

M.Sc. First Year (Mathematics) (NEP Pattern) Semester-I  
**NEP-61 / DSC-1 - Paper-I - Advanced Abstract Algebra**

P. Pages : 2

Time : Three Hours



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Max. Marks : 80

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

**UNIT – I**

1. a) Let  $H$  and  $K$  be normal subgroups of  $G$  and  $K \subset H$ . Then prove that  $(G/K)/(H/K) \cong G/H$ . **8**
- b) Let  $G$  be a group, and let  $G'$  be the derived group of  $G$ . Then prove that **8**
- i)  $G'$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ .
- ii)  $G/G'$  is abelian.
- iii) If  $H$  is a normal subgroup of  $G$ , then  $G/H$  is abelian if and only if  $G' \subset H$ .

**OR**

- c) Let  $\phi: G \rightarrow G'$  be a homomorphism of groups. Then prove that  $G/\text{Ker } \phi \cong \text{Im } \phi$ . **8**
- d) Let  $G$  be a finite group acting on a finite set  $X$ . Then prove that the number  $k$  of orbits in  $X$  under  $G$  is  $k = \frac{1}{|G|} \sum_{g \in G} |X_g|$ . **8**

**UNIT – II**

2. a) Prove that any two composition series of a finite group are equivalent. **8**
- b) Prove that a group  $G$  is nilpotent if and only if  $G$  has a normal series  $\{e\} = G_0 \subset G_1 \subset \dots \subset G_m = G$  such that  $G_i/G_{i-1} \subset Z(G/G_{i-1})$  for all  $i = 1, \dots, m$ . **8**

**OR**

- c) Prove that the alternating group  $A_n$  is generated by the set of all 3-cycles in  $S_n$ . **8**
- d) If a permutation  $\sigma \in S_n$  is a product of  $r$  transpositions and also a product of  $s$  transpositions, then prove that  $r$  and  $s$  are either both even or both odd. **8**

**UNIT – III**

3. a) Let  $G$  be a finite group, and let  $p$  be a prime. If  $p^m$  divides  $|G|$ , then prove that  $G$  has a subgroup of order  $p^m$ . **8**
- b) Let  $A$  be a finite abelian group, and let  $p$  be prime. If  $p$  divides  $|A|$ , then prove that  $A$  has an element of order  $p$ . **8**

**OR**

- c) Let  $G$  be a group of order  $pq$ , where  $p$  and  $q$  are prime numbers such that  $p > q$  and  $q$  does not divide  $(p - 1)$ . Then prove that  $G$  is cyclic. **8**
- d) Prove that there are no simple groups of orders 63, 56, and 36. **8**

**UNIT – IV**

4. a) Let  $f$  be a homomorphism of a ring  $R$  into a ring  $S$  with kernel  $N$ . Then prove that  $R/N \cong \text{Im} f$ . **8**
- b) Prove that in a nonzero commutative ring with unity, an ideal  $M$  is maximal if and only if  $R/M$  is a field. **8**

**OR**

- c) If a ring  $R$  has unity, then prove that every ideal  $I$  in the matrix ring  $R_n$  is of the form  $A_n$ , where  $A$  is some ideal in  $R$ . **8**
- d) If  $R$  is a commutative ring, then prove that an ideal  $P$  in  $R$  is prime if and only if  $ab \in P, a \in R, b \in R$  implies  $a \in P$  or  $b \in P$ . **8**
5. a) Define Normal subgroup and normalizer of a nonempty subset  $S$  of a group. **4**
- b) Define solvable group and nilpotent group. **4**
- c) State first, second and third Sylow theorems. **4**
- d) Define : Prime ideal and maximal ideal. **4**

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