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Sixth Semester B.Sc. Degree Examination, April 2024

First Degree Programme under CBCSS

Mathematics

MM 1643 : ABSTRACT ALGEBRA : RING THEORY

(2018 Admission Onwards)

Time : 3 Hours

Max. Marks : 80

SECTION – I

Answer all the first ten questions. Each carries 1 mark.

1. Give a proper nontrivial subring of Z_8 .
2. Give an example for an integral domain.
3. Let A be a subring of ring R . If $r \in R$, $a \in A$ implies $ra \in A$ then A is called _____.
4. Give an example for a ring R and subring of it that is not an ideal.
5. Define ring homomorphism.
6. Which is true: Z homomorphic to Z_n or Z isomorphic to Z_n ?
7. State the division algorithm for $F[x]$ where F is a field.
8. Define associates in an integral domain.

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9. Define Euclidean Domain.
10. In what type of integral domain, irreducibles and primes are the same?

(10 × 1 = 10 Marks)

SECTION – II

Answer any **eight** questions. Each carries **2** marks.

11. Show that in a ring R , if $a, b \in R$, then $a \cdot 0 = 0$ and $a(-b) = (-ab)$.
12. Show that left (multiplicative) cancellation holds in an integral domain.
13. What is meant by an ideal generated by a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n in a ring R ? Find ideal generated by x^2 in $Z[x]$.
14. If A and B are ideals in a ring R , show that $A + B$ is an ideal.
15. If R is a commutative ring with characteristic 2, show that $a \rightarrow a^2$ is a homomorphism on R .
16. If rings R, S are isomorphic, show that $R[x]$ and $S[x]$ are isomorphic.
17. Is $a + ib \rightarrow |a + ib|$ a homomorphism from the set of all complex numbers C to C ? Justify.
18. Is $x^2 + 1$ irreducible over Z_3 ? Justify.
19. Define a unique factorization domain. Give an example.
20. Show that if F is a field, then $F[x]$ is a Euclidean domain.
21. On an integral domain D , define $a \sim b$ if a and b are associates. Show that this is an equivalence relation on D .
22. Give two factorizations of 21 in $Z[\sqrt{-5}]$.

(8 × 2 = 16 Marks)

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SECTION – III

Answer any **six** questions. Each carries **4** marks.

23. Show that every nonzero element of Z_n is either a unit or a zero divisor. Is this true for Z ?
24. Show that if R is a ring with unity, then R/A is an integral domain if and only if A is a prime ideal.
25. Let $R = \left\{ \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} : a, b, c, d \in Z \right\}$ and let I be a subset of R with even entries at all the places in its elements. Show that it is an ideal of R . Find out the elements in $\frac{R}{I}$.
26. Show that $f(x) = 5x$ is a ring homomorphism from Z_4 to Z_{10} .
27. If D is an integral domain, prove that $D[x]$ is also an integral domain.
28. Show that the product of two primitive polynomials is primitive.
29. Show that every Euclidean domain is a PID.
30. In a PID, show that every strictly increasing chain of ideals must be finite in length.
31. Show that the integral domain $Z[\sqrt{-5}]$ is not a UFD.

(6 × 4 = 24 Marks)

SECTION – IV

Answer any **two** questions. Each question carries **15** marks.

32. (a) If R is a commutative ring with unity, A an ideal in it, show that $\frac{R}{A}$ is a field if and only if A is maximal.
- (b) Show that $\langle x \rangle$ is a prime ideal in $Z[x]$, but not maximal.

33. (a) Describe the subrings of the ring of all integers.
- (b) Which of these are prime ideals? Why?
- (c) Let $a \in R$, a ring. Is $S = \{x \in R : ax = 0\}$ a subring? Is this an ideal? Justify your answers.
34. State and prove the theorem on unique factorization of nonzero, non unit elements in $Z[x]$.
35. Prove that every PID is a UFD.

(2 × 15 = 30 Marks)
