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SECOND SEM M.Sc. DEGREE (REGULAR/SUPPLEMENTARY)  
EXAMINATION, APRIL 2021  
(CBCSS)

Mathematics

MT 2C 06—ALGEBRA—II

(2019 Admissions)

Time : Three Hours

Maximum : 30 Weightage

**General Instructions**

1. In cases where choices are provided, students can attend **all** questions in each section.
2. The minimum number of questions to be attended from the Section / Part shall remain the same.
3. There will be an overall ceiling for each Section / Part that is equivalent to the maximum weightage of the Section / Part.

**Part A***Answer all questions.**Each question carries 1 weightage.*

1. Show that a commutative ring with unity is a field iff it has no proper non-trivial ideals.
2. Show that  $\sqrt{1+\sqrt{3}}$  is algebraic over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .
3. Show that doubling the cube is impossible.
4. What is the order of  $G(\mathbb{Q}(\sqrt[3]{2})/\mathbb{Q})$ ?
5. Prove that if  $E$  is an algebraic extension of a perfect field  $F$ , then  $E$  is perfect.
6. Show that the Galois group of the  $p^{\text{th}}$  cyclotomic extension of  $\mathbb{Q}$  for a prime  $p$  is cyclic of order  $p-1$ .
7. Show that the regular 18-gon is not constructible.
8. Show that the polynomial  $x^5 - 1$  is solvable by radicals over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

(8 × 1 = 8 weightage)

**Turn over**

## Part B

Answer any **two** questions from each of the following 3 units.  
Each question carries 2 weightage.

## UNIT I

9. Let  $E$  be a simple extension  $F(\alpha)$  of a field  $F$ , and let  $\alpha$  be algebraic over  $F$ . Let the degree  $[E:F]$  be  $n \geq 1$ . Show that every element  $\beta$  of  $E = F(\alpha)$  can be uniquely expressed in the form  $\beta = b_0 + b_1 \alpha + \dots + b_{n-1} \alpha^{n-1}$ , where the  $b_i$  are in  $F$ . (a)
10. Show that  $Q\left(2^{1/2}, 2^{1/3}\right) = Q\left(2^{1/6}\right)$ . (b)
11. Show that a field  $F$  is algebraically closed iff every non-constant polynomial in  $F[x]$  factors into linear factors. (a)

## UNIT II

12. Find all the primitive 18<sup>th</sup> roots of unity in  $GF(19)$ . (b)
13. Let  $F$  be a finite field of characteristic  $p$ . Show that the map  $\sigma_p : F \rightarrow F$  defined by  $\sigma_p(a) = a^p$  is an automorphism. (a)
14. Show that if  $K$  is a finite extension of  $E$  and  $E$  is a finite extension of  $F$ , then  $K$  is separable over  $F$  iff  $K$  is separable over  $E$  and  $E$  is separable over  $F$ . (b)

## UNIT III

15. State the Main Theorem of Galois Theory. (a)
16. Find  $\phi_{12}(x)$  in  $Q[x]$ . (b)
17. Let  $F$  be a field of characteristic zero and  $F$  contains all the  $n^{\text{th}}$  roots of unity. Show that if  $K$  is a splitting field of  $x^n - a$  over  $F$  for some  $a \in F$ , then  $G(K|F)$  is a soluble group. (a)

(6 × 2 = 12 weightage)

## Part C

Answer any two questions.  
Each question carries 5 weightage.

8. (a) Let  $F$  be a field. Show that an ideal  $\langle p(x) \rangle \neq \{0\}$  of  $F[x]$  is maximal iff  $p(x)$  is irreducible over  $F$ .
- (b) Show that  $\frac{z_5[x]}{\langle x^3 + 3x + 2 \rangle}$  is a field.
9. (a) Show that if  $E$  is finite extension field of a field  $F$ , and  $K$  is a finite extension field of  $E$ , then  $K$  is a finite extension of  $F$ , and  $[K:F] = [K:E][E:F]$ .
- (b) Show that if  $E$  is a finite extension of  $F$ , then  $\{E:F\}$  divides  $[E:F]$ .
10. State and prove the theorem of the conjugation isomorphisms.
11. Let  $K$  be the splitting field of  $x^4 + 1$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ :
  - (i) Describe the group  $G(K|\mathbb{Q})$ ; and
  - (ii) Give the group and field diagrams for  $K$  over  $\mathbb{Q}$ .

(2 × 5 = 10 weightage)