

**Major DSC-1 - Field theory**

P. Pages : 2

Time : Three Hours

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Max. Marks : 80

- Notes : 1. Solve all **five** questions.  
2. All questions carry equal marks.

**UNIT-I**

1. a) Let  $R$  be a UFD, and  $a, b \in R$ . Then prove that there exists a greatest common divisor of  $a$  and  $b$  that is uniquely determined to within an arbitrary unit factor. **8**
- b) If  $f(x), g(x) \in R[x]$ , where  $R$  is a UFD, then prove that  $c(fg) = c(f)c(g)$ . **8**

**OR**

- c) Let  $R$  be a unique factorization domain. Then prove that the polynomial ring  $R[x]$  over  $R$  is also a unique factorization domain. **8**
- d) Prove that every Euclidean domain is a PID. **8**

**UNIT-II**

2. a) Let  $p(x)$  be an irreducible polynomial in  $F[x]$ . Then prove that there exists an extension  $E$  of  $F$  in which  $p(x')$  has a root. **8**
- b) Let  $F \subseteq E \subseteq K$  be fields. If  $[K:E] < \infty$  and  $[E:F] < \infty$ , then prove that **8**
- a)  $[K:F] < \infty$
- b)  $[K:F] = [K:E][E:F]$

**OR**

- c) Let  $f(x) = a_0 + a_1x + \dots + a_{n-1}x^{n-1} + x^n \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be a monic polynomial. If  $f(x)$  has a root  $a \in \mathbb{Q}$ , then prove that  $a \in \mathbb{Z}$  and  $a \mid a_0$ . **8**
- d) Let  $f(x) \in \mathbb{Z}[x]$  be primitive. Then prove that  $f(x)$  is reducible over  $\mathbb{Q}$  if and only if  $f(x)$  is reducible over  $\mathbb{Z}$ . **8**

**UNIT-III**

3. a) Prove that the prime field of a field  $F$  is either isomorphic to  $\mathbb{Q}$  or to  $\mathbb{Z}/(p)$ ,  $p$  prime. **8**

- b) Let  $E$  be an extension of a field  $F$ , and let  $\alpha \in E$  be algebraic over  $F$ . Then prove that  $\alpha$  is separable over  $F$  if and only if  $F(\alpha)$  is a separable extension of  $F$ . 8

**OR**

- c) Prove that the multiplicative group of nonzero elements of a finite field is cyclic. 8
- d) If  $E$  is a finite separable extension of a field  $F$ , then prove that  $E$  is a simple extension of  $F$ . 8

#### UNIT-IV

4. a) Let  $E = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2}, \omega)$ , where  $\omega^3 = 1, \omega \neq 1$ . Let  $\sigma_1$  be the identity automorphism of  $E$ , and let  $\sigma_2$  be an automorphism of  $E$  such that  $\sigma_2(\omega) = \omega^2$  and  $\sigma_2(\sqrt[3]{2}) = \omega(\sqrt[3]{2})$ . If  $G = \{\sigma_1, \sigma_2\}$  then prove that  $E_G = \mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2} \omega^2)$ . 8
- b) Prove that the Galois group of  $x^4 - 2 \in \mathbb{Q}[x]$  is the octic group (= group of symmetries of square). 8

**OR**

- c) Prove that the group  $G(\mathbb{Q}(\alpha)/\mathbb{Q})$ , where  $\alpha^5 = 1$  and  $\alpha \neq 1$ , is isomorphic to the cyclic group of order 4. 8
- d) Prove that every polynomial  $f(x) \in \mathbb{C}[x]$  factors into linear factors in  $\mathbb{C}[x]$ . 8
5. Solve all the four questions.
- a) Define (i) prime element (ii) irreducible element. 4
- b) Show that  $x^3 + 3x + 2 \in \mathbb{Z}/(7)[x]$  is irreducible over the field  $\mathbb{Z}/(7)$ . 4
- c) Define (i) Splitting field (ii) Prime field. 4
- d) Define (i) Galois group (ii) Galois extension. 4

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