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**E-309**

**M. A./M. Sc. (First Semester)  
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MATHEMATICS

Paper First

**(Advanced Abstract Algebra—I)**

*Time : Three Hours ]*

*[ Maximum Marks : 80*

*[ Minimum Pass Marks : 16*

**Note :** Attempt all Sections as directed.

**Section—A**

1 each

**(Objective/Multiple Choice Questions)**

**Note :** Attempt all questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1.  $S_n$  is solvable :
  - (a) for each positive integer  $n$
  - (b) for each prime number  $n$
  - (c) for  $n \leq 4$
  - (d) for  $n \geq 5$

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2. Which one of the following is correct for solvable group ?
  - (a) Abelian group is not solvable
  - (b) Nilpotent group is not solvable
  - (c) Cyclic group is not solvable
  - (d)  $p$ -group is solvable
  
3. Jordan-Holder theorem implies :
  - (a) fundamental theorem of algebra
  - (b) fundamental theorem of arithmetic
  - (c) fundamental theorem of homomorphism
  - (d) fundamental theorem of field
  
4. If  $H$  is the maximal normal subgroup of  $G$ , then :
  - (a)  $G/H$  is abelian
  - (b)  $G/H$  is cyclic
  - (c)  $G/H$  is simple
  - (d)  $G/H$  is  $p$ -group
  
5. Which order of the group is not necessarily nilpotent ?
  - (a) 27
  - (b) 24
  - (c) 32
  - (d) 25
  
6. Set of all algebraic elements of  $K$  over a field  $F$  is :
  - (a) Ring
  - (b) Integral domain
  - (c) Division ring
  - (d) Field

7. Degree of splitting field of  $x^p - 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ ,  $p$  being a prime number is :
- (a)  $p$
  - (b)  $p - 1$
  - (c)  $2p$
  - (d)  $p!$
8. Which one of the following statements is not true ?
- (a)  $\mathbb{C}$  is algebraic extension of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - (b)  $\mathbb{C}$  is normal extension of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - (c)  $\mathbb{C}$  is separable extension of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
  - (d)  $\mathbb{C}$  is infinite extension of  $\mathbb{R}$ .
9. There exists no field of order :
- (a) 18
  - (b) 81
  - (c) 125
  - (d) 72
10. Which one of the following is algebraically closed field ?
- (a)  $\mathbb{Q}$
  - (b)  $\mathbb{R}$
  - (c)  $\mathbb{C}$
  - (d)  $\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt{2})$
11. Characteristic of a finite field is :
- (a) any positive integer
  - (b) prime number
  - (c) in the form  $p^n$ ,  $p$  is a prime
  - (d)  $n^p$ ,  $p$  is a prime number

12. A field  $F$  is called perfect field if :
- (a) all finite extensions of  $F$  are normal.
  - (b) all finite extensions of  $F$  are separable.
  - (c) all finite extensions of  $F$  are inseparable.
  - (d) all finite extensions of  $F$  are simple extension
13. Which is conjugate of  $w$  over  $Q$  ?
- (a)  $i$
  - (b)  $\pi$
  - (c)  $w^2$
  - (d)  $e$
14. Let  $G$  be a finite group of automorphism of a field  $K$ ,  $F_0$  is the fixed field under  $G$ , then  $[K, F_0] = |G|$  is called :
- (a) Galois's theorem
  - (b) Kronecker's theorem
  - (c) Artin's theorem
  - (d) Langrange's theorem
15. Which is the fixed field of  $Q(\sqrt{2})$  under  $\text{Aut } Q(\sqrt{2})$  ?
- (a)  $Q$
  - (b)  $Q(\sqrt{2})$
  - (c)  $R$
  - (d)  $C$

16. Which one is incorrect :

- (a) All polynomials of degree 2 are solvable by radicals.
- (b) All polynomials of degree 3 are solvable by radicals.
- (c) All polynomials of degree 4 are solvable by radicals.
- (d) All polynomials of degree 5 are solvable by radicals.

