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Mathematics – Core

ALGEBRA – II

(For those who joined in July 2021 onwards)

Time : Three hours

Maximum : 75 marks

PART A — ($10 \times 1 = 10$ marks)

Answer ALL questions.

Choose the correct answer :

1. Let J be the ring of integers, J_n , the ring of integers modulo n . Define $\phi : J \rightarrow J_n$ by $\phi(a) =$ remainder of a on division by n . Its Kernel $I(\phi)$ is

- (a) $\{0\}$
- (b) J
- (c) the set of all multiples on n
- (d) $\{0, 1, 2, n-1\}$

2. Which one of the following is a maximal ideal of the ring of integers?

- (a) (60)
- (b) (13)
- (c) (2022)
- (d) (15)

3. A solution of the congruence $x^2 \equiv -1 \pmod{13}$ is

- (a) 3
- (b) 0
- (c) 5
- (d) 6

4. A necessary and sufficient condition that the element a is the Euclidean ring be a unit is that

- (a) $d(a) = 1$
- (b) $d(a) = d(1)$
- (c) $d(a) \mid d(1)$
- (d) a is a prime element

5. Which one of the following is a primitive polynomial

- (a) $2 + 4x^2 + 8x^5$
- (b) $5 + 10x^3 + 15x^4$
- (c) $20x^4 + 15x^3 + 10x^2 + 1$
- (d) $2 + 2x + 2x^2$

6. Which one of the following is not true the polynomial $x^2 + 1$ is irreducible over?
- the complex field
 - the real field
 - the integers mod 3
 - the field of rational numbers
7. In the ring of integers z , $\sqrt{(180)}$ is
- (4.9.5)
 - (2.3.5)
 - (2.3.10)
 - (3.5.7)
8. In any ring R , an element $a \in \text{rad } R$ if and only if
- $1 - ra$ is invertible for each $r \in R$
 - ra is invertible for each $r \in R$
 - $1 - ra$ is invertible for some $r \in R$
 - ra is invertible for some $r \in R$
9. b is a quasi-inverse of a if
- $ab = 1$
 - $a + b - ab = 0$
 - $a + b = 0$
 - $a - b - ab = 0$
10. A ring R is isomorphic to a subdirect sum of integral domains if and only if R is
- semi simple
 - simple
 - without prime radical
 - an integral domain

PART B — (5 × 5 = 25 marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

11. (a) If F is a field, prove its only ideals are (0) and F itself.

Or

- (b) If ϕ is a homomorphism of R into R' , prove that $\phi(0) = 0$ and $\phi(-a) = -\phi(a)$ for every $a \in R$.

12. (a) Let R be a Euclidean ring and let A be an ideal of R . Prove that there exists an elements $a_0 \in A$ such that A consists exactly of all a_0x as x ranges over R .

Or

- (b) Prove that $J[i]$ is a Euclidean ring.

13. (a) If $f(x), g(x)$ are two non zero elements of $F[x]$, prove that $\deg(f(x)g(x)) = \deg f(x) + \deg g(x)$.

Or

- (b) State and prove Gauss' lemma.

14. (a) Let I be an ideal of the ring R . Prove that $I \subseteq \text{rad } R$ if and only if each element of the coset $1 + I$ has an inverse in R .

Or

- (b) For any ring R , prove that the quotient ring $R / \text{Rad } R$ is without prime radical.
15. (a) Define the J -radical $J(R)$ of a ring and a J -semi simple ring. Prove that the ring of even integers is J -semi simple.

Or

- (b) Prove that a ring R is isomorphic to a sub direct sum of ring R_i , if and only if R contains a collection of ideals $\{I_i\}$ such that $R/I_i \simeq R_i$ and $\bigcap I_i = \{0\}$.

PART C — ($5 \times 8 = 40$ marks)

Answer ALL questions, choosing either (a) or (b).

16. (a) If U is an ideal of the ring R , prove that R/U is a ring and is a homomorphic image of R .

Or

- (b) Let R be a commutative ring with unit element whose only ideals are (0) and R itself. Prove that R is a field.

17. (a) Prove that the ideal $A = (a_0)$ is a maximal ideal of the Euclidean ring R is and only if a_0 is a prime element of R .

Or

- (b) Let p be a prime integer and suppose that for some integer c relatively prime to p we can find integers x and y such that $x^2 + y^2 = cp$. Prove that p can be written as the sum of squares of two integers.

18. (a) Define the sum $p(x) + q(x)$ and product $p(x) \cdot q(x)$ of two polynomials and state and prove the division algorithm for polynomials.

Or

- (b) State and prove the Eisenstein criterion.

19. (a) If I is an ideal of the ring R , prove that

$$(i) \quad \text{rad}(R/I) \supseteq \frac{\text{rad} R + I}{I} \text{ and}$$

$$(ii) \quad \text{Whenever } I \subseteq \text{rad} R, \\ \text{rad}(R/I) = (\text{rad } R)/I$$

Or

(b) (i) For any ring R , prove that $\text{rad}R[x] = \text{Rad}R[x]$.

(ii) Let e and e' be two idempotent elements of the ring R such that $e - e' \in \text{Rad} R$ prove that $e = e'$.

20. (a) If R is a ring such that $J(R) \neq R$, then prove that $J(R) = \bigcap \{M \mid M \text{ is a modular maximal ideal of } R\}$.

Or

(b) Prove that a ring R is isomorphic to a sub direct sum of fields if and only if for each non zero ideal I of R , there exists an ideal $J \neq R$ such that $I + J = R$.