmatrix} 3 & 0 \\ 0 & 4 \end{pmatrix}$  in  $GL_2(\mathbf{F}_5)$ .
- (b) Let  $G = \mathbf{Z}_5 \times \mathbf{Z}_6 \times \mathbf{Z}_9 \times \mathbf{Z}_{12}$ . Find the 5  
elementary divisors and invariant factors of  $G$ .
- (c) Let  $P$  be a representation of a group  $G$ . Is 2  
 $g \rightarrow p(gt)$  is a representation of  $G$ . Justify your answer.

5. (a) Let  $D_3 = \{ x, y \mid x^2=1, y^3=1, xyx = y^2 \}$ . 5  
 consider the map  $\rho : D_3 \rightarrow GL_2(\mathbb{C})$

$$\text{defined by } \rho(y) = \begin{pmatrix} \cos 2\pi/3 & -\sin 2\pi/3 \\ \sin 2\pi/3 & \cos 2\pi/3 \end{pmatrix}$$

$$\rho(x) = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

- (i) Check that  $\rho$  is a representation.  
 (ii) Find the character of  $\rho$ .
- (b) Prove that the subgroup  $SO_2$  of  $SU_2$  is 3  
 conjugate to the subgroup of diagonal matrices.
- (c) Show that  $\sqrt{3} \notin \mathbb{Q}[\sqrt{6}]$ . 2
6. (a) Check if 81-7808-902-5 is a valid ISBN 3  
 number.
- (b) Let  $F$  be a field and  $\alpha \in F$  be such that 4  
 $[F(\alpha) : F] = 5$ . Show that  $F(\alpha) = F(\alpha^3)$ .
- (c) Find the language  $L(\Gamma)$  generated the 3  
 grammar  
 $\Gamma = (\{a\}, \{g_0\}, \{g_0 \rightarrow a, g_0 \rightarrow ag_0\}, g_0)$