17. Which one of the following is not elementary symmetric function of  $x_1, x_2, x_3$  :

- (a)  $x_1 + x_2 + x_3$
- (b)  $x_1 x_2 x_3$
- (c)  $x_1 x_2 + x_2 x_3 + x_3 x_1$
- (d)  $x_1^2 + x_2^2 + x_3^2$

18. The generic polynomial  $p_n(t)$  of degree  $n$  is not solvable by radicals over  $F(a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n)$  where  $a_1, a_2, \dots, a_n$  are elementary symmetric function :

- (a) for  $n \geq 2$
- (b) for  $n \geq 3$
- (c) for  $n \geq 4$
- (d) for  $n \geq 5$

19. The roots of polynomial  $x^n - 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$  form :

- (a) A group but not abelian
- (b) Abelian group but not cyclic
- (c) Cyclic group
- (d) None of the above

20. Let  $F \leq E \leq K$ , then which one of the following is correct ?

- (a)  $G(K, F) \leq G(K, E)$
- (b)  $G(K, E) \leq G(K, F)$
- (c)  $G(K, E) = G(K, F)$
- (d)  $o(G(E, F)) = o(G(K, F))$

**Section—B**

2 each

**(Very Short Answer Type Questions)**

**Note :** Attempt all questions.

1. Define  $n$ th derived set of a group.
2. Define simple extension.
3. What is the degree of  $Q(\sqrt{2}, i)$  over  $Q$  ?
4. Define algebraically closed field.
5. Define primitive element.
6. Write splitting field of  $x^3 - 2$  over  $Q$ .
7. Define fixed field of group of automorphism  $G$  of  $R$ .
8. State Abel's theorem.

**Section—C**

3 each

**(Short Answer Type Questions)**

**Note :** Attempt all questions.

1. Show that every group of order  $p^n$  is nilpotent.
2. Show that  $A_n$  is not solvable for  $n \geq 5$ .
3. Show that every finite extension is algebraic extension but converse need not be true.
4. Show that an irreducible polynomial  $f(x)$  over a field  $F$  of characteristic  $p > 0$  is inseparable if and only if  $f(x) \in F[x^p]$ .

5. Show that for every prime number  $p$  and  $n \in \mathbb{N}$  there exists a field having  $p^n$  elements.
6. Let  $E$  and  $K$  be any two fields. If  $\sigma_1, \sigma_2, \dots, \sigma_n$  are  $n$  distinct monomorphisms of  $E$  into  $K$  then show that they are linearly independent.
7. Show that multiplicative group of any finite field is cyclic.
8. Prove that  $x^5 - 4x + 2$ , is not solvable by radicals over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

**Section—D**

5 each

**(Long Answer Type Questions)****Note :** Attempt all questions.

1. Prove that a group  $G$  is nilpotent if and only if  $G$  has a normal series :

$$(P) \leq G_0 \leq G_1 \leq \dots \leq G_m = G$$

such that  $\frac{G_i}{G_{i-1}} \leq z \left( \frac{G}{G_{i-1}} \right)$  for all  $i = 1, 2, \dots, m$ .

*Or*

Show that every subgroup and homomorphic image of nilpotent group is nilpotent.

2. Show that an element  $a \in K$  is algebraic over  $F$  if and only if  $[F(a) : F]$  is finite.

*Or*

Show that if  $L$  is algebraic extension of  $K$  and  $K$  is algebraic extension of  $F$ , then  $L$  is also algebraic extension of  $F$ .

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3. Let  $F$  be a field having  $q$  elements. Then prove that  $F$  is the splitting field of  $x^q - x$  over prime subfield.

*Or*

Let  $E$  be an algebraic extension of field  $F$  and let  $\sigma : F \rightarrow L$  be an embedding of  $F$  into an algebraically closed field  $L$ . Then show that  $\sigma$  can be extended to an embedding  $\eta : E \rightarrow L$ .

4. Let  $K$  be a finite normal extension of field  $F$  of characteristic zero.  $E$  be a subfield of  $K$  containing  $F$ . Then prove that :

(i)  $[K : E] = |G(K, E)|$  and

$$[E : F] = \text{index of } G(K, E) \text{ in } G(K, F)$$

- (ii)  $E$  is normal extension of  $F$  if and only if  $G(K, E)$  is normal subgroup of  $G(K, F)$ .

*Or*

Prove that  $f(x) \in F[x]$  is solvable by radicals over  $F$  if and only if its splitting field  $E$  over  $F$  has solvable Galois group  $G(E, F)$ .