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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

Weightage 70%

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

1. State which of the following statements are **true** 10 and which are **false**. Given reasons for your answer :
- (a) The eigen values of a matrix $A \in SO_3$ are 1 and -1 .
 - (b) There exists only one injective homomorphism between two free groups.
 - (c) There exists an irrational number α such that both α and α^2 satisfy a cubic polynomial with rational coefficients.
 - (d) If G is a non-abelian group, then it has no irreducible representations.
 - (e) Any cubic irreducible polynomial in $F_7[x]$ must divide $x^7 - x$.

2. (a) Show that a group of order 132 is not simple. 5

(b) For the dihedral group D_6 of order 12, 5

$$D_6 = \{x^i y^j \mid x^6 = y^2 = 1, yxy^{-1} = x^{-1}\}$$

find the character of the representation for the action of D_6 on $D_6 / \langle x^2 \rangle$ where $\langle x^2 \rangle$ is the cyclic subgroup of D_6 generated by x^2 . How many times does the trivial representation occur in this ?

3. (a) Find the orders of all conjugacy classes in S_4 . How many of the conjugacy classes have order 6 and contain odd permutations ? 4

(b) Find a grammar that generates $\{b, aba, aabaa, aaabaaa, \dots\}$. 2

(c) Let G be a finite group V be a finite dimensional vector space over \mathbb{C} . 4

Let $\rho: G \rightarrow GL(V)$ be a group representation and W be a G -invariant subspace of V such that $V = W \oplus W'$ for some subspace W' of V . Will W' always be G -invariant ? Justify your answer.

4. (a) Determine the number of non-isomorphic abelian groups of order 300. 3
- (b) Consider the permutation $\sigma = (1357)(2468) \in S_8$. Express σ as a product of three cycles. 4
- (c) Check whether $i \in \mathbf{Q}(\sqrt{-2})$ or not. 3
5. (a) Solve the following simultaneous system of congruences : 4
- $$x \equiv 2 \pmod{4}$$
- $$x \equiv 1 \pmod{5}$$
- $$x \equiv 8 \pmod{11}$$
- (b) Construct an element of order four in the multiplicative group of the finite field of 17 elements. 2
- (c) Show that there is a unique irreducible polynomial of degree 2 over \mathbf{F}_2 . Further, if α is a root of this polynomial, then show that σ is a field automorphism of $\mathbf{F}(\alpha)$, where $\sigma(\alpha) = \alpha + 1$. 4
6. (a) If F is a field and α is transcendental over F , prove that $F(x)$ is isomorphic to $F(\alpha)$ as fields. 5
- (b) Decompose $M_2(\mathbf{C})$ into orbits under the action of $GL_2(\mathbf{C})$ by conjugation. 